WHITE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING DECEMBER 9, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Herb called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and stated 'Adequate Notice of this ZOOM meeting of December 9, 2020 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 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 Collom, Clerk Kathleen Reinalda and Attorney Tipton. Committeeman Race was absent.

PLANET NETWORKS PRESENTATION – Robert Boyle, CEO

CEO Robert Boyle explained that Planet Networks Inc is a provider of telecommunications services that is authorized by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunication services throughout New Jersey. In order to operate they must formally petition the municipality for consent to use the public rights-of-way to place its telecommunication facilities aerially on existing and new utility poles and/or in underground conduits. Planet Networks intends to enter into agreements with the utility companies for the use of their poles. If agreeable, the township must pass a Resolution allowing the Right of Way access. The clerk was asked to prepare the Resolution for the year end meeting.

ORDINANCES – PUBLIC HEARING

Ord. 2020-08: Motion to open the Public Hearing made by Mrs. Collom, seconded by Mayor Herb and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote. Being no comments, motion to close the Public Hearing made by Mrs. Collom, seconded by Mayor Herb and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-08 made by Mrs. Collom, seconded by Mayor Herb and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote. Herb – yes, Collom – yes, Race – absent.

ORDINANCE 2020-08

ORDINANCE TO AMEND PROVISIONS IN CHAPTER 280 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITE ENTITLED "TRAFFIC REGULATIONS IN SEMIPUBLIC

AND PRIVATE AREAS" TO CHANGE THE TITLE OF THIS CHAPTER AND TO ADD A SECOND ARTICLE WITHIN CHAPTER 280 CONTAINING TRAFFIC REGULATIONS FOR MUNICIPAL STREETS IN THE TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, Chapter 280 of the Code of the Township of White contains provisions to regulate traffic in semipublic and private areas; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 280 of the Code does not have any regulations to regulate traffic on municipal streets in the Township; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to amend Chapter 280 at this time to include traffic regulations for municipal streets in the Township due to a September 21, 2020 speed limit investigation performed by Maser Consulting that is recommending the establishment of a 15 MPH speed limit on White Road; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of White that Chapter 280 of the Code of the Township of White be amended to read as follows:

<u>Section 1</u> - The title of Chapter 280 of the Code of the Township of White shall be revised to read as follows:

"Traffic Regulations in Semipublic and Private Areas and Municipal Streets."

<u>Section 2</u> - Chapter 280 of the Code of the Township of White shall be amended to include a second article as follows:

Article II Municipal Streets

§280-14 Speed Limits

- A. The speed limits for both directions of traffic along the streets or parts thereof described below and made a part of this chapter, are hereby established at the rate of speed indicated.
- B. Regulatory and warning signs shall be erected and maintained pursuant to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) to effectuate the below listed speed limits.

Name of Street	Speed Limit (MPH)	Limit
White Road	15 MPH	Entire Length

<u>Section 3</u> - Portions of the Code not set forth above shall remain unchanged.

<u>Section 4</u> - This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption by the Township Committee in accordance with the law.

<u>Section 5</u> - Any section, subsection or portion of this ordinance that may be found to be invalid by a competent court of jurisdiction shall not invalidate any other section, subsection or portion of this ordinance.

RESOLUTIONS

Res. 2020-52: Motion made by Mrs. Collom, seconded by Mayor Herb and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to approve the following resolution. Herb – yes, Collom – yes, Race – absent. Resolution adopted.

CANCELATION RESOLUTION 2020-52

WHEREAS, certain improvement appropriation balances within the General Capital Fund remain dedicated to projects now completed or not being pursued; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel balances so that the unexpended balances may be returned to each prospective Capital Improvement Fund, or Surplus, and unused debt authorization be canceled within the General Capital Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of White that the following unexpended and dedicated balances be canceled:

Ordinance No.	Description	<u>Amount</u>	Funding Source
2020-02	Mt. Lake Rd Repairs	\$2,109.55	CIF
2020-03	U Sarepta Rd Repairs	\$43,157.73	CIF

TOTALS:

\$45,267.28 Returned to CIF

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

Res. 2020-53: Motion made by Mrs. Collom, seconded by Mayor Herb and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to approve the following resolution. Herb – yes, Collom – yes, Race – absent. Resolution adopted.

