

WHITE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING OCTOBER 28, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jeff Herb 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 on January 14, 2010, Belvidere, NJ and the Express-Times on January 8, 2010, Easton, PA; the Agenda has been posted at the Municipal Building.

FLAG SALUTE

The Mayor asked everyone to stand for the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Herb, Committeepersons Race and Mackey, Attorney Brian Tipton, Esq. and Clerk Kathleen Reinalda.

On motion by Mrs. Mackey, seconded by Mr. Race and carried by unanimous favorable vote, the following Resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION - EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of White, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion, and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter, October 28, 2010, 7:09pm:

Personnel Matters
(Zoning Department)

2. It is anticipated at this time, the above-stated subjects will be made public at such time when the matters discussed are no longer sensitive. Motion passed.

On motion by Mrs. Mackey, seconded by Mr. Race, the meeting was re-opened to the public at 7:45pm. Motion passed.

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

A. **Ord. 2010-7:** Motion made by Mr. Race, seconded by Mrs. Mackey and carried by unanimous favorable vote to introduce the following Ordinance on First Reading. Herb – yes, Mackey – yes, Race – yes.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITE PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF \$70,000.00 FOR ‘ROAD IMPROVEMENTS – CASTNERS ROAD’ FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of White, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The sum of **\$70,000.00** shall be appropriated for the following items, from the Capital Improvements Budget for the year 2010:

Road Improvements – Castners Road \$70,000.00

2. The sum of \$70,000.00 is available in the Capital Improvement Fund
3. This appropriation of funds and the financing of same as is provided in this Ordinance shall represent an amendment to the Capital Budget of the Township of White, as included in the 2010 Local Municipal Budget of the Township of White.
4. The appropriation herewith does not authorize any debt of the Township of White.
5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately on final passage and publication as provided by law.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Several residents were in attendance to comment on the recently approved solar farm application (Clean Jersey Solar, LLC). The solar farm was approved by the Board of Adjustment on Block 62 Lot 34, Hope Crossing Road. Many of the residents that had comments are neighboring property owners to the proposed solar facility. Concerns were expressed including whether the R-1 zone is the appropriate site for this type of project, did the Zoning Board act too fast with limited information, could there be long-term health effects, is elaborate fencing required around this type of facility, and were all legal requirements of this application properly fulfilled. The committee listened to all of those in attendance wishing to comment and reminded them that the Board of Adjustment is a quasi-judicial Board that is not required to seek the approval of the Township Committee prior to making a decision. However, due to the concerns, the potential impact to the township, and the magnitude of this project, the committee provided assurance that they would review the process to insure compliance with all local and state laws.

Catherine Lensi (392 CR 519) expressed her displeasure that she has observed Rodata, Inc. operating outside of their allowable hours. Rodata recently received approval from the Board of Adjustment to have a trucking operation at the former Polhemus gravel pit site. Rodata was approved to operate in the R-1 Zone due to “grandfathering”, however, there were several stipulations including hours of operation. The committee assured Mrs. Lensi that this situation is also being reviewed by the Township Committee.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Race, seconded by Mrs. Mackey and carried by unanimous favorable vote, the committee approved the October 14, 2010 Minutes of the Regular Meeting and October 14, 2010 Executive Session Meeting. Herb – yes, Mackey – yes, Race – yes. Minutes approved.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of White, as follows:

2. The public shall be excluded from discussion, and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter, October 28, 2010, 10:03pm:

Potential or Threatened Litigation
(Rodata, Inc. and Clean Jersey Solar, LLC)

2. It is anticipated at this time, the above-stated subjects will be made public at such time when the matters discussed are no longer sensitive. Motion passed.

On motion by Mrs. Mackey, seconded by Mr. Race, the meeting was re-opened to the public at 11:01pm. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at

11:03pm on motion by Mrs. Mackey, seconded by Mr. Race and carried by unanimous favorable vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen R. Reinalda, RMC
Township Clerk

