

TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN

RESOLUTION NO. 157-2016

**AUTHORIZING FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000 FROM THE
“MOORESTOWN OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, FARMLAND AND HISTORIC
PRESERVATION TRUST FUND” TO BE USED FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS AT STRAWBRIDGE LAKE**

WHEREAS, the Chairman, on behalf of the Moorestown Environmental Advisory Committee (MEAC), on January 27, 2014, appeared before Township Council and brought forth several concerns and recommendations regarding the deteriorating environmental condition of Strawbridge Lake; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council realizes the importance of protecting and maintaining Strawbridge Lake, a significant community asset, and approved retaining an environmental engineering firm to review and analyze current conditions, perform various tests, prepare reports and perform a bathymetric survey in an effort to improve the environmental condition of Strawbridge Lake; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of said analyses and reports, the Township received bids to remove spatterdock from Strawbridge Lake; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman, on behalf of MEAC, has recommended Council provide funding to award a contract for the removal of spatterdock from Strawbridge Lake; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the “Moorestown Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund” to provide the recommended improvements; and

WHEREAS, use of said funds for the maintenance and preservation of open and recreation spaces is permitted; and

WHEREAS, the Township is the owner of Strawbridge Lake and desires to allocate an amount of \$30,000 from the “Moorestown Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund” for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 18-2007 states, *“The Township Council shall conduct at least one (1) public hearing before allocating the appropriate amount of revenue so raised to each of the permitted purposes;”* and

WHEREAS, prior to allocating funding, the Township Council conducted a public hearing on August 8, 2016 to consider expenditure of funds for the removal spatterdock in furtherance of the maintenance and preservation of Strawbridge Lake.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Moorestown, County of Burlington, that an amount of \$30,000 is hereby authorized to be expended from the “Moorestown Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund” to remove spatterdock from the upper lake.

<u>VOTE:</u>	
NEWCOMER	YES
GARWOOD	YES
DELGADO	YES
JORDAN	YES
NAPOLITANO	YES

Certified to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Council at its meeting on June 8, 2015.

Patricia L. Hunt, RMC
Township Clerk