



## TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH

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# News Release

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### **Township Moves Forward on “Home Rule” Resolution *Hillsborough Requests Reinstatement of Planning Authority Over OTW Facilities***

Hillsborough Township Committee took action at Tuesday’s Township Committee meeting by passing a resolution calling on the New Jersey State Legislature to repeal P.L. 2011, C. 26, which had revised the provisions of the “Off-Track Wagering Act”.

The resolution sites that the revisions “eliminated the ability of the local government entity the ability to grant or deny” OTW type of facilities to operate within municipal boundaries. “We are requesting that this law be repealed and therefore allowing the local government the opportunity to oppose or grant these types of facilities within our borders,” stated Mayor Doug Tomson.

“This is ‘Home Rule’ and Hillsborough wants that ability to be reinstated,” added the Mayor.

The resolution from Hillsborough will be forwarded on to State Legislators up to and including the Governor’s office.

Additionally, Mayor Doug Tomson reminded residents of the Public Information Session for the Proposed Off-Track Wagering Facility which is scheduled for Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

Under the current law, the New Jersey Racing Commission and the Attorney General of the State of New Jersey have the only authority to approve or deny such a facility within a municipality. The purpose of the Public Information Session to educate the residents of Hillsborough prior to the Racing Commission’s hearing for which a date has not been set.

The anticipated representatives to speak at the session include Mayor Tomson, Committeeman DelCore, Assemblyman Ciattarelli, Police Chief Kaminsky and representatives from Darby Development and Monmouth Park Racetrack.

“As a reminder, this is NOT the Racing Commission hearing. We still do not have the date for that but as soon as the Racing Commission announces the hearing date, it will be sent out,” concluded Mayor Tomson.

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