

ORDINANCE 2015-12

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ACKNOWLEDGING THE LOPATCONG ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION'S FORMATION AS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION AND RECOGNIZING THE LOPATCONG ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION AS THE OFFICIAL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF THE TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS the elected Council of the Township of Lopatcong established the Lopatcong Athletic Association(LAA) in 1997 to further the social, intellectual and athletic development of the children of the Township of Lopatcong; and

WHEREAS over the years, the LAA has grown in participation and reach and has become a fundamental building block in the lives of the children of the Township of Lopatcong; and

WHEREAS the LAA is the governing body for all sanctioned sports in the Township, which includes Baseball, Basketball, Cheerleading, Football, Soccer, Softball, Twirling and Wrestling, and in which the athletes often participate under the LAA's common name of the Lopatcong Panthers; and

WHEREAS the LAA wishes to continue to grow as the provider of recreational athletic opportunities for the children of the Township of Lopatcong and feels it can only accomplish this goal by forming itself as a non-profit organization separate from the township; and

WHEREAS the elected Council of the Township of Lopatcong fully supports the LAA in their goal to become a non-profit organization separate from the township and recognizes that this action will also relieve the township of some of the operational burdens of the LAA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren, State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1:

The Township Council acknowledges and supports the Lopatcong Athletic Association (LAA)'s desire to form as a non-profit organization separate from the township.

Section 2:

The Township Council recognizes the Lopatcong Athletic Association, as it is now and in its future form as a non-profit organization separate from the township, as the official athletic association of the Township of Lopatcong, and that the LAA will be governed by the rules and regulations applicable to its form of non-profit organization and also by the LAA's adopted by-laws.

Section 3:

Upon formation as a non-profit organization, the Township Council requests that the LAA provide a copy of the LAA's current by-laws and financial statements to the municipal clerk on a yearly basis for public accessibility.

Section 4:

The Township Council will provide the LAA, as a non-profit organization, with a yearly donation of at least \$0.00 per year to cover their operating expenses, as determined by the Township Council in consultation with the LAA. This amount can be decreased upon agreement by the Township Council and the LAA.

Section 5:

The Township Council will continue to allow the LAA to use the Township's recreational fields, buildings and equipment in the manner of which they are currently accustomed to using them, as detailed in a written contract between the parties.

Section 6:

The Township will release all monetary funds belonging to the LAA immediately upon their request as pursuant to the LAA by-laws approved by the LAA in April 2015 and ratified by the Township Council in May 2015.

Section 7:

The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 8:

Any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to their inconsistencies only.

Section 9:

This Ordinance shall take effect as required by law.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced to pass on first reading at a regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Lopatcong held on November 12, 2015, and

ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a regular meeting of the Township Council to be held on December 2, 2015 at 7:30 pm or as soon thereafter as the Township Council may hear this Ordinance in the Municipal Building, 232 S. Third Street, Phillipsburg, New Jersey, at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC