

TOWNSHIP OF QUINTON
COUNTY OF SALEM
REGULAR MEETING
QUINTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
June 4, 2024

Call to order by Mayor Sperry at 6:00pm

Pledge of allegiance

Open Public Meetings Act

This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Advanced notice of this meeting was given by way of the annual notice which was filed with the Quinton Township Clerk, forwarded to the South Jersey Times, Elmer Times and was posted on the bulletin board located in the lobby of the Quinton Township Municipal Building.

Roll Call Mayor Sperry, Deputy Mayor Hannagan, Committeeman Owens, Solicitor Vigilante, CFO Elwell, Clerk Uzdanovics

Minutes to be approved May 7, 2024 Regular Meeting

Motion Hannagan Second Owens RCV 3 Yes

Vouchers to be approved

Motion Hannagan Second Owens RCV 3 Yes

ORDINANCE TO BE ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-08

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF QUINTON AMENDING THE QUINTON TOWNSHIP CODE
CHAPTER 216, STORMWATER MANAGEMENT TO INCLUDE TREE REMOVAL AND
REPLACEMENT TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NJDEP TIER A STORMWATER
GENERAL PERMIT

The purpose of the Ordinance is to cause Quinton Township's Stormwater management and control ordinance to conform with recent amendments to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's (NJDEP) Stormwater Management rules at N.J.A.C 7:8, which were amended on July 17, 2023. The Ordinance includes revisions to Chapter 216 Stormwater Management of the Quinton Township Code to add Tree Removal and Replacement in order to comply with conditions required by the New Jersey Department of Environment Protection .

Open Public Hearing Motion Hannagan Second Owens RCV 3 Yes

Joe Elwell asked what this ordinance entails. Solicitor Vigilante explained NJ DEP has promulgated this because the removal of trees without replacement creates more stormwater hazards. If you remove a tree of a certain diameter along the street you must replace it there or in another approved location subject to the exemptions or Hazards. You can only remove so many trees per acre in one year. This is all mandated by the state for Tier A permits.

Paul Rivell 127 Sherron Ave. What about the trees on Sherron Avenue if we want to trim them, take them down or if they are hazardous? The tree is not on my property it's in the right of way. Solicitor Vigilante said it applies to public entities too. Mr. Rivell said what if it is overhanging my house? Solicitor Vigilante said you would notify the Township and they will take appropriate action just like before this ordinance.

Larry Winkles – What about loggers? Solicitor Vigilante said Tree farms are excluded.

Close Public Hearing	Motion Hannagan	Second Owens	RCV 3 Yes
Motion to Adopt	Motion Hannagan	Second Owens	RCV 3 Yes

ORDINANCE TO BE INTRODUCED

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-09

MUNICIPAL STORMWATER CONTROL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF QUINTON, COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 216 “STORMWATER MANAGEMENT” OF THE CODE BOOK OF THE TOWNSHIP OF QUINTON TO INCLUDE REQUIREMENTS AND CONTROLS APPLICABLE TO MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

Flood control, groundwater recharge, and pollutant reduction shall be achieved through the use of stormwater management measures, including green infrastructure Best Management Practices (GI BMPs) and nonstructural stormwater management strategies. GI BMPs and low impact development (LID) should be utilized to meet the goal of maintaining natural hydrology to reduce stormwater runoff volume, reduce erosion, encourage infiltration and groundwater recharge, and reduce pollution. GI BMPs and LID should be developed based upon physical site conditions and the origin, nature and the anticipated quantity, or amount, of potential pollutants. Multiple stormwater management BMPs may be necessary to achieve the established performance standards for water quality, quantity, and groundwater recharge. (Adoption July 2, 2024)

Motion Hannagan Second Owens RCV 3 Yes

RESOLUTIONS TO BE APPROVED

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-64

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF QUINTON, COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF QUINTON, TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH RURAL HOUSING SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE PURCHASE OF A PUMPER TRUCK FOR USE BY THE QUINTON FIRE COMPANY