CANCELATION RESOLUTION 2020-53

WHEREAS, certain improvement appropriation balances within the Sewer Capital Fund remain dedicated to projects now completed or not being pursued; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel balances so that the unexpended balances may be returned to each prospective Capital Improvement Fund, or Surplus, and unused debt authorization be canceled within the Sewer Capital Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of White that the following unexpended and dedicated balances be canceled:

Ordinance No.	Description	<u>Amount</u>	Funding Source
2019-06	Sewer Manhole Covers	\$1,352.86	CIF
TOTALS:		\$1,352.86 Re	turned to CIF

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

Res. 2020-54: Motion made by Mrs. Collom, seconded by Mayor Herb and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to approve the following resolution. Herb – yes, Collom – yes, Race – absent. Resolution adopted.

WHITE TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION #2020--54

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 Peter A. Lemoine, owner of Block 31 Lot 12.04 C0033, 8 Kensington Circle; and

WHEREAS, the property owner, Peter A. Lemoine, applied for this exemption with the Tax Assessor on 11/18/2020; 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, 11/18/2020; and

WHEREAS, the veteran also applied for the \$250 veteran deduction which he is also entitled to for the 2020 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 a refund of 2020 taxes be given to Peter A. Lemoine in the amount of \$1,035.95 and the records of the Tax Collector 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.

Res. 2020-55: Motion made by Mrs. Collom, seconded by Mayor Herb and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to approve the following resolution. Herb – yes, Collom – yes, Race – absent. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION 2020-55 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITE, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO CANCEL TAX SALE CERTIFICATE #2012008 FOR BLOCK 62, LOT 14.

WHEREAS, the Township of White has reviewed this taxpayer's account known as Block 62 Lot 14 and has determined this tax sale certificate was redeemed by the property owner with the former tax collector and was not cancelled at that time; and,

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to cancel Tax Sale Certificate 2012008 associated with this error; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of White hereby authorizes the Township Tax Office to cancel Tax Sale Certificate 2012008.

Res. 2020-56: Motion made by Mrs. Collom, seconded by Mayor Herb and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to approve the following resolution. Herb – yes, Collom – yes, Race – absent. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION 2020-56 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITE, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO REFUND OVERPAYMENTS FOR BLOCK 16 LOT 24.08.

WHEREAS, the Township of White has received the final county tax appeal judgment and has determined that due to an over assessment Block 16 Lot 24.08 has an overpayment; and

WHEREAS, the overpayments totaling \$641.55 due to an overpayment made for third quarter 2020 plus interest:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of White hereby authorizes the refund of \$641.55 to:

Lachman and Jamela Soni 55 3rd Avenue Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716

Res. 2020-57: Motion made by Mrs. Collom, seconded by Mayor Herb and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to approve the following resolution. Herb – yes, Collom – yes, Race – absent. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION 2020-57 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITE, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO REFUND OVERPAYMENTS FOR BLOCK 49 LOT 1.01, 1.02, 1.03 & 1.04.

WHEREAS, the Township of White has received the final county tax appeal judgment and has determined that due to an over assessment Block 15 Lot 1.01, 1.02, 1.03 and 1.04 has a overpayments; and

WHEREAS, the overpayments totaling \$7,480.33 due to an overpayment made for 2020 plus interest:

Block 49 Lot 1.01	\$1,832.94
Block 49 Lot 1.02	\$1,986.63
Block 49 Lot 1.03	\$1,855.99
Block 49 Lot 1.04	\$1,804.77

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of White hereby authorizes the refund of \$7,480.33 to:

MICHAEL E. BELBY 3114 RIVER VILLA WAY MELBOURNE BEACH, FL 32951

Res. 2020-58: Motion made by Mrs. Collom, seconded by Mayor Herb and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to approve the following resolution. Herb – yes, Collom – yes, Race – absent. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION 2020-58 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITE,

COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO REFUND OVERPAYMENTS FOR BLOCK 79.02 LOT 23.

WHEREAS, the Township of White has received the final county tax appeal judgment and has determined that due to an over assessment Block 79.02 Lot 23 has an overpayment; and

WHEREAS, the overpayments totaling \$1,681.35 due to an overpayment made for third quarter 2020 plus interest:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of White hereby authorizes the refund of \$1,681.35 to:

DEYANIRA HERNANDEZ 5 SOMERSET DRIVE BELVIDERE, NJ 07823

Res. 2020-59: Motion made by Mrs. Collom, seconded by Mayor Herb and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to approve the following resolution. Herb – yes, Collom – yes, Race – absent. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION 2020-59

