

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT OLIVE COMMENDING EILEEN SWAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HIGHLANDS COMMISSION, FOR HER OUTSTANDING SKILLS AS ADMINISTRATOR, COUNSELOR AND DIPLOMAT FOR THE HIGHLANDS COMMISSION

WHEREAS, Eileen Swan was appointed to the position of Executive Director of the Highlands Commission at its inception; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands legislation, which created the Highlands Commission, is very complex and the insertion of the Highlands Commission into the planning process for the northern counties of New Jersey creates new complexities within the various planning and zoning issues which arise in connection with development, as well as the complexities created relative to the extension of infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Eileen Swan, as Executive Director, and Tom Borden, as General Counsel, have played an enormous role in connection with servicing the many municipalities which are directly affected by the Highlands and for a long period of time, served a function of rallying the municipalities to taking advantage of those esoteric advantages and grant monies which a municipality may receive by submitting plans of conformance to the Highlands; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Mount Olive has, over a long period of time, found it necessary and appropriate to interface with Eileen Swan over issues involving the future development of a tract of land referred to as Combe Fill North, which the Township has entered into a contract of sale, but subject to a series of conditions which must be fulfilled before the tract can be developed; and

WHEREAS, Eileen Swan, as Executive Director, has made herself accessible to all those that represent the Township in connection with this matter, often by way of meetings and she has also been able to pierce the veil created by the labyrinth of rules and regulations for the Township that now shroud the process of development, which is so essential to the Township in connection with its hope for development of several remaining large tracts; and

WHEREAS, Eileen Swan has not only made herself accessible, but she has been able to adroitly deal with the various nuances that arise through the process of dealing with the Highlands Commission, as well as the county in terms of wastewater management plans, etc.; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Mount Olive, which has pressing financial concerns, has found it refreshing to deal with Eileen Swan and wishes to commend her for her role as a leader, a diplomat and an advisor in connection with the issues dealing with the Highlands legislation and the interfacing with other departments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that it does hereby commend Eileen Swan for her outstanding service as the Executive Director of the Highlands Commission and does further direct that the Township Clerk send a certified copy of this resolution to the Highlands Commission.

TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT OLIVE

STEVE RATTNER
Mount Olive Township Council President

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution passed by the Mount Olive Township Council at a duly convened meeting held on _____, 2009.

LISA M. LASHWAY
Mount Olive Township Municipal Clerk