
August 13, 2018 Vernon Township Council Meeting Resolutions

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RESOLUTION #18-187

**AUTHORIZING PLACEMENT OF PERMANENT SIGN AT VERNON TOWNSHIP
VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK BY THE VERNON HORSESHOE LEAGUE**

WHEREAS, Vernon Horseshoe League has submitted a request for permission to install a permanent sign memorializing the Horseshoe Pits at Veterans Memorial Park, 50 Vernon Crossing Road; and

WHEREAS, the League currently has two structures: one schedule holder and one temporary sign at the back of the location naming the Horseshoe Pits which will be removed to install the new proposed sign; and

WHEREAS, the proposed sign will be 3' x 5' (three feet by five feet), aluminum sign secured by green painted wooden posts installed on the front grass area of the existing Horseshoe Pits at the Veteran's Memorial Park; and

WHEREAS, maintenance to the proposed sign will be the sole responsibility of the Vernon Horseshoe League; and

WHEREAS, the installation of the sign on Township Property requires permission of the Township Council for the permanent placement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, hereby authorizes permission for the Vernon Horseshoe League to place a permanent 3' x 5' (three by five foot sign) at the Veteran's Memorial Park to memorialize the Vernon Horseshoe Pits.

RESOLUTION #18-188

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$40,000
SPECIAL EMERGENCY NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON,
IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), **AS FOLLOWS**:

Section 1. Pursuant to a resolution of The Township of Vernon, in the County of Sussex (the "Township") authorizing a special emergency appropriation in the amount of \$200,000, finally adopted on June 23, 2014 and entitled: "An ordinance authorizing a special emergency appropriation of \$200,000 for the preparation of tax maps by the Township of Vernon, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey", special emergency notes of the Township are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Budget Law in a principal amount not exceeding \$40,000 for the purpose of financing the improvement or purpose described in said resolution, including (to any extent necessary) the renewal of any special emergency notes heretofore issued therefor.

Section 2. All special emergency notes (the "notes") issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the treasurer, the chief financial officer or the acting chief financial officer of the Township (the "Chief Financial Officer"), provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer and shall be signed and sealed by officials and officers of the Township in any manner permitted by N.J.S.A. §40A:2-25. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued hereunder, and the Chief Financial Officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. §40A:4-55. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes at not less than par from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body of the Township at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes hereunder is made. Such report must include the principal amount, interest rate and maturities of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 3. Any note issued pursuant to this resolution shall be a general obligation of the Township, and the Township's faith and credit are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the notes and, unless otherwise paid or payment provided for, an amount sufficient for such payment shall be inserted in the budget and a tax sufficient to provide for the payment thereof shall be levied and collected.

Section 4. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby further authorized and directed to file a copy of this resolution, as adopted, and all other resolutions or ordinances relating to the authorization of the aforementioned special emergency appropriation with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey.

Section 5. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to do all other matters necessary, useful, convenient or desirable to accomplish the delivery of the notes to the purchasers thereof as promptly as possible, including (i) the preparation, execution and dissemination of a Preliminary Official Statement and Final Official Statement with respect to the notes, (ii) preparation, distribution and publication, if necessary, of a Notice of Sale with respect to the notes, (iii) execution of a Continuing Disclosure Undertaking, with respect to the notes in accordance with Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission and (iv) execution of an arbitrage and use of proceeds certificate certifying that, among other things, the Township, to the extent it is empowered and allowed under applicable law, will do and perform all acts and things necessary or desirable to assure that interest paid on the notes is not included in gross income under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Section 6. All action heretofore taken by Township officials with respect to the sale, issuance and delivery of the notes is hereby ratified, confirmed, adopted and approved.

