

WHITE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING FEBRUARY 12, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Herb called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and stated ‘Adequate Notice of this meeting of February 12, 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 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 Mayor asked everyone to stand for the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Herb, Committeeman Race and Clerk Kathleen Reinalda.
Committeewoman Collom and Attorney Tipton were absent.

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, July 11, 2019, 8:31 pm:

Potential Litigation
(re-zoning requests)

Personnel Matters
(tax office)

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 Mr. Race, the meeting was re-opened to the public at 9:05p.m. Motion passed. No action was taken in Executive Session.

RESOLUTIONS

Res. 2020-12 Motion made by Mr. Race, seconded by Mayor Herb and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to approve the following resolution. Herb – yes, Collom – absent, Race – yes. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION 2020-12
WHITE TOWNSHIP/WARRREN COUNTY
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
LEAP CHALLENGE GRANT

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has allocated \$150,000 within each county for a statewide total of \$3.15 million in Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP) funds to promote innovation among peer local units across New Jersey, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) administers the LEAP grant program; and

WHEREAS, the LEAP Challenge Grant exists to challenge municipalities and counties to collaborate on more extensive partnership and collaborations to produce efficiencies through shared services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Washington and White Township, have determined to apply for a LEAP Challenge Grant through the State of New Jersey Local Efficiency Achievement Program in the amount of **\$70,000**; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Washington has agreed to be the lead agency in this program; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has made LEAP grants available to assist local units to study, develop and implement new shared services initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the project submitted in this grant application is intended to provide benefits to the participant local units' residents through the sharing of animal control services through the Southern Warren County Regional Animal Control program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of White, that the White Township Committee does hereby join with the Borough of Washington in applying for a LEAP challenge grant to support undertaking this endeavor.

Res. 2020-13 Motion made by Mr. Race, seconded by Mayor Herb and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to approve the following resolution. Herb – yes, Collom – absent, Race – yes. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION 2020-13
WHITE TOWNSHIP/WARRREN COUNTY
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
LEAP IMPLEMENTATION GRANT

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has appropriated \$10 million for Shared Services and School District Consolidation Study and Implementation Grants to assist local units with the study, development and implementation of new shared and regional services; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) is tasked with administering these grant funds through the Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP); and

WHEREAS, LEAP Implementation Grants exist to support costs associated with shared service implementation to ensure that meaningful, efficiency generating initiatives are not hindered by short term transitional expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Washington and White Township have entered into a shared services agreement, but face certain expenses associated with implementation that present a burden to the local units; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this shared services agreement is to administer the Southern Warren County Regional Animal Control program which benefits the residents of all participating local units; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Washington has agreed to be the lead agency in this program and will submit the application to DLGS on behalf of all participating units; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of White, that the White Township Committee does hereby join with the Borough of Washington in applying for a LEAP Implementation Grant in the amount of **\$250,000.00** to support implementation of this shared service.

Res. 2020-14 Motion made by Mr. Race, seconded by Mayor Herb and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to approve the following resolution. Herb – yes, Collom – absent, Race – yes. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION 2020-14

**APPOINTING A PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER
(N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.2)**

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.2 requires the appointment of a Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.); and

WHEREAS, the P.A.C.O. acts as the liaison between the Division of Public Contracts Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance and the Township of White; and

WHEREAS, the P.A.C.O. also acts as the point of contact for all matters concerning implementation and administration of N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.2; and

WHEREAS, the P.A.C.O. is also responsible for administering contracting procedures pertaining to equal employment opportunity regarding both the Public Agency and the service providers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of White does hereby appoint Kathleen Reinalda, Chief Financial Officer/Qualified Purchasing Agent as its Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.) in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.2.

Res. 2020-15: Motion made by Mr. Race, seconded by Mayor Herb and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to approve the following resolution. Herb – yes, Collom – absent, Race – yes. Resolution adopted.

