

**TOWNSHIP OF CEDAR GROVE
ESSEX COUNTY NEW JERSEY**

AGENDA ITEM: #5(b)

FEBRUARY 2, 2026

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF BID FOR DEMOLITION, RECONSTRUCTION, AND INSTALLATION OF A NEW PLAYGROUND AT COMMUNITY PARK TO THOMAS & SONS BUILDERS LLC D/B/A DEVELOP BUILDERS WITH OFFICES LOCATED AT 174 CEDAR ROAD, NEW MILFORD, NEW JERSEY, 07646, IN AN AMOUNT NTE \$672,889.39.

WHEREAS, pursuant to authorization by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, on January 15, 2026, the Township received and opened sealed competitive bids for Bid No. OTE 2025-03 for demolition, reconstruction, and installation of a new playground at Community Park; and

WHEREAS, said bids have been duly reviewed and analyzed by the Qualified Purchasing Agent and Township Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law requires that competitive bidding contracts be awarded to the lowest, responsible, responsive bidder; and

WHEREAS, the apparent lowest bid received from Thomas & Sons Builders LLC D/B/A Develop Builders, in an amount not to exceed \$672,889.39 has been found to be in proper form and in compliance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. §40A:11-23 and the specifications as written; and

WHEREAS, the Township has received notification of a grant award from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Jake's Law Grant in the amount of \$750,000 to offset costs of this project; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available for this contract award in Budget Account: C-04-55-6078-2417.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, in the County of Essex, and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Township Council hereby awards a contract to Thomas & Sons Builders LLC D/B/A Develop Builders of 174 Cedar Road, New Milford, New Jersey, 07646, for demolition, reconstruction, and installation of a new playground at Community Park for the Township of Cedar Grove in accordance with the bid specifications of OTE 2025-03: in an amount NTE \$672,889.39.
2. The Township Manager and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with Thomas & Sons Builders LLC D/B/A Develop Builders, in accordance with its bid Township of Cedar Grove in accordance with the bid specifications of OTE 2025-03.

3. The Township's Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract.
4. This resolution and contract shall be available for public inspection in the Township Clerk's office.

INTRODUCED BY: Deputy Mayor Maceri
 SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Peterson

ROLL CALL VOTE				
COUNCILMEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Peterson	X			
Skabich	X			
Zazzali	X			
Maceri	X			
Mega	X			

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I HEREBY CERTIFY the foregoing to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Council of Cedar Grove, in the County of Essex, at its meeting held on February 2, 2026.

Dale A. Forde
 Township Clerk

