

WHITE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING FEBRUARY 8, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Race called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and stated ‘Adequate Notice of this meeting of February 8, 2018 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 Race, Committeemen Herb and Vande Vrede, Attorney Katherine Fina and Clerk Kathleen Reinalda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Numerous residents were in attendance to encourage the committee to oppose the legalization of marijuana. Anyone wishing to speak was encouraged to do so. Upon the conclusion of the public comment period, Attorney Fina reminded the committee that no legislation has been passed by the state of NJ regarding the legalization of marijuana.

ENGINEERING UPDATE

Engineer Sterbenz reported on the following:

- There are new bonding requirements for land use applications. Mr. Sterbenz will work with the Township Attorney to amend the town’s ordinances to be in compliance.
- Mr. Sterbenz is proposing a total budget of \$205,000 for the Rutherford Dr. re-paving project. The township was awarded a grant in the amount of \$125,000 to offset the cost.
- Stormwater reporting requirements have become increasingly technical. Mandatory maintenance, inspections and reporting are required now. Mr. Sterbenz will meet with the DPW to review their role.

RESOLUTIONS

Res. 2018-15 Motion made by Mr. Herb, seconded by Mr. Vande Vrede and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to approve the following resolution. Herb – yes, Vande Vrede – yes, Race – yes. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION 2018-15

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITE AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITOR TO FORECLOSE CERTAIN PROPERTIES FOR DELINQUENT TAXES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITE, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Township of White has prepared and presented to the Township Committee of the Township of White an In Rem Foreclosure List and the list includes Schedule Number One, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part thereof; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-104.35 provides in pertinent part that the governing body may by Resolution, foreclose any of the tax sale certificates held by it, by the summary proceedings In Rem as provided in the in Rem Foreclosure Act; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee desires to authorize the Township Solicitor to commence tax foreclosure proceedings on these properties.

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

1. The Township Solicitor is hereby authorized to commence formal tax foreclosure proceedings regarding the properties and tax certificates reflected on the aforementioned list.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from the Warren County Freeholder Board regarding the potential closure of the landfill was discussed. Negotiations continue between the NJDEP and the County for ninety-one (91) acres of wildlife management. The County submitted a Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment to the NJDEP to increase the capacity of the landfill. The increase encroached on the wildlife management area that was reserved as a condition of the original operating permit in 1987. The PCFA Chairman, Jim Cannon, was present and reported that negotiations are looking promising.

A request was received from White Town Realty (Naturally Beautiful) for a zoning change. The property is currently in the R-1 zone and the owner is requesting it be changed to the industrial zone. If changed, the owner would not have to continuously seek variances for the expansion of the business. The committee referred the request to the Planning Board.

A resignation letter was received from Bill O'Connor, Maintenance Worker. The resignation was regretfully accepted on motion by Mr. Herb, seconded by Mr. Vande Vrede and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote. Herb – yes, Vande Vrede – yes, Race – yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jack Shade requested additional clarification regarding the new stormwater requirements.

Chanda Collom thanked Mr. Herb for his help in getting the DPW to Settlers Ridge area for additional ice control measures.

Ellen Demeter suggested that the zone change for Naturally Beautiful may be a bad idea if the company were to leave the property sometime in the future.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Herb, seconded by Mayor Race with Mr. Vande Vrede abstaining to approve the September 19, 2017 Special Meeting minutes, the September 19, 2017 Executive Session Meeting Minutes, the October 26, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes, the October 26, 2017 Executive Session Meeting Minutes, the November 29, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes, the November 29, 2017 Executive Session Meeting Minutes, the December 14, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes, the December 14, 2017 Executive Session Meeting Minutes and the December 28, 2017 Year End Meeting Minutes as presented. Herb – yes, Vande Vrede – abstain, Race – yes. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS

On motion by Mr. Herb, seconded by Mr. Vande Vrede 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>
15408	500.00	Belvidere United Methodist Church
15409	1,284.00	Betty Kauffman
15410	327.13	Certified Laboratories
15411	1,000.00	CMRS-FP
15412	573.63	Comcast
15413	56,006.17	County of Warren Treasurer's Office
15414	50.00	Discovery Benefits
15415	1,195.00	General Code Publishers

15416	38.29	Home Depot Credit Services
15417	94.79	JCP&L
15418	1,308.00	Kenneth Kauffman
15419	80.00	Lisa Duckworth
15420	172.69	Napa Belvidere
15421	8,000.00	Nisivoccia LLP
15422	1,037.30	NJ American Water Co.
15423	1,585.17	NJ Advance Media
15424	451.50	NJ Division of Fire Safety
15425	8,227.50	Phoenix Consulting Group
15426	238.96	Randy Bell – petty cash
15427	110.63	Sanico, Inc.
15428	65.85	Skyline Equipment
15429	95.09	S&L Equipment Rental Inc.
15430	426.70	Staples Credit Plan
15431	48.64	Tractor Supply Credit Plan
15432	1,011038.21	Treasurer's Office, Warren County
15433	979.84	Vital Communication
15434	590,940.00	White Township Board of Education
15435	294.28	Xerox Corporation
15436	567.47	Waterfall Ridge LLC
15437	50.00	State Treasurer
15438	354.73	Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of NJ
15439	VOID	

TOTAL.....\$1,687,141.57

CURRENT VALLEY MANUAL

2286	22,936.86	Payroll Account
2287	19,997.77	Payroll Account

DEVELOPER'S ESCROWS

1053	49.50	Gebhardt & Kiefer P.C.
1054	231.00	Gebhardt & Kiefer P.C.
1055	612.00	Maser Consulting P.A.
1056	238.00	Maser Consulting P.A.
1057	139.75	Maser Consulting P.A.
1058	408.00	Maser Consulting P.A.
1059	34.00	Maser Consulting P.A.

ANIMAL CONTROL ACCOUNT

1152	306.60	NJ Dept. of Health & Senior Servcies
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OPEN SPACE ACCOUNT

729253	4,125.00	The Land Conservancy of NJ
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TOTAL ALL FUNDS.....\$1,736,220.05

On motion by Mr. Herb, seconded by Mr. Vande Vrede 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, February 8, 2018, 8:55 pm:

Personnel Matters
(Zoning Officer and Maintenance Position)

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 Mr. Vande Vrede, seconded by Mr. Herb, the meeting was re-opened to the public at 9:21p.m. Motion passed. No action was taken in Executive Session.

OTHER MATTERS

Motion made by Mr. Herb, seconded by Mr. Vande Vrede and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to hire Lisa Duckworth, 11 Windtryst Way, to the Maintenance Worker position at \$15 per hour. Herb – yes, Vande Vrede – yes, Race – yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m. on motion by Mr. Vande Vrede, seconded by Mr. Herb and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen R. Reinalda, RMC
Township Clerk