

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 27, 2011 MINUTES**

The Tewksbury Township Committee met in a regular/work session on the above date at the Municipal Building, Mountainville, NJ.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM, roll call held and a quorum established. Mayor Peter Melick presided.

Other officials in attendance were Township Committee members Dana Desiderio, Louis DiMare, Shaun Van Doren and William Voyce.

Jesse Landon, Township Administrator was in attendance.

There were approximately four members of the public in attendance.

1. Open Public Meetings Statement

The Open Public Meetings Statement was read by Mayor Melick.

2. Flag Salute

Those present stood and pledged allegiance to the American flag.

3. Actions to be taken

➤ **Consent Agenda**

Mr. Van Doren noted corrections to Resolution #85-2011 and #86-2011.

Ms. Desiderio moved adoption of the Consent Agenda as amended, seconded by Dr. Voyce. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved. Ayes: Desiderio, DiMare, Melick, Van Doren, Voyce. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION #84-2011

TO APPLY FOR OPEN SPACE TRUST FUNDS FROM HUNTERDON COUNTY

WHEREAS: The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders has approved an Open Space Trust Fund and established a Municipal Grants Program to provide County Funds in connection with preserving open space, natural areas, farmland and historic sites; to acquire, develop, improve and maintain county and municipal lands for recreation and conservation purposes; and preservation of historic structures, properties, facilities, sites, areas, or objects; or for the payment of debt service or indebtedness issued or incurred by the municipality for any of the purposes described above; and

WHEREAS, the Tewksbury Township Committee desires to further the public interest by obtaining funding in the amount of \$6,175.00 from the County of Hunterdon to fund the following project: which is 50% of the ancillary costs incurred by Tewksbury Township for the purchase of the development rights easement on the following property:

“Brady/Stewart” Planning Incentive Grant, Block 50, Lots1 & 1.01;

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NOW, THEREFORE, the governing body resolves that Shana Goodchild is hereby authorized to:

- (a) make application for such County Open Space Trust Funds,
- (b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required, and
- (c) act as the authorized correspondent of the above named Municipality; and

WHEREAS, the County of Hunterdon shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Hunterdon County Open Space, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Plan, applicable Freeholder Board Policies and the Procedures Manual for the Municipal Grant Program adopted thereto, and notify the Municipality of the amount of the funding award; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality is willing to use the County funds in accordance with such adopted Policies and Procedures, and applicable state and local government rules, regulations and statutes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, BY THE Township Committee of the Township of Tewksbury

- 1. That the Mayor, Peter Melick of the above named Municipality is hereby authorized to execute any documents and agreements with the County of Hunterdon known as Brady/Stewart;
- 2. That the Municipality has its share of funds, if required, in the amount of \$6,175.00;
- 3. That, in the event the County of Hunterdon's funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project;
- 4. That the applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and
- 5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Peter Melick
Mayor

RESOLUTION #85-2011

TO APPLY FOR OPEN SPACE TRUST FUNDS FROM HUNTERDON COUNTY

WHEREAS: The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders has approved an Open Space Trust Fund and established a Municipal Grants Program to provide County Funds in connection with preserving open space, natural areas, farmland and historic sites; to acquire, develop, improve and maintain county and municipal lands for recreation and conservation purposes; and preservation of historic structures, properties, facilities, sites, areas, or objects; or for the payment of debt service or indebtedness issued or incurred by the municipality for any of the purposes described above; and

WHEREAS, the Tewksbury Township Committee desires to further the public interest by obtaining funding in the amount of \$5,412.50 from the County of Hunterdon to fund the following project:

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which is 50% of the ancillary costs incurred by Tewksbury Township for the purchase of the development rights easement on the following property:

“Melick” Planning Incentive Grant, Block 27, Lot 151;

NOW, THEREFORE, the governing body resolves that Shana Goodchild is hereby authorized to:

- (a) make application for such County Open Space Trust Funds,
- (b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required, and
- (d) act as the authorized correspondent of the above named Municipality; and

WHEREAS, the County of Hunterdon shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Hunterdon County Open Space, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Plan, applicable Freeholder Board Policies and the Procedures Manual for the Municipal Grant Program adopted thereto, and notify the Municipality of the amount of the funding award; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality is willing to use the County funds in accordance with such adopted Policies and Procedures, and applicable state and local government rules, regulations and statutes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, BY THE Township Committee of the Township of Tewksbury

- 1. That the Mayor, Peter Melick of the above named Municipality is hereby authorized to execute any documents and agreements with the County of Hunterdon known as Melick;
- 2. That the Municipality has its share of funds, if required, in the amount of \$5,412.50;
- 3. That, in the event the County of Hunterdon’s funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project;
- 4. That the applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and
- 5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Peter Melick
Mayor

RESOLUTION #86-2011

TO APPLY FOR OPEN SPACE TRUST FUNDS FROM HUNTERDON COUNTY

WHEREAS: The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders has approved an Open Space Trust Fund and established a Municipal Grants Program to provide County Funds in connection with preserving open space, natural areas, farmland and historic sites; to acquire, develop, improve and maintain county and municipal lands for recreation and conservation purposes; and preservation of historic structures, properties, facilities, sites, areas, or objects; or for the payment of debt service or indebtedness issued or incurred by the municipality for any of the purposes described above; and

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WHEREAS, the Tewksbury Township Committee desires to further the public interest by obtaining funding in the amount of \$6,945.00 from the County of Hunterdon to fund the following project: which is 50% of the ancillary costs incurred by Tewksbury Township for the purchase of the development rights easement on the following property:

“Tewksbury Associates” Planning Incentive Grant, Block 16, 23, 23.01, 23.02;

NOW, THEREFORE, the governing body resolves that Shana Goodchild is hereby authorized to:

- (a) make application for such County Open Space Trust Funds,
- (b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required, and
- (e) act as the authorized correspondent of the above named Municipality; and

WHEREAS, the County of Hunterdon shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Hunterdon County Open Space, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Plan, applicable Freeholder Board Policies and the Procedures Manual for the Municipal Grant Program adopted thereto, and notify the Municipality of the amount of the funding award; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality is willing to use the County funds in accordance with such adopted Policies and Procedures, and applicable state and local government rules, regulations and statutes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, BY THE Township Committee of the Township of Tewksbury

- 1. That the Mayor, Peter Melick of the above named Municipality is hereby authorized to execute any documents and agreements with the County of Hunterdon known as Tewksbury Associates;
- 2. That the Municipality has its share of funds, if required, in the amount of \$6,945.00;
- 3. That, in the event the County of Hunterdon’s funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project;
- 4. That the applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and
- 5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Peter Melick
Mayor

**TOWNSHIP OF TEWKSBURY
RESOLUTION #87-2011**

**APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT
WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE BISSELL
ROAD ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS – PHASE III PROJECT**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of Tewksbury Township formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA – 2011-Tewksbury Township – 00409 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of Tewksbury Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of Tewksbury Township and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Certified as a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Township Committee on this 27th day of September, 2011.

Municipal Clerk

My signature and the Clerk's seal serve to acknowledge the above Resolution and constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approve the execution of the grant agreement as authorized by the Resolution above.

Peter Melick
Mayor

**RESOLUTION 88-2011
CANCELLATION OF TAXES**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Tewksbury, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to make the following cancellation of taxes.

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10	5.02	2011	62.62
11	16.04	2911	47.40
27	48.01	2011	93.78
32	3.05	2011	29.95
37	3.01	2011	74.79

Peter Melick
Mayor

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**RESOLUTION #89-2011
TO RECOGNIZE THE TEWKSBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AS A NATIONAL BLUE
RIBBON SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Education annually chooses schools from the fifty states, District of Columbia and Puerto Rico to be designated as Blue Ribbon Schools; and **WHEREAS**, this designation is based on a school's overall academic excellence and student achievement; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Education named 304 school as National Blue Ribbons Schools in September of 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Tewksbury Elementary School was chosen as a recipient of the National Blue Ribbon Schools Award.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Tewksbury, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey hereby extends their congratulations to the Principal, teachers, support staff, students and administration for the recognition received and the work done in receipt of the prestigious National Blue Ribbon School designation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award will be presented to Mr. Jim Miller, Principal of the Tewksbury Elementary School at a ceremony in Washington D.C. on November 14 and 15.

Peter Melick
Mayor

4. Township Committee Comments

Ms. Desiderio noted that she received information regarding the 2010 census from the County Planning Board.

Mr. Van Doren stated his displeasure with comments heard from a JCP&L spokesperson alleging that if the substation were functional, Tewksbury would have had power sooner during the recent storms. He stated that the statement was disingenuous and totally untruthful. He added that JCP&L has a lot of explaining to do with regard to the length of time that was needed to restore power.

Mr. Van Doren questioned if the fees required for Mr. Holt's review of grading and surface water management plans were sufficient. Mr. Landon stated that sometimes additional funds are required and he would look at the fee structure in the Ordinance.

Mayor Melick noted that he attended the BPU meeting in Morristown to discuss the recent hurricane, power outages, lack of coordination and slow response times. A representative from the League of Municipalities was also in attendance and the matter of additional tree cutting was discussed. Mayor Melick noted a letter sent in March, 2011 to JCP&L requesting that tree cutting be more aggressive so that utility lines are clear from all vegetation and branches.

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It was the consensus of the Committee that a Resolution be prepared for the next meeting regarding the need to more aggressively clear utility lines so as to avoid line damage and breakage. The Resolution will be forwarded to the League upon adoption. Mayor Melick added that there were many irate residents from Morristown at the BPU meeting.

Mayor Melick stated that the two individuals interested in sitting on the Parks Committee and the Scenic Roads and Bridges Commission should be invited to the 10-11-11 meeting for interviews.

Additionally, the chairs of the Parks Committee and the Scenic Roads and Bridges Commission need to be contacted and directed to recommend a member for a position on the Forestry Advisory Board.

Mr. Landon presented two draft Ordinances for review and comment pertaining to fire inspection fees and an amendment to the existing tree Ordinance. Discussion followed regarding the number of false alarms and the fees from other towns.

The Ordinances will be introduced at the 10-11-11 meeting.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Roberta A. Brassard
Municipal Clerk