

## **WHITE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING APRIL 12, 2012**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Holly Mackey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and stated ‘Adequate Notice of this meeting of April 12, 2012 has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by forwarding a notice of the date, time, and location of the meeting to the Star-Gazette and The Express-Times; and by posting a copy thereof on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and the township website. Formal action may be taken at this meeting. Public participation is encouraged. This agenda is subject to last minute additions and deletions by the White Township Committee’.

### **FLAG SALUTE**

The Mayor asked everyone to stand for the flag salute.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Mackey, Committeemen Herb and Race, Attorney Tipton and Clerk Kathleen Reinalda.

### **TAX APPEALS REVIEW**

Tax Assessor, Michele Trivigno was present to update the committee on the approximately 20 tax appeals filed for White Township. She discussed the possibility of a reassessment versus a revaluation. Reassessments are performed ‘in house’ and typically cost less than a full revaluation. The township’s auditor advised against pursuing this as he felt the amount of appeals did not justify lowering assessments. The committee agreed.

### **2012 BUDGET INTRODUCTION**

Auditor Dave Evans was present to introduce the 2012 Municipal Budget. The 2012 Budget includes a moderate increase in local taxes, just under a penny. This is largely due to a slight decrease in surplus which prompted the committee to utilize less of it to balance the budget. The township’s surplus dropped from \$1.8 million dollars to \$1.7 million.

**Res. 2012-18:** Motion to adopt the following resolution made by Mr. Race, seconded by Mr. Herb and carried by unanimous favorable vote. Herb – yes, Mackey – yes, Race – yes. Resolution adopted.

### **DEFERRED LOCAL DISTRICT SCHOOL TAX**

WHEREAS, the local district school tax for the fiscal year July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 was raised in the 2011 tax levy in the amount of \$6,905,351.00; and

WHEREAS, the statutes permit the deferral of the cash liability of such school tax up to 50% of the school tax levy or \$3,452,675.50;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of White, that the deferred school tax for the local school district be increased from \$2,860,132.35 to \$2,960,132.35.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that two certified copies of this resolution be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

**COLA ORDINANCE:** Motion to adopt the following Ordinance on first reading made by Mr. Herb, seconded by Mr. Race and carried by unanimous favorable vote. Herb – yes, Mackey – yes, Race – yes. Public Hearing is scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.

**CALENDAR YEAR 2012  
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET  
APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK  
(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S.A.40A:4-45.1 et. seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of White in the County of Warren finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2012 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee hereby determines that a 1.0% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$13,264 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the

Township of White, in the County of Warren, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2012 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of White shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$46,424 and that the CY 2012 municipal budget for the Township of White be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Motion to introduce the 2012 Municipal Budget made by Mr. Herb, seconded by Mr. Race and carried by unanimous favorable vote. Herb – yes, Mackey – yes, Race – yes. A complete copy of the 2012 Municipal Budget is on file in the office of the municipal clerk. Public Hearing is scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Paul Mourry, Upper Sarepta Road, complained of elevated noise levels coming from the DSM facility. He contacted DSM and was told a newly installed piece of equipment could be the noise he is hearing. The DSM representative informed Mr. Mourry a part would be ordered and installed to minimize the problem.

Jack Shade questioned the new FEMA flood maps. Since FEMA adopted the new regulations, there are new requirements for homeowners to carry flood insurance even though they did not have to in the past. Attorney Tipton explained that this is a Federal Government requirement and not something the township has jurisdiction over. The committee asked Mr. Tipton to prepare a letter of opposition regarding the new rules to Congressman Garrett simply to express the burden this has caused to homeowners not located in a flood area.

## RESOLUTIONS

**Res. 2012-17:** Motion made by Mr. Race, seconded by Mr. Herb and carried by unanimous favorable vote to approve the following Resolution. Herb – yes, Mackey – yes, Race – yes. Resolution adopted.

### 2011 TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS,** The Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L.1987, c.102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grant may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and to expand existing programs; and

**WHEREAS,** The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to Implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

**WHEREAS,** The recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

**WHEREAS,** A resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for the **2011 Recycling Tonnage Grant** will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of the White Township Committee to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

**WHEREAS,** Such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of The Township of White that The Township of White hereby endorses the submission of the recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designates Linda Gabel to ensure that the application is properly filed; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the monies received from the recycling tonnage grant be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purposes of recycling

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The Township Committee authorized the Land Conservancy of NJ to work on farmland preservation applications recommended by the Open Space Committee on motion by Mr. Race, seconded by Mr. Herb and carried by unanimous favorable vote. Herb – yes, Mackey – yes, Race – yes. Motion carried.

The committee discussed a meeting being held by the Department of Land Preservation on April 24<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will focus on PIG grant procedures, applications, etc. Representatives from the Land Conservancy suggested they attend, but the committee did not feel it would be appropriate to pay them to attend. Rather, the Land Conservancy should attend on their own to represent all of their clients.

