

RESOLUTION # 2022-036

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem in the County of Albany, State of New York has on the 27th day of July, 2022 duly adopted a resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem has determined that it is in the public interest to preserve 307 acres of historic farmland in the town; and

WHEREAS, the 307 acres is divided amongst 9 parcels as identified in the attached agreement; and

WHEREAS, the property has been generously offered to the Town by the current landowner at a discount of \$1 million from the appraised value of the property; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of these needs, the remaining funds for such purposes are available from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) held in the Town's operating funds, as well as within both the combined Farms and Forest and Parkland Setaside Reserve Funds; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is in the public interest to approve the project as described above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town will apportion \$700,000 from ARPA funding which was provided to the Town by the Federal Government and will modify the 2022 Adopted Budget for revenue account 110-0000-415.47-85 as well as the equipment expenditure category in department 1940 - Land Acquisition; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Comptroller is authorized to expend \$2,200,000 from the Farms and Forest Fund and \$200,000 from the Parkland Setaside Fund to purchase the 9 parcels, subject to a mandatory referendum on November 8, 2022.

The motion to adopt the resolution was made by Councilmember Cunningham, was seconded by Councilmember Coffey and duly adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisor VanLuven, Councilmember Becker, Councilmember Coffey, Councilmember Cunningham, Councilmember DeCancio

NOES: none

ABSENT: none

DATED: July 27, 2022