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**AGENDA
WARREN COUNTY PLANNING BOARD**

Monday, October 25, 2021

8:00 p.m.

In-Person and Via Electronic Communication

Development Review Committee meets at 7:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT:

Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by forwarding a notice of the date, time and location of the meeting to THE STAR-LEDGER, THE DAILY RECORD and the Warren County Clerk and by posting a copy thereof on the bulletin board of the Warren County Courthouse and Administration Building. The meetings will be conducted in person and through electronic communications equipment to facilitate public comment. Public access is provided through a conference call using Webex to preserve the health, safety and welfare of the public in conformance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et seq. [the Open Public Meetings Act], at which time formal action will be taken.

THE COUNTY PLANNING BOARD REQUESTS THAT ALL PARTICIPANTS KEEP THEIR PHONE OR COMPUTER ON MUTE UNLESS SPEAKING DURING PUBLIC COMMENT. THIS WILL ELIMINATE BACKGROUND NOISE AND DISRUPTION DURING THE REGULAR MEETING AND DURING PUBLIC COMMENT

SELECTED SUBDIVISION AND SITE PLAN MAPS TO BE ACTED ON AT THIS MONTH'S MEETING MAY BE VIEWED AT

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ROLL CALL

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

- September 27, 2021

PUBLIC COMMENTS

SUBDIVISION & SITE PLAN REPORT

Subdivisions

21-012	Washington Twp.	Washington Solar Farm II, LLC
21-013 (F)	Washington Twp.	Asbury Farms Urban Renewal Area 2

Site Plans

21-034-SP	Pohatcong	Paul Matinho NJ Battery Energy Storage Project 1
21-025-SP	Hope	Hope NJ Realty Group (Inn at Millrace)
21-040-SP (F)	Washington Twp.	Asbury Farms Urban Renewal Area 2
21-026-SP	White	Skoog Holdings, LLC
21-018-SP	Harmony	Harmony Plains Solar 1, LLC

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Agriculture Development Board – Minutes of July 15, 2021

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Warren County Planning Dept. Project Report October 2021

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LIAISON REPORTS

OLD BUSINESS

- Proposed Operating Budget 2022

NEW BUSINESS

OTHER BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Members Who Do Not Plan To Attend the Meeting
Please Notify the Planning Department**

WARREN COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Department of Land Preservation

P.O. Box 179

500 Mt. Pisgah Avenue

Oxford, NJ 07863

Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2021

The regular monthly meeting was held at the office of the Department of Land Preservation, 500 Mt. Pisgah Avenue, Oxford, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Schnetzer at 7:32 p.m. An announcement was read as required by the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6-21.

Members present: Tim Bodine, Bradley Burke, Jason Menegus, Joel Schnetzer, Melissa Watters

Members absent: Lou Baduini, Robert Nyland

Others present: T. Kaminski, C. Tierney, Staff; Lori Ciesla, County Commissioner; Aaron Culton, Substitute County Counsel; Arie Van Vugt, Allamuchy; Alex Montalvo, Hope Township; Kevin Benbrook; Stefanie Miller, Rachel DeFlumeri, SADC.

Minutes of the meeting held on June 17, 2021 were approved on a motion by Mr. Menegus and seconded by Mrs. Watters. Motion carries.

Correspondence: None

Public Input (Non-agenda Items): None

Old Business:

Pipers Hills Farms, LLC, TLC-NJ Non-Profit, BL 48 L 72, Washington Township, approx. 28 gross acres

Mr. Tierney stated that the asphalt apron had been completed and is waiting to hear back from the County Engineering Department.

Possible Deed of Easement Violations
Bogyos/Steinhardt, Franklin Township

Mr. Tierney stated that Ms. Campbell, County Counsel was working on a letter to the landowner's attorney.

Utility Scale Solar on NJ Farmland

Mr. Menegus stated that both the utility scale solar bill and the dual-use solar bill were signed by Governor Murphy. He noted that in the utility-scale solar bill, an allowance was made for 2.5% (4,000 acres) of those soils to be put into solar without a waiver from BPU and another 2.5% can be put into solar with a waiver from BPU (in consultation with SADC and DEP). There were siting restrictions including general prohibitions on siting solar on prime or statewide important soils in ADAs with some exceptions. But, in the dual-use bill, projects done in concert with Rutgers or other state universities for research purposes are exempted from the siting restrictions and another provision of concern is that dual-use projects will be considered a permitted use in any area zoned for agriculture including the ADA.