Section 7. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION #18-189

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$4,649,000 BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Pursuant to a bond ordinance of The Township of Vernon, in the County of Sussex (the “Township”) entitled: “Bond ordinance appropriating \$1,534,557, and authorizing the issuance of \$1,266,625 bonds or notes of the Township, for various improvements or purposes authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Vernon, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey”, finally adopted on May 28, 2015 (#15-16), bond anticipation notes of the Township in a principal amount not exceeding \$1,208,625 shall be issued for the purpose of temporarily financing the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of said bond ordinance, including (to any extent necessary) the renewal of any bond anticipation notes heretofore issued therefor.

Section 2. Pursuant to a bond ordinance of the Township entitled: “Bond ordinance appropriating \$1,614,500, and authorizing the issuance of \$1,307,000 bonds or notes of the Township, for various improvements or purposes authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Vernon, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey”, finally adopted on June 13, 2016 (#16-15), bond anticipation notes of the Township in a principal amount not exceeding \$1,306,675 shall be issued for the purpose of temporarily financing the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of said bond ordinance, including (to any extent necessary) the renewal of any bond anticipation notes heretofore issued therefor.

Section 3. Pursuant to a bond ordinance of the Township entitled: “Bond ordinance making a supplemental appropriation of \$90,000 for the acquisition of vehicular equipment heretofore authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Vernon, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey, and authorizing the issuance of \$85,700 bonds or notes of the Township for financing such supplemental appropriation”, finally adopted on July 11, 2016 (#16-18), bond anticipation notes of the Township in a principal amount not exceeding \$85,700 shall be issued for the purpose of temporarily financing the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of said bond ordinance, including (to any extent necessary) the renewal of any bond anticipation notes heretofore issued therefor.

Section 4. Pursuant to a bond ordinance of the Township entitled: “Bond ordinance appropriating \$3,636,500, and authorizing the issuance of \$2,948,000 bonds or notes of the Township, for various improvements or purposes authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Vernon, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey”, finally adopted on June 26, 2017 (#17-09), bond anticipation notes of the Township in a principal amount not exceeding \$2,048,000 shall be issued for the purpose of temporarily financing the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of said bond ordinance, including (to any extent necessary) the renewal of any bond anticipation notes heretofore issued therefor.

Section 5. All bond anticipation notes (the “notes”) issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the treasurer, the chief financial officer or the acting chief financial officer of the Township (the “Chief Financial Officer”), provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer and shall be signed and sealed by officials and officers of the Township in any manner permitted by N.J.S.A. §40A:2-25. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued hereunder, and the Chief Financial Officer’s signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. §40A:2-8. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes at not less than par from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body of the Township at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes hereunder is made. Such report must include the principal amount, interest rate and maturities of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 6. Any note issued pursuant to this resolution shall be a general obligation of the Township, and the Township’s faith and credit are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the notes and, unless otherwise paid or payment provided for, an amount sufficient for such payment shall be inserted in the budget and a tax sufficient to provide for the payment thereof shall be levied and collected.

Section 7. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to do all other matters necessary, useful, convenient or desirable to accomplish the delivery of the notes to the purchasers thereof as promptly as possible, including (i) the preparation, execution and dissemination of a Preliminary Official Statement and Final Official Statement with respect to the notes, (ii) preparation, distribution and publication, if necessary, of a Notice of Sale with respect to the notes, (iii) execution of a Continuing Disclosure Undertaking, with respect to the notes in accordance with Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission and (iv) execution of an arbitrage and use of proceeds certificate certifying that, among other things, the Township, to the extent it is empowered and allowed under applicable law, will do and perform all acts and things necessary or desirable to assure that interest paid on the notes is not included in gross income under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Section 8. All action heretofore taken by Township officials and professionals with regard to the sale and award of the notes is hereby ratified, confirmed, adopted and approved.