WHEREAS, the Township of Quinton (hereinafter the “Township”) plans to submit to the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Housing Service (hereinafter “Rural Housing Service”) a request for funding under the Community Facilities Loans and Grants Program; and,

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to pursue through the Program, funding for the purchase of a pumper truck for use by the Quinton Fire Company; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Township to actively and diligently pursue this project, for reasons associated with the public safety of residents of the Township; and moreover, pursue funding with and through Rural Housing Service, based upon Rural Housing Service’s determination that the Township is eligible to participate in the Community Facilities Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Commission of the Township of Quinton, County of Salem, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. All necessary action, including the filing of formal applications, be taken to pursue with Rural Housing Service actual funding for the proposed purchase of a pumper truck in the Township of Quinton, County of Salem.

2. The Township is authorized to accept any and all funding through the United States of America, Acting Through Rural Housing Service Community Facilities Loans and Grants Program.

3. The duly authorized representative of the Township, including the Township's Architect, Engineer, Solicitor, and Auditor, be and are hereby authorized to execute any and all documentation in furtherance of the preparation of the necessary documents to be submitted to USDA/Rural Housing Service. Further the Mayor and/or Clerk of the Township is hereby authorized to execute the necessary documents in order to receive an eligibility determination and funding from the USDA/Rural Housing Service.

Open Public Hearing Motion Hannagan Second Owens RCV 3 Yes

Joe Elwell asked if that will fund the whole amount or does the town have to come up with some? Mayor Sperry said yes, we will have to fund some of the cost. Unfortunately, the cost keeps changing because the cost of the truck is changing. The cost now is \$1,200,000.00 million. The federal government has awarded us \$746,000.00 toward it. But then we have to apply for it so they can release it. The state has said we have to come up with the full amount and send them the receipt that it has been paid. At this time, we are trying to see if we can change that. CFO Elwell has a Purchase order for an estimate at this time and then if the person handling this will agree (since we do not have the money) we can do on the Purchase order. CFO Elwell said s we can encumber once it's been awarded and put it in our budget. It does not mean we have the cash. Right now, they are considered a reimbursable grant which means we pay for it outright then we show proof we paid for it in full, they then reimburse us. As Mayor Sperry said we do not have the money available to do that, so we are trying to see if we encumber and they fund it we then forward to the vendor. Mayor Sperry said there is a 4-year lead on the Fire Truck which also could be an issue.

Larry Winkles asked if the county has any money from what the township pays them to put towards the fire truck? Mayor Sperry no not that I know of, it isn't even a consideration. Mr. Winkels said has anyone asked? Mayor Sperry said yes because the county doesn't step in on a township to buy them a pumper truck or they would have to do it for all towns.

Close Public Hearing Motion Hannagan Second Owens RCV 3 Yes
Motion to Adopt Motion Hannagan Second Owens RCV 3 Yes

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-65

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF 2024 TAXES AND
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT FOR A TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN
(Block 42, Lot 12 – Bounds, Joan L.)**

WHEREAS, THE TAX ASSESSOR OF QUINTON TOWNSHIP has certified that the above-referenced taxpayer has been approved for tax exempt status effective April 3, 2024; therefore, the second quarter taxes should be cancelled and refunded in the amount of \$1,770.14, together with subsequent billing; and

WHEREAS, THE TAX COLLECTOR OF QUINTON TOWNSHIP has certified to the Mayor and Township Committee that the above-referenced taxpayer has been approved for total disabled veteran exempt status; therefore, the second quarter should be cancelled and refunded in the amount of \$1,770.14, together with subsequent billing; and

WHEREAS, THE TAX COLLECTOR OF QUINTON TOWNSHIP has additionally certified to the Mayor and Township Committee that CoreLogic Servicing Agent on behalf of their Mortgage Company paid the second quarter of 2024 property taxes which has generated an overpayment in the amount of \$1,770.14 and that the books of the Tax Collector be adjusted to reflect said overpayment; and

