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Township Council

1 Municipal Plaza
Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Louise M. Palagano
Municipal Clerk

<http://www.bloomfieldwpnj.com>

Meeting: 09/04/12 07:00 PM

2012 ACTION ITEM PRESENTATION

JOHN I. CRECCO PLAZA

WHEREAS, John I. Crecco is the founder and driving force of the John I. Crecco Foundation, established in 1964. Through his efforts, the organization has contributed over one million dollars to area hospitals for cardiac care equipment. The John I. Crecco Foundation has also played a major role in the construction and creation of the telemetry unit at Columbus Hospital in Newark and the Green Room at Newark Beth Israel Hospital; and

WHEREAS, John's entire adult life has been dedicated to helping others. He has sponsored many youth league sports teams in Bloomfield for over forty years. He is also the founder of the Crecco Athletic Club which sponsors the annual Bloomfield Junior Olympic Track Meet. Today, John sponsors eight Little League teams and two major teams. He is also a benefactor to the William Foley Football League; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, John, who was the Essex County Olympic Wrestling Chairman, arranged to have the Polish Olympic wrestling champions visit Bloomfield along with their coaches and staff. They were housed by Bloomfield residents during the Thanksgiving week. They wrestled the United States Olympic team at the Bloomfield High School gym where they were victorious. They enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner at the homes where they were staying before returning to Poland; and

WHEREAS, John Crecco also sponsored the "Helping Hands" of Bloomfield for many years. This program places signs throughout the community to let children know where to find "Helping Hands" in case of need; and

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND PROCEDURE
ON BASIS OF FACTS SET FORTH

Director of Law - Township Attorney

WHEREAS, while serving as Mayor, the foundation purchased "Pluggie the Robot" for the Bloomfield Fire Department to teach fire safety in all the schools; and

WHEREAS, the children enjoy the robot and learn about fire safety. The Crecco Foundation recently provided all the Bloomfield police cars with defibrillators to respond to emergency cardiac problems. All of the police officers are trained to use this life saving equipment which has saved many patients' lives; and

WHEREAS, John has been the recipient of many awards throughout his distinguished career. The United States Olympic Committee, the Bloomfield-Glen Ridge League of Family Service, the Salvation Army, the City of Hope, the Essex County Leukemia Society, the U.S. Amateur Athletic Council, the Bloomfield PBA, the March of Dimes, the Bloomfield Volunteer Emergency Squad, the New Jersey Pharmaceutical Society, the Bloomfield Little League, the United Way of Bloomfield, and many other organizations too numerous to list have honored John Crecco for his efforts on behalf of his fellow man.

WHEREAS, John Crecco has dedicated 22 years of service to the Township of Bloomfield. He was elected as a Councilman-At-Large in 1971, and re-elected to the post four times. He was elected Mayor of Bloomfield in 1986 and served until 1989. Following a brief respite, John was once again elected to the Township Council in 1992. In 1994, John was appointed Deputy Commissioner of the New Jersey State Athletic Control Board by Governor Whitman. He once again served as Mayor from 2001 to 2002; and

WHEREAS, John is a graduate of Seton Hall University with a B.S. in biochemistry, and a U.S. Navy Veteran, and has been awarded eleven battle stars for combat. He and his wife, former New Jersey Assemblywoman Marion Crecco, have two daughters, Susan Fratello and

Ginni Cummings; and four grandchildren, Kristie and Marc Fratello, and Jonathan and Michael Cummings'; and

WHEREAS, the Crecco Foundation would like to construct the proposed Crecco Plaza in accordance the attached plans; and

WHEREAS, the Crecco Foundation will fund and maintain the structure of the Crecco Plaza.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield, County of Essex. State of New Jersey hereby approves and feels it would have great pride to have the Crecco Plaza to the Township of Bloomfield.

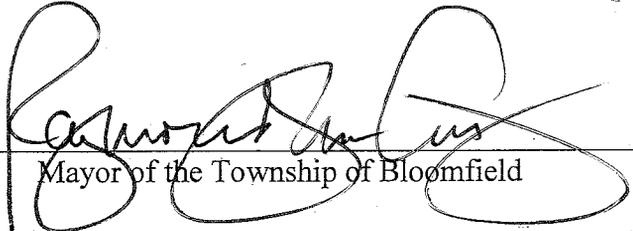
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Township Administrator is hereby in powered to execute any documents or contracts necessary to enable the Crecco foundation to construct the plaza.

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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 04, 2012.



