

January 19, 2009

The Tewksbury Township Agricultural Advisory Committee met at its reorganization meeting at 6:04 pm on the above date at the Mountainville Meeting Hall 60 Water Street, Mountainville.

Members present were: Shaun C. Van Doren, chairman, Theodore G. Koven, Peter L. Melick, and Terrence McNamara. Member Scott Clucas was absent.

Mr. Van Doren read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement indicating the meeting was noticed by the Township Clerk on January 6, 2009.

### REORGANIZATION

#### Membership

Mr. Van Doren announced the following Mayoral appointments had been made to the Committee:

Terrence McNamara – Public member for a 3 year term through 12/31/2011

Shaun C. Van Doren – Public member for a 2 year term through 12/31/2010

#### Election of Chair

Mr. Koven made a motion to nominate Shaun Van Doren as Chairman, seconded by Mr. McNamara. AYES: 4 NAYS: 0

#### Establishment of Meetings

Mr. Van Doren asked how often members wished to meet, if they wished to have established monthly or quarterly meetings. All were in agreement to maintain the past practice and schedule meetings as needed. Any member could request to have a meeting through the Chair based on the topics to be discussed.

#### Review/Signature of Conflict on Interest and Decorum Policy

Mr. Van Doren distributed the conflict of interest and decorum policy and oaths of office. All were signed and returned.

### REGULAR BUSINESS

#### Minutes

Mr. Melick made a motion to approve the regular session minutes of December 8, 2008, seconded by Mr. Van Doren. AYES: 2, NAYS: 0, ABSTAIN: 2.

#### Correspondence

The following correspondence was received:

1. A letter dated December 8, 2008 from the Secretary of Agriculture regarding Jarmer Award being given to the SADC for the PIG program and Farmland Preservation Planning Process;
2. A letter dated December 12, 2008 from the Hunterdon County Agricultural Development Board regarding the 2009 Round Application Deadline.

Ordinance Review

Mr. Van Doren distributed copies of the following ordinances for review on the impacts to agriculture:

01-2009 – Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriations and Establish a CAP Bank

02-2009 – Ordinance to Fund purchase of a generator for Hunter’s Glen Sewer, road improvements, stormwater improvements, recreation/athletic field improvements, irrigation, municipal building improvements and equipment acquisition

03-2009 – Quarry Regulation

04-2009 – Acceptance of the Dedication of Hildebrant Road

There was discussion on the Audubon plan which did not move forward as the changes were not acceptable by NJ Audubon due to the areas to create habitat in were not large enough.

Mr. Van Doren distributed a status review of pending farmland applications.

STATUS OF PENDING FARMLAND APPLICATIONS

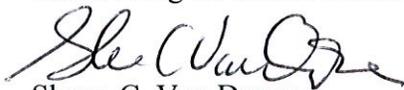
Mr. Van Doren reviewed the status of the various applications as reported by Shana Goodchild, Land Use Administrator and attached to the minutes.

FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLAN (FPP)

Mr. Van Doren indicated that there was no status report on the FPP from the State. It is still with the SADC in draft form.

There was a discussion about deer control and encourage deer hunting on Township owned properties. Mr. Van Doren indicated that Chief O’Dell manages the deer hunting program and the Police Department issues the permits on the various Township owned parcels. The issue of bow-hunting only was discussed. The Township needs to be more proactive and encourage more private land owners to open their lands for hunting. The issue of hunting at Whittemore was discussed and/or erecting a fence to keep the deer in. This issue has been discussed many times before by the Township Committee and requests were made to the Trustees and each time the Township was told it will be in violation of the last will of Helen Whittemore thus the Township does not pursue it. The Quarry property is hunted by a private club. Members wished to discuss the Whittemore issue further at a future meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 pm.