Section 9. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION #18-190

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE COMPLETION OF ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO SAMMIS ROAD

WHEREAS, the Township awarded contracts for the Sammis Road Improvement Project to Tilcon New York, Inc., Denville Line Painting, Inc., and Ficor, LLC via Resolutions #16-225, #16-226, & #16-244 respectively on October 24th and November 14th, 2016; and

WHEREAS, The Township authorized Change Orders for Ficor, LLC via Resolution #17-119; Tilcon New York via Resolution #17-4 and Denville Line Painting, Inc., via Resolution #17-42; and

WHEREAS, the Sammis Road Improvement Project has been completed, and inspected as per the plans and specifications; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has issued a letter to the Township dated January 27, 2018 stating that the said contracts have been completed in full and that it is recommended that the Sammis Road Improvement Project be accepted by the Township Council.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Vernon Township Council accepts this project identified as Sammis Road Improvement Project as final and complete; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption according to law.

RESOLUTION #18-191

AUTHORIZE THE AWARD OF RFP 10R-2018 THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR PRESCRIPTION REIMBURSEMENT SERVICES FOR RETIREES AND THEIR DEPENDENTS

WHEREAS, there is a need for Third Party Administrator for Prescription Reimbursement Services for Retirees and their Dependents for the Township of Vernon; and

WHEREAS, this the Township of Vernon received RFP's Third Party Administrator for Prescription Reimbursement Services for Retirees and their Dependents duly advertised and received in a public manner on July 24, 2018 at 10:30am ; and

WHEREAS, TASC Total Administrative Services Corp) 2302 International Blvd Madison, WI 53704, has provided for the lowest bid deemed responsive and responsible to the specifications and legal requirements as provided for within the RFP document; and

WHEREAS, the purchasing agent has concurred with the legality of the purchase in accord with the New Jersey Local Publics Contract Law (N.J.S..40A:11-1 et. Seq); and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer hereby certifies that funds not to exceed \$22,000.00 are available in Account# 10573357.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Vernon authorizes the Business Administrator to enter into a contract with TASC Total Administrative Services Corp) 2302 International Blvd, Madison, WI 53704 for the 2018 budget year for Third Party Administrator for Prescription Reimbursement Services for Retirees and their Dependents in accord with the tenets of contract found within RFP 10R-2018 for a three (3) year contract in accord with the below listed price schedule:

IMPLEMENTATION FEE	Waived
MONTHLY FIXED ADMIN FEE	\$1,250.00
ANNUAL FEE	Waived
PER TRANSACTION FEE	\$1.75
RENEWAL FEE WAIVED	Waived
OUT OF SCOPE CUSTOMIZATION	\$125.00/ hr

RESOLUTION #18-192

REFUND FOR TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN (Block 200.18 Lot 2 – Bradshaw)

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS on March 1, 2018 awarded Gabriel Bradshaw a 100% permanent and totally disabled veteran: and,

WHEREAS, the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon hereby authorizes the Tax Collector to refund 2018 partial 1st quarter and full amounts of 2nd and 3rd quarters in the amount of \$6,988.83 to Lereta, LLC.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Township Tax Collector.

RESOLUTION #18-193

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL FOR PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO VERNON MUNICIPAL BUILDING PARKING LOT AND RECYCLING CENTER

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon has a need for contracting services for Proposed Improvements to Vernon Municipal Building Parking Lot and Recycling Center; and

WHEREAS, the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council advertised and received bids for roadway milling, paving, line stripping; and

WHEREAS, the bids received allowed for vendors to extend their pricing to municipalities who are a member of the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council, a State regulated County Contract Purchasing System;

WHEREAS, the Vernon Township Engineer recommends the Township Council award contracts for milling and paving, and traffic striping through the use of the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council to the following contractors:

- 1) Milling & Paving: Tilcon New York, Inc. (Contract #6) in an amount of **\$110,016.75**; and
- 2) Traffic Striping: Denville Line Painting, Inc. (Contract #36) in an amount of **\$3,940.10**

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Vernon has certified that the funds for these contracts are available in Account #3096216.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon that the vendors, Tilcon New York, Inc, and Denville Line Painting, Inc. be utilized for the Proposed Improvements to Vernon Municipal Building Parking Lot and Recycling Center; through the respective Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council contracts at the amounts not to exceed listed.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately according to law.

