

**MONROE TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX COUNTY**

**ORDINANCE NO.: O-8-2017-021**

**ORDINANCE OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL ACCEPTING  
THE DEED OF DEDICATION FROM THE NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE  
AUTHORITY FOR THE BROOKLAND WETLANDS MITIGATION SITE**

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**WHEREAS**, The New Jersey Turnpike Authority (the “Turnpike Authority”) is the owner of six separately assessed and contiguous real properties, totaling approximately 412 Acres, locate on Mills Road in the Township of Monroe (“Township”), commonly known as the “Brookland Wetlands Mitigation Site” and identified on the official Tax Maps of the Township of Monroe in the County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey as Block 6; Lots 6, 7, 10 & 11 and Block 7; Lots 1 & 2; and as Block 27.02, Lot 17.01; and

**WHEREAS**, the Turnpike Authority has agreed to transfer the Brookland Wetlands Mitigation Site in lieu of paying the outstanding 2012 taxes, penalties and interest to the Township of Monroe as part of the settlement of its challenge to the Township’s Assessments of the Brookland Wetlands Mitigation Site; and

**WHEREAS**, Township Council has determined that preserving the Brookland Wetlands Mitigation Site as open space is in the best interest of the Township of Monroe

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

**Section 1.** The Mayor, Township Clerk and Township Attorney are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents as are reasonably necessary to acquire title to:

- (a) All portions of the parcels of land commonly known as the Brookland Wetlands Mitigation Site, identified as Block 6; Lots 6, 7, 10 & 11 and Block 7; Lots 1 & 2, on the official Tax Maps of the Township of Monroe, as more particularly described on Exhibit “A” attached hereto;
- (b) All improvements erected on, over and beneath aforesaid lands; and
- (c) All easements, rights-of-way or use, privileges, licenses, hereditaments, appurtenances, interests and other rights belonging to or inuring to the benefit of the lands and all right, title and interest of the owners in and to any land lying in the bed of any highway, street, road or avenue, opened or proposed, in front or abutting or adjoining aforesaid lands.

**Section 2.** The Township of Monroe Tax Collector is directed to forgive any and all taxes, penalties and interest owed by the New Jersey Turnpike Authority on real property identified as Block 6; Lots 6, 7, 10 & 11 and Block 7; Lots 1 & 2; and as Block 27.02, Lot 17.01, on the official Tax Maps of the Township of Monroe.

**Section 3.** The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to accept the Deed transferring the Property for open space, provided the Deed is in a form satisfactory to the Township Attorney.

**Section 4.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

**Section 5.** If any section, subdivision, sentence, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

**Section 6.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

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STEPHEN DALINA, Council President

<b>RECORDED VOTE – INTRODUCTION – August 7, 2017</b>						
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Councilman Baskin</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilwoman Cohen</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilman Leibowitz</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Council V. President Schneider</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Council President Dalina</b>			<b>X</b>			

**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Monroe Township Council held on August 7, 2017. Said Ordinance will again be read and considered for final passage at the next scheduled meeting of the Monroe Township Council to be held on September 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Monroe Township Municipal Building, 1 Municipal Plaza, Monroe Township, New Jersey 08831. At said time and place all persons having an interest in the foregoing Ordinance will be granted an opportunity to be heard concerning the same prior to consideration for final passage by the Council.

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PATRICIA REID, Township Clerk

<b>RECORDED VOTE – SECOND READING &amp; FINAL ADOPTION– September 6, 2017</b>						
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
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**MAYORAL APPROVAL**

By virtue of the Optional Municipal Charter Law of 1950 and Chapter 3, Section 19 of the Code of the Township of Monroe, my approval of this Ordinance is effected by the affixing of my signature hereto.

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GERALD W. TAMBURRO, Mayor

Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_