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JANUARY 24, 2006

A Special Meeting of the Kingwood Township Committee was called to order at 5:00 P.M. with Mayor Zdepski presiding.

Also present at the meeting were Committeeman Burke, Committeewoman Augustine and Deputy Clerk Brown.

NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by publication of the notice in the Delaware News and the Express Times on January 19, 2006, and by telefaxing copies of the notice to the Courier News and Star Ledger on January 17, 2006. Copies of the notice were also posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building and Baptistown Post Office on January 17, 2006.

In order to ensure full public participation in this meeting, all members of this Committee or Board, and also members of the public are requested to speak only when recognized by the Chair so that there is no simultaneous discussion or over-talk, and further, all persons are requested to utilize the microphones which are provided for your use by the Township. Your cooperation is appreciated.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – RESOLUTION NO. 2006-11

The following Resolution was introduced to enter into closed session at 5:05 P.M.

RESOLUTION NO 2006 - 11

WHEREAS, Section 7 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 P.L. 1975 (R.S. 10:4-13)

permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting or a portion of a meeting of this public body in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Kingwood, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from the meeting or a portion of a meeting at which this public body discusses the hereinafter specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

Personnel – Interviews for Security Officer for Municipal Court

- 3. The time when the circumstances under which the discussions conducted in closed session of this public body can be disclosed to the public is as follows:

The minutes of the closed session will be made public upon conclusion, dismissal or settlement of litigation; or final resolution of agreements or personnel matters; and in any event, when appropriate pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-7 and -13.

- 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The Township Committee may take additional action upon returning to regular session.

It was moved by Mr. Burke, seconded by Mrs. Augustine and carried to adopt the foregoing Resolution.

Roll Call Vote:	AYE	- Augustine, Burke, Zdepski
	NAY	- None
	ABSTAIN	- None
	ABSENT	- None

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Burke, seconded by Mrs. Augustine and carried to return to regular Session at 7:15 P.M. **All** voted **Aye** on **Roll Call Vote**.

Deputy Clerk Brown addresses to the Committee the need for a motion for the CFO to pay the Farmland Preservation Program the sum of \$39,508 for the Kocsis property to be spent from Open Space Funds.

It was moved by Mrs. Augustine, seconded by Mr. Burke and carried to approve payment to be made to the Hunterdon County Planning Board, Farmland Preservation Program, funds in the amount of \$39,508.

Roll Call Vote:	AYE	- Augustine, Burke, Zdepski
	NAY	- None
	ABSTAIN	- None
	ABSENT	- None

The Committee discussed the process of applying for the PIG Grant, also discussed speaking with the Township’s Open Space/Farmland Coordinator Liz Schmid in reference to preparing the application to accompany the resolution.

RESOLUTION

The following Resolution was introduced:

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-12

SUPPORT PLANNING INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Kingwood Township Master Plan Revision adopted in 2000 states as a goal to “preserve the presence and facilitate the viability of agriculture”.

WHEREAS, Kingwood Township supports farming activities and farmers through policies outlined in the Kingwood Township Open Space Preservation and Recreation Plan, the Kingwood Township Master Plan, the Kingwood Township Land Use Ordinance, a Right to Farm Ordinance, and a Kingwood Township Fee Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, in order to maintain, support and promote farming and farmers in Kingwood Township, the Township has taken every opportunity to support preservation of farmland through the Farmland Preservation Program pursuant to the State Agriculture and Retention Act; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Incentive Grant program will preserve a significant amount of actively farmed land and farmland with Prime Agricultural Soils.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Kingwood, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that the Township Committee hereby supports and endorses the Planning Incentive Grant application submitted by Kingwood Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee hereby reiterates its commitment to the preservation of farming and farms in Kingwood Township.

It was moved by Mr. Burke, seconded by Mrs. Augustine and carried to adopt the foregoing Resolution.

Roll Call Vote:	AYE	- Augustine, Burke, Zdepski
	NAY	- None
	ABSTAIN	- None
	ABSENT	- None

PROPERTY ON ROUTE 29

There was a brief discussion about the property. The Committee expressed that they would like to have Green Acres purchase the property for open space if there are no bidders for the open public bid on February 7, 2006. Mr. Burke stated he will speak with a representative from the State.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Burke, seconded by Mrs. Augustine and carried to adjourn the Meeting at 7:40 P.M. **All voted Aye on Roll Call Vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Brown, RMC
Deputy Clerk