

WHITE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING MARCH 9, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Herb called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and stated ‘Adequate Notice of this meeting of March 9, 2022 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-Ledger; 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 Herb, Committeewoman Skoog, Committeeman Hyndman, Clerk Kathleen Reinalda, Deputy Clerk Brielle Whitmore and Attorney Tipton.

On motion by Mrs. Skoog, seconded by Dr. Hyndman and carried by unanimous favorable roll call 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, March 9, 2022, 6:07 pm:

Litigation
(JAINDL)

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. Skoog, seconded by Dr. Hyndman, the meeting was re-opened to the public at 6:16 p.m. Motion passed. No action was taken in Executive Session.

OTHER MATTERS

Bill Hunt, Warren County Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator, was in attendance to present the 'RAVE System'. It is a mass communication system for the public which replaced the old Swift Reach system. In the event of an emergency, the system will send out messages via email and/or text to all registered users. A link will be placed on the township's updated website. The public has the option of opting out.

ENGINEERING UPDATE

Dan Bloch presented the township's current affordable housing situation. Windtryst Apartments provides the township with 158 units resulting in an excess of what the state demands. However, the township needs to address rehabilitation units. This can be accomplished through adoption of affordable housing ordinances and/or using the excess towards the rehabilitation obligation. After much debate, a motion was made by Mrs. Skoog, seconded by Dr. Hyndman and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to use the excess units towards the township's rehabilitation obligations. Hyndman – yes, Skoog – yes, Herb – yes. Motion carried. Additional research will be done regarding adoption of the ordinances.

The 5 Acres property review was tabled.

RESOLUTIONS

Res. 2022-21: Motion made by Dr. Hyndman, seconded by Mrs. Skoog and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to approve the following resolution. Hyndman – yes, Skoog – yes, Herb – yes. Resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION #2022-21
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITE,
COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
TO AUTHORIZE THE REFUND OF REDEMPTION MONIES TO OUTSIDE
LIENHOLDER OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE #21-00001 ON BLOCK 12 LOT 17.03.**

WHEREAS, at the White Township Municipal Tax Sale held November 12, 2021, a lien was sold on Block 12 Lot 17.03, also known as 51 Spring Lane for delinquent 2020 taxes; and

WHEREAS, this lien known as Tax Sale Certificate No 21-00001 was sold to FIG CUST FIGNJ19LLC & SEC PTY for a premium of \$60,300.00; and

WHEREAS, the property owner, made the full payment on Certificate No 21-00001 in the amount of \$11,691.35 and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of White hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue a check in the amount of \$60,300.00 for the Premium to:

FIG CUST FIGNJ19LLC & SEC PTY
P.O. BOX 54226
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70154

Res. 2022-22: Motion made by Mrs. Skoog, seconded by Dr. Hyndman and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to approve the following resolution. Hyndman – yes, Skoog – yes, Herb – yes. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION 2022-22
ADOPTING THE WARREN COUNTY
MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Township of White_NJ, has experienced natural hazards that result in public safety hazards and damages to private and public property and;

WHEREAS, the hazard mitigation planning process set forth by the State of New Jersey and the Federal Emergency Management Agency offer the opportunity to consider natural hazards and risks, and to identify mitigation actions to reduce future risks and;

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management has provided federal mitigation funds to support development of an updated mitigation plan and;

Whereas, a Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan has been developed by the County Department of Public Safety and Mitigation Planning Committee and;

Whereas, the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan includes a prioritized list of mitigation actions including activities that, over time will help minimize and reduce safety threats and damage to private and public property and;

WHEREAS, the draft plan was provided to each participating jurisdiction through a website hosted by Michael Baker International, Inc. (Michael Baker), the contracted vendor assisting with the planning process. Links were links also posted on the Department of Public Safety website so as to introduce the planning concept and to solicit questions and comments and to present the Plan and request comments, as required by law and;

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

1. The Warren County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, as submitted on September 14, 2021 by the Warren County Department of Public Safety to the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management and submitted on October 13, 2021 to the Federal Emergency Management Agency and subsequently approved by both agencies on November 5, 2021, be and is hereby adopted as an official plan of the County of

Warren; with the required yearly updates and minor revisions recommended by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and/or the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management may be incorporated without further action.

2. The Township of White departments identified in the Plan are hereby directed to further pursue potential or suggested implementation of the recommended high priority activities that are assigned to their departments.
3. Any action proposed by the Plan shall be subject to and contingent upon budget approval, if required, which shall be at the discretion of the **Township of White** and this resolution shall not be interpreted so as to mandate any such appropriation.
4. The Township of White Emergency Management Coordinator is designated to coordinate with other offices and shall periodically report on the activities, accomplishments, and progress, and shall prepare an annual progress report to be submitted to the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management. The status reports shall be submitted on a yearly basis by a predetermined date agree upon by all stakeholders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the **Township Clerk** forward a certified true copy of this resolution to the Warren County Department of Public Safety.