New Business:

Resolutions

Certification of Commercial Farm Resolution #21-05 Sarepta Farms, BL 54.01 L 2, White Township, 27.18 acres

Mr. Menegus recused himself from this resolution vote. Mr. Burke made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Watters to memorialize the resolution for the Certification of Sarepta Farms, BL 54.01 L 2, White Township.

Roll Call: Mr. Schnetzer – yes; Mr. Bodine – yes; Mr. Burke – yes; Mrs. Watters – yes. Motion passes.

Certification of Commercial Farm Resolution #21-07 Plainview Growers, Inc., BL 105 L 8, Allamuchy Township

Mr. Bodine made a motion to memorialize this resolution as presented for the Certification of Plainview Growers, Inc. BL 105 L 8 in Allamuchy Township which was seconded by Mr. Menegus.

Roll Call: Mr. Schnetzer – yes; Mr. Bodine – yes; Mr. Burke – yes; Mrs. Watters – yes; Mr. Menegus – yes. Motion passes.

Formal Complaint Hearing – Krouse vs. Skoog (Sarepta Farms)

Mr. Culton stated that there was a conflict of interest and that this Complaint Hearing may be transferred to another County. The matter has currently been forwarded to SADC for counsel. Mr. Culton also stated that the Municipal Planning Board may rectify the situation in the meantime as it before the Board and may address Mr. Krouse's complaints with the landowner. Mr. Burke made a motion to table this until August which was seconded by Mr. Bodine.

Roll Call: Mr. Schnetzer – yes; Mr. Bodine – yes; Mr. Burke – yes; Mrs. Watters – yes. Motion passes.

Right-to-Farm Hearing, Plainview Growers, Inc. BL 105 L 8, Allamuchy Township, 145 acres

Mr. Tierney stated that he and the SADC did a site visit and that they noted that a manure pile needed to be moved away from the stream on the property and that there was a small triangle Lot 42 that should have been conveyed with primary lot when the property was divided and sold in 1996 and that there is also a municipal realignment on Lot 42. Mr. Culton stated that prior to last month's meeting, the CADB & SADC needed to inspect the farm for the RTF matter to proceed, but recently, the SADC stated that the CADB decides that these concerns of the deed of easement violations are not relevant to the proposed structure of the building, then the matter could be heard. Mr. Tierney stated that the SADC is looking for copies of deeds or ROW's if that area was part of the premises (Lot 24) and that this request just came up last week and Mr. Van Vugt had been out of state and just got back yesterday and hadn't had time to complete the request for the documents.

Mr. Van Vugt stated that he needed to locate the deeds and stated that the Township dealt directly with the SADC at that time on Lot 42. He stated that Lot 42 is not on his Farmland Assessment Form and that he both the property in December 1996 and asked if this was relevant to his hearing matter and that the realignment was done after he purchased the property.

Mr. Culton swore in Mr. Arie Van Vugt, owner of Plainview Growers, Inc., BL 105 L 8, Allamuchy Township. Mr. Van Vugt is before the Board for a proposed wooden 3 sided pole barn with sliding doors of 224' L x 60' W x 18' H in which the Township zoning officer denied his permit with the intent that the CADB handle the matter and in lieu of a site plan approval before the Township.

The Board and Mr. Tierney questioned Mr. Van Vugt and he responded that the proposed building will just be a storage structure for ceramic and plastic pots for production that are currently stored outside and that it will have no heat or electric and there are 2 other pole barns that stand to the right of it; that there were no impervious coverage issues with the proposed building and also that the proposed building will not be in the parking lot which is gravel, but will soon be asphalt. Mr. Van Vugt stated that the proposed structure is estimated at 300-400 feet from nearest neighbor to the right and estimated at 1,500-2,000 feet to the left property line, estimated at 500-600 feet from Gibbs Road, and the front boundary is Route 80, and the stream is located behind the proposed building. Mr. Van Vugt is not aware of any setback from the stream or required DEP permits for the proposed building. Mr. Tierney stated that he would have to comply with any DEP setbacks regarding the stream.

Chairman Schnetzer opened this up to the public for comment and noted that there was none after waiting a few minutes for a response.

Mr. Burke made a motion to approve the proposed construction of the wooden 3 sided pole barn with sliding doors of 224' L x 60' W x 18' H that is used for storage for horticultural/agricultural production conditional upon deed of easement compliance, any SADC concerns, any DEP requirements for stream, if any, and all Township zoning regulations. Mr. Bodine seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Schnetzer – yes; Mr. Bodine – yes; Mr. Burke – yes; Mrs. Watters – yes; Mr. Menegus - yes. Motion passes.

