

# WHITE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

# MINUTES OF MEETING FEBRUARY 22, 2023

## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Skoog called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and stated ‘Adequate Notice of this meeting of February 22, 2023 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 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

Mayor Skoog, Committeemen Hyndman and Herb, Clerk Kathleen Reinalda, Deputy Clerk Brielle Whitmore and Attorney Tipton were present for the meeting.

## RESOLUTIONS

Res. 2023-18: Motion made by Mr. Herb, seconded by Dr. Hyndman and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to approve the following resolution. Herb – yes, Hyndman – yes, Skoog – yes. Resolution adopted.

### TOWNSHIP OF WHITE RESOLUTION 2023-18

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

2023/2024/2025 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 2023/2024/2025; 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**

**Bilyk Farms & Mackey's Orchard                            \$3,500.00**

**Block 30 Lot 10.02**

**Bylik Farms    \$3,800.00**

**Naturally Beautiful    \$6,670.00**

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 2023/2024/2025 Farm Lease Bids be awarded as follows:

**Block 18 Lot 13.03    Bilyk Farms & Mackey's Orchard**

**Block 30 Lot 10.02    Naturally Beautiful**

Res. 2023-19: Motion made by Mr. Herb, seconded by Dr. Hyndman and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to approve the following resolution. Herb – yes, Hyndman – yes, Skoog

– yes. Resolution adopted.

## RESOLUTION 2023-19

### RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT BLOCK 18, LOT 93, TO RUSSELL & DONNA BERGER

**WHEREAS**, the Township of White (“Township”) is the owner of real property located at Block 18, Lot 93, in the Township of White, County of Warren, State of New Jersey (hereinafter the “Property”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Property consists of approximately 10 acres, which is currently vacant property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Property is no longer needed for public use and it is in the best interests of the Township to offer the Property for sale to the highest bidder; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Local Lands and Buildings Law, authorizes the Township to sell municipally-owned real property to the highest bidder of all adjacent property owners to the property for sale; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township provided notice of the sale to all adjacent property owners to the property for sale on February 10, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township received one bid for the purchase of the Property by Russell and Donna Berger in the amount of \$44,800.00.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of White, County of Warren, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Township of White hereby accepts the bid of Russell & Donna Berger for the purchase of the Property for \$44,800.00; and
2. The Mayor, Clerk, and general legal counsel are hereby authorized to conduct any and all business, including the execution of documents, in order to effectuate the sale and transfer of the Property as prescribed by law.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor Skoog suggested a sign be posted on the Titman Road river frontage property that the township owns to read “Fishing Access No Parking”. Although Mr. Herb said he was still concerned about parking, the committee agreed. The DPW will be asked to clear the area and post the sign.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Dan Bloch of Colliers Engineering opened the community engagement workshop for the A&P Plaza Redevelopment Plan. Those in attendance were encouraged to review the various stations which depicted options for redevelopment of the site.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business to come before the Mayor and Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 PM on motion by Dr. Hyndman, seconded by Mr. Herb and carried by unanimous favorable vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kathleen R. Reinalda, RMC  
Township Clerk