  
Shaun C. Van Doren

**Tewksbury Township Preserved Farmland**

<b>Young</b> 1 Fairmount Road West Block 5 Lot 12 68.737 acres	Easement cost \$ 10,438/acre by Township 10/97 Certified Value \$ 11,800/acre Status: Closing pending February 2009
<b>Watts-Hitchcock</b> 30 King Street Block 38 Lots 14, 14.02, 14.03 64 acres Apps. (\$ 25,500 & \$ 32,694)	Certified Value \$ 25,500/acre Status: Closed, 2004
<b>Turnquist</b> 27 Hill and Dale Road Block 38 Lot 3 66.9 acres Apps. (\$ 6,800, \$ 16,000 & \$ 18,000)	Certified Value \$ 9,400/acre Cost \$ 15,000/acre Status: Closed, 2004
<b>Wade</b> 70 Sutton Road Block 10 Lots 1.01, 5.02 107 acres Apps. (\$ 17,700 & 30,000)	Certified Value \$ 18,000/acre Status: Closed, 2005
<b>Emmet I</b> 54 & 58 Felmley Road Block 45 Lots 6.02, 6.03 11.31 acres Apps. (\$72,600 & \$ 37,000)	Certified Value \$ 37,000/acre Status: Closed, 2007
<b>Emmet II</b> 1 & 3 Cold Brook Road Block 42 Lots 6.01, 6.02 27.82 acres Apps. (\$ 64,300 & \$ 18,000)	Certified Value \$ 28,000/acre Status: Closed, 2007
<b>Emmet III</b> 8 Cold Brook Road Block 43 Lot 3.01 17.7 acres Apps. (\$ 16,000, \$ 15,000 & \$ 16,000)	Certified Value \$ 16,000/acre Status: Closed, 2008

**Emmet** Certified Value \$ 16,500/acre  
50 Felmley Road Status: Closed, 2007  
Block 48 Lot 5  
89.698 acres\*  
Apps. ( \$ 26,500 & 10,000)  
\* total preserved acreage is 123.86 which includes acreage in Readington Township

**Chandor** Certified Value \$ 24,000/acre  
15 Cold Brook Road Status: Closed, 2007  
Block 42 Lot 6  
42 acres  
App. (\$ 59,400/acre & \$ 19,500/acre)

**Kneser** Certified Value \$ 12,300/acre  
16 Cold Brook Road Cost \$ 18,000/acre  
Block 43 Lot 3.02 Status: Survey complete but on Hold by SADC due  
17 acres to cons. easement  
App. (\$ 30,400 & \$ 12,300)

**Tauber** Certified Vale \$ 33,846/acre  
46 Fairmount Road East Status: Closed, 2007  
Block 20 Lot 2  
11.8 acres\*  
Apps. ( \$ 54,100 & \$ 33,846)  
\* Additional acreage in Washington Twp., Morris County

**Storms** Certified Value \$ 19,000/acre  
Fairmount Road East Cost \$ 20,000/acre  
Block 16 Lot 11 Status: Closed, 2007  
147.8 acres  
Apps. (\$ 36,900 & \$ 18,800)

**Vernon (Callanan)** Certified Value \$ 22,000/acre  
Burrell Road Township to receive \$ 13,200/acre  
Block 15 Lot 7 – 23 Burrell Road Status: Closing pending February 2009  
Block 26 Lot 10 - 20 Burrell Road  
59.7 acres  
Apps. ( \$ 39,000, \$ 23,800 & 20,000)  
Auctioned Farm Fee Simple - \$ 1,425,000 (2005)

**Brady** Certified value \$ 13,000/acre  
8 Black River Road Status: Survey complete, closing est. 1Q '09  
Block 50 Lot 1.01  
27.55 acres  
Apps. (\$ 13,000 & \$ 13,000)

**Stewart**  
8 Black River Road  
Block 50 Lot 1  
18.60 acres  
Apps. (\$ 15,000 & \$ 16,000)

Certified value \$ 15,000  
Status: Survey complete, closing est. 1Q '09

**Melick**  
8 Hill and Dale Road  
Block 27 Lot 151  
46.72 acres  
Apps. (\$ 20,000 & \$ 20,000)

Certified value \$ 20,000  
Status: Survey complete, closing est. 1Q '09

**Tewksbury Associates**  
59 Fairmount Road East  
Block 16 Lots 23, 23.01 & 23.02  
56.582 acres  
Apps. (\$ 21,000 & \$ 18,000)

Certified Value \$ 19,000/acre  
Status: Survey complete, closing est. 1Q '09

**Koebel**  
15 Hill and Dale Road  
Block 38 Lot 4.01  
26.94 acres  
Apps. (\$ 26,500 & 22,800)

Certified Value \$ 24,500/acre  
Status: Survey & title work to be conducted  
Closing est. 3Q 2009

Total acreage (not including Kneser) 890.86

As of December 31, 2008