ORDINANCE 2024-19

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY RENAMING KNEEDLER AVENUE FROM THE INTERSECTION OF FISHER AVENUE TO THE INTERSECTION OF ANDERSON STREET (CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 1,090 FEET), PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:67-1(k)

WHEREAS, Kneedler Avenue was named in honor of a former Mayor of Phillipsburg who served as Mayor in the early 1900s; and

WHEREAS, it has come to light that Mayor Kneedler made comments regarding African-Americans that were then, and remain today, deplorable and contrary to the moral code and ethos of the Town of Phillipsburg; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council recognizes that continuing to honor a person whose values are not aligned with the citizens of Phillipsburg, its moral code and ethos, would make the Council complicit in the perpetuation of a belief system that is antithetical to the Town's values; and

WHEREAS, Richard Willaims was a member of the 1969 graduating class of Phillipsburg High School and one of three graduates of color, the largest number at that time to have graduated Phillipsburg High School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams went on to serve in the Navy with honor; and

WHEREAS, the Williams family was one of the earliest African-America families to settle in Phillipsburg; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:67-1(k) the governing body has the power and authority to provide for the naming and the changing of the names of streets and highways as well as the erection of signs thereon; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council believes it appropriate to rename Kneedler Avenue to Richard Williams Way ("Williams Way") from the intersection of Fisher Avenue to the intersection of Anderson Street, consisting of approximately 1,090 linear feet.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Phillipsburg, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the length of Kneedler Avenue to Richard Williams Way ("Williams Way") from the intersection of Fisher Avenue to the intersection of Anderson Street, consisting of approximately 1,090 linear feet is hereby renamed Richard Williams ("Williams") Way.

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk
DATED: 9-5-24

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG

Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Susan Turner, Acting Municipal Clerk for the Town of Phillipsburg, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an Ordinance duly adopted by the Town Council at their August 28, 2024 meeting.

Susan Turner,
Acting Municipal Clerk

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