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Public Notice of Pending Ordinance 26-12

The ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Matawan, in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, on April 7, 2026. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the Governing Body to be held at the Borough of Matawan, Matawan Municipal Community Center, 201 Broad Street, Matawan, New Jersey 07747 on April 21, 2026 at 7:00 o'clock PM. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours at the Clerk's Office for the members of the general public who shall request the same or on the Borough of Matawan website at <https://www.matawanborough.com/matawan/Legal%20Advertising/Current%20Legal%20Advertising>.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to P.L. 2025, c.72, the complete text of each legal notice of the Borough of Matawan, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, including the Boards, Commissions and the like, may be obtained or viewed by the public on our official Internet Website: <https://www.matawanborough.com/matawan/Legal%20Advertising/Current%20Legal%20Advertising>.

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Karen Wynne, RMC
Municipal Clerk

**ORDINANCE 26-12
ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF MATAWAN AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION BY
NEGOTIATION OF REAL PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS A
PORTION OF BLOCK 29, LOT 57 ON THE TAX MAP OF THE
BOROUGH OF MATAWAN**

WHEREAS, the Local Lands and Buildings Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5 et seq.*, authorizes municipalities to acquire real property by purchase, gift, devise, lease, exchange, condemnation, or installment purchase agreement; and

WHEREAS, the First Presbyterian Church of Matawan, having an address at 883 Highway 34, Matawan, New Jersey 07747 (hereinafter the “Seller”), is the owner of certain real property located at 883 Highway 34, also known as Block 29, Lot 57 on the official Tax Map of the Borough of Matawan; and

WHEREAS, the Seller has expressed a willingness to sell to the Borough a portion of said property, consisting of approximately 65,776 square feet (1.51 acres) of vacant, unimproved woodland (hereinafter the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Matawan, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey, having an address at 201 Broad Street, Matawan, New Jersey 07747 (hereinafter the “Buyer”), has determined that acquisition of the Property is in the public interest for municipal purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has been awarded a grant from the County of Monmouth that will fund approximately seventy-five percent (75%) of the acquisition cost of the Property for open space land preservation purposes, thereby significantly reducing the financial impact to the Borough and its taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the Borough and the Seller have engaged in negotiations and may enter into a contract of sale setting forth the terms and conditions of the acquisition; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to formally authorize the acquisition of the Property and the execution of all necessary documents to effectuate said acquisition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Borough of Matawan, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. RECITALS INCORPORATED

The above recitals are hereby incorporated into this Ordinance as if fully set forth herein.

2. FINDINGS

The Council finds that it is in the best interests of the Borough to acquire a portion of the property known as Block 29, Lot 57, consisting of approximately 1.51 acres of vacant land, for public and municipal purposes.

3. AUTHORIZATION OF ACQUISITION

The Mayor and Council hereby authorize the acquisition, by negotiation and purchase, of the Property from the First Presbyterian Church of Matawan, upon such terms and conditions as are acceptable to the Borough and consistent with applicable law.

4. AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT

The Mayor or the Borough Administrator is hereby authorized to execute the contract of sale and all closing documents necessary to effectuate the acquisition of the Property. The Municipal Clerk and Municipal Attorney are hereby authorized to take all necessary administrative and legal actions to implement the terms of this Ordinance, including the preparation, review, and execution of any ancillary documents, affidavits, certifications, and instruments required to complete the transaction.

5. AUTHORIZATION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

The Borough is hereby authorized to engage such professionals as may be necessary or appropriate to complete the acquisition, including but not limited to appraisers, surveyors, title companies, environmental consultants, and legal counsel.

6. FUNDING

The acquisition shall be funded through such sources as may be lawfully available, including capital funds, bond ordinances, grants, or other authorized municipal funding mechanisms.

7. REPEALER

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

8. SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the portion so adjudged, and the remainder shall remain in full force and effect.

9. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication as required by law.