

MONROE TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX COUNTY

ORDINANCE NO. O-3-2018-008

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE,
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 68A OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP CODE,
ENTITLED "THE MAYOR'S N.J. TRAINING SCHOOL
OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION TASK FORCE"

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, New Jersey, the Municipal Code of the Township of Monroe, Middlesex County, New Jersey is hereby amended creating Chapter 68A "Mayor's N.J. Training School Open Space Preservation Task Force" as follows:

A. Creation and Duties.

There shall be created a Mayor's N.J. Training School Open Space Preservation Task Force ("Task Force"). The purpose of the "Task Force" shall be to formulate a long-term plan to ensure the continued preservation of the 663 acres of preserved farmland, wooded forests, flood plains and wetlands located between Spotswood Englishtown and Spotswood Gravel Hill Roads, currently being utilized by the State as a home, school and secure facility for troubled youth and to ensure that any future use of this undeveloped land continue to be preserved as open space and farmland to benefit the residents of Monroe Township, should the current facility become decommissioned.

B. Membership.

1. The Mayor, who shall serve as the Task Force Chairperson, shall appoint the additional members of the "Task Force" for a term of one year expiring on December 31st of each year. The "Task Force" shall consist of sixteen (16) members, including the Mayor, as follows:

- a. One (1) representative of the Governor.
- b. Three (3) representatives of the 14th Legislative District
- c. Two (2) Official representatives from Middlesex County
- d. Monroe Township Council President
- e. Monroe Township Business Administrator
- f. Monroe Township Director of Planning
- g. Monroe Township Engineer
- h. One (1) member from Monroe Township's Open Space and Farmland Preservation Committee.
- i. Four (4) members from the general public; one (1) of whom shall be a Board of Education Board member.

2. In addition, the Mayor shall appoint a Vice Chairperson from the appointed members and a Secretary.

3. The Mayor, serving as Chairperson, shall establish a meeting schedule; all meetings shall be open to the public.

4. All members of the Task Force shall each have one equal vote on all policy decisions.

SECTION 2. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect twenty days after final passage, adoption and publication according to law.

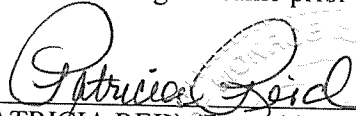


STEPHEN DALINA, Council President

RECORDED VOTE – INTRODUCTION – March 5, 2018						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Baskin	X		X			
Councilwoman Cohen		X	X			
Councilman Dipierro			X			
Council V. President Schneider			X			
Council President Dalina			X			

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Monroe Township Council held on March 5, 2018. Said Ordinance will again be read and considered for final passage at the next scheduled meeting of the Monroe Township Council to be held on April 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Monroe Township Municipal Building, 1 Municipal Plaza, Monroe Township, New Jersey 08831. At said time and place all persons having an interest in the foregoing Ordinance will be granted an opportunity to be heard concerning the same prior to consideration for final passage by the Council.



PATRICIA REID, Township Clerk

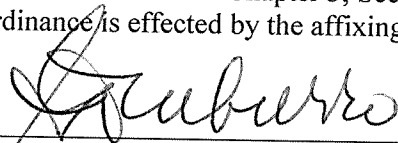
RECORDED VOTE – SECOND READING & FINAL ADOPTION – April 9, 2018						
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Councilman Baskin			X			
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MAYORAL APPROVAL

By virtue of the Optional Municipal Charter Law of 1950 and Chapter 3, Section 19 of the Code of the Township of Monroe, my approval of this Ordinance is effected by the affixing of my signature hereto.



GERALD W. TAMBURRO, Mayor

Date signed: April 11, 2018



Township of Monroe

County of Middlesex

GERALD W. TAMBURRO
Mayor

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February 9, 2018

The Honorable Phil Murphy
Governor of New Jersey
P.O. Box 001
Trenton, NJ 08625

Dear Governor Murphy:

Please accept my sincerest congratulations on your installation as the 56th Governor of the State of New Jersey. I am confident that you will have a successful term in office and look forward to your leadership for a prosperous future here in NJ.

I am writing to you today to request your support to ensure that State lands in Monroe Township (Middlesex County) remain undeveloped.

As you know, for the past 151 years, the New Jersey Training School, located in the Township of Monroe, has operated as a home, school and secure facility for troubled youth. The facility has over 60 buildings and is located on over 650 acres of farmland, forests and wetlands in central Monroe Township.

Last month, former Governor Christie announced the reform of New Jersey's Juvenile Justice System which included the eventual closure of this facility. To date, no detailed plan has been presented to demonstrate a timeline for closure or a plan for the decommissioning of the buildings. I recognize it may take many years for the facility to close and a future use may not be finalized for quite some time.