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WHITE TOWNSHIP'S ANNUAL APPLICATION RENEWAL TO THE STATE AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE'S MUNICPAL PLANNING INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Committee of the Township of White has developed a comprehensive Farmland Preservation Plan for the Township, which identifies land meeting the criteria for farmland preservation in accordance with the requirements of the State and County's farmland preservation programs; and

WHEREAS, the pressures from development continue to pose the threat of imminent change of land use from productive agriculture to nonagricultural uses; and

WHEREAS, the State Agricultural Development Committee (SADC) has funding available to assist the Township in acquiring farmland preservation easements, in partnership with the County of Warren via the Municipal Planning Incentive Grant program (Muni-PIG); and

WHEREAS, farmland preservation encourages the survivability of agricultural production, the rural character of the Township and the Township's agrarian history; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined that it is in the best interests of the

Township of White to maintain a robust farmland preservation program, to continue to access funds from the SADC's Muni-PIG program, and any other programs that offer funding for farmland preservation, and to acquire as many farmland preservation easements from eligible farms, in partnership with the SADC and the County of Warren, as possible; and

WHEREAS, White Township's Farmland Preservation Committee recommends that the Township continue to participate in the SADC's Muni-PIG Program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of White, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that it hereby authorizes ongoing participation in the SADC's Municipal Planning Incentive Grant program, as follows:

1) The Township approves of the Muni-PIG renewal letter and authorizes the Farmland Preservation Committee and its consultant to submit the renewal application to SADC in advance of the deadline and to continue to work with farmland owners in the Township to develop applications to the programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of White that it hereby authorizes the Municipal Clerk, the Farmland Preservation Committee and The Land Conservancy of New Jersey to sign documents and take all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the intent and purpose of this resolution.

Res. 2020-60: Motion made by Mrs. Collom, seconded by Mayor Herb and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to approve the following resolution. Herb – yes, Collom – yes, Race – absent. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION #2020-60

RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE RENEWALS OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES FOR 2020-2021 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITE, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

WHEREAS, proper applications and appropriate fees have been received by the White Township Clerk;

WHEREAS, Clearance Certificates have been received from the New Jersey Division of Taxation, verifying compliance with Chapter 161, Laws of N. J., by the applicants.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of White, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that the following Plenary Retail Consumption Licenses in the Township of White, are hereby renewed for the 2020-2021 licensing year, said renewal effective December 9, 2020:

2123-33-003-003 Joan H. Fratezi

Res. 2020-61: Motion made by Mrs. Collom, seconded by Mayor Herb and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to approve the following resolution. Herb – yes, Collom – yes, Race – absent. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION 2020-61

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITE, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS PROGRAM TO REIMBURSE WARREN COUNTY LOCAL RESTAURANTS AND BARS THE SUM OF TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00) AS A RESULT OF THE SPECIAL FEE/TAX IMPOSED BY THE NEW JERSEY STATE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION FOR THE ABILITY TO SERVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OUTSIDE THEIR LICENSED PREMISES

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren ("Freeholders") adopted a Resolution whereby it expressed its understanding of the financial destruction that the COVID19/Pandemic has imposed upon local businesses in the County of Warren; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders have created an Economic Development Advisory Committee to help foster and encourage opportunities for local businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Pandemic and concomitant closure of local restaurants and bars has had a chilling and devastating financial effect upon local business owners and their employees; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Alcoholic Beverage Commission has imposed a ten dollar (\$10.00) licensing fee and / or tax additional tax for establishments who will soon be able to serve alcoholic beverages outside their licensed premises within the guidelines for social distancing and Executive Order 150 imposed by the Governor; and

WHEREAS, the Freeholders and the Township of White Committee recognize that this additional fee and / or tax creates an additional burden and hardship upon proprietors of establishments which have been closed for ninety (90) or more days; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders has expressed its understanding of the concerns of local business owners, its concern for their economic viability, and has determined that available funds to cover this unnecessary excessive fee/tax are available in the account of the Economic Development Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Freeholders will tender payment for this unnecessary fee / tax to the Municipal Clerks of each Warren County municipality for those businesses to serve the public via outdoor dining and consumption of alcohol and in conformance with all Executive Orders from the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Committee of the

Township of White, in the County of Warren and the State of New Jersey, as follows:

- 1. The Township of White is authorized to participate in the reimbursement program established by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders.
- 2. The Clerk is authorized to take whatever steps are necessary to facilitate the purpose of this Resolution and to ensure participation in the reimbursement program to assist local business owners.
- 3. The Clerk shall provide the Township Committee with an accounting of funds received through the program and funds dispensed to business owners.
- 4. The Clerk shall serve a certified copy of this Resolution upon the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Collom provided an update on the proposed Property Maintenance Ordinance. She continues to research other towns' ordinances. She suggested she work with Attorney Tipton to tailor an Ordinance specific to White Township.

