



BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

RESOLUTION 23-138

AUTHORIZING COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN TO SUBMIT AN EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (NJDEP) FOR DISCRETIONARY AID FUNDING

WHEREAS, excessive flooding occurred during a recent storm as a result of the inadequacy of the storm drainage network along Linden, Waterwitch and Bay Avenues in the Borough of Highlands; and

WHEREAS, unless immediate action is taken to remediate the storm drainage network, the Borough is susceptible to similar flooding and damage in future significant storm events; and

WHEREAS, the flooding has been worsening each month and time is of the essence to remediate the problem, which remediation consists of the following:

- (a) Remediate the storm network flowing down Linden Avenue and Waterwitch Avenue.
- (b) Remove the undersized pipes and inlets along Waterwitch and Bay Avenues up to Snug Harbor Avenue at Jones Creek.
- (c) Install larger culvert pipes, additional inlets and a substantially larger pre-cast concrete box culvert, beneath Bay Avenue, with a direct connection to the terminating timber bulkheading of Jones Creek.
- (d) Remove or remediate the 36-inch Steel Swing Tide Gate on Jones Creek; and

WHEREAS, the excessive loss of property and closure of businesses can be mitigated if the culvert system and tide gate remedial work is implemented immediately; and

WHEREAS, expediting the culvert work and remedial work could result in potential saving of lives as the flood events result in flood water depths in excess of two (2) feet putting the public, residents, children and motorists' lives at risk; and

WHEREAS, the flooding occurrence results in "flash flooding" where the flood waters rise at Bay Avenue and Snug Harbor Avenue as much as three (3) feet above road grade within a four (4) hour window.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Borough of Highlands, that it hereby declares the remediation of the flooding hazard which negatively impacts the health and safety of motorists, pedestrians, business owners and residents an emergency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Borough of Highlands, that it hereby authorizes Colliers Engineering & Design to submit an emergency authorization application to the

NJDEP for Discretionary Aid funding in order to expedite the design, obtain a Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Permit, receive authorization to advertise from local aid, and construct the new storm drainage network in a timely fashion thus meeting the needs of the Discretionary Aid Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of the within Resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer, Colliers Engineering & Design and the Borough Attorney.

Motion to Approve R 23-138:

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CERVANTES						
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This is a Certified True copy of the Original Resolution on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

DATE OF VOTE: June 7, 2023

Nancy Tran, Municipal Clerk
Borough of Highlands