

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
GLOUCESTER COUNTY
R-160-25**

**PAYMENT TO WEST JERSEY TITLE AGENCY FOR TITLE SERVICES FOR A
FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Township of Franklin had the need for title services for the Farmland Preservation Project as described below, which was settled on September 30, 2025:

OWNER	BLOCK / LOT	APPROX. ACRES
Zachary N. Martorana, and Kristina M. Martorana	5901 / 8, 79.01, 90, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96	135.49

WHEREAS, after following appropriate public bidding procedures, on February 28, 2023 the Township of Franklin awarded a contract in the amount of \$1,624.00 to West Jersey Title Agency for the title work required on the Martorana farm, as per RS 71-23; and

WHEREAS, due to an increase in the final acquisition price and also to compensate for recording fees, West Jersey Title Agency was required to perform services above and beyond the scope of work as per its original agreement; and

WHEREAS, West Jersey Title Agency has submitted an invoice of \$2,109.00 for the title work on the Martorana farm, an increase of \$485.00 from its original contract; and

WHEREAS, the CFO has certified the availability of funds in the amount of \$2,109.00 which shall be charged against budget line-item No. T-29-00-000-001 entitled Municipal Open Space Trust; and

WHEREAS, as settlement has been completed on the Martorana farm, the Township of Franklin is eligible to receive a 50% cost-share grant from the SADC for the total costs of the title work (reimbursement estimated to be \$1,054.50).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, that the invoice submitted by West Jersey Title Agency in the amount of \$2,109.00 for the title services on the Martorana farm be paid and charged against budget line-item No. T-29-00-000-001 entitled Municipal Open Space Trust

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Clerk are authorized to execute all documents required to effectuate this contract.

Adopted: November 12, 2025

COMMITTEE MEMBER	MOTION	2 nd	YES	ABSTAIN	NO	ABSENT
J. Bruno						
T. Doyle						
M. Fiorella						
J. Keen						
M. Marsh						

Attest:

Township of Franklin

Barbara Freijomil, Clerk

John Bruno, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Barbara Freijomil, Clerk of the Township of Franklin, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was presented and duly adopted by the Township Committee at a meeting held on Wednesday, November 12, 2025.

Barbara Freijomil, Clerk