WHEREAS, THE TREASURER OF QUINTON TOWNSHIP shall make said refund from the Current Account;

WHEREAS, based on the approval for tax exempt status effective April 3, 2024, this total disabled veteran is no longer required to pay property taxes on Block 42, Lot 12 for as long as she owns the property and it is her permanent primary residence;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Quinton, County of Salem, and State of New Jersey, cancel the second quarter tax 2024 real estate taxes as noted above, refund the overpayment of the second quarter of 2024 taxes in the amount of \$1,770.14 to CoreLogic Servicing Agency, P.O. Box 9202 Coppell, TX 75019-9760 and the books of the Tax Collector be adjusted to reflect the cancellation and overpayment as noted above.

Motion Hannagan

Second Owens

RCV 3 Yes

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-66

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION NJSA
40A:4-87 JIF (Safety Incentive Program)**

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of Quinton Township in the County of Salem, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2024 in the sum of \$2,750.00 which is now available from the State of New Jersey, TRICO JIF Safety Incentive Grant in the amount of \$2,750.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of \$2,750.00 hereby appropriated under the caption TRICO JIF Safety Incentive Grant, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of funds from the State of New Jersey, TRICO JIF Safety Incentive Grant in the amount of \$2,750.00.

Motion Hannagan Second Owens RCV 3 Yes

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-67
RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE TRASH & RECYCLE CARTS

WHEREAS, The Township of Quinton has approved the purchase of Trash and Recycle Carts; and

WHEREAS, Logan Township is able to provide the Trash and Recycle Carts; and

WHEREAS, the Township CMFO has certified that sufficient and legally appropriated funds are available under CY2024 Clean Communities OE Budget for the purchase of Trash and Recycle Carts; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Quinton has directed the Township clerk to proceed as necessary.

Motion Hannagan Second Owens RCV 3 Yes

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-68
RESOLUTION RENEWING LIQUOR LICENSE FOR RAM’S GOLF, LLC. TRADING AS WILD OAKS GOLF CLUB

WHEREAS, the Township of Quinton authorized the issuance of one plenary retail consumption license and,

WHEREAS, Ram’s Golf, LLC. Trading as Wild Oaks Golf Club holds the only license authorized by Quinton Township and said license is renewable yearly and,

WHEREAS, Ram’s Golf, LLC trading as Wild Oaks Golf Club has applied for a renewal of said license and,

WHEREAS, the Quinton Township Committee is not aware of any violations relating to said license;

WHEREAS, Ram’s Golf LLC trading as Wild Oaks Golf Club will be approved by the state when they receive a copy of this Resolution; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY the Township Committee of the Township of Quinton that they hereby renew the plenary retail consumption license of Ram’s Golf, LLC trading as Wild Oaks Golf Club for a period of one year.

Motion Hannagan Second Owens RCV 3 Yes

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-69

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR WATERWORKS ROAD RESURFACING.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2025-Quinton Township-00076 Reconstruction of Waterworks Road to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of Quinton Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of Township of Quinton 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 4th day of June, 2024

Motion Hannagan Second Owens RCV 3 Yes

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-70

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR N. BURDEN HILL ROAD RESURFACING SECTION II

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2025-Quinton Township-00147 Reconstruction of N. Burden Hill Road Section II to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of Quinton Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of Township of Quinton 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 4th day of June, 2024

Motion Hannagan Second Owens RCV 3 Yes

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-71

CALLING FOR THE MODERNAZATION OF THE OPEN PUBLIC RECORDS ACT (OPRA) AND THE SWIFT PASSAGE OF S-2930/A-4045

WHEREAS, in the 2002 “lame duck” session the Open Public Records Act (OPRA) was approved to make government records, “readily accessible for inspection, copying, or examination by the citizens of this State, with certain exceptions, for the protection of the public interest” while protecting “a citizen’s right to a reasonable expectation of privacy”; and

