

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION #2021-32**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY
OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING A
GRANT TO THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL TO
RESTORE THE LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE.**

WHEREAS, the Township of Franklin established an Open Space Trust Fund pursuant to referendum in November of 1999 and memorialized by Ordinance 2000-03; and

WHEREAS, the referendum authorized a municipal Open Space Trust Fund to be funded through the collection of local property taxes not to exceed five (5) cents per one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed value; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 the Township through referendum expanded the authorized uses of the Open Space Trust Fund to include historic and Blue Acres projects; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Open Space Trust fund may be used for the following purposes:

- (a) acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes;
- (b) development of lands acquired for recreation and conservation purposes;
- (c) maintenance of lands acquired for recreation and conservation purposes;
- (d) acquisition of farmland for farmland preservation purposes;
- (e) historic preservation of historic properties, structures, facilities, sites, areas, or objects, and the acquisition of such properties, structures, facilities, sites, areas, or objects for historic preservation purposes;
- (f) payment of debt service on indebtedness issued or incurred by a municipality for any of the purposes set forth in subparagraph (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) or (g) of this paragraph ; or
- (g) Blue Acres projects.

WHEREAS, the Township received a request from the Franklin Township School Board for a grant from the Township's Open Space Trust Fund to be used to restore the building referred to as the "Little Red School House"; and

WHEREAS, the Little Red School House is a small building located on the same property as the Township's school at 226 Quakertown Road; and

WHEREAS, in 1837, a one-room 18 square foot school was built on what is now known as Old Franklin School Road to replace a small log school that had been erected in 1826 and burned to the ground in 1836; and

WHEREAS, the school was used until 1871 when it was replaced by a more modern building 200 feet away at what is now 131 Old Franklin School Road; and

WHEREAS, sometime after 1871, the original 1837 one-room school house was moved to 103 Locust Grove Road where it was a barn, then a garage, and then a storage shed; and

WHEREAS, in 1977 the structure was donated by Ronald and Brenda Sewell to the Franklin Township Board of Education and moved to its present location on the school grounds; and

WHEREAS, the Little Red School House has fallen into disrepair and is in need of restoration; and

WHEREAS, the Township believes that the history of this building and its location on the site of the current School grounds makes it a perfect candidate for restoration so future residents of Franklin and their children can take part in the history of our community; and

WHEREAS, the School district has provided the Township Committee with two estimates for the restoration work not including painting for \$16,500 and \$19,800, respectively; and

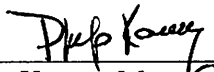
WHEREAS, the Township Committee wishes to authorize a grant to the School District not to exceed \$19,800 for the restoration work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes a grant to the Franklin Township School District not to exceed \$19,800 for the restoration work of the Little Red School House.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the School District shall work with the Township Open Space Committee and/or Rural Awareness to ensure that the proper historic preservation standards are followed in the restoration of a Little Red School House.

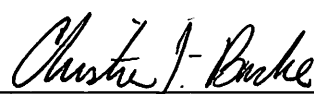
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the School District shall submit vouchers, with invoices attached, for the restoration work to the Township CFO for payment to the Township School District from the Township Open Space Trust Fund.

ADOPTED: 06/24/2021



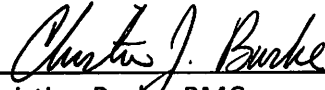
Philip Koury, Mayor
Township Committee

Attest and Affix Seal:



Christine J. Burke, RMC
Municipal Clerk

I, Christine J. Burke, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Franklin, County of Hunterdon, do hereby certify this to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee at a meeting held on June 24, 2021.



Christine Burke, RMC
Municipal Clerk