

WHEREAS, the SADC is expected to grant final approval for funding amount on said application at its December 10, 2015 meeting; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-17.13 on September 17, 2015, the Warren County Agriculture Development Board approved the funding for the development easement with estimated cost share with no cost share contribution by Independence Township as follows: Cost to be shared with the SADC as follows: SADC \$3,100 per acre, Warren County \$1,400 per acre.

WHEREAS, the WCADB approval included the following conditions:

1. The Board hereby grants permission for the purchase of the development easement on the above described property based on an easement value of \$4,500 per acre as certified by the State Agricultural Development Committee (SADC). Cost to be shared with the SADC as follows: SADC \$3,100 per acre, Warren County \$1,400 per acre.
2. This approval includes the following conditions
 - a. No existing residences or buildings on premises
 - b. No existing agriculture labor housing on premises
 - c. Exceptions:
 - a. One non-severable exception of 2 acres for future single family residence restricted to one residential unit
 - b. One severable exception of 10 acres around existing residence and growth of agriculture business restricted to one residential unit
 - d. No Residual Dwelling Site Opportunities (RDSO's)
 - e. No preexisting non-agricultural uses on premises
 - f. Access easements
 - a. A 50 foot wide unrestricted access easement through the severable exception to benefit the farm may be recorded prior to closing but it will be determined at time of survey if needed
 - b. Power line easement
 - c. Any other to be determined by title search
 - g. No proposed trails
 - h. SADC funding from Base grant, competitive round or both
 - i. Warren County is requesting SADC funding for a 3% buffer on the final surveyed acreage

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of Independence as follows:

The Township Committee of Independence hereby grants permission for the purchase of the development easement by the County of Warren under the Farmland Preservation Act as set forth above and will not be participating in cost share.

- **Resolution 15-72**
Title: 50/50 Raffle

WHEREAS, PTO GMRSD is registered by the State of New Jersey to operate legalized games of chance, (224-5-39333) and,

WHEREAS, they have submitted an application for a 50/50 Raffle to be held on February 5, 2016(snow date February 19, 2016) and all fees have been paid,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Independence, that RA# 417 be issued to PTO GMRSD.

A motion was made by Mr. Feula to adopt Resolution 15-72 and 15-73 as written. Mrs. Kelsey seconded the motion with roll call as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Feula, Mrs. Kelsey, Deputy Mayor Williams, Mr. Cogle, Mayor Giordano

Nays: None recorded

Abstain: Mayor Giordano

Motion carries with five (5) affirmative votes.

- Resolution 15-74

**ATTACHMENT
STATEMENT OF CONSENT**

**A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE PROPOSED WATER
QUALITY MANAGEMENT (WQM) PLAN AMENDMENT
ENTITLED: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE UPPER DELAWARE
WQM PLAN – TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN WMP**

WHEREAS, the Township of Independence desires to provide for the orderly development of wastewater facilities (substitute other wording if appropriate) within the County; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) requires that proposed wastewater treatment and conveyance facilities and wastewater treatment service areas, as well as related subjects, be in conformance with an approved WQM plan; and

WHEREAS, the NJDEP has established the WQM plan amendment procedure as the method of incorporating unplanned facilities into a WQM plan; and

WHEREAS, public notice of a proposed WQM plan amendment dated September 8, 2015 for The Town of Hackettstown WMP has been prepared by the Department of Environmental Protection

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 4th day of November, 2015, by the governing body of the Township of Independence that:

1. The Township of Independence hereby consents to the amendment entitled Proposed Amendment to the Upper Delaware WQM Plan – Town of Hackettstown WMP
2. This consent shall be submitted to the NJDEP in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.4.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution passed by the Independence Township Committee at a meeting duly held on November 4, 2015.

A motion was made by Mr. Feula to adopt Resolution 15-74 as written. Mrs. Kelsey seconded the motion with roll call as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Feula, Mrs. Kelsey, Deputy Mayor Williams, Mr. Cogle, Mayor Giordano
Nays: None recorded
Abstain: Mayor Giordano

Motion carries with five (5) affirmative votes.

Mayor Giordano discussed the conversation of propane to gas in the Township buildings

Discussion concerning the Land Use Board Ordinance and Fire prevention Ordinance

Public Comment:

Mrs. Cullen thanked Mayor Giordano and Committeeman Cogle for running in the election.

Executive Session Resolution:

The following Resolution was approved at 7:30 p.m. to enter into Executive Session with a motion by Mr. Cogle, seconded by Deputy Mayor Williams and followed by a unanimous roll call.

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

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

The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified matter.

The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

Personnel

It is anticipated at this time that the above-stated matter will be made public at such time as deemed appropriate.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Members of the governing body returned after closed session at 8:35pm. Mayor Giordano stated no action taken during executive session.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Mr. Feula seconded by Mr. Cougle the meeting adjourned at 8:45pm, with no further business before them and followed by a unanimous roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah M. Hrebenak, RMC
Clerk/Administrator