



BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

RESOLUTION 24-137

AMENDING RESOLUTION 24-129 WHICH AUTHORIZED THE PLACEMENT OF A NON-BINDING BALLOT QUESTION ON THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT REGARDING ACCEPTANCE BY THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS OF A FEDERAL FLOODWALL PROJECT

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:37-1 permits municipalities to adopt a Resolution authorizing the placement of a non-binding question on the general election ballot to “ascertain the sentiment of the legal voters of the municipality” and request the County Clerk to print the question upon the official ballot of the next general election; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 24-129, duly adopted June 19, 2024, authorized the placement of a non-binding ballot question on the November 5, 2024 General Election ballot regarding acceptance by the Borough of a Federal Floodwall Project; and

WHEREAS, the Borough noted a typographical error that was contained in the language of the non-binding ballot question in Resolution 24-129; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has since received an update from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection as to the yearly maintenance cost to be estimated at \$452,000.00 annually; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highlands wishes to correct the typographical error that was contained in the language of the non-binding ballot question as reflected in Resolution 24-129; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highlands also wishes to update the yearly estimated maintenance cost based on the information provided by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Borough of Highlands that it requests that the County Clerk print upon the official ballot at the next general election to be held on November 5, 2024, the following question:

“Should the Borough of Highlands accept the large-scale Federal floodwall project as presented at the May 14, 2024 Public Meeting, which includes the possible exercise of eminent domain to take private property, with an initial estimated cost to the taxpayers of at least \$13 million dollars, in addition to annual funding paid by taxpayers for maintenance estimated to be at least \$452,000 per year?”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the language of the non-binding ballot question set forth herein shall replace the language that was contained in Resolution 24-129 which contained a typographical error and has since been updated with the information provided by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution certified by the Borough Clerk to be a true copy be immediately filed with the Monmouth County Clerk together with the request that the ballot question be placed upon the ballot for the general election to be held on November 5, 2024.

Motion to Approve R 24-137:

	INTRODUCED	SECOND	AYE	NAY	RECUSE	ABSENT
CERVANTES						
CHELAK						
MELNYK						
OLSZEWSKI						
BROULLON						

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

DATE OF VOTE: July 17, 2024

Nancy Tran, Municipal Clerk
Borough of Highlands