

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Chevra Hatzalah, a New York non-profit corporation, was founded over 50 years ago and operates an all-volunteer ambulance service in the United States, providing emergency medical treatment and transportation at no cost to all who need it, regardless of race, religion or ethnicity; and

WHEREAS, Chevra Hatzalah is a model for similar Hatzalah rescue and ambulance services around the country and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Hatzalah of Essex County (“HEC”), was founded in 2013 (originally known as Hatzalah of Newark which changed its name to HEC in 2019), was incorporated in the State of New Jersey pursuant to the Medical Corporations Law and is a non-profit organization under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3); and

WHEREAS, HEC currently does not bill residents, users, medical insurance, Medicaid or Medicare, and is purely voluntary with West Orange residents involved in its administration, and provides its services at no cost to those who use its services, as allowed by applicable law; and

WHEREAS, HEC seeks to provide its voluntary services in West Orange and has an ambulance for those purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, Fire Chief and Township Attorney have met with HEC representatives to discuss the protocols which will exist for the HEC service; and

WHEREAS, HEC has provided a Certificate of Insurance and agrees to provide proof of renewals reflecting continued insurance; and

WHEREAS, HEC has issued certain internal standard operating procedures which have been reviewed by the Police Chief, Fire Chief and Township Attorney, and which will made available for periodic review by request; and

WHEREAS, HEC services will be available to all members of the community; and

WHEREAS, it is understood that Township of West Orange Police and Fire are responsible for coordination of resources at the scene of Multiple Casualty Incidents (MCIs), Hazardous Material (HAZMAT) situations, fires/crimes in progress or public health or safety emergencies and HEC volunteers will fully comply with all directives from the Police and Fire on scene; and

WHEREAS, HEC agrees to provide to the Mayor, Fire Chief and Police Chief and their designees emergency cell and other communications contacts at all times; and

WHEREAS, the Township may terminate its approval at any time in its sole discretion; and

WHEREAS, HEC understands that if it gets a call for any type of CO, smoke fire or other hazardous conditions it shall immediately direct the caller to call 911 or shall call on their behalf, and provide the Township with all information available; and

WHEREAS, HEC understands that it shall adhere to all motor vehicle laws of the State of New Jersey and the Township of West Orange; and

WHEREAS, HEC agrees to periodic meetings (virtual or otherwise) where operational issues may be discussed and refined or revised as needed; and

WHEREAS, HEC shall notify West Orange Police Department of any crimes in progress, any in home death, and comply with all State of New Jersey mandated reporting laws.

WHEREAS, based upon the foregoing protocols, the Township recognizes and welcomes HEC within the Township.

NOW, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Orange that the relationship between the Township and HEC be and is hereby approved subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Resolution in their entirety.

Karen J. Carnevale, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk

Michelle Casalino
Council President

Adopted: November 24, 2020