RESOLUTION #18-194

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL FOR PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO WAWAYANDA ROAD

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon has a need for contracting services for Proposed Improvements to Wawayanda Road; and

WHEREAS, the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council advertised and received bids for roadway milling, paving, and complete line stripping and

WHEREAS, the bids received allowed for vendors to extend their pricing to municipalities who are a member of the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council, a State regulated County Contract Purchasing System; and

WHEREAS, the Vernon Township Engineer recommends the Township Council award contracts for milling and paving, complete line striping (subject to final approvals from the New Jersey Department of Transportation) through the use of the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council to the following contractors:

- 1) Milling & Paving: Tilcon New York, Inc. (Contract #6) in an amount of **\$299,079.70**; and
- 2) Traffic Striping: Denville Line Painting, Inc. (Contract #36) in an amount of **\$10,059.30**; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Vernon has certified that the funds for these contracts are available in Account #3096203.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon that the vendors, Tilcon New York, Inc and Denville Line Painting, Inc. be utilized for the Improvements to Wawayanda Road through the respective Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council contracts at the amounts not to exceed listed herewith, subject to the final approval from the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately according to law.

RESOLUTION #18-195

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL FOR PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO BARRY DRIVE NORTH PHASE II

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon has a need for contracting services for Proposed Improvements to Barry Drive North Phase II; and

WHEREAS, the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council advertised and received bids for roadway milling, paving, traffic striping, and guide rail; and

WHEREAS, the bids received allowed for vendors to extend their pricing to municipalities who are a member of the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council, a State regulated County Contract Purchasing System;

WHEREAS, the Vernon Township Engineer recommends the Township Council award contracts for milling and paving, traffic striping and guide rail installation through the use of the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council to the following contractors:

- 1) Milling & Paving: Tilcon New York, Inc. (Contract #6) in an amount of **\$144,072.00**; and
- 2) Traffic Striping: Denville Line Painting, Inc. (Contract #36) in an amount of **\$4,850.70**; and
- 3) Guide Rail: Road Safety Systems, LLC. (Contract #26) in an amount of **\$26,340.00**

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Vernon has certified that the funds for these contracts are available in Account #3096204.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon that the vendors, Tilcon New York, Inc, Denville Line Painting, Inc. and Road Safety Systems, LLC be utilized for the Improvements to Barry Drive North Phase II through the respective Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council contracts at the amounts not to exceed listed herewith.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately according to law.

RESOLUTION #18-196

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF AN INTERIM
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER FOR VERNON TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Township Council shall appoint a Chief Financial Officer, who shall serve as the director of the Department of Finance, in accordance with Article IX, Section 5-46 of the Township Code (Ordinance #11-21);

WHEREAS, the position of Chief Financial Officer is vacant as of July 5, 2018;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex and State of New Jersey, as follows:

- 1) Donelle Bright DeCouto is hereby appointed as Interim Chief Financial Officer of the Township effective September 3, 2018.
- 2) In accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A: 9-140.11 Ms. Bright DeCouto's term is to commence effective September 3, 2018, and shall continue for a period of one year, until September 3, 2019.
- 3) Ms. Bright DeCouto shall receive annual compensation in accordance with the Township's municipal salary ordinance, as listed below, and shall give bond for the faithful performance of her duties, the bond to be paid for by the Township.
- 4) Ms. Bright DeCouto shall perform and discharge all of the functions, powers and duties prescribed for the Chief Financial Officer in the Township Code and other applicable laws.