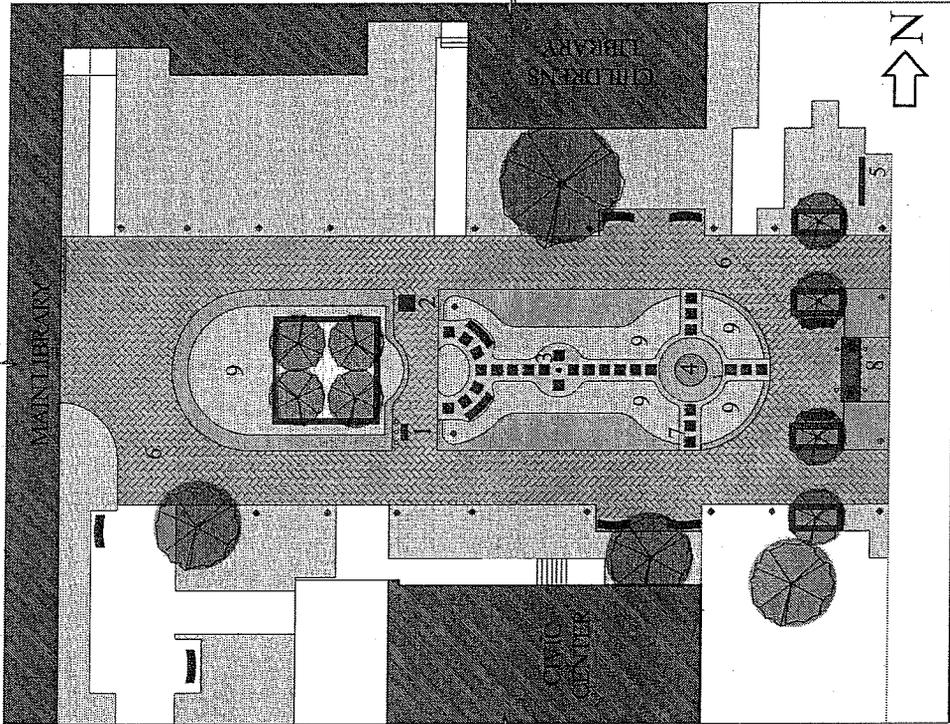
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Mayor of the Township of Bloomfield

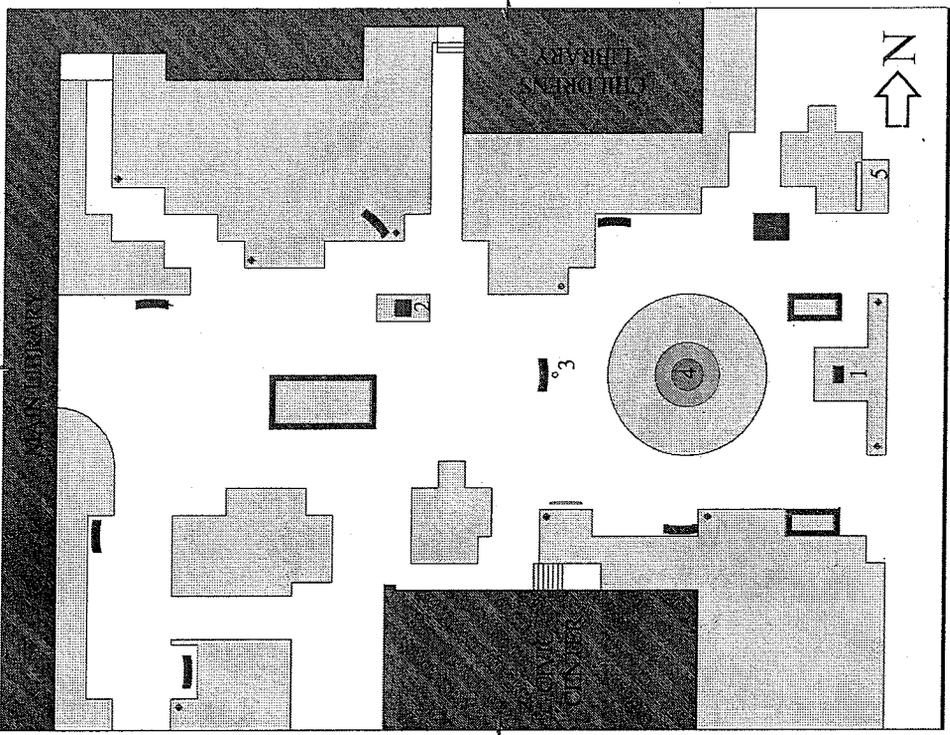
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		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
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- LEGEND**
- ① RELOCATED VETERANS MEMORIAL w/ 3 NEW FLAGPOLES & FLAGS (BLOOMFIELD FLAG, NJ STATE FLAG & POW FLAG)
 - ② EXISTING CLOCK TO REMAIN
 - ③ EXISTING FLAGPOLE TO REMAIN
 - ④ EXISTING GLOBE SCULPTURE
 - ⑤ EXISTING LIBRARY SIGN
 - ⑥ NEW PAVER SURFACE
 - ⑦ NEW GRAVEL SURFACE
 - ⑧ NEW CRECCO GATEWAY ARCH
 - ⑨ NEW WILD FLOWER PATCH



BROAD ST.

PROPOSED



BROAD ST.

EXISTING