

**MINUTES
BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD
5:00 PM SPECIAL SESSION
Friday, December 7, 2012**



WORK SESSION:

Mayor Subrizi read the Open Public Meeting and Mission Statements.

Councilwoman Randi Duffie	Present
Councilman Austin Ashley	Present
Councilman Diego Robalino	Present
Councilman Dominic Colucci	Present
Councilwoman Hedy Grant	Present
Council President Howard Berner	Absent
Mayor Ann Subrizi	Present

OPEN SESSION:

1. Property Acquisition – HMGP Flood Acquisitions

The Administrator explained that although the acquisitions were to be fully funded by NJ OEM/FEMA and NJ Green Acres there is now the possibility of a shortfall in funding. She explained that the grant application was done very quickly and with the assistance of a FEMA representative. At the time of application, estimated home values and anticipated expenses were required. The FEMA representative assured the Administrator that she needn't be concerned with actual costs; to provide estimates that totaled the amount of the grant. Estimates were derived by the consultant hired to assist with the application. At the time, we believed the numbers to be good, but the actual appraisals came in somewhat higher than anticipated. This was a good outcome for the homeowners but the overall project now exceeds the grant amount. Early in the process FEMA had indicated that additional funds could be obtained, if necessary, to complete the full five purchases. FEMA has indicated a commitment to cover their portion of the overage or 75%. Green Acres is not able to cover the balance of 25%. The Administrator asked if the Mayor and Council would agree to cover approximately \$12,000, or 25% of the overage out of the Borough's open space trust account, which currently has a balance of approximately \$264,000.

After a brief discussion the Council unanimously agreed to cover 25% of the overage with open space trust funds.

RESOLUTIONS:

2012:342 Authorize the Use of Borough Open Space Funds to Supplement Funding from Green Acres Project 0238-12-LBA and State of New Jersey, Office of Emergency Management HMGP-4021-NJ-0011

Councilwoman Duffie made a motion to approve resolution 2012:342. Councilman Colucci seconded the motion. All present in favor, none opposed.

The Mayor reported on a letter received on December 3rd, requesting a response by December 5th, from the County Executive. They are asking for the names of two or three individuals to be honored at an event for their volunteer spirit in the wake of Hurricane Sandy. Additionally requested, a list of all first responders, who will be recognized with a small token from the County Executive's Office that can be presented by the Mayor and Council at a future meeting. The Council agreed it would be difficult to name just a few individuals and since it was beyond the deadline, just the list of first responders will be drafted and forwarded to the County.

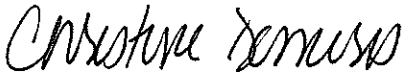
COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Ashley made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Duffie seconded the motion. All present in favor, none opposed. Time 5:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Christine Demiris, RMC
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION

No. 2012: 342

Offered by: Councilwoman Duffie

Seconded by: Councilman Colucci

Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
DUFFIE	✓			
ASHLEY	✓			
ROBALINO	✓			
COLUCCI	✓			
GRANT	✓			
BERNER				✓
MAYOR (tie)				

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of New Milford have entered into a grant agreement with the State of New Jersey, Office of Emergency Management under HMGP-4021-NJ-0011 and with the Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres under project 0238-12-LBA for the purpose of using \$1,612,301 for the acquisition of property that has been determined to be eligible to be voluntarily acquired by the Borough of New Milford; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have entered into Offers to Sell Real Property with five eligible homeowners based upon appraisals done in accordance with Green Acres acquisition requirements; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost to acquire the homes and restore the property to open space exceeds the grant amount by approximately \$50,700; and

WHEREAS, FEMA has indicated a commitment to fund 75% of the over expenditure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Mayor and Council hereby authorize the use of New Milford Borough Open Space Trust Funds to fund the remaining 25% of the over expenditure to complete the acquisition and restoration of these five properties.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution passed by the Council of the Borough of New Milford at the meeting held on December 7, 2012.

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Christine Demaris