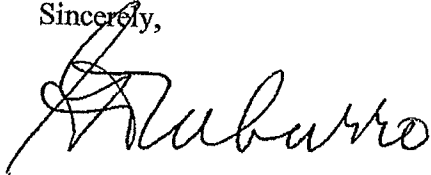
However, as Mayor, I must ensure that the disposition of the entire property must be accomplished thoughtfully and include the input of all stakeholders. As the host for 151 years, we are the largest stakeholder and the township strongly desires the property remain as preserved farmland and open space.

Together with our state legislators, Senator Linda Greenstein, Assemblyman Wayne DeAngelo and Assemblyman Daniel Benson, I will be establishing a task force with representation from Middlesex County, Monroe Township Council and Board of Education officials, local land use professionals, and most importantly local residents to ensure any future use of this undeveloped land continue as open space and that the current facility, when decommissioned, benefits the residents of Monroe Township and Middlesex County.

Kindly advise who you wish to designate as your representative in this matter. Monroe Township Council will take action to establish the task force at their March 5, 2018 regular meeting.

In closing, I am confident that we can count on your support to ensure this remains open space, as it is mutually beneficial to both of us.

Sincerely,



Gerald W. Tamburro
Mayor
Township of Monroe

Cc: Senator Linda Greenstein
Assemblyman Wayne DeAngelo
Assemblyman Dan Benson
Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin (Middlesex County)
Middlesex Freeholder Director Ron Rios
Middlesex Freeholder Leslie Koppel
Council President Stephen Dalina



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Feb. 15, 2017

Mayor Announces Task Force for NJ Training School Future

Vows to protect open space and farmland on behalf of residents

MONROE – Mayor Gerald W. Tamburro announces the formation of the **Mayor’s Open Space Preservation Task Force for the NJ Training School** charged with formulating a long-term plan with residents, state, county and local officials to ensure the continued preservation of the 663 acres of open space and farmland at the Monroe Township site. The Task Force will also work to make sure that when the existing buildings are decommissioned, any future use benefits the residents of Monroe Township and Middlesex County.

The campus is located between Spotswood Englishtown and Spotswood Gravel Hill Roads in Monroe Township and is currently preserved farmland, wooded forests, flood plain and wetlands. The buildings are clustered together on the western portion of the property and accessed from the main gate near Grace Hill Road.

This week, Mayor Tamburro sent a letter to Governor Murphy soliciting his support for the township’s position.

“It is imperative that the State of New Jersey understand that Monroe’s highest priority is for the 663 acre campus to remain as preserved farmland and open space, consistent with our rural character.” said Mayor Tamburro, “I will fight to make certain this land can never be developed.”

The Monroe Township Council will consider an ordinance at its March 5th in support of the mayor’s initiative.

All media inquiries may be directed to the Monroe Township’s Business Administrator Alan Weinberg at 732-521-4400 or aweinberg@monroetwp.com.



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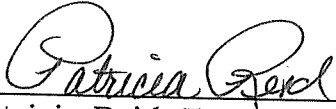
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Affidavit of Publication

I, Patricia Reid, Township Clerk, of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the attached legal notice is a true copy of such notice, which was published in the Home News Tribune, the official newspaper of Monroe Township and a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Middlesex on March 9, 2018.



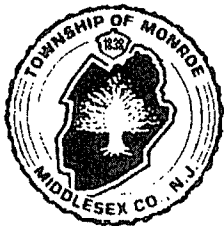
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Friday, March 09, 2018

Notice Content

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as a facility for troubled youth, should the current facility become decommissioned. The proposed
Ordinance in its entirety can be viewed on the Township website, www.monroetwp.com and is on file in
the Municipal Clerk's Office. Copies may be obtained without charge between the hours of 8:30am and
4:30pm. Monday through Friday. Patricia Reid, Municipal Clerk (\$29.04)



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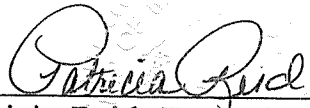
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Patricia Reid, Township Clerk

Ad Number: 0002855201

Run Dates: 04/13/18

MONROE TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF FINAL ADOPTION

Notice is hereby given that the following entitled Ordinance was introduced and passed on First Reading at the regular meeting of the Monroe Township Council held on March 5, 2018. Furthermore, this Ordinance was adopted after a Public Hearing was held at the April 9, 2018 regular meeting of the Monroe Township Council at One Municipal Plaza, Monroe Township, N.J. 08831 and was thereafter approved and signed by the Mayor on April 11, 2018

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PATRICIA REID, R.M.C
Monroe Township Municipal Clerk
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