TOWNSHIP OF WHITE
RESOLUTION 2020-15

WHEREAS, all or portions of Block 30, Lot 10.02, with an address of County Route 519, Belvidere, New Jersey 07823, encompassing approximately 25 acres, **and/or** Block 18, Lot 13.03, with an address of County Route 519, Belvidere, New Jersey 07823, encompassing approximately 19.47 acres, were farmed before their being obtained by the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee is of the opinion that the image of White Township as a rural community is enhanced by the said properties continuing to be farmed; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid properties are not anticipated to be required during the year

2020/2021/2022 for a specific public purpose; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to NJSA 40A:12-14 et. seq., the Township Committee put out to public bid a farm lease agreement for the aforesaid properties for the years 2020/2021/2022; and

WHEREAS, a bidder may bid on either one or both of the properties; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee authorized the Township Clerk to advertise for bids, and

WHEREAS, the following bids were received:

Block 18 Lot 13.03

Parks Farms LLC & Mackey's Orchard	\$4,000.00
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Block 30 Lot 10.02

Bylik Farms & Mackey's Orchard	\$2,648.00
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Naturally Beautiful Plant Products	\$ 5,150.00
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of White, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that the 2020/2021/2022 Farm Lease Bids be awarded as follows:

Block 18 Lot 13.03 Parks Farms LLC & Mackey's Orchard

Block 30 Lot 10.02 Naturally Beautiful Plant Products

Res. 2020-16: Motion made by Mr. Race, seconded by Mayor Herb and carried by

unanimous favorable roll call vote to approve the following resolution. Herb – yes, Collom – absent, Race – yes. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION 2020-16

WHEREAS, the White Township Tax Assessor was notified by Lisa Van Horn of a duplicate assessment for the 2019 tax year on Block 21 Lot 3 Q0200, a farmland assessed property located at 135 County Road 620; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor is requesting a cancellation of taxes owed on this lot of \$351.94 plus interest for the 2019 tax year only.

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 2019 taxes for Block 21 Lot 3 Q0200 be cancelled in the amount of \$351.94 plus any interest accrued for the 2019 tax year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution is provided to the Tax Collector and the Chief Financial Officer.

Res. 2020-17: Motion made by Mr. Race, seconded by Mayor Herb and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to approve the following resolution. Herb – yes, Collom – absent, Race – yes. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION 2020-17 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITE, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO REFUND OVERPAYMENTS FOR BLOCK 30.02 L1 C0006

WHEREAS, the Township of White has reviewed the tax accounts and determined the Block 30.02 L1 C0006 has an overpayments made by the taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the overpayments of \$159.75 due to the homestead rebate in Q4 2019.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of White hereby authorizes the refund of \$159.75 to:

DANIEL Y & GENEVIEVE CAILLOT
11 BUCKINGHAM CIRCLE
BELVIDERE, NJ 07836

Res. 2020-18: Motion made by Mr. Race, seconded by Mayor Herb and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to approve the following resolution. Herb – yes, Collom –

absent, Race – yes. Resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION #2020-18
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITE,
COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
TO REFUND OVERPAYMENTS FOR BLOCK 72 LOT 9.18**

WHEREAS, the Township of White has reviewed the tax accounts and determined the Block 72 Lot 9.18 has an overpayments made by the taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the overpayments of \$864.84 due to over payment by mortgage company in 2019 due to over assessment.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of White hereby authorizes the refund of \$864.84 to:

RONALD J CORT & SANDY K RAMSEY
12 PRITCHARD WAY
BELVIDERE, NJ 07836

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Mr. Race, seconded by Mayor Herb and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to approve the Hope Crossing Road Change Order as presented by the township engineer. Herb – yes, Collom – absent, Race – yes. Motion carried.

The attorney representing Whitetown Realty requested the township consider selling the right-of-way between Naturally Beautiful and the Brookfield Condo Association. After some discussion, the governing body instructed the clerk to respond ‘not interested’.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jay Bohn, attorney for Albert and Susan Krause, presented pictures of improvements the neighboring property owner has performed on his property. Attorney Bohn contested that Mr. Skoog did not have all required approvals before commencing the work. Mr. Skoog was present and maintained that all required approvals have been obtained. Mayor Herb said he would discuss the situation with Engineer Sterbenz.