The committee discussed the Board of Adjustment's Annual Resolution and Recommendations. This also had been discussed at the Planning Board and it was recommended by the Board that no action be taken. The committee agreed.

A proposed fee schedule was provided by the construction official. It was unclear why the increases were necessary. The clerk was asked to request Mr. Price's attendance at a meeting. The clerk was also asked to provide an analysis of revenues and expenditures of the Construction Department as a whole.

The Animal Control Officer recommended an increase in kennel license fees. The fees are currently \$10 and \$25 annual depending on the amount of dogs being kenneled. The ACO recommended an increase to \$100 and \$150. The committee did not feel the increase was justified based on the small amount of administrative time that is taken to prepare the licenses.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mrs. Mackey and Mr. Herb reaffirmed the switch from Wells Fargo Insurance to Otterstedt Insurance Agency, to provide Risk Management Services. This was previously authorized with Resolution 2012-14 adopted March 8<sup>th</sup>. However, PAIC was not notified immediately due to some conflicting information that surfaced after the March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Resolution was reaffirmed on motion by Mr. Herb, seconded by Mrs. Mackey with Mr. Race abstaining. Herb – yes, Mackey – yes, Race – abstain. Motion carried.

The ongoing stormwater discharge at Nature's Choice was discussed. Jim Smith, neighboring property owner, presented pictures of the discharge flowing onto his farm fields. Mr. Race continues to work with the engineer on a letter to the DEP to encourage them to enforce their own regulations on stormwater discharge as it relates to Nature's Choice.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter was received from the Warren County Department of Public Safety regarding a 911 Coordinator's Meeting scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Herb said he and the 911 Coordinator will be attending.

Several requests for donations were received. Attorney Tipton cautioned the committee about providing donations with taxpayer money to groups other than the normal fire and rescue squads. The committee took no action.

## **PRESENTATION OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Mr. Herb, seconded by Mr. Race and carried by unanimous favorable vote, to approve the March 8, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes and March 8, 2012 Executive Session Meeting Minutes as amended. Herb – yes, Mackey – yes, Race – yes. Motion carried.

## **PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS**

On motion by Mr. Herb, seconded by Mr. Race and carried by unanimous favorable vote, Mayor and Committee approved the following list of bills:

<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Payee</u>
11869	\$ 2,806.00	ABE Parking Lot Striping Co.
11870	\$ 236.45	Adams Fire Protection, Inc.
11871	\$ 99.00	Advance Learning
11872	\$ 5,137.00	ARAE Network Solutions LLC
11873	\$ 300.00	Belvidere Mat Club
11874	\$ 300.00	Belvidere High School
11875	\$ 300.00	Belvidere HS Leo Club
11876	\$ 300.00	Belvidere HS Theatre Auxilary
11877	\$ 300.00	Belvidere Area Midget
11878	\$ 300.00	Belvidere Cheerleading
11879	\$ 300.00	BelvidereRecreation Trust
11880	\$ 600.00	Belvidere HS Field Hockey
11881	\$ 270.18	Betty Wysocki
11882	\$ 300.00	BHS Project Graduation
11883	\$ 300.00	BHS Lady Seaters Soccer
11884	\$ 900.00	BHS Belvidere Baseball
11885	\$ 300.00	BSA Troop 146
11886	\$ 300.00	Buttville United Methodist Church
11887	\$ 300.00	Buttville UMC Youth Grp
11888	\$ 300.00	Buttville UMC Trustees
11889	\$ 300.00	Buttville UMC UMW
11890	\$ 707.48	CenturyLink

11891	\$ 64.68	Cintas First Aid & Safety
11892	\$ 259.95	C&M Auto Parts
11893	\$ 107.17	Comcast
11894	\$ 300.00	Communities Altering the Stray
11895	\$ 300.00	Cub Pack 141
11896	\$ 200.00	Cynthia Sturla
11897	\$ 616.25	Edmunds & Associates, Inc.
11898	\$ 147.08	J.C. Ehrlich Co., Inc.
11899	\$ 206.67	Elizabethtown Gas
11900	\$ 484.75	Elizabethtown Gas
11901	\$ 62.32	Fastenal Company
11902	\$ 5,872.50	Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt
11903	\$ 300.00	Friends of the Warren Cnty Library
11904	\$ 1,750.00	G Smith Services LLC
11905	\$ 495.60	Galeton
11906	\$ 98.28	Gary W. Gray Trucking
11907	\$ 1,750.00	Gebhardt & Keifer
11908	\$ 300.00	Girl Scout Troop #5014
11909	\$ 300.00	Girl Scout Troop #94884
11910	\$ 300.00	Goodwill Fire Company
11911	\$ 300.00	GSHNJ Troop 94967
11912	\$ 300.00	GSHNJ Troop 94476
11913	\$ 96.04	Home Depot Credit Services
11914	\$ 26.55	Hope Township
11915	\$ 605.00	Ilonia Giordano
11916	\$ 1,839.57	JCP&L
11917	\$ 256.73	Jeff Herb
11918	\$ 3,436.25	Maser Consulting, P.A.
11919	\$ 2,060.66	Mayberry Sales & Service
11920	\$ 10.00	MCANJ, Inc.
11921	\$ 60.00	M.E.I.A. of NJ, Inc.
11922	\$ 259.70	MGL Printing Solutions
11923	\$ 482.00	National Night Out
11924	\$ 1,030.00	National Recreation Systems, Inc.
11925	\$ 33.34	Nestle Pure Life
11926	\$ 261.75	Nick Schulaka Plumbing
11927	\$ 992.91	NJ American Water Company
11928	\$ 349.50	NJ Division of Fire Safety
11929	\$ 40.34	NJN Publishing
11930	\$ 300.00	Patricia Mannon
11931	\$ 144.00	Pitney Bowes
11932	\$ 240.00	Precast Manufacturing Company
11933	\$ 182.31	Ralph Price
11934	\$ 46.49	Randy Bell
11935	\$ 900.00	Reserve Account