Certification of Commercial Farm—Montalvena Farm, BL 5200 L600, Hope Township, 7.90acres

No Schedule F was submitted when the application was received in May making it incomplete at that time. Mr. Tierney made the request to Mr. Benbrook for a Schedule F or for receipts from his clients, the applicant. Receipts were submitted in June, but were received too late to get on the Agenda for that month. Mr. Bodine made a request to get a copy of the 2020 filed Schedule F and to table this until August which was seconded by Mrs. Watters.

Roll Call: Mr. Schnetzer – yes; Mr. Bodine – yes; Mr. Burke – yes; Mrs. Watters – yes; Mr. Menegus - yes. Motion passes.

Targeted Farms Discussion

Mr. Tierney stated that the office has been too busy and will try to have it at the next meeting.

Administrator's Report: Mr. Tierney stated that the Kitchen Farm is soon to be scheduled to close.

New Applications:

County Applications

Total Applications: 0 Total Acres: 0

Non-profit applications

- **Campgaw Farm** – Hope/Blairstown Townships (Approx. 135.54 acres)
- **Giordano** – Frelinghuysen Township (Approx. 33.98 acres)
- **Mt. View Farms** - Franklin Township (Approx. 55.30 acres)
- **Santini Home Farm** - Franklin Township (Approx. 39.905 acres)
- **Shotwell Family Partnership, LP** – Blairstown Township (Approx. 154.5 acres)
- **Silver Pine Farm, LLC**– Frelinghuysen Township (Approx. 33.23 acres)
- **Stecker** – Harmony Township (Approx. 18.988 acres)
- **Watercress** – Frelinghuysen Township (Approx. 117 acres)

Total Applications: 8 Total Acres: 588.443

Awaiting Green Light Approval:

County Applications

- **McEvoy #1** – White Township (Approx. 102 acres Exception areas confirmed. **Total Applications: 1 Total Acres: 102**)

Received Green Light Approval:

County Applications

Total Applications: 0 Total Acres: 0

Received CMV & Offer Made:

County Applications

- **McEvoy #2** – White Township (Approx. 20 acres) \$5,200. CMV Accepted offer. Sent out contract.

Total Applications: 1 Total Acres: 20

Municipal Applications

Total Applications: 0 Total Acres: 0

SADC applications

- **Gardner**– Franklin Township (Approx. 91.5 acres)
- **Riggs** – Franklin Township (Approx. 34 acres)

Total Applications: 2 Total Acres: 125.5

Under Contract (Title Search & Survey):

County Applications

- **Anema, Ralph** – Washington Township (Approx. 123 acres) Landowner proceeding with Township to subdivide 6 acres severable exception. Received signed contract. Survey underway.
- **Dykstra** – Mansfield Twp. (Approx. 209 ac.) CMV \$3,900. Received signed contract. Survey underway. Title ordered. SADC final approval received.
- **Khan** – Hardwick Twp. (Approx. 75 ac.) CMV \$3,400. Hardwick Township to cost-share at \$600/acre. Received draft survey and title work underway. At Engineering for review.

Total Applications: 3 Total Acres: 407

Municipal Applications

- **Dokie's Acres (Thompson)** – White Twp. (Approx. 43 ac.) CMV \$6,000. Issues with trucks turning around on property. Engineering requested change in previous revisions from surveyor. Received revised survey.

- **McLain** – Harmony Twp. (Approx. 140 ac.) CMV \$5,700. No County Comments from Engineering on survey. Major soil erosion on property found during site inspection. Landowner working with NRCS.
- **Vass**– Knowlton Twp. (Approx. 100 ac.) CMV \$4,700. Landowner confirmed location of exception area to 3.3 acres. Received contract. Survey to commence soon. Ordered title work.

Total Applications: 3 Total Acres: 283

Non-Profit Applications

- **Kimball** – White Twp. (Approx. 45 ac.) CMV \$4,200. TLC-NJ has signed contract, draft survey and title. Sent draft survey and title to Engineering for their review.
- **Promised Land (M. Santini)** – Franklin Twp. (Approx. 58 ac.) CMV \$4,650. Received contract, waiting for TLC-NJ to send title and survey underway.

Total Applications: 2 Total Acres: 103

Waiting to Close (Final Legal Review):

County Applications

- **Beatty South** – Greenwich Twp. (Approx. 57 ac.) CMV \$9,500. Mrs. Beatty has died, estate being settled.
- **Beatty North** – Greenwich Twp. (Approx. 86 ac.) CMV \$8,800. Mrs. Beatty has died, estate being settled.
- **Haydu** – Harmony Twp. (Approx. 46 ac.) CMV \$4,900. Title search done & received draft survey. Survey sent to Engineering Dept. for review on 2/27/19. Engineering signed off, sent final survey to SADC for review.
- **Smith, John & Jean #1** – Harmony/White Twps. (Approx. 82 ac.) CMV \$4,600. Waiting to close.
- **Smith, John & Jean #2** – Harmony Twp. (Approx. 36 ac.) CMV \$6,000. Waiting to close,

Total Applications: 5 Total Acres: 307

Municipal Applications

- **Kitchen** – Knowlton Township (Approx. 28 ac.) CMV \$5,100. Should be closing soon.

Total Applications: 1 Total Acres: 28

Non-Profit Applications

- **Pipers Hill Farm (Gibb)** – Washington Twp. (Approx. 27 ac.) CMV \$5,500. Received draft survey. Received County Engineer review letter 11/19; landowner to address unpermitted access and power box; revisions to survey needed.

Total Applications: 1 Total Acres: 27

SADC applications

- **Shen** – Mansfield Township (Approx. 222 acres)

Total Applications: 1 Total Acres: 222

Recent Closings: None.

Pohatcong Contamination Area Projects:

Seeking Highlands Council Open Space Funding cost-share

- **Pear Tree Realty** – Franklin Township (Approx. 62 ac.) Received up to 50% matching Highlands Grant. Received draft survey. No County comments. Warren County and Highlands to be Co-owners of DOE. Landowners agree to continue preservation with further restrictions and HC on DOE.
- **Pereira** – Franklin Township (Approx. 30 ac.) Received up to 50% matching Highlands Grant. No County comments. Warren County and Highlands to be Co-owners of DOE. Landowners agree to continue preservation with further restrictions and HC on DOE.
- **Myers/Toretta #1**– Franklin Township (Approx. 38 acres) Received up to 50% matching Highlands Grant. Engineering reviewing sight triangle revision. Warren County and Highlands to be Co-owners of DOE. Landowners agree to continue preservation with further restrictions and HC on DOE.
- **Myers/Toretta #2** – Franklin Township (Approx. 48 acres) Received up to 50% matching Highlands Grant. Engineering cleared survey revisions. Waiting on title update and survey endorsement. Warren County and Highlands to be Co-owners of DOE. Landowners agree to continue preservation with further restrictions and HC on DOE.
- **Noel** – Franklin Township (Approx. 44 ac.) Received 50% matching Highlands Grant. Sent to Engineering to review on 1.14.20. Waiting for title company to review. Surveyor made Engineering revisions. Waiting on title update and survey endorsement. Warren County and Highlands to be Co-owners of DOE. Landowners agree to continue preservation with further restrictions and HC on DOE.
- **Oberly** – Franklin/Greenwich (Approx. 96 ac.) Applied for Highlands Grant. Inspected by HC staff. Received Highlands Grant.

- **O'Dowd South** – Franklin & Greenwich Township – (Approx. 132 ac.) Applied for Highlands Grant. Inspected by HC staff. Received Highlands Grant. Warren County and Highlands to be Co-owners of DOE. Landowners agree to continue preservation with further restrictions and HC on DOE.

Total Applications: 7

Total Acres: 450

2021 Closings YTD: 7 farms totaling 634.462 acres

Program Totals: 308 farms totaling 27,055.9794 acres

2018 Highlands Grant Applications for Farmland Preservation (Pohatcong Valley Contamination Area farms)

Mr. Tierney stated that we had a conference with Highlands Council representatives last week and now the Federal Government will not accept the appraisals on the five farms and will not accept the State's dual Highlands Appraisal legislation for the applications that are that region. They now will only accept a Federal Yellow Book appraisal and we would lose our 50% cost-share funding. Mr. Tierney stated that these farms have been on hold for closing for such a long time and Myers/Toretta farms were submitted in 2013. The farms have been turned down by the SADC for cost-share because they are in the Pohatcong Valley Contamination Area. Grants were obtained by the Highlands Council when it was under the previous program and guidelines, but delays beyond our control with the COVID pandemic, slow responses from other parties involved to move the application along for title and survey review and revisions and now more developing changes by the Federal Government for these grants since we were first notified, Mr. Tierney made a request to the Board to fund these 5 projects 100% and also due to the hard pressure push for solar panel installation in this region targeting farmers and for warehouse construction targeting on farmland. Mr. Tierney was also concerned that staying with the Highlands Grant for funding may drag out the preservation 6 or more months and not sure if there will be more changes with the program. These applications all have been surveyed and are ready for closing with some minor updates and legal review and proceedings.

