

**WHITE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE      MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**AUGUST 11, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Herb called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and stated ‘Adequate Notice of this meeting of August 11, 2021 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 Express-Times Warren County Zone and 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, Deputy Mayor Collom, Committeewoman Skoog, Clerk Kathleen Reinalda, Deputy Clerk Brielle Whitmore and Attorney Tipton.

On motion by Mrs. Skoog, seconded by Mrs. Collom 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, August 11, 2021, 5:03 pm:

Pending or Threatened Litigation

(JAINDL)

Personnel Matters

(electrical inspector retirement)

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 Mrs. Collom, the meeting was re-opened to the public at 6.00p.m. Motion passed. No action was taken in Executive Session.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

Res. 2021-42: Motion made by Mrs. Skoog, seconded by Mrs. Collom and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to approve the following resolution. Collom – yes, Skoog – yes, Herb - yes. Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-42**

#### **RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITE DESIGNATED AS TAX BLOCK 17, LOT 27 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITE, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, the Local Lands and Buildings Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13 authorizes the sale by municipalities of any real property, capital improvements or personal property or interests therein, not needed for public use by open public sale at auction to the highest bidder after the required newspaper advertisements; and

WHEREAS, the Township of White is the owner of certain real property located at 661 Brass Castle Road and known as Block 17, Lot 27 on the Township Tax Maps (hereinafter the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, the Property is no longer needed for public use, and the Township Committee of the Township of White, has determined that it is in the best interest of the Township to sell the Property; and

WHEREAS, a public auction was held on June 30, 2021 for the sale of the Property, where the Property was to be sold “AS IS” “WHERE IS”, and

WHEREAS, at the time of auction, Jeffrey Hackett with a mailing address at 417 Hazen Oxford Road, Belvidere, NJ 07823 submitted the highest offer in the amount of \$11,000.00 for the purchase of the Property; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in open public session on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021, the Township Committee of the Township of White hereby authorizes the sale of real property located at 661 Brass Castle Road and known as Block 17 Lot 27 on the Township Tax Maps to Jeffrey Hackett for the amount of \$11,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of White that the Mayor and/or appropriate Township official is hereby authorized to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the transfer of the property located at 661 Brass Castle Road to Jeffrey Hackett.

Res. 2021-45: Motion made by Mrs. Skoog, seconded by Mrs. Collom and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to approve the following resolution. Collom – yes, Skoog – yes, Herb - yes. Motion carried.

WHEREAS, the White Township Tax Assessor received certification from the Department of Veterans Affairs confirming the status of a permanent and totally disabled veteran for resident Robert John Sandberg, owner of Block 31 Lot 12.04 C0003, 6 Buckingham Circle; and

WHEREAS, the property owner, Robert John Sandberg, applied for this exemption with the Tax Assessor on 7/22/2021; and

WHEREAS, this property will remain exempt from property tax while it remains the principal residence of the permanent and totally disabled veteran; and

WHEREAS, the property will be tax exempt from the date he applied for this exemption, 7/22/2021; and

WHEREAS, the veteran also receives the \$250 veteran deduction which he is also entitled to for the 2021 tax year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of White, County of Warren, and the State of New Jersey that the Tax Collector should collect \$316.32 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2021 and the taxes for the remainder of 2021 be adjusted to reflect the exempt status of the property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be provided to the Tax Collector, Tax Assessor and Chief Financial Officer.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Donna Berger asked the status of the township owned parcels for possible auction. No new information at this time.

**APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS**

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

17197	Belvidere Ambulance Corps Inc.	25,000.00
17198	CenturyLink	140.51
17199	CMRS-FP	1,000.00
17200	Colliers Engineering & Design	4,229.53
17201	Comcast	697.19
17202	Cty of Warren TreasurersOffice	29,031.27
17203	J.C. Ehrlich Co., Inc.	94.00
17204	Elizabethtown Gas	39.02
17205	Gebhardt & Keifer	2,431.32
17206	GTM Turf Management	4,874.38
17207	JCP&L	1,088.40
17208	Jersey Mail Systems LLC	124.43
17209	Lisa Duckworth	21.82
17210	MGL Printing Solutions	457.00
17211	ReadyRefresh by Nestle	80.91
17212	NJ American Water Company	1,111.36
17213	NJ Advance Media	178.25
17214	Quill Corporation	447.87
17215	S&L Equipment Rental, Inc.	1,288.00
17216	State Treasurer	50.00
17217	Tractor Supply Credit Plan	99.98
17218	Verizon Wireless	102.74
17219	Warren County Treasurer	1,024,282.89
17220	White Twsp Board of Education	642,315.00
17221	Xerox Corporation	548.17
17222	Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield	315.10

TOTAL.....\$1,740,049.14

**Dog Account**

1188	NJ Dept. of Health	31.80
1189	Nj Dept. of Health	26.40

**Gravel Pit Escrows**

245	Colliers Engineering	38.75 (for BS&G)
244	Colliers Engineering	220.00 (for HS&G)

**Open Space Trust**

968039	L.J. Brill & Associates P.A.	3550.00
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**Developer Escrow Account**

1315	Maser Consulting	445.40
1316	Colliers Engineering	271.25
1317	Gebhardt & Kiefer	16.50
1318	Gebhardt & Kiefer	1006.50
1319	Gebhardt & Kiefer	82.50
1320	Gebhardt & Kiefer	957.00
1321	Bright View Engineering	1620.00
1322	Suburban Consulting	4807.50
1323	Suburban Consulting	480.00
1324	Suburban Consulting	640.00
1325	Suburban Consulting	3526.00
1326	Gebhardt & Kiefer	181.50
1327	Gebhardt & Kiefer	49.50
1328	Gebhardt & Kiefer	16.50
1329	Gebhardt & Kiefer	841.50
1330	Gebhardt & Kiefer	1782.00
1331	Bright View Engineering	997.50
1332	Colliers Engineering	155.00
1333	Colliers Engineering	432.37
1331	Bright View Engineering	997.50

**Current Fund – Manual**

2392	Payroll Account	25,201.65
2393	Payroll Account	16,252.06
2394	Payroll Account	29,259.12
2395	Payroll Account	17,067.58

**Sewer Account**

1382	Warren County MUA	72,157.75
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TOTAL ALL FUNDS.....\$1,923,160.27

## **OTHER MATTERS**

Mayor and Committee regretfully accepted Dan Sullivan's retirement effective June 30<sup>th</sup>. Motion was made by Mrs. Skoog, seconded by Mrs. Collom and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to appoint Ralph Price as the Electrical Inspector/Subcode Official at a salary of \$9375.00 retroactive back to July 1<sup>st</sup>. The motion also included an increase for the construction secretary of \$3125.00 retroactive back to July 1<sup>st</sup>. This was a recommendation from Mr. Price as the building office activity has increased periodically resulting in additional hours. The combined salary does not exceed the salary Mr. Sullivan was making. Collom – yes, Skoog – yes, Herb – yes. Motion carried.

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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, August 11, 2021, 6:14 pm:

Pending or Threatened Litigation

(zoning matters)

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 Mrs. Collom, the meeting was re-opened to the public at 6.45p.m. Motion passed. No action was taken in Executive Session.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

Motion was made by Mrs. Skoog, seconded by Mrs Collom and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to authorize Attorney Tipton to send a letter to the North Warren Municipal Court regarding the cat nuisance complaints received in Buttzville. Collom – yes, Skoog – yes, Herb – yes. Motion carried.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Skoog, seconded by Mrs. Collom and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kathleen R. Reinalda, RMC Township Clerk