NEW BUSINESS

A shared services agreement was presented for ACO services effective January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021. The agreement mirrors the 2020 agreement with just a change of host location from Washington Township, Warren County to Washington Township, Morris County. Motion made by Mrs. Collom, seconded by Mayor Herb and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to authorize the 2021 Agreement for ACO services with Washington Township, Morris County. Collom – yes, Herb – yes, Race – absent. Motion carried.

The 2021 Re-Organization Meeting is scheduled for January 4th at 1:00 P.M.

CORRESPONDENCE

Several property maintenance complaints were received. The committee discussed action that the township could take, which would be very limited, if at all, considering the township does not currently have a property maintenance ordinance. Attorney Tipton advised that some of

the complaints are civil matters between neighbors. Further research will be done on adopting a property maintenance ordinance.

Chris Pozarycki, representing Jack's Barn, explained an issue that arose when he submitted an application to the clerk for a liquor license transfer. The application included licensed areas of the property for which Jack's Barn does not having zoning approval. Mr. Pozarycki explained that his attorney suggested the township consider altering the zone to allow serving of liquor rather than coming back in front of the Board of Adjustment to obtain the necessary approvals. Attorney Tipton said he would research the request.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Juliet Hyndman, 52 Beechwood Road, suggested the township adopt eco-friendly ordinances.

Danya Bloch, PTO President and Bill Thompson, School Superintendent discussed the new playground being built in 2021. They requested the township consider a donation towards the mulch in its 2021 budget. No action was taken.

PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS

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

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16859	670.98	Comcast
16860	254.00	Dan Sullivan

16866	86.85	Francotype-Postalia Inc.
16867	1,000.00	FURR
16868	2,922.00	Gebhardt & Kiefer P.C.
16869	837.45	GenServe Inc.
16870	1,000.00	Goodwill Fire Company
16871	500.00	GSHNJ Troop 94312
16872	641.55	Jamela & Lachman Soni
16873	968.19	JCP&L
16874	109.95	Jersey Mail Systems LLC
16875	196.91	Kathleen Reinalda
16876	39.50	L.E. Ritter Lumber Company
16877	248.00	Mary Bermingham
16878	7,145.34	Maser Consulting P.A.
16879	7,480.33	Michael E. Belby
16880	1,500.00	NAMI Warren County NJ Inc.
16881	74.56	North East Parts Group
16882	96.87	Ready Refresh by Nestle
16883	1,058.00	NJ American Water Co.
16884	902.28	NJ Advance Media
16885	295.00	NJCM
16886	500.00	Oxford Volunteer Fire Dept.
16887	500.00	Penn Jersey Amateur Radio
16888	1,035.95	Peter A. Lemoine
16889	29.97	Rigo's General Hardware
16890	615.00	ROK Industries Inc.
16891	2,051.00	Rutgers, The State University
16892	500.00	SACE
16893	50.18	Sanico, Inc.
16894	166.80	S&L Equipment Rental Inc.
16895	185.18	Smith Motor Company
16896	687.56	Staples Credit Plan
16897	1,138.50	Steven P. Gruenberg, Esq.
16898	396.50	TGM Services
16899	500.00	Troop 94643
16900	VOID	
16901	500.00	United Presbyterian Church
16902	350.00	US Municipal Supply Inc.
16903	313.18	Verizon Wireless
16904	1,329.90	Vital Communication
16905	500.00	Warren United Soccer Club
16906	623,606.00	White Twsp. Board of Education
16907	500.00	White Township 8 th Grade
16908	500.00	Woman's Club of Belvidere
16909	1,122.48	Xerox Corp.
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SEWER ACCOUNT		
1369	16,500.00	White Township

TOTAL ALL FUNDS......\$773,565.00

On motion by Mrs. Collom, seconded by Mayor Herb 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, December 9, 2020, 7:39 pm:

Personnel Matters (2021 Appointments) (DPW 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. Collom, seconded by Mayor Herb, the meeting was re-opened to the public at 7:54p.m. Motion passed. No action was taken in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Collom, seconded by Mayor Herb and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen R. Reinalda, RMC Township Clerk