Mr. Burke asked about if this would affect our allocated funds and if the Township would be willing to participate. Mr. Tierney stated that it would be minimal effect to the County funding and Franklin Township has stepped back in preservation efforts and declined participation in Hart and O'Dowd farms. Mr. Menegus thinks that they also cut their Open Space Tax.

Mr. Burke made a request to fund these projects 100% and to recommend this total cost share for preservation to the County Board of County Commissioners. Mrs. Watters seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Schnetzer – yes; Mr. Bodine –yes; Mr. Burke – yes; Mrs. Watters – yes; Mr. Menegus - yes. Motion passes.

Public Comment:


Commissioner Ciesla stated that she is happy to promote the Franklin farms and discuss with the other Commissioners and that this area is a high profile corridor and thanked the Board for their aggressiveness on the preservation. Chairman Schnetzer that Commissioner Ciesla for her support.

Mr. Menegus asked how the status now of Oberly and O'Dowd Highlands Applications. Mr. Tierney stated that he would still like to possibly utilize the grants, but was reviewing these and will do more research to analyze them on how to proceed as there are not appraisals on the Oberly farm and the O'Dowd appraisals are too old.

Mr. Menegus asked about the correspondence from the SADC regarding County's update their Comprehensive Farmland Preservation Plan and Mr. Tierney stated that the last time that we updated was in 2017 and were not due for update every 10 years or 2027, but will see if we can obtain a grant from the SADC to update our Target List when we do determination for farms under 40 acres at 15-20 acres. Chairman Schnetzer closed public comment.

Adjournment: A motion for adjournment was made by Mrs. Watters, and seconded by Mr. Bodine. Motion carries. Chairman Schnetzer adjourned the meeting at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted



Teresa Kaminski

Warren County Planning Dept. Project Report October 2021

1. Development Applications Submitted 9/13/21-10/8/21 (Board Meeting Cut-Off)

Application #	Applicant	Municipality	Road	Use
19-004-SP	English Property Holdings, Mountain Valley Liquors	Washington Twp.	CR 640	Commercial
21-018-SP	Harmony Plains Solar 1	Harmony Twp.	CR 621	Solar
21-040-SP	Asbury Farms Urban Renewal Area 2	Washington Twp.	NJSH Rt. 31	Residential
21-013	Asbury Farms Urban Renewal Area 2	Washington Twp.	NJSH Rt. 31	Residential
21-010	Michael Planer	Hope	CR 519	Residential
21-028-SP	PR Bridge 178 Phase II Owner Urban Renewal, LLC	Phillipsburg	NJSH 22 & Rand Blvd	Warehouse
21-012	Washington Solar Farm II, LLC	Washington Twp.	CR 630 and CR 651	Solar
21-034-SP	Paul Matino/NJ Battery Storage Project 1 LLC	Pohatcong Twp.	CR 519	Battery Storage, Industrial
21-026-SP	Skoog Holdings	White Twp.	CR 618	Commercial
21-011-SP	Mars Incorporated	Hackettstown	CR 517	Industrial
17-011-SP	White Town Realty	White	CR 519	Commercial/Industrial
21-025-SP	Hope NJ Realty Group, LLC	Hope	CR 519	Commercial
17-012-SP	Woodmont Independence Urban Renewal, LLC	Independence	CR 517	Residential
21-041_SP	Belvidere Urban Renewal, LLC	Belvidere	Manukachunk Rd	Residential
21-039-SP	380 Bloomsbury LLC	Franklin	CR 632	Warehouse

2. Municipal Ordinance Review & Update Report

10/7/21 Township of Hardwick

Ordinance #2021-09 Amending and supplementing Chapter 13 Sections 6 Definitions and Section 33.5 Enlargement of Non-Conforming Principal Structure of the Code of the Township of Hardwick. First Reading 10/6/21 Second reading scheduled 11/3/21

10/7/21 Township of Franklin

Ordinance #2021-10 an Ordinance amending Chapter 90 entitled "Land Use and Development" to revise section 90-54 with respect to the keeping of farm animals. First reading 10/4/21. Second reading 12/6/21.

