EXPLANATION: This authorizes an appropriation in the amount of $200,000.00 from the Open Space Recreation and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund for its contribution towards the construction of the new facility at Wagner Farm including architectural and structural engineer costs.

TOWNSHIP OF WARREN
ORDINANCE NO. 12-18

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF $200,000.00 FROM THE OPEN SPACE RECREATION AND FARMLAND AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND.

WHEREAS, the Township of Warren is the owner of the property known as the Wagner Farm which was acquired in May 2001; and

WHEREAS, the main barn located at the site during the winter of 2010 suffered extensive damage due to heavy winds and snow which moved a 100 foot section of the barn off its foundation; and

WHEREAS, the Township filed a claim with the Garden State Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and Traveler's Insurance Company and pursuant to Resolution 2011-74, settled the claim in the amount of $360,000; and

WHEREAS, the Township is in receipt of check number 81013464 dated March 28, 2011 from Traveler's Insurance Company in the amount of $312,000 and a payment from the Garden State Joint Insurance Fund check number B004070557 in the amount of $24,000; said amounts having been deposited into the Capital Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has appropriated the sum pursuant to Ordinance 11-07; and

WHEREAS, the former barn has been demolished; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee desires to construct a new facility at the previous location of the barn and after reviewing architect proposals it has been determined that additional funds are required to construct an appropriate facility for this site as may be determined by the Township Committee; and
WHEREAS, the Township Attorney has determined that this project is an authorized use of the Trust Fund pursuant to Section 2-35.1 of the Township General Ordinances as historic preservation of historic properties, structures; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee finds it in the best interest of the Township, and desires to adopt this Ordinance authorizing the appropriation of funding for this project;

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

1. This Ordinance shall, upon final adoption, authorize the Township of Warren to expend monies from the Open Space Recreation and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund (the “Trust Fund”) for the purpose of the construction of a new facility at the Wagner Farm site to be utilized as determined by the Township Committee including the costs of the septic system and other code required building features and Structural Engineering and Architectural services.

2. The Township of Warren is hereby authorized to utilize Trust Fund monies for this Project in the amount of Two Hundred Thousand ($200,000.00) Dollars, for the Project, and any further action regarding this Project may be effectuated and authorized by resolution of the Township Committee.

3. An appropriation in the amount of Two Hundred Thousand ($200,000.00) Dollars from the Trust Fund is hereby authorized to cover the Project. The Township Chief Financial Officer shall, prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, file with the Township Clerk a statement certifying that sufficient funds are available in the Trust Fund to make this appropriation. The original certification shall be attached to the original of this Ordinance and shall be kept in the files of the Township Clerk.

4. The Capital Budget of the Township of Warren is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this Ordinance to the extent of any inconsistencies therewith.

5. The funds utilized by this ordinance shall be in addition to the funds previously authorized by the Ordinance 11-07.

6. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication according to law.
ATTEST:

Patricia A. DiRocco, RMC, Township Clerk

By: Carolann Garafola, Mayor

WARREN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

INTRODUCED   September 13, 2012
ADOPTED     October 3, 2012
EFFECTIVE    October 11, 2012