

TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON
RESOLUTION NO. 247-2025

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
PEMBERTON, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING SETTLEMENT WITH CANDICE
PENNEWELL RESULTING FROM LITIGATION INITIATED AGAINST THE
TOWNSHIP, MAYOR JACK TOMPKINS, AND TOWNSHIP
ADMINISTRATOR DANIEL HORNICKEL**

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Pemberton, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey (hereinafter referred to as the "Township") has been named as a Defendant in litigation brought by an employee of the Township, Candice Pennewell, in her capacity as Certified Financial Officer;

WHEREAS, the litigation also named as Defendants, Mayor Jack Tompkins, and former Business Administrator, Daniel Hornickel;

WHEREAS, the litigation has been venued in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Burlington County, Law Division, Docket Number BUR-L-1626-24;

WHEREAS, a proposed settlement has been discussed by and between representatives of all litigants whereby, in part, payment would be made either to or on behalf of the Plaintiff and her attorney \$400,000 as well as additional benefits and agreements, which are attached hereto and made a part hereof;

WHEREAS, part of the agreement is that the Plaintiff will receive a salary adjustment of \$135,000 per annum, beginning and retroactive from July 1, 2025;

WHEREAS, the Township believes that this settlement is extremely unfortunate and certainly causes an adverse impact to the Township and its taxpayers, thereby resulting in payment by the Township taxpayers of \$50,000 as part of the settlement payment;

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the unfortunate result and settlement, the Township has been advised that it is in the long-term best interests of the Township and its taxpayers that the matter be settled and not tried because the results of a trial could be much more disastrous to the Township and its taxpayers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 6th day of August, 2025 by the Township Council of the Township of Pemberton in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that the Township reluctantly agrees to settle the aforementioned litigation in accordance with the provisions which are attached hereto or made a part hereof.

PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

ATTEST:

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the governing body of Pemberton Township on August 6, 2025.



Sunshine Dashiell, RMC, Deputy Township Clerk