WHEREAS, as local leaders we reaffirm our support and commitment to open and transparent government and public access to records, at the same time, we strongly support necessary reforms; and

WHEREAS, in the twenty years since the enactment of OPRA and with the advent of new technologies, we have witnessed unintended consequences and, in some cases, abuses of OPRA that place an unfair burden on local governments and taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, municipal staff and budgets are increasingly utilized to accommodate the requestors and commercial entities who inundate municipalities with public records requests to the extent that in some instances, additional personnel are hired primarily to handle such requests; and

WHEREAS, OPRA has become broadly construed in favor of access and the requestor who prevails in any proceeding in appealing a denial of access of records is permitted to collect exorbitant attorney's fees, which impacts the taxpayers and municipalities who must pay these fees; and

WHEREAS, municipalities have seen outside businesses and interests who abuse OPRA for marketing and commercial gains while utilizing municipal employees paid by the taxpayers for this benefit; and

WHEREAS, due to court decisions over the years, reasonable expectations of privacy have been diminished when it comes to the balance of transparency and OPRA perpetuates for-profit data-mining, unsolicited marketing, and uncontrolled publications of records on internet search engines specifically designed to circumvent and bypass what few protective measures currently exist under OPRA, all while allowing the requestor to remain cloaked in anonymity, should they choose to exercise that option; and

WHEREAS, when commercial entities are constantly emailing OPRA requests looking for the latest lists of dogs licensed that month, inground pool permits issued, solar roof permits issued, etc., it causes our residents to not want to license their dogs, comply with permits, or interact with the municipality because they don't want to lose their privacy and/or have their information tracked and monetized for commercial purposes; and

WHEREAS, reforms to modernize OPRA are long overdue, among them: the need to address requests by commercial entities that utilize public records and the services of local government employees to generate profits, mandatory prevailing attorney fees, which created a cottage industry, and to add language so that such fees are based on facts and circumstances and not an automatic granting; and

WHEREAS, Senators Sarlo and Bucco and Assemblyman Danielsen and Assemblywoman Flynn have introduced S-2930/A-4045, which makes commonsense reforms that do not hinder residents or journalists from using OPRA to access public records, but will protect citizens' personal information from disclosure, addresses the burdensome commercial requests and provide discretion when awarding prevailing attorney fees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the governing body of the Township of Quinton in the County of Salem respectfully request the adoption of much-needed reforms to modernize and strengthen the legislative intent of the Open Public Records Act (OPRA) and urges the swift passage of S-2930/A-4045; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, as local leaders, we reaffirm our support and commitment to open and transparent government and public access to records but at the same time, we strongly support necessary reforms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Senate President Scutari, Assembly Speaker Coughlin, Senator Burzichelli, Assembly Representatives David Bailey Jr., and Heather Simmons, Governor Murphy, and the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

Motion Hannagan Second Owens RCV 3 Yes

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-72

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN APPLICATION FOR COOPERATIVE PURCHASING (Fire Truck)

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Quinton has the opportunity to utilize cooperative purchasing to obtain discount pricing; and

WHEREAS, the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) is a political subdivision of the State of Texas which operates a cooperative purchasing program available to municipalities, counties, state agencies, councils of government, school districts, and other types of governments if allowed by the state law; and

WHEREAS, with the adoption of New Jersey Public Law 2011, Chapter 139, the State of New Jersey has authorized municipalities and other units of local government to utilize national cooperative purchasing programs; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has issued two (2) Local Finance Bulletins to provide guidance to municipalities and units of local government on the procedures to effectively utilize national cooperative purchasing programs; and

WHEREAS, the Township Solicitor, utilizing the New Jersey Local Finance Bulletins and documentation received from the H-GAC, has verified that the H-GAC is valid actual cooperative purchasing program as defined for use by PL 2011 Chapter 139 and that advertised competitive sealed bidding is utilized by H-GAC for its procurement which satisfies requirements listed in the Local Finance Bulletins; and

