

WHITE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING JANUARY 9, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Holly Mackey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and stated 'Adequate Notice of this meeting of January 9, 2014 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 The Express-Times and Star-Gazette; 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 Deputy Mayor asked everyone to stand for the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Deputy Mayor Mackey, Committeeman Herb, Attorney Tipton and Clerk Kathleen Reinalda. Mayor Race was absent.

RESOLUTIONS

Res. 2014-8: Motion to adopt the following resolution made by Mr. Herb, seconded by Mrs. Mackey. Herb – yes, Mackey – yes, Race – absent. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THE WHITE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY,
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN OF THE
HOPE/WHITE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2014/15

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey;

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of White in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore, has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of White further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of White has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Warren, New Jersey;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of White, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The White Township Committee does hereby authorize submission of the Strategic Plan for the Hope/White Municipal Alliance Grant for fiscal year 2014/15 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$ 8,734.00 (Hope-\$3,342.00; White-\$5,392.00)
Cash Match	\$ 2,621.00 (Hope-\$1,003.00; White-\$1,618.00)
In-Kind Match	\$ 6,551.00 (Hope-\$2,507.00; White-\$4,044.00)

2. The White Township Committee acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance Grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

The Goodwill Fire Company is currently reviewing the proposed 'Alarm Ordinance'.

Mr. Herb suggested the committee get additional quotes on an 'instant alert system'. A representative from SwiftReach will be asked to attend the February Meeting.

The AOC has suggested an interim court administrator be appointed to cover the office upon Ms. Farrell's retirement. The White Township Judge has recommended Dawn Decker at a rate of \$25 per hour. Mrs. Decker can work in the office on Thursday evenings from 4:30pm to 8:30pm. The following Resolution was approved on motion by Mr. Herb and seconded by Mrs. Mackey. Herb – yes, Mackey – yes, Race – absent.

RESOLUTION 2014-9

TOWNSHIP OF WHITE

WARREN COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT AN INTERIM COURT ADMINISTRATOR

WHEREAS, the administration of the Municipal Court request the appointment of an Interim Court Administrator to perform the duties of the Court Administrator upon her retirement; and

WHEREAS, J. Edward Palmer, Judge of the Municipal Court of the Township of White has

recommended the appointment of Dawn Decker as Interim Court Administrators for this municipal court; and

WHEREAS, Dawn Decker have satisfactorily completed all the required courses for the position of Municipal Court Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the White Township Court committee has also recommended the appointment of Dawn Decker as the Interim Court Administrator.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Municipal Court of White Township, County of Warren, State of New Jersey to approve the appointment of Dawn Decker as Interim Court Administrator for the Municipal Court of White Township to act in the capacity of the Court Administrator upon Gayle Farrell's retirement effective February 1, 2014.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the governing body that Dawn Decker shall be compensated for these services at the rate of twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars per hour.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Belvidere Mayor Linda Stettler thanked the committee for their consideration of the 'Alarm Ordinance'.

On motion by Mr. Herb, seconded by Mrs. Mackey 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, January 9, 2014, 7:06pm:

Contract Negotiations
(Shared Court – Town of Belvidere)

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 Mr. Herb, seconded by Mrs. Mackey, the meeting was re-opened to the public at 7:43pm. Motion passed. No action was taken in Executive Session.

On motion by Mr. Herb and seconded by Mrs. Mackey, the committee authorized the clerk to formally communicate to Belvidere White Township's desire to amend the proposed shared court contract to reflect that Item #7 is non-negotiable and must be removed from the contract for White Township to consider entering into a shared court agreement with the Town of Belvidere. The answer must be communicated back in writing by January 21st. If Belvidere decides that contract item #7 must remain in the contract, White Township will begin the process to join the North Warren Municipal Court at Hope Township effective January 22, 2014. Roll Call: Mr. Herb – yes, Mrs. Mackey – yes, Mayor Race – absent. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm on motion by Mr. Herb and seconded by Mrs. Mackey.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen R. Reinalda, RMC
Township Clerk