Stormwater Control Ordinances - The County is responsible for reviewing and approving municipal stormwater control ordinances (SCO) as they are updated pursuant to NJDEP revised rules. One (1) municipality has not submitted an ordinance.

3. Development Review Online Applications— October 2021 development applications are in process of being uploaded into the story map. The link is <https://warrencountynj.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Shortlist/index.html?appid=84bb354d75dc4868a66480fde8124c4c>

4. Public Information Requests — Processed three requests through October 18

5. Demographics/US. Census— Redistricting data is now available for many data sets including by municipality, school district, voting district etc., and by race and age. The data can be accessed at <https://nj.gov/state/dos-reports-2020-census-report.shtml>. A table is attached to this report showing the 2020 population figures by municipality.

6. Open Space

7. Warren Highlands Trail-There is an interest in reconvening the trail group to keep up to date on progress made on new connections and maintenance and development issues.

8. Morris Canal— French and Parrello was contracted for engineering services for the design for construction of trails on six segments of the Morris Canal. Application to the NJDEP Land Use Regulation program was submitted. As of now, it is more likely that the project will be ready to be advertised sometime over the winter and construction to begin in the Spring of 2022.

Reviewed a plan by Aqua NJ Water Company to install a water line on Strykers Road. The water line will be directionally drilled under the Lopatcong Creek and the Morris Canal. The Morris Canal Committee may be providing additional comments.

9. Warren Heritage Scenic Byway—Pohatcong Twp. and Lopatcong Twp. endorsed the byway extension to Union Square, Phillipsburg. In addition to the extension to Union Square, Pohatcong Twp. would like

to see a spur route that would follow CR 519 through Alpha Borough to CR 627 to Riegelsville. The Byway Committee meeting was held on October 18. Committee discussed the extensions as proposed by Pohatcong Township and then discussed additional extensions or spurs. A workgroup meeting will be scheduled in November to review potential spurs in detail. Brian is also an administrator for the two Scenic Byway media sites. One resides at an NJDOT server and the other is hosted on Facebook. Also looking for scenic photographs or of activities along the byway that can be posted on the Byway website and Facebook Page.

10. Rt 57/CR 519 - nothing new

11. I-80 Rockfall Project - On September 22 the Board of County Commissioners approved a resolution to request the NJDOT to initiate a Problem Statement to address safety and mobility issues on I-80 from the Columbia exit to the Delaware Water Gap Bridge.

12. Pilot Freight Concept Development Program- Drainage Culvert Replacement Project in Hackettstown-We have not received any news on the actual construction date for this project from NJDOT. This project is critical to allow the larger Plate F cars to cross the repaired bridge safely so the heavier loads can cross this drain bridge without any safety or weight issues.

13. Transportation Plan – The Report was completed on time and the final reports printed and delivered to the Department. However, it appears that additional edits may be required. When those edits are incorporated the document will be transmitted to the Planning Board for review.

14. County Transportation Advisory Council-

15-NJTPA - Filed 1st Quarter Reports on October 14. Attended the NJTPA Joint Meeting of the Project Prioritization Committee and Planning and Economic Development Committee. Heard a presentation on and acted on the Safety Performance Measure Targets for 2022. Also acted on a minor amendment to use Federal Disaster Recovery and Resiliency Program for NJDOT and Port Authority. Also heard and the recently study on the Expansion of Hudson River Ferry Services.

16. Pedestrian Counts –

17. Lackawanna Cutoff and 18. Raritan Valley Line- - Amtrak identified the Cutoff to Scranton Pa for reactivation of passenger service the extension of service on the Raritan Valley line to Allentown, Pa., in its report titled "Amtrak's Vision for Improving Transportation in America" It can be downloaded from the following web address.
<https://www.amtrak.com/content/dam/projects/dotcom/english/public/documents/corporate/reports/Amtrak-2021-Corridor-Vision-060121.pdf>. The Pennsylvania Northeast Regional Railroad Authority is funding the ridership study for the Scranton service to see if ridership projections would support the restoration of service. That study should be complete in 10 months. The Board of County Commissioners adopted a resolution in support of passenger rail extensions on the Cutoff to Scranton as well as for the Raritan Valley line.

19. Transportation Improvement Program

20. CR 519/521 Weight Restriction – Under review by NJDOT

- 21. Economic Development Council – Did not attend the October meeting.
- 22. Musconetcong River Management Council – Meeting held via zoom on October 19, 2021
- 23. Solid Waste and Recycling - Weekly education advertisements about recycling continue to run in the Express Times and/or Warren Reporter.