WHEREAS, as of July 15, 2015, 165 units of local government in New Jersey have joined the H-GAC Cooperative Purchasing Program as another opportunity to seek the lowest cost and best value; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Quinton, County of Salem and State of New Jersey, that an application to utilize the H-GAC National Cooperative Purchasing Program as defined and regulated by New Jersey is hereby authorized and that the Mayor is authorized to sign the application; and

Motion Hannagan Second Owens RCV 3 Yes

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-73

RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION NJSA 40A:4-87 JIF (Clean Communities)

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of Quinton Township in the County of Salem, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2024 in the sum of \$11,009.60 which is now available from the State of New Jersey, Clean Communities Grant in the amount of \$11,009.60, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of \$11,009.60 hereby appropriated under the caption Clean Communities Grant, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of funds from the State of New Jersey, Clean Communities Grant in the amount of \$11,009.60.

Motion Hannagan Second Owens RCV 3 Yes

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-74
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE LIGHTING QUOTE FOR SPARKS ELECTRIC

WHEREAS, The Township of Quinton has approved the purchase and installation of a new lights for the Quinton Municipal Building; and

WHEREAS, Sparks Electric is able to provide the lights and installation; and

WHEREAS, the Township CMFO has certified that sufficient and legally appropriated funds are available under CY2024 Public Buildings and Grounds OE Budget for the purchase and installation of the lights for the Quinton Municipal Building; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Quinton has directed the Township clerk to proceed as necessary.

Motion Hannagan Second Owens RCV 3 Yes

Chairperson of Administration and Environmental- Nothing at this time

Chairperson of Public Buildings and Grounds, Trash and Recycling – Nothing at this time

Chairperson of Streets and Roads, Fire, Ambulance and recreation –In regards to the DOT Grants, we are trying to finish roads that have had sections done and get rid of the old tar and chip roads.

PUBLIC SESSION

Paul Rivell Asked why we were buying a pumper truck since we never had one before? Committeeman Owens replied we are getting a fire truck that has a 1500-gallon water tank to replace our old fire truck.

Todd Boker said the township has a liquor license for the golf course, what about the brewery that is going through the Agricultural board? Solicitor Vigilante explained they will only sell the Brewery's own product so they do not have to have a liquor license it is considered Agri Tourism. Mr. Boker wanted to know if it got approved? Mayor Sperry said it has not come before the planning board yet.

Mrs. Shultz asked about the status on the Freedom Farm. Solicitor Vigilante said they were to put in an application at the agriculture board by May 31, 2024. Solicitor Vigilante was to be served with a copy of the application. Their attorney said on May 14, 2024 an application had been filed. On May 22, 2024 we had someone there and no mention of the application was made. Solicitor Vigilante was told she was getting a copy of the application but she still has not received it. I am sending another email to their attorney to bring this back to the judge. Solicitor Vigilante said the judge will wait for the application to be sent to the ag board sometimes it takes a little longer. Our next step will be before the Agricultural board to see if their use is really agricultural in nature or not.

Mrs. Shultz asked how long will we have to wait? Solicitor Vigilante said she will contact the judge and let him know they have not done what they were ordered to do and we would like the case taken off inactive status and proceed with a permanent injunction. Mrs. Shultz said the gate is still up and Solicitor Vigilante responded they signed a sworn statement that it was taken down.

Mr. Rivell asked who legally owns the property with the birds? Solicitor Vigilante said Rams Golf LLC still owns it and Freedom Farm leases it as far as she knows from the applications they have filed with the state.

Larry Winkels – In regard to the golf course is there some way the attorneys could go back on the owner to get the person leasing to comply? Solicitor Vigilante said they have all been sued, Mr. Sheets, Freedom Farm, and Rams Golf LLC.

Mr. Elwell asked are the taxes paid on the golf course? Solicitor Vigilante responded we would have to find out.

