

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Open Space and Recreation Committee of the Township of West Orange at its regular meeting on May 12, 2014, discussed in public session the possible purchase by the Township of certain undeveloped property located at 762 Pleasant Valley Way, also known as Block 154-21, Lot 34 on the Tax Maps of the Township of West Orange (“the Property”), consisting of approximately 9.71 acres of undeveloped land; and

WHEREAS, at that same meeting, the Municipal Engineer suggested to the Open Space Committee that it would be an appropriate first step to conduct a land survey and appraisals of the aforesaid property to assist the governing body in determining the costs and advisability of purchasing and preserving the Property as open space, and

WHEREAS, the Open Space Committee, by a 5 to 3 vote of its members present at the May 12, 2014 meeting, voted to request that the Township Council, if it wishes to consider the purchase of the Property for preservation as open space, approve spending Open Space Trust funds to obtain a land survey and appraisals of the Property as needed to determine the feasibility of such purchase and purpose, and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has considered the request of the Open Space and Recreation Committee and agrees that it wishes to further consider purchase of the Property for preservation as open space and agrees that using Open Space Trust funds to pay for any needed land survey and appraisals of value of the Property would be a logical and proper first step in determining the cost and feasibility of such purchase,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Orange Township Council authorizes the Mayor and Township Attorney, as appropriate, to seek and negotiate for the services of appropriate professional services to obtain any needed land survey and appraisals of the Property, located at 762 Pleasant Valley Way, West Orange, New Jersey, also known as Block 154.21, Lot 34 on the Tax Maps of the Township of West Orange, consisting of approximately 9.71 acres, to assist in determining the costs and feasibility of purchasing and preserving the Property as open space, to present for approval by the West Orange Township Council the specific professional services contracts needed to accomplish these objectives, all to be paid for from the Township’s Open Space Trust Fund and from any grant monies which may be obtained for such purposes.

Susan McCartney, Council President

Karen J. Carnevale, Municipal Clerk

Adopted: May 20, 2014