

**ORDINANCE NO. 21-2016**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER AUTHORIZING THE PERFORMANCE OF MONUMENT/GRAVESTONE RESTORATION WORK INCLUDING RELATED APPURTENANCES AT THE WHIPPANY BURYING YARD, THE EMPLOYMENT OF A FIRM SPECIALIZING IN THE RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION OF INTERMENT MONUMENTS AND MARKERS AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF \$50,000.00 FROM THE 2016 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND ALL PRIOR YEARS, THE 2016 CURRENT FUND BUDGET AND LANDMARK COMMISSION TRUST ACCOUNT FOR THE FINANCING OF THE GRAVESTONE RESTORATION PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Whippany Burying Yard, (hereinafter referred to as the "Burying Yard") also known as the Whippany Cemetery, located on the southerly side of New Jersey State Highway Route 10 eastbound, is the earliest colonial graveyard in northwest New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of the Burying Yard in 1718 predates the founding of Hanover Township and Morris County, and is the site of the first school and church in the County of Morris; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township's Landmark Commission, in keeping with the purpose and intent of its creation to protect, enhance and preserve sites and structures which exhibit historical, architectural or cultural significance, serves as the "caretaker organization" over the Burying Yard; and

**WHEREAS**, age and weather conditions have taken their toll on many of the gravestone monuments and markers at the Burying Yard; and

**WHEREAS**, in calendar year 2003, under the auspices of the Landmark Commission, the Township initiated a project to restore and preserve seven (7) gravestone markers; and

**WHEREAS**, the restoration project continued in 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, since the project began in 2003, a total of forty-five (45) gravestones have been restored and/or repaired; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to prevent the deterioration of additional gravestones, the Landmark Commission is recommending the restoration and repair of fourteen (14) additional brownstone markers, the installation of landscape screening as a protective buffer to the Whippany Burying Yard and the purchase of six (6) bronze plaques and mountings for those headstones whose epitaphs are worn, illegible or lost; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee endorses and supports the Landmark Commission's plan to continue work in stabilizing, restoring and preserving gravestones and markers at the Whippany Burying Yard.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey as follows:

**Section 1.** In order to prevent the deterioration of additional gravestones at the Whippany Burying Yard, the governing body hereby authorizes and approves the restoration and repair of fourteen (14) additional brownstone markers, the installation of landscape screening as a protective buffer to the Whippany Burying Yard and the purchase of six (6) bronze plaques and mountings for those headstones whose epitaphs are worn, illegible or lost.

**Section 2.** To perform the necessary scope of services described in Section 1. Above, this Ordinance further authorizes the retaining of a firm which has demonstrated knowledge and experience and the necessary expertise and specialization in rehabilitating, restoring and preserving gravestone markers.

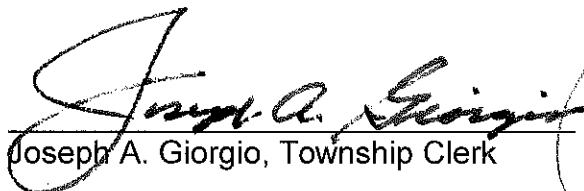
**Section 3.** To finance the performance of the work described in Sections 1 and 2 of this Ordinance, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$50,000.00 from the following sources:

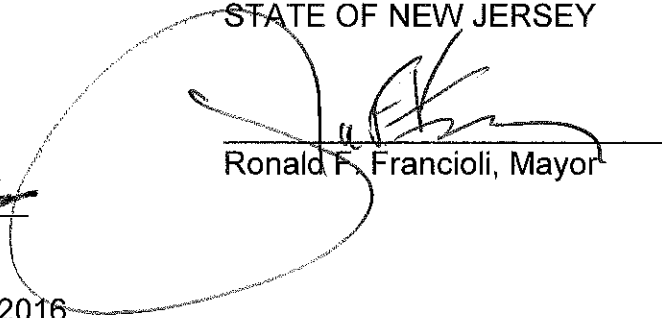
A. The year 2016 Capital Improvement Fund and all prior years....	\$40,000.00
B. The 2016 Current Fund Budget, Landmark Commission O/E Account, Line Item No. 126-0042-308.....	5,000.00
C. The Landmark Commission Trust Account.....	5,000.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>

**Section 4.** This Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with law.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER  
COUNTY OF MORRIS  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ATTEST:

  
Joseph A. Giorgio, Township Clerk

  
Ronald F. Francioli, Mayor

DATE OF INTRODUCTION: July 14, 2016  
DATE OF ADOPTION: August 11, 2016

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CERTIFICATION

I, Joseph A. Giorgio, Township Clerk of the Township of Hanover, County of Morris and State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Township Committee of said Township on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016, at a meeting duly convened, of said Body.

  
Joseph A. Giorgio, Township Clerk