

**TOWNSHIP OF BYRAM**  
**MEETING OF THE BYRAM TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE**  
**10 Mansfield Drive, Stanhope NJ 07874**  
**Monday, April 13 2026, 7:00 P.M.**

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- **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

- **OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT**

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting has been electronically sent to the newspapers, posted on the bulletin board of the Municipal Building, and uploaded to Byram's website, [www.byramtwp.org](http://www.byramtwp.org) not less than 48 hours in advance of the meeting. In addition, a copy of this notice is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk. A resolution indicating the time, date, and location of the Open Space meetings for the year 2026 was forwarded to the designated newspaper for online publication, posted on the bulletin boards and main doors of the Municipal Building and on the Township's Website and forwarded to the Secretary of State of the State of New Jersey.

- **ROLL CALL**

- **OS FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT**

1. Reserve for Open Space: \$435,686.33

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES –March 9, 2026 Minutes**

- **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Trail Grant Updates
2. Forestry Updates
3. Property Foreclosure Updates

- **MEMBER REPORTS – Reports from members on actions by their committees pertinent to OS.**

- **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

- **CLOSED SESSION**

- **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THE COMMITTEE DEEMS NECESSARY**

- **ADJOURNMENT**

**2026 Meeting Dates:**

May 11<sup>th</sup>

June 8<sup>th</sup>

July 13<sup>th</sup>

August 10<sup>th</sup>

September 14<sup>th</sup>

October 12<sup>th</sup>

November 9<sup>th</sup>

December 14<sup>th</sup>

# 17-286-56-000-001 Reserve - Open Space

*From 01/01/2026 to 03/31/2026*

Date	Source	PO#	Contract#	Check #	Vendor #	Vendor/Description	Budget	Debit	Credit	PO Encumber	PO Payment	Balance (CR)
						ACTIVITY/BALANCE (YEAR START)	-			61,681.01		<b>429,470.57</b>
01/09/2026	DJ 194	31417		11477	1608	SUSSEX COUNTY CLERK INV#68797 DECLARATION OF ENCUMBRANCE (ROSI)				(8.00)	8.00	429,470.57
01/21/2026	DJ 250	31543		11511	649	RECORDING HAROLD E. PELLOW & ASSOCIATES, INV#84933 PREP NJDEPE REPORTS				(26.50)	26.50	429,470.57
01/27/2026	ENC	30140				(Reduced) FINAL DRAFT OF CFMP				(1,750.00)		431,220.57
01/27/2026	ENC	30140				(Reduced) FINAL DRAFT OF CFMP				(2,000.00)		433,220.57
01/31/2026	RJ 615					January 2026 Interest			1,473.42			434,693.99
02/04/2026	DJ 558	30140		11580	3535	GRACIE & HARRIGAN CONSULTING F INV#38597 FINAL DRAFT OF CFMP				(1,250.00)	1,250.00	434,693.99
02/05/2026	DJ 632	30140				Adjustment to Paid Line		(1,250.00)				435,943.99
02/06/2026	ENC	31783				INSPECT SITE PLAN/SUBDIVISION				260.00		435,683.99
02/06/2026	ENC	31807				ITEM #ISWOM1280 - ISTRARUSA 12U OPEN FRAME WA				305.44		435,378.55
02/09/2026	ENC	31832				12/31/25-01/04/26 - 2026 OPEN SPACE MEETING D				13.25		435,365.30
02/18/2026	DJ 658	31832		11643	1166	NEW JERSEY HERALD, INC. INV#0007527272 12/31/25-01/04/26 - 2026 OPEN SPACE MEETING D				(13.25)	13.25	435,365.30
02/18/2026	DJ 664	31783		11645	649	HAROLD E. PELLOW & ASSOCIATES, INV#85143 INSPECT SITE PLAN/SUBDIVISION				(260.00)	260.00	435,365.30
02/20/2026	ENC	31865				02/09/2026 - OPEN SPACE MEETING VIA ZOOM				150.00		435,215.30
02/20/2026	ENC	31869				FOREST STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY FOR TAMARACK, GLEN				225.00		434,990.30
02/28/2026	RJ 841					February 2026 Interest			1,322.28			436,312.58
03/05/2026	ENC	31807				(Reduced) HCESC CONTRACT #CAT2506R-P				(25.13)		436,337.71
03/12/2026	ENC	31953				ITEM #SIS452024SU - SIMPLY45 24P UNLOADED STP				25.13		436,312.58
03/18/2026	DJ 905	29585		11788	3880	DIACO CONTRACTING, INC. INV#DRAWDOWN #3 DRAWDOWN #3				(6,633.54)	6,633.54	436,312.58
03/18/2026	DJ 911	31865		11793	3535	GRACIE & HARRIGAN CONSULTING F INV#39218 02/09/2026 - OPEN SPACE MEETING VIA ZOOM				(150.00)	150.00	436,312.58

