

WHITE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING MARCH 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 March 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 Brian Tipton and Clerk Kathleen Reinalda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sharon Cooper, Titman Road, asked about the status of the Risk Manager position. No action has been taken.

Colleen Williams, Buckhorn Dr., expressed her displeasure over the lack of response to the power outages in the township due to winter storm Riley and Quinn. Emergency Management Coordinator and Township Committeeman Jeff Herb agreed that the township must improve its communications with residents during times of emergency. However, JCP&L has not provided accurate information to the residents or the public officials. Everyone agreed that improved emergency response should be a priority.

Brian Kearns, Youth Athletic Association President gave a brief update on the activities of the association.

RESOLUTIONS

Res. 2018-11: Mayor and committee discussed scheduling interviews for the Risk Manager position.

Res. 2018-16: Motion made by Mr. Vande Vrede, seconded by Mr. Herb and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to approve the following resolution. Herb – yes, Vande Vrede – yes, Race – yes. Motion carried.

WHITE TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION # 2018-16

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 the owner of Block 79 Lot 5, at 2 Somerset Drive; and

WHEREAS, the property owner, Roger Deluca, applied for this exemption with the Tax Assessor on 2/26/18; 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 owner paid first quarter taxes in the amount of \$1,267.36 and is requesting a refund of \$478.78 which represents taxes overpaid from the date he became eligible for this exemption, 2/26/18.

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 overpayment of 2018 taxes is refunded and the balance of 2018 taxes be cancelled 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 and Chief Financial Officer.

Res. 2018-17: Motion made by Mr. Vande Vrede, seconded by Mr. Herb and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to approve the following resolution. Herb – yes, Vande Vrede – yes, Race – yes. Motion carried.

WHITE TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION # 2018-17

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 the owner of Block 54 Lot 4.10, at 11 Woodsedge Court; and

WHEREAS, the property owner, Joseph A. Magnini, applied for this exemption with the Tax Assessor on 2/5/18; 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 owner paid first quarter taxes in the amount of \$2,265.81 and is requesting a refund of \$1,384.66 which represents taxes overpaid from the date he became eligible for this exemption, 2/5/18.

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 overpayment of 2018 taxes is refunded and the balance of 2018 taxes be cancelled 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 and Chief Financial Officer.

Res. 2018-18: 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. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2018-18

APPLICATION TO ESTABLISH A CHANGE FUND Township of White, County of Warren

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21 authorizes the establishment of a Change Fund in any municipality by resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is desired of the Township of White, County of Warren to establish such fund for the Tax/Sewer Collector in the amount of \$100.00; and

WHEREAS, the custodian for this fund is, Joseph Guerin Jr., who is bonded for the amount of \$1,000,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of White hereby authorizes the establishment of a Change Fund for Joseph Guerin Jr. in the amount of \$100.00.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion made by Mr. Herb, seconded by Mr. Vande Vrede and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to approve a solicitation permit for Fred Kessler III. Mr. Kessler represents Edward Jones Financial Services. Herb – yes, Vande Vrede – yes, Race – yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Herb, seconded by Mr. Vande Vrede and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to approve a solicitation permit for David T. Evans. Mr. Evans represents Vivint Solar. Herb – yes, Vande Vrede – yes, Race – yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

The zoning application for St. Luke's Medical Facility at 189 CR 519 was tabled for discussion in Executive Session.

The township received notice of a grant award from the NJDOT for the overlay of Hope Crossing Road in the amount of \$134,800.00.

The State of New Jersey Agricultural Development Committee is preparing the FY2019 preservation appropriation requests to ensure that new funding is most effectively allocated amongst the many municipalities. Thus, they are requesting from each town a written description of current individual applications pending. The clerk was asked to forward the letter to the Open Space Committee.

Motion made by Mr. Vande Vrede , seconded by Mayor Race with Mr. Herb abstaining to approve the renewal of the open space advisor contract with the Land Conservancy of NJ for the term April 1, 2018 – March 31, 2019 at \$100 per hour and mileage. Herb – abstain, Vande Vrede – yes, Race – yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

- A. Ord. 2018-01: Tabled for review by the Planning Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bud Allen, 2 Brookfield Dr., questioned the address for the St. Luke's Facility (old Country View Village Strip Mall). The zoning officer had indicated in a letter that it was 187-189 CR 519. The clerk will research the correct address of record.

