

**MAYOR and COUNCIL of the
BOROUGH of HO-HO-KUS
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

Resolution # 13-115

Subject: Shared Services

Dated: 10-22-13

WHEREAS, all municipalities throughout the State of NJ have been permitted, authorized and encouraged through the *Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act (NJSA 40A:65-1)* to enter into shared-service agreements with other government entities, and municipal officials of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus and surrounding towns, especially those with fewer than populations of 5000, were told directly by the Director of the State’s Department of Community Affairs that they must “energetically and continuously” seek new inter-local agreements; and

WHEREAS, the *2013/2014 Local Government Best Practices Survey* begins with the question that asks “Did your municipality actively negotiate (i.e., meet with representatives from a neighboring town, your county or another local unit) and enter into at least one new shared-service agreement?” a negative answer to which could result in a reduction in state aid; and

WHEREAS, two municipalities within the NW Bergen Shared Services Group, of which the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus is a member, approached Ho-Ho-Kus with the proposal of a merger of Construction Departments, initiating an investigation into such a possibility by the Borough Administrator and the Chief Financial Officer; and

WHEREAS, a review of this possibility was conducted in depth over a period of many weeks with the Borough of Midland Park, with which the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus already has two inter-local agreements (the purchase of gasoline/diesel fuel from Ho-Ho-Kus by Midland Park, and Midland Park Construction Department services for the elected officials of Ho-Ho-Kus), and after a number of discussions with the Mayor, Chief Financial Officer, Borough Administrator, Construction Official and Construction Department Technical Assistant of Midland Park, a shared-service agreement based upon improved economy and efficiency seems quite feasible.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus that, based upon the input of the Borough Administrator and the Chief Financial Officer, such a shared-service legal agreement be prepared by the Borough Attorney of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus, in conjunction with the Borough Attorney of the Borough of Midland Park, for consideration by and approval of the Governing Body of Ho-Ho-Kus at the Mayor and Council meeting of November 12, 2013.

	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Mayor Randall						
Councilmember Troast						

Councilmember Lennon						
Councilmember Shea						
Councilmember Rorty						
Councilmember Weiss						
Councilmember Shell						