Arnold Hyndman, 52 Beechwood Rd., said he would like to see a balance of open space and business in the township. He suggested aggressively pursuing local business to locate along Route 46.

PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS

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

<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Payee</u>
16467	375.00	ANJEC
16468	2655.00	Arae Network Solutions LLC
16469	2782.72	Atlantic Salt Inc.
16470	1626.00	Betty Kauffman
16471	1222.30	Comcast
16472	35,443.16	County of Warren Treasurer
16473	50.00	Discovery Benefits
16474	1050.00	Drake's Landscaping LLC
16475	86.00	J.C. Ehrlich Co., Inc.
16476	313.44	Elizabethtown Gas
16477	530.51	Elizabethtown Gas
16478	2900.00	Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt & Capelli
16479	2443.00	Gebhardt & Kiefer P.C.
16480	1195.00	General Code Publishers
16481	90.00	GFOA of NJ
16482	47.92	Home Depot Credit Services
16483	315.10	Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of NJ
16484	1626.00	James Hothouse
16485	2870.78	JCP&L
16486	1626.00	Kenneth Kauffman
16487	3613.27	Maser Consulting P.A.
16488	177.52	Mayberry Sales & Service
16489	71.94	North East Parts Group
16490	45.92	Ready Refresh by Nestle
16491	1000.00	Nisivoccia LLP
16492	641.00	NJ League of Municipalities
16493	2959.02	NJ Advance Media
16494	2116.00	NJ American Water Co.
16495	451.50	State of NJ
16496	25.00	NJ Registrar's Association
16497	16,588.00	Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund
16498	360.00	ROK Industries Inc.
16499	948.50	Shelly Hothouse
16500	778.07	Staples Credit Plan
16501	1848.00	Steven P. Gruenberg, Esq.
16502	1100.00	Township of Randolph
16503	12,448.25	Treasurer's Office Warren County
16504	629.98	Verizon Wireless
16505	975.00	Vital Communications
16506	50.00	Warren County
16507	976,242.57	Warren County Treasurer
16508	344.32	Warren Materials

16509	910.00	Washington Door Co.
16510	1,210,886.00	White Township Board of Education
16511	6000.00	White Township YAA
16512	419.32	Wilson Products
16513	1051.81	Xerox Corporation
16514	159.75	Caillot, Daniel & Genevieve
16515	864.84	Ronald Cort & Sandy Ramsey

TOTAL.....\$2,300,837.51

CURRENT VALLEY MANUAL

2346	24,270.82	Payroll Account
2347	15,041.88	Payroll Account

DEVELOPER'S ESCROWS

1183	145.30	Maser Consulting P.A.
1184	182.05	Maser Consulting P.A.
1185	1468.50	Gebhardt & Kiefer P.C.
1186	6084.50	Suburban Consulting Engineers Inc.
1187	66.00	Gebhardt & Kiefer P.C.
1188	519.00	Howard Shoemaker
1189	2853.75	Bright View Engineering

GRAVEL PIT ESCROWS

227	669.75	Maser Consulting P.A. (for HS&G)
235	882.50	Maser Consulting P.A. (for BS&G)
234	36.25	Maser Consulting P.A. (for Hoffman)
226	322.75	Maser Consulting P.A. (for Tilcon)

SEWER ACCOUNT

1356	73,733.75	Warren County (PR)MUA
1357	1800.00	Warren County (PR) MUA

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

1553	2465.00	Maser Consulting P.A.
1554	99,227.00	J. Fletcher Creamer & Son Inc.

DOG ACCOUNT

1172	505.20	NJ Dept. of Health & Senior Services
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TOTAL ALL FUNDS.....\$2,531,111.51

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34p.m. on motion by Mr. Race, seconded by Mayor Herb and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen R. Reinalda, RMC
Township Clerk