

Borough of Highlands
R-12-175
Resolution Authorizing Non-Binding Referendum Concerning
A Drainage Improvement Project

Whereas, the Borough is considering undertaking a drainage improvement project; and

Whereas, N.J.S.A. 19:37-1 authorizes the Borough to submit a question or policy concerning municipal government to the voters in the municipality at a general election to ascertain the sentiment of the legal voters on the question or policy; and

Whereas, the results are not binding on the Borough, but may be considered by the Borough in its discretion; and

Whereas, the project has been described as follows:

The proposed project includes construction of various drainage system improvements in the downtown, low-lying areas of the Borough. The intent of the improvements is to increase the capacity of the existing drainage system and add a pump station to the northwestern portion of the downtown region to alleviate flooding and sediment pollution concerns. Proposed improvements include construction of a new stormwater pump station in Jones Creek, replacement of the existing outfall from the Valley Street Pump station, the replacement/upgrade of portions of the existing stormwater infrastructure and the installation of additional drainage infrastructure in various portions of the Borough. See Resolution R-12-48

Whereas, before acting in this area the Mayor and Council wish to ascertain the sentiment of the majority of legal voters of the Borough on this issue on funding for this project.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Borough of Highlands as follows:

1. The Clerk of Monmouth County is hereby requested to print upon the official ballots to be used at the November 6, 2012 general election the following proposition:

Shall the Borough of Highlands issue bonds to fund a Borough Drainage Improvement Project? The proposed project includes construction of various drainage system improvements in the downtown, low-lying areas of the Borough. The intent of the improvements is to increase the capacity of the existing drainage system and add a pump station to the northwestern portion of the downtown region to alleviate flooding and sediment pollution concerns. Proposed improvements include construction of a new

stormwater pump station in Jones Creek, replacement of the existing outfall from the Valley Street Pump station, the replacement/upgrade of portions of the existing stormwater infrastructure and the installation of additional drainage infrastructure in various portions of the Borough.

2. The Clerk of Monmouth County is hereby requested to print upon the official ballots to be used at the November 6, 2012 general election the following interpretive statement:

A “yes” vote means that you support the Borough borrowing money for the drainage improvement project.

A “no” vote means you do not support borrowing money for the drainage improvement project.

3. This resolution shall immediately be filed with the County Clerk’s office.