11936	\$ 1,302.00	Riverbend Advertiser
11937	\$ 2,472.27	Rowe and Company Inc.
11938	\$ 61.49	Sanico Inc.
11939	\$ 200.00	Scott M. Wilhelm
11940	\$ 174.00	Shade Tree Electric
11941	\$ 124.34	S&L Equipment Rental, Inc.
11942	\$ 40.64	Smith Motor Company
11943	\$ 343.68	Staples Credit Plan Dept. 31
11944	\$ 189.00	Swift Print Solutions
11945	\$ 82.80	The Express-Times
11946	\$ 125.75	Tractor Supply Credit Plan
11947	\$ 300.00	Troop 94529
11948	\$ 300.00	Troop 94330
11949	\$ 300.00	Troop 94838
11950	\$ 95.00	Township of Lopatcong
11951	\$ 122.10	Verizon Wireless
11952	\$ 550.00	Vital Communications
11953	\$ 300.00	Warren Cnty 4H
11954	\$ 50.00	Warren Cnty
11955	\$ 115.00	Warren County Assessors Assoc.
11956	\$ 300.00	White Twsp School
11957	\$ 300.00	White Twsp School Class Trip
11958	\$548,495.00	White Twsp Board of Education
11959	\$ 300.00	White Twsp. 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Class
11960	\$ 300.00	White Twsp. Historical Society
11961	\$ 37.50	William Gold, Esq.
11962	\$ 524.16	Xerox Corporation

TOTAL: \$ 600,589.23

#### CURRENT FUND MANUAL CHECKS

2073	\$100.00	Discovery Benefits
2074	\$23,619.90	Payroll Account
2075	\$465.00	Roxbury Glass& Radiator
2076	\$15,122.19	Payroll Account

#### SEWER ACCOUNT

1186	\$82,932.00	Warren County (PR) MUA
1187	\$1800.00	Warren County (PR) MUA
1188	\$819.18	Belvidere Sewer Utility
1189	\$50.00	Vital Communications



**ANIMAL CONTROL ACCOUNT**

1091	\$171.00	NJ Dept. of Health & Senior Services
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**CAPITAL ACCOUNT**

1421	\$218.75	Maser Consulting, P.A.
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**BANK OF AMERICA ESCROW ACCOUNT**

2455	\$312.50	Michael Clemente
2456	\$187.50	William Gold, Esq.
2457	\$150.00	William Gold, Esq.
2458	\$740.00	Maser Consulting P.A.

**GRAVEL PIT ESCROWS**

180	\$218.75	Maser Consulting
184	\$281.25	Maser Consulting

**TOTAL ALL FUNDS.....\$727,777.25**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Barry Wessner suggested the committee advertise to fill the recently created Alternate #2 position on the Zoning Board. An ad will be placed in the Riverbend.

**OTHER MATTERS**

Mr. Race requested an update on the following Road department issues:

- Monthly Reports - The Road Supervisor has been out on sick leave since last year and the assistant has not been providing monthly activity reports. Mrs. Mackey will contact Mr. Bell.
- Free Union Road supplemental work – The engineer is preparing plans to request RFP's.
- 450 Buckhorn Drive drainage – no new developments. The owner will be contacted to

schedule a meeting.

- Salt Spreader – The Road Supervisor used a label off of an old spreader to order a new spreader and the specifications had changed. This resulted in the township purchasing the wrong spreader, but the assistant supervisor believes he can make the dimensions work with the current plow truck.
- Email at Road Department – Mr. Race questioned why the email is [dpw@whitetwp-nj.com](mailto:dpw@whitetwp-nj.com). The clerk asked if anyone would like the email address changed. No further comments were made.

Mr. Herb thanked the clerk and assistant road supervisor for overseeing the annual roadside clean up event on Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Several non-profit groups including township sports clubs were able to received \$300 for roadside litter clean up in White Township!

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:04pm on motion by Mr. Herb, seconded by Mr. Race and carried by unanimous favorable vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kathleen R. Reinalda, RMC  
Township Clerk