

**Agricultural Advisory Committee**  
**November 15, 2012**  
**Minutes**

**Present:**

Bob Puskas, Chair, Gary Randolph, Frank Hasner, Fran Varacalli, Consultant

**Absent:**

Cathy Blumig, Manny Manidoukais

Meeting called to order at 8:10pm

G. Randolph made a motion to approve the September 20 Agriculture Advisory Committee minutes. F. Hasner seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

Financial report.

F. Varacalli reported the Open Space Trust Fund balance to be \$10, 200,374.24 from the month ending October 2012.

F. Hasner made a motion to approve the financial report. G. Randolph seconded the motion. All members were in favor. Motion passes.

No members of the public were present therefore the meeting was not opened to the public.

**New Business**

The Committee approved the Township's 2014 SADC Municipal Planning Incentive Grant PIG submission.

F. Varacalli will seek Council approval/ resolution to submit the PIG at the Dec. 11 Council Meeting.

B. Puskas raised the concern of the NJ Department of Environmental Protection putting state land up for bid at \$50 an acre. He is concerned that the bidding process is too expensive for the land process also does not allow for a meaningful bidding process because of the pre registration and minimum bidding requirements. F. Varacalli said she would contact NJ Farm Bureau to see if they are aware of this concern.

**Old business**

Monitoring of Twp. preserved farms - F. Varacalli & B. Puskas intend to monitor the Twp. preserved farms the week of December 17. A letter and questionnaire is being mailed to all farm owners. The Committee reviewed and approved of the correspondence to be sent to the farmers for easement monitoring.

G. Randolph made a motion to go into Executive Session

F. Hasner 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All members in favor. Motion passes.