Virtually attended Association of New Jersey Recyclers Annual Conference meeting on October 6, 13, and 20. Major topics included the need to keep rechargeable batteries out of the waste stream by recycling them. Locations for recycling boxes include Home Depot and Lowes. On the 13th, the major topic was food waste composting and how several towns in NJ have initiated residential food waste composting programs.

Paper shredding event was held on September 25. Since we began providing this service, this event took in the most paper in weight, 12, 529 pounds.

24. County Road Map-. The narrative and photos need to be added to the backside of the map.

25. Park Locator App and Parks Story Map- The app is still a work in progress and will be able to deploy from any mobile device. The link for “Warren Parks Locator and Story Map is <https://warrencountynj.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Shortlist/index.html?appid=493ae0539bc84ede9dcedab2e0ac8b84>.

26. North Jersey Resource Conservation and Development – Next Council meeting is October 27.

27. Assisting other Departments-

28. GIS- Blairstown Township is the only township that needs to be updated for Zoning. Also had a virtual meeting with representatives from ESRI about an add on program called Urban. It may help us in conducting various planning studies such as build out analysis, 3D visualization etc. A follow up meeting is scheduled on October 20.

29. County Planners Association –

30. Hazard Mitigation Plan - A draft Hazard Mitigation Plan update has been prepared through the WC Public Safety Department.

31. Highlands Sustainable Economic Plan – A draft of the plan has been released to the Steering Committee. I have not had a chance to review it. The plan will be placed on the Highlands Council website for public review in November.

32. Regional Planning Meetings-

33. Senate No. 3688 - The bill failed to advance in the Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee but did pass in the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.

34. Highlands Plan Conformance -

35. County Website Update- The new website is now live. County Departments are responsible for adding their own content to the site. This will allow us to provide the public with access to documents and links relevant to the planning and the department. The new web address to the County home page is <http://www.warrencountynj.gov/>

36. Bylaws - The Board of Commissioners approved the revisions to the Bylaws at its September 22, 2021 meeting.

37. Budget - The proposed budget for 2022 is being prepared for the Department. It must be submitted to the CFO by the end of October.

Population of Warren County and Municipalities 1990, 2000, 2010, and 2020

Geographic area	Population					Population Change					
	2020	2010	2000	1990		1990 to 2000		2000 to 2010		2010 to 2020	
	Number	Number	Number	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
NEW JERSEY	9,288,994	8,791,894	8,414,350	7,730,188		684,162	8.9%	377,544	4.5%	497,100	5.7%
Warren County	109,632	108,692	102,437	91,607		10,830	11.8%	6,255	6.1%	940	0.9%
Hunterdon County	128,947	128,349	121,989	107,776		14,213	13.2%	6,360	5.2%	598	0.5%
Morris County	509,285	492,276	470,212	421,353		48,859	11.6%	22,064	4.7%	17,009	3.5%
Sussex County	144,221	149,265	144,166	130,943		13,223	10.1%	5,099	3.5%	-5,044	-3.4%
MUNICIPALITY											
Allamuchy township	5,335	4,323	3,877	3,484		393	11.3%	446	11.5%	1,012	23.4%
Alpha borough	2,328	2,369	2,482	2,530		-48	-1.9%	-113	-4.6%	-41	-1.7%
Belvidere town	2,520	2,681	2,771	2,669		102	3.8%	-90	-3.2%	-161	-6.0%
Blairtown township	5,704	5,967	5,747	5,331		416	7.8%	220	3.8%	-263	-4.4%
Franklin township	2,968	3,176	2,768	2,404		364	15.1%	408	14.7%	-208	-6.5%
Frelinghuysen township	2,199	2,230	2,083	1,779		304	17.1%	147	7.1%	-31	-1.4%
Greenwich township	5,473	4,712	4,365	1,899		2,466	129.9%	1,347	30.9%	-239	-4.2%
Hackettstown town	10,248	9,724	8,984	8,120		864	10.6%	740	8.2%	524	5.4%
Harwick township	1,598	1,696	1,464	1,255		209	16.7%	232	15.8%	-98	-5.8%
Harmony township	2,503	2,667	2,729	2,653		76	2.9%	-62	-2.3%	-164	-6.1%
Hope township	1,835	1,952	1,891	1,719		172	10.0%	61	3.2%	-117	-6.0%
Independence township	2,469	3,662	5,603	3,940		1,663	42.2%	59	1.1%	-193	-3.4%
Knowlton township	2,894	2,055	2,977	2,543		434	17.1%	78	2.6%	-161	-5.3%
Liberty township	2,670	2,942	2,765	2,493		272	10.9%	177	6.4%	-272	-9.2%
Lopatcong township	8,776	8,014	5,765	5,052		713	14.1%	2,249	39.0%	762	9.5%
Mansfield township	7,781	7,725	8,072	7,154		918	12.8%	-347	-4.3%	56	0.7%
Oxford township	2,444	2,514	2,307	1,790		517	28.9%	207	9.0%	-70	-2.8%
Phillipsburg town	15,249	14,950	15,166	15,757		-591	-3.8%	-216	-1.4%	299	2.0%
Popatcong township	3,341	3,339	3,416	3,591		-175	-4.9%	-77	-2.3%	-98	-2.9%
Washington borough	7,299	6,461	6,712	6,474		238	3.7%	-251	-3.7%	838	13.0%
Washington township	6,492	6,651	6,248	5,367		881	16.4%	403	6.5%	-159	-2.4%
White township	4,606	4,882	4,245	3,603		642	17.8%	637	15.0%	-276	-5.7%
Total	109,632	108,692	102,437	91,607		10,830	11.8%	6,255	6.1%	940	0.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2020, 2010, Redistricting Data Summary File, Table PL1, 2020, 2010, 2000 and 1990 Census.

