

WHITE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING
JANUARY 27, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sam Race called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and stated that in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act" this meeting has been advertised in the Star-Gazette, Belvidere, NJ and Express-Times, Easton, PA and posted on the bulletin board.

FLAG SALUTE

The Mayor asked everyone to stand for the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Race, Committeepersons Herb and Mackey, and Clerk Kathleen Reinalda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Barry Wessner asked if the committee is concerned about solar projects and their potential impact on the township. Mayor Race suggested the Planning Board analyze the township's code and make recommendations. Motion made by Mr. Herb, seconded by Mrs. Mackey and carried by unanimous favorable vote to authorize a letter to the Planning Board requesting they analyze the township's ordinances regarding solar projects. Herb – yes, Mackey – yes, Race – yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Wessner also asked if Public Comment is mandatory at all Board and Commission meetings. The committee advised Mr. Wessner that state law does require all board/commission/committee meetings to have at least one session of public comment. Mr. Wessner said he was denied public comment at a recent Zoning Board meeting. The committee authorized the attorney to send a memo to the Zoning Board reminding the board of the Public Comment requirements.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

Mayor and Committee discussed combing the Planning and Zoning Boards. If the merger happens, the secretary's salary will require an adjustment. Mayor Race will work with the CFO to come up with salary reduction options. The committee agreed.

The Sergeant-At-Arms position was discussed. Due to the severe weather, Mr. Hothouse has been unable to attend court. The committee discussed a per session fee, for both Mr. Hothouse and hiring a back-up. Mayor Race suggested he speak with Mr. Hothouse and report back at the February meeting.

Mayor and Committee briefly reviewed O/E line items and Salaries and Wages. The CFO was asked to prepare a spreadsheet of salary ranges and the potential impact on the 2011 budget. This will be reviewed for the February meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:59pm on motion by Mrs. Mackey, seconded by Mr. Herb and carried by unanimous favorable vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen R. Reinalda, RMC
Township Clerk