Todd Boker – The people who file through the Agricultural Board to get approval are they considered entities in Quinton and still pay property taxes? Mayor Sperry responded the reason they go to the Agricultural board is so they do not have to pay the planning board professionals. At the Agricultural Board they do not have to pay its only to approve things that have to do with farming. Solicitor Vigilante said the Agricultural Board was created to persevere the Right to Farm Act so the land is used in the correct way.

John McMahon - I live in Stown Creek but live 200 feet from Quinton Line. I wanted to let you know there is a trailer on Lawrance Road that has been there over a year. It has been burned, has flat tires and it is a hazard when you are driving down the road especially in the dark. Committeeman Owens asked if he had called the state police. Mr. McMahon said no he was letting the township know. Mr. McMahon also said they had just gone to the Agricultural Board meeting where Mr. Goat is trying to put in a slaughter house. They turned him down and he wanted to know if they have applied here? Mayor Sperry said no they have not applied as far as she knew.

Mr. Brown asked if we will open the Master Plan? Mayor Sperry said not at this time.

Mr. Brown asked if the townships taxes are going up? The Mayor said yes but not sure how much as we have not received numbers from the county or the school.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-75
RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b permits a public body to go into a closed session during a public meeting to discuss certain matters as follows:

- (1) Matters Required by law to be confidential: Any matter which by express provision of the Federal law or State statute or rule of court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.
- (2) Any matter in which the release of information would impair the right to receive federal funding.
- (3) Matters involving individual privacy: Any matter, the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy such as records, data, reports, recommendations or other personal material of any education, training, social service, medical, health, custodial, child protection, rehabilitation, legal defense, welfare, housing relocation, insurance and similar program or institution operated by a public body pertaining to any specific individual admitted to or served by such institution or program, including, but not limited to information relative to the individual's personal and family circumstances, and any material pertaining to admission, discharge, treatment, progress or condition of any individual, unless the individual concerned .
- (4) Matters pertaining to a collective bargaining agreement: Any matter involving a collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of the terms and conditions thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body.
- (5) Matters relating to the purchase, lease acquisition of real property or investment of public funds: Any matter involving the lease, purchase or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking

rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed.

(6) Matters of public protection: Any tactic and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, provided that their disclosure could impair such protection.

(7) Matters relating to litigation, negotiations and attorney-client privilege: Any matter of pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation other than in (4) above in which the Township is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required for the attorney to exercise ethical duties as a lawyer.

(8) Matters relating to the employment relationship: Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of , promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all of the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed in public.

(9) Deliberations after public hearing. Deliberations by the Township occurring after a public hearing that may result in a civil penalty or the suspension or loss of a license or permit of a responding party; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined that it is necessary to go into a closed session to discuss certain matters relating to the items as permitted by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of Quinton that the Committee will go into closed session to discuss the following, in accordance with the aforesaid provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, after which it will reconvene in the public:

7. Attorney Client/Potential Litigation

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the minutes of the closed session will be made available to the public when the need for privacy no longer exists. (Potential Litigation)

Motion Hannagan Second Owens RCV 3 Yes

Motion to close open session - Motion Hannagan Second Owens RCV 3 Yes

Motion to open closed session - Motion Hannagan Second Owens RCV 3 Yes

RESOLUTION 2024-76

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A TITAL SEARCH ON BLOCK 61 LOT 10.01
21 STRETCH ROAD**

WHEREAS, the Township of Quinton has a tax lien on block 61 lot 10.01; and

WHEREAS, the Quinton Township Committee desires to research block 61 Lot 10.01 for Tax Research Information .

WHEREAS, The Quinton Township Committee directed Solicitor Vigilante to order a title search;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Quinton has directed the Township clerk to proceed as necessary.

Motion Hannagan Second Owens RCV 3 Yes

There being no further business motion to adjourn 7:25pm by **Hannagan, Second Owens, RCV 3 yes**