Res. 2022-23: Motion made by Mrs. Skoog, seconded by Dr. Hyndman and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to approve the following resolution. Hyndman – yes, Skoog – yes, Herb – yes. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION 2022-23

Performance Guarantee Release Request GeoPeak Energy LLC Block 51, Lot 5 Township of White, Warren County, New Jersey

WHEREAS, **GeoPeak Energy LLC** (“Developer”) posted a performance guarantee in the amount of \$517,912.81, including \$51,791.28 in cash and a performance bond in the amount of \$466,121.53 to cover the completion of landscaping in accordance with a Site Plan approved by the White Township Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, the Developer has completed the required landscaping and other improvements in accordance with the approved Site Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Developer is seeking the release of the performance guarantees that are being held by the Township at this time; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has recommended that the Township Committee release the performance guarantees since all work has been completed satisfactorily by the Developer; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of White that the performance guarantees being held by the Township in the amount of \$517,912.81 on the GeoPeak Energy LLC project be released at this time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the release is not conditioned upon the posting of a maintenance bond as more than two (2) years has elapsed since the project was completed and landscaping that was installed is still in satisfactory condition.

OLD BUSINESS

The committee continues to discuss possible auction of township owned parcels. The Township received an estimate of the value of timbering of Block 18 Lot 93 in the amount of \$22,000.00.

The SWAC appointment was tabled for further review.

Mayor and Committee discussed amendments to Chapter 70 “Alcoholic Beverages”. BYOB was debated at length. Attorney Tipton will prepare an ordinance for the March 23rd meeting incorporating the committee’s comments.

Mayor and Committee reviewed the content of the updated website. Further suggestions were proposed.

NEW BUSINESS

The comcast franchise renewal was discussed. Additional information will be prepared for upcoming meetings.

The Belvidere Ambulance Corps. coin toss application was approved on motion by Dr. Hyndman, seconded by Mrs. Skoog and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote. Hyndman – yes, Skoog – yes, Herb – yes. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chris Pozarycki, owner of Jack’s Barn, asked the committee if the township allowed Air B&B rentals. Mayor and Committee debated the pros and cons of this at length. Attorney Tipton suggested he research other town ordinances.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS

On motion by Mrs. Skoog, seconded by Dr. Hyndman and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Committee approved the following list of bills:

<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
17456	State Treasurer	50.00
17457	Alfia Schemm	117.70
17458	Griffith Allied Trucking LLC	2635.51
17459	Amsterdam	122.65
17460	Atlantic Salt Inc.	14,239.99
17461	Brielle Whitmore	41.71
17462	CenturyLink	75.15
17463	C&M Auto Parts	861.43
17464	Colliers Engineering & Design	1772.92
17465	Computer Images Web	435.00
17466	Comcast	797.02
17467	Edmunds GovTech	6286.09
17468	J.C. Ehrlich Co. Inc.	94.00
17469	Elizabethtown Gas	822.74
17470	Elizabethtown Gas	1214.55
17471	Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt & Fader	2900.00
17472	Francotupe-Postalia Inc.	141.00
17473	Gebhardt & Kiefer	984.65
17474	GenServe Inc.	527.45
17475	Home Depot Credit Services	202.13
17476	Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield	630.20
17477	JCP&L	1088.20
17478	L&H Sales and Service	107.85
17479	Mayberry Sales and Service	114.97
17480	North East Parts Group LLC	211.42
17481	ReadyRefresh by Nestle	107.43
17482	Nisivoccia LLP	15,500.00
17483	NJ League of Municipalities	150.00
17484	NJ American Water Company	1190.48
17485	NJ Advance Media	2724.61
17486	State of NJ	191.00
17487	NJPO	370.00
17488	Public Alliance Insurance Coverage	24,987.00
17489	Rigo's General Hardware	56.86
17490	Rossi Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram	2276.87
17491	Sanico Inc.	383.32
17492	S&L Equipment Rental Inc.	159.86
17493	Staples Credit Plan	156.18

17494	Steven P. Gruenberg, Esq.	3003.00
17495	Verizon Wireless	370.75
17496	Vital Communications	1774.08
17497	White Twsp. Board of Education	642,315.00
17498	Xerox Corporation	1096.45
17499	Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield	315.10
17500	State Treasurer	100.00

TOTAL.....\$733,702.32

Developer's Escrow Account

1392	Suburban Consulting	710.00
1393	Bright View Engineering	1235.00
1394	Colliers Engineering	38.75
1395	Steven P. Gruenberg	990.00
1396	Gebhardt & Kiefer	82.50
1397	Gebhardt & Kiefer	1485.00
1398	Colliers Engineering	431.25
1399	Colliers Engineering	4292.35
1400	Colliers Engineering	135.60
1401	Colliers Engineering	91.05

Current Fund Manual

2407	Payroll Account	33,817.07
2408	Drakes Landscaping	13,522.50
2409	Payroll Account	20,976.07

Dog Account

1196	Edmunds GovTech	559.29
1197	NJ Dept. of Health	322.20

Gravel Pit Escrows

250	Colliers Engineering	1433.47 (for HS&G)
245	Colliers Engineering	123.75 (for Hoffman)
249	Colliers Engineering	1641.41 (for BS&G)

Capital Account

1575	Colliers Engineering	15,840.00
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Sewer Account

1386	Edmunds GovTech	3100.30
1387	Kathleen Reinalda	290.00
1388	MGL Printing Solutions	617.00

TOTAL ALL FUNDS.....\$835,436.88

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Skoog, seconded by Dr. Hyndman and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen R. Reinalda, RMC
Township Clerk