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Memo

Date: October 20, 2021
To: Planning Board Members
From: David K. Dech
Subject: 2022 Budget

Attached is the existing 2021 Operating Budget and Proposed 2022 Operating Budget for the Planning Department. You will see for each line item, the approved budgeted amount, the amount spent and encumbered so far this year, the amount anticipated to the end of year, ending balance, and then the proposed amount for the year 2022. You will see that there is a projected balance of over \$14,000. With the remaining funds, my question to the Board members is what activity or product do you believe should be undertaken with the remaining funds? Options could be to conduct a capacity analysis of select intersections on CR 519, initiate selected study for the Warren Heritage Scenic Byway amended application and Corridor Management Plan for the extensions, purchase of GIS related software, etc.

Planning Department 2022 Budget Request

Line Account #	Budget as Approved 2021	Expenditures - As of 10/12/21	Encumbrances - As of 10/12/21	Account Balance - 10/12/21	Anticipate to End of Year	Projected Balance as of 12/31/21	Proposed Budget 2022	Notes
Legal Advertising 5021	\$250.00	\$284.34	\$0.00	-\$34.34	\$0.00	-\$34.34	\$300.00	Over budget due to additional wording in the advertising required resulting from Covid, and overall increase in publishing costs
Postage & Express Charges 5022	\$150.00	\$61.50	\$0.00	\$88.50	\$60.00	\$28.50	\$150.00	Anticipated in case we miss the mail pick up in building
Printing & Binding 5023	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$500.00	Intention was to use funds to finalize county road map and print copies. Currently have grant from NJTPA to help pay for additional printing costs.
Contracted Equipment Maint. 5026	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$7,000.00	Anticipated \$\$,845 ESRL. \$637 Quick Terrain Modeler, and additional \$\$\$ for ARC GIS Urban add-on... cost of Urban to be obtained
Legal Services 5027	\$20,000.00	\$15,571.75	\$0.00	\$4,428.25	\$3,400.00	\$1,028.25	\$20,000.00	Anticipated to end of year is average of \$850 per month. Higher costs incurred due to an Applicant's appeal to Board of County Commissioners
Prof. Consultants & Special Services 5028	\$9,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,750.00	\$0.00	\$9,750.00	\$9,750.00	Anticipated remaining balance to be encumbered by end of year
Operating Supplies 5030	\$750.00	\$451.41	\$0.00	\$298.59	\$300.00	-\$1.41	\$750.00	
Books & Publications 5033	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	
Office Supplies 5036	\$2,700.00	\$2,607.76	\$42.24	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$2,700.00	
Conferences & Meetings 5041	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
Education & Training 5042	\$400.00	\$85.00	\$0.00	\$315.00	\$0.00	\$315.00	\$400.00	
Professional Association Dues 5044	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,400.00	\$885.00	\$515.00	\$1,500.00	Anticipate NJ Planning Officials \$325 and APA \$560
Travel & Subsistence 5045	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
Office Equipment 5053	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	
PE TOTAL*	\$45,700.00	\$19,161.76	\$42.24	\$26,496.00	\$11,945.00	\$14,551.00	\$45,750.00	Anticipated and Remaining balances to be encumbered by end of year