

**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**

**ORDINANCE 2014- 23**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY  
KNOWN AS BLOCK 165.03, LOTS 5.09 AND 5.10 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF  
FLORENCE FOR OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, there is within the Township of Florence (“Township”), certain real property known as Block 165.03, Lots 5.09 and 5.10 on the official tax map of the Township (1042 Potts Mill Road) (hereinafter “the Property”) and consists of approximately 6 +/- acres, and more particularly described on a legal description as provided by Princeton Assurance Corporation prepared for and on behalf of the Township, attached hereto as Exhibit A, which the Township believes is appropriate for acquisition for open space and recreation purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has ensured that the appropriate inspections have been conducted on the Property in order to determine its condition, and the Township authorized and commissioned an appraisal for the property to establish its fair market value; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has determined that there is a need to acquire the Property to promote the community need for open space, conservation and passive recreation purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township and the record owners of the property concluded a bona fide negotiation process, whereby the Township will acquire the property by way of mutual agreement and has agreed to pay the record owner the sum of \$235,000.00 in order to acquire the property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township is acquiring the property consistent with its authority to acquire privately-owned land for public purposes, pursuant to the Local Land and Buildings Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq., and wishes to memorialize its authority to acquire the property consistent with law and pursuant to this Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, sufficient funds have been appropriated by the Township in order to acquire the subject property;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Council of the Township of Florence in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that:

1. The Township of Florence hereby purchase and acquires the property, and
2. The Township Solicitor, on behalf of the governing body, along with Township staff, is authorized to take all steps necessary and legally required to conclude and close the

purchase of the property, with a purchase price in the amount of \$235,000.00, and subject to the conditions set forth in this Ordinance above.

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**TED LOVENDUSKI**  
**COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

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**JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC**  
**TOWNSHIP CLERK**