

**TOWNSHIP OF WARREN
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-164**

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR SERVICES BETWEEN THE NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (LIHWAP) AND THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2021, the Township Committee of the Township of Warren adopted Resolution No. 2021-241 authorizing a Shared Services Agreement (the "Agreement") with the Warren Township Sewerage Authority (the "WTSA"); and

WHEREAS, Section III of the Agreement provides that the Township shall serve the WTSA by billing, collecting, reporting, and enforcing sewer service charges on behalf of the WTSA; and

WHEREAS, by P.L. 2021, c. 317 (the "Law"), to mitigate economic hardships of COVID-19 on New Jersey residents, the State of New Jersey established various relief measures for residential customers of local government water, sewer, and electric services, and

WHEREAS, the Law requires that residential customers of public providers of sewer services be offered an installment plan for any sewer arrearages occurring between March 9, 2020 and March 15, 2022 ; and

WHEREAS, the Law requires that the installment payment plan be for a minimum of twelve (12) months; and

WHEREAS, the Law provides that eligible residents, those residents' with a total gross household income at or below sixty (60%) of the state median income (\$6,439.00 for a family of four (4)), may apply for assistance from the State's Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (the "Assistance Program"), including wastewater payment assistance, and that the municipalities agree to accept payment from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Program (the "NJDCA") and abide by the applicable NJDCA requirements, including entering into a Contract for Services with the NJDCA (the "NJDCA Contract"); and

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2022, the Division of Local Government Services issued Local Finance Notice LFN 2022-09, titled "Pandemic-Related Water, Sewer & Electric Arrearages; Updates to COVID-19 Utility Ratepayer Relief Notice" (the "LFN"); and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Township to participate in the Local Assistance Program and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Contract for Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Warren, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the NJDCA Contract with the NJDCA.
2. The Township Clerk is hereby directed to forward the executed NJDCA Contract to:
New Jersey Department of Community Affairs
Division of Housing and Community Resources
Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program
101 South Broad Street (5th Floor)
Trenton, New Jersey 08624-11
3. The Township Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of the executed NJDCA Contract to the WTSA.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

INTRODUCED	SECONDED	COMMITTEE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
X		MAZIARZ	X			
		MARION	X			
		LAZO	X			
	X	DINARDO	X			
		SORDILLO	X			

CERTIFICATION

I, Cathy Reese, Township Clerk of the Township of Warren, in the County of Somerset, New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Township Committee held on June 16, 2022.

Cathy Reese, RMC
Township Clerk