CORRESPONDENCE

Knowlton Township requested the committee's support in opposition of the NJDOT's 'Rock Mitigation Project' along Route 80 and through the Delaware Water Gap. A Resolution of opposition was provided by Knowlton. The governing body felt that they did not have enough information on the subject to take a position.

A letter was received from the NJ Highlands Council reminding municipalities that any application for development located in the Preservation Area shall be forwarded to the Highlands Council at least 10 days prior to the public hearing date.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bud Allen, 2 Brookfield Dr., made a few remarks regarding NJ's possible legalization of marijuana and what he felt would be the impact to White Township.

PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS

On motion by Mr. Vande Vrede, seconded by Mr. 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>
15440	2,875.00	A.B.E Parking Lot Striping Co.
15441	2,258.70	Allied Oil Co.
15442	99.98	Amsterdam
15443	8,362.42	Atlantic Salt Inc.
15444	122.99	CenturyLink
15445	135.18	Clarke Caton Hintz
15446	478.73	Comcast
15447	221.19	Dan Sullivan
15448	86.00	J.C. Ehrlich Co.
15449	272.54	Elizabethtown Gas
15450	620.72	Elizabethtown Gas
15451	3,320.50	Florio, Perrucci, Steinhradt & Fader
15452	50.00	Fragrant Designs Florist
15453	86.85	Francotype-Postalia Inc.
15454	163.71	Home Depot Credit Services
15455	1,683.15	JCP&L
15456	364.32	Jesco, Inc.
15457	32.18	Jim Flynn's Truck Repair Inc.
15458	50.00	Kathleen Reinalda
15459	710.00	Maser Consulting P.A.
15460	325.00	MCANJ
15461	89.00	MGL Printing Solutions
15462	152.96	Montage Enterprises Inc.
15463	413.00	Napa Belvidere
15464	48.94	ReadyRefresh by Nestle
15465	20.00	NJ League of Municipalities
15466	1,037.30	NJ American Water Co.
15467	161.40	NJ Advance Media
15468	191.00	NJ Division of Fire Safety
15469	170.00	NJPO
15470	25.00	NJ Registrar's Association
15471	33.98	Rigo's General Hardware
15472	31.50	R.R. Donnelly
15473	110.63	Sanico, Inc.
15474	112.74	S&L Equipment Rental Inc.
15475	1,034.42	Smith Motor Co.
15476	587.93	Staples Credit Plan
15477	175.00	Swift Print Solutions
15478	75.00	Treasurer, State of NJ

15479	580.00	US Municipal Supply Inc.
15480	54.66	Verizon Wireless
15481	520.00	Vital Communications
15482	584,471.00	White Township Board of Education
15483	583.59	Xerox Corporation
15484	375.00	NJCM
15485	149.57	Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa

TOTAL.....\$613,522.78

CURRENT VALLEY MANUAL

2288	29,113.03	Payroll Account
2289	350.00	Postmaster
2290	200.00	Postmaster

DEVELOPER'S ESCROWS

1060	2,597.50	Maser Consulting P.A.
1061	415.00	Maser Consulting P.A.
1062	140.00	Maser Consulting P.A.
1063	136.00	Maser Consulting P.A.
1064	34.00	Maser Consulting P.A.

ANIMAL CONTROL ACCOUNT

11523	478.20	NJ Dept. of Health & Senior Services
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SEWER ACCOUNT

1331	500.00	CMRS-FP
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GRAVEL PIT ESCROWS

221	154.30	Maser Consulting P.A. (for Hoffman)
215	257.47	Maser Consulting P.A. (for HS&G)

TOTAL ALL FUNDS.....\$647,898.28

On motion by Mr. Vande Vrede, seconded by Mr. 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, March 8, 2018, 8:10 pm:

Personnel Matters
(Zoning 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 Mr. Herb, seconded by Mr. Vande Vrede, the meeting was re-opened to the public at 8:47p.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 forward Ordinance 2018-01 to the Planning Board for their review and recommendation. Herb – yes, Vande Vrede – yes, Race – yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Vande Vrede, seconded by Mr. Herb and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to authorize the attorney to issue a Rice Notice to Joe Rossi, Zoning Officer, for the April 12th meeting. Herb – yes, Vande Vrede – yes, Race – yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49p.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