<u>Position</u>	<u>2018 Base Salary</u>
<u>Ordinance 18-19</u> Chief Financial Officer	\$ 78,000.00

RESOLUTION #18-197

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF SUSSEX COUNTY,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A REFERENDUM TO ALLOW
ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES FROM THE OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND FOR
PUBLIC PATHWAY DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE**

WHEREAS, Vernon Township created an Open Space Trust Fund by Ordinance #00-16, which authorized a municipal tax to fund an Open Space Trust Fund for a period of five (5) years; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance #00-16 limited expenditures from the Open Space Trust Fund to be dedicated to farmland preservation and to preserving open space; and

WHEREAS, the current Open Space Trust Fund has a balance of \$972,012.92; and

WHEREAS, there is no current municipal tax to fund the Open Space Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, there have been no recent purchases of land or easements using funds from the Open Space Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the renewal of the Open Space municipal tax was presented to the voters by Ordinance #06-29 and by Ordinance #07-18 and was defeated both times; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Township of Vernon has proposed modifying the limitations on expenditures from the Open Space Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, since the Open Space Trust Fund was created by voter referendum and the limitation on the Open Space Trust Fund were linked to that referendum, it is appropriate to seek voter approval to change the restrictions on expenditures from the Open Space Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Vernon Township Council desires to ascertain the sentiment of the voters of Vernon Township concerning the modification of eligible projects under the Open Space Trust Funds; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED, by the Township Council of Vernon Township as follows:

1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:12-15.7 (d), the Township Council of Vernon Township hereby requests the Sussex County Clerk to print on the official ballot to be used in the General Election to be held on November 6, 2018 the following **BINDING** public question:

Shall Vernon Township modify Township ordinance #00-16, which currently limits the spending of funds collected for the Township Open Space Trust Fund which had a balance of approximately \$972,012.92 as of July 17, 2018, to allow no more than thirty percent (30%) of the Township Open Space Trust Fund to be used for the maintenance of Township owned open space; creation and maintenance of public pathways for hiking, biking and horseback riding trails; creation of amenities such as public gardens, disc golf and bike pump track(s); and the preservation and maintenance of cultural sites YES [] NO []

2. The Sussex County Clerk is further requested to print on said ballot the following interpretive statement of the public question presented above:

If passed by the voters, this referendum would authorize the Vernon Township Council to modify the current purposes of the Township Open Space Trust Fund ("Fund") to allow for no more than thirty percent (30%) of the Fund to be used for the creation and maintenance of trails and bikeways, such as trailheads, trails, boardwalks, bridges, park kiosks, road crossings, signage, and other improvements needed to develop a trail system. This proposal would also allow the Fund to be used to maintain Township owned open space, create amenities such as public gardens, disc golf and bike pump track and the preservation and maintenance of cultural sites. The current authorized uses of the Fund shall continue to be for the acquisition of open space and farmland, but up to thirty percent (30%) of the Fund balance would be authorized for outdoor recreation, property maintenance, and the preservation and maintenance cultural sites. A "Yes" vote ***will not*** impose an Open Space tax levy, but will authorize the use of existing funds for the purposes stated above. Eligible projects will be determined by the Township Council on a case-by-case basis.

3. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be immediately forwarded to the Sussex County Clerk.

RESOLUTION #18-198

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF SUSSEX COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING REMOVAL OF NON-BINDING PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND INTERPRETIVE STATEMENTS FROM THE NOVEMBER BALLOT

WHEREAS, Vernon Township (“Township”) created an Open Space Trust Fund by Ordinance #00-16, which authorized a municipal tax to fund an Open Space Trust Fund for a period of five (5) years; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance #00-16 limited expenditures from the Open Space Trust Fund to be dedicated to farmland preservation and to preserving open space; and

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2018, the Vernon Township Council passed Resolution #18-71 authorizing the inclusion of two non-binding public questions and interpretive statements concerning additional expenditures from and uses for the Township’s Open Space Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Township requested that the Sussex County Clerk print the non-binding questions and interpretive statements on the official ballot to be used in the General Election to be held on November 6, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Township no longer wishes to include the non-binding questions and interpretive statements in Resolution #18-71 on the official ballot for the November 6, 2018 General Election.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED, by the Township Council of Vernon Township as follows:

1. The Township Council of Vernon Township hereby requests the Sussex County Clerk to remove/omit the non-binding questions and interpretive statements in Resolution #18-71 from the official ballot to be used in the General Election to be held on November 6, 2018.
2. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be immediately forwarded to the Sussex County Clerk.