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03/18/2026	DJ 912	31869		11793	3535	GRACIE & HARRIGAN CONSULTING F INV#39210 FOREST STEWARDSHIP				(225.00)	225.00	436,312.58
03/31/2026	ENC	32023				SUMMARY FOR TAMARACK, GLEN PREP NJDEP REPORTS				82.50		436,230.08
03/31/2026	ENC	32040				ONSITE FIELD CHECK				543.75		435,686.33
							-	(1,250.00)	2,795.70	(10,736.35)	8,566.29	435,686.33
							-	(1,250.00)	2,795.70	50,944.66	8,566.29	435,686.33

## OPEN SPACE MEETING – March 9, 2026

**Members Present:** Messrs. Dlugos, Duch, Bogardus, Esposito, and Morytko

**Members Absent:** Messrs. Sabatini and Mayor Rubenstein

**Also present:** Secretary Caitlin Phillips

This meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Mr. Dlugos. The Chair was not present at this time, so Mr. Dlugos started discussion items.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### *Trails Grant Updates / Forestry Projects*

Mr. Dlugos discussed the work for the Hudson Farms and CAD properties. They're waiting on Hudson Farms, and CAD is waiting on the town. They seem happy with the flagging done by Messrs. Dlugos and Duch. Mayor Rubenstein needs to provide information to CAD in order to proceed. The grant is due on 03/15. The group discussed trail crossings. Mr. Duch said there have been trail crossings on the Briar Ridge Trail. From Mr. Stoner's memo, the site distances may not match up. He noted that beaches in the area also have trail crossings. The group noted concerns regarding the safety of crossings. Mr. Morytko entered the meeting at this time, and Mr. Dlugos recapitulated the discussion.

Mr. Morytko suggested using an alert sign for the crossing areas. It wouldn't be an official crossing, but more to make the area safer. He noted that they have a good grant application idea. They just need to get the details together. Mr. Dlugos suggested using something like a trails mapping system, and adding that to the grant application request. Mr. Morytko agreed, noting they if the review finds it doesn't fit the scope of work, they can pursue it outside of the grant application. The group discussed marketing for this project. Mr. Dlugos confirmed Mr. Morytko is set to present on the 26<sup>th</sup> for the grant details. The group reviewed the status of Briar Ridge and Glenside. Mr. Morytko will check in on the mushroom work.

#### *CO Johnson / Dog Park Updates*

Mr. Morytko said Mayor Rubenstein has more information about this, but he can note the main points that Mayor Rubenstein discussed with the Planning Board. There was a report for the dog park that found that a copperhead snake was sighted in the area. To continue with the dog park, they need to add snake-proof fencing which is tall, and there are concerns about aesthetics, so this is likely not happening.

#### *Property Foreclosure Updates*

Mr. Morytko noted Mr. Dlugos' interest in the area previously discussed, and that it could be of use.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – February 9, 2026 minutes. Mr. Dlugos motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Bogardus. All were in favor.

### **OS FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT:**

Reserve for Open Space: \$433,516.88. Mr. Morytko noted not much has changed with this.

### **MEMBER REPORTS**

Mr. Morytko and Ms. Phillips noted there's not much from the Planning Board. Mr. Dlugos said he's been working with someone at the elementary school, who has owl and bat houses. If there is interest in an owl or bat house, people can let the Environmental Commission or Mr. Dlugos know. The houses require open space that's near water. He also noted that the Trailkeepers met. They have two new members. Mr. Sabatini recommended to him that their bylaws include specific information. Mr. Duch asked about finances for the group, like stipends to help the volunteers. Mr. Dlugos said they can speak to Mr. Sabatini about this. The bylaws note that they can use Environmental Commission tools.

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**OPEN TO PUBLIC**

No public was present.

**ADJOURN** – Motion by Mr. Dlugos, second by Mr. Duch, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm. All members in favor. Motioned carried.

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