Township Council
1 Municipal Plaza
Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Louise M. Palagano
Municipal Clerk

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Meeting: 09/23/24 07:00 PM

2024 RESOLUTION BOARD APPOINTMENTS

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A FLOOD MITIGATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Township of Bloomfield has recently experience floodings which has caused substantial damage to public and private property and has negatively impacted the lives of the residents of Bloomfield; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council would like to create a Flood Mitigation Advisory Committee in order to engage key stakeholders and residents to discuss and review flood mitigation projects and undertake educational programs for the community; and

WHEREAS, a Flood Mitigation Advisory Committee can assist with the development of potential solutions for flood mitigation and community awareness and can further provide recommendations to the Township Administration and Township Council for implementation; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield as follows:

1. There is hereby created a Flood Mitigation Advisory Committee.

1. The purpose of the Committee is to:
   - Mobilize community involvement in flood control matters.
   - Assess current flood control methods undertaken by the Township, County, State and Federal governments and provide feedback on current flood control projects that impact the Township.
   - Advise Township Council and provide regular updates to council liaison to be shared during liaison reports
   - Request that Councilmember liaison seeks input from Township officials and employees as to flood control matters.
   - Identify and make recommendations for additional alternative sources of funding for flood control and education efforts.

1. The Committee shall consist of seven (7) members of the public, appointed by the Mayor and consent of the Township Council. The term of appointment shall be three (3) years. Initial terms shall be staggered. The initial membership is as follows: three members for one year; two members for two years and two members for three years. The Council Liaison shall be appointed to a term of one year.

4. Upon the expiration of an initial Committee member's term under this section, the Mayor shall either reappoint that Committee member or appoint their replacement for a term of three years. Thereafter, all appointments shall be for a term of three years.

5. Vacancies shall be filled by the Mayor only for the unexpired term.

6.   Preference for membership shall be for residents or property owners in flood prone/impacted areas of Bloomfield. Additionally, residents who have backgrounds and expertise in flood water management, engineering, and environmental science may be given preference for appointment.

7.   The Committee shall have the following Township officials and employees (or their designee) as ex-officio members to support and advise the public members of the Committee: Township Engineer, Flood Plain Administrator, Township Administrator, Superintendent of Public Works, and one (1) member of the Township Council. Council member shall be designated by the Mayor on an annual basis.

8.   The Chairperson of the Committee shall be appointed by a majority of the public members of the Committee. The Chairperson shall oversee all meetings of the Committee.
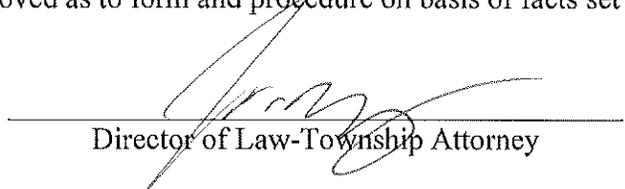
9.   The Committee shall rely upon the expertise of the Flood Plain Administrator, Township Engineer and Superintendent of Public Works.

10. The Committee has no jurisdiction or authority to participate in, interfere with or otherwise superimpose its will regarding the duties of the Flood Plain Administrator, Township Engineer and Superintendent of Public Works as they pertain to flood control and management. However, the Committee may provide comments, input and advice.

11. The Committee shall meet monthly at a cadence set by the majority of the public members of the Committee.

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Approved as to form and procedure on basis of facts set forth.

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Director of Law-Township Attorney

      I do hereby certify that the funding will be legally appropriated per the above information for the purpose specified in the attached contract. Furthermore, it has been represented to me that the contracts have been processed in accordance with the applicable provisions of New Jersey Local Public Contract Law and the Code of the Township of Bloomfield.

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Chief Financial Officer

      I hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield at a meeting of said Township Council held on September 23, 2024.

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Municipal Clerk of the Township of Bloomfield

Mayor of the Township of Bloomfield

✓ Vote Record – Resolution			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
☐ Adopt						
☐ Deny						
☐ Withdrawn	Jenny Mundell		☑	☐	☐	☐
☐ Table						
☐ Not Discussed	Nicholas Joanow		☑	☐	☐	☐
☐ First Reading	Sarah Cruz		☑	☐	☐	☐
☐ Table with no Vote	Wartyna Davis		☑	☐	☐	☐
☐ Approve						
☐ Veto by Mayor	Monica Charris Tabares		☐	☐	☐	☑
☐ Discussion	Richard Rockwell		☑	☐	☐	☐
☐ Defeated	Ted Gamble		☑	☐	☐	☐
☐ Discussion No Vote						