

WHITE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING MARCH 9, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Race called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and stated ‘Adequate Notice of this meeting of March 9, 2017 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, Committeeman Herb, Committeewoman Mackey, Attorney Kathryn Fina and Clerk Kathleen Reinalda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lynsey Klejna, 34 Titman Road, expressed her displeasure with the condition of Five Acres Flea Market and what she perceives as a lack of zoning enforcement. The zoning officer issued a letter indicating no violations exist other than placement of sheds. The neighboring property owner’s concerns go far beyond that, including buffer requirements, lighting and operating hours. The clerk advised that, by law, the neighbors have a twenty day appeal period from the date of the zoning officer’s letter. They can appeal the zoning officer’s decision to the Board of Adjustment.

Joseph Nunes, Belvidere Ambulance Corps, presented the idea of a paid daytime staff. He explained that they are struggling to get volunteers during working hours, 6am to 6pm. By going to a paid staff, this could attract more membership and better service. The staff would be paid by billing the resident’s insurance companies. Hardships would be written off. Mayor Race suggested Mr. Nunes put a proposal together for the committee to review.

RESOLUTIONS

Res. 2017-23: Motion made by Mr. Herb, seconded by Mrs. Mackey and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to approve the following resolution. Herb – yes, Mackey – yes, Race – yes. Resolution adopted.

WHEREAS, the gypsy moth *Lymantria dispar*, has been found heavily defoliating tree and plant

growth in the Township of White; and

WHEREAS, continued destruction of foliage may result in loss of valuable forest lands and trees; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of White has determined that a gypsy moth control program should be instituted with the State of New Jersey Department of Agriculture and that application for any Federal or State funds available be authorized.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of White that the gypsy moth is declared to be a public nuisance and the protection of vegetation or plant life therefrom is deemed to be a subject matter of public welfare, and that all measures deemed necessary, in compliance with the State of New Jersey Department of Agriculture recommendations, is hereby authorized to suppress this forest and shade tree pest.

I, Kathleen R. Reinalda, Clerk of the Township of White, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the municipal governmental body at an open public meeting which was duly advertised to the citizens of the municipality in accordance with the law, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-9.

I also certify that this municipality has, or will, comply with the notice provisions required by N.J.S.A. 4:7-39.

I further certify the above to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the White Township Committee at a Regular Meeting of that body held Thursday, March 9, 2017.

Res. 2017-24: Motion made by Mr. Herb, seconded by Mrs. Mackey and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to approve the following resolution. Herb – yes, Mackey – yes, Race – yes. Resolution adopted.

WHEREAS, the tax collector billed Block 51 Lot 2 the amount of \$693.00, and

WHEREAS, the property owner paid the Town of Belvidere first quarter of 2015 and their billing should have been prorated for 2015 at the rate of \$519.75 cover the remainder of 2015;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Township of White allow the sewer collector to correct the billing on Block 51 Lot 2 for 2015 and also reverse interest caused by this billing error.

Res. 2017-25: Motion made by Mrs. Mackey, seconded by Mr. Herb and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to approve the following resolution. Herb – yes, Mackey –

yes, Race – yes. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE RENEWALS OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES FOR 2016-2017 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.

WHEREAS, a Special Ruling dated February 21, 2017 to permit renewal of this inactive license has been received by the Municipal Clerk.

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 2016-2017 licensing year, said renewal effective March 9, 2017:

2123-33-003-002 Armando & Joan Fratezi; T/A Pequest Bend Tavern

Res. 2017-26: Motion made by Mr. Herb, seconded by Mrs. Mackey and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to approve the following resolution. Herb – yes, Mackey – yes, Race – yes. Resolution adopted.

RESERVE Transfer Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED by the township committee of the Township of White, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that there are insufficient funds to meet the demands necessary for the 2016 Reserve Balances in Computerized Data Processing O/E, Legal Services O/E, Engineering O/E, Construction Official O/E, and Buildings & Grounds O/E.

WHEREAS, the following accounts have sufficient excess funds to meet such demands: Streets & Roads O/E.

BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 40A:4-59 the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to make the following transfers:

To:	Computerized Data Processing O/E	958.00
	Legal Services O/E	1,803.00
	Engineering O/E	384.00
	Construction Official O/E	115.00
	Buildings & Grounds O/E	455.00

From: Streets & Roads O/E

3,715.00

NEW BUSINESS

John Mooney, Municipal Auditor, presented a proposed 2017 Budget. The proposed budget is 2.3 cents less than last year making the tax rate 4.9 cents. The township will introduce on March 23rd.

Motion made by Mrs. Mackey, seconded by Mr. Herb and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to authorize the Inter-Local Services Agreement with Warren County for 9-1-1 services. The agreement is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk. Herb – yes, Mackey – yes, Race – yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

Robert Lagonera, Certified Animal Control Officer, was present to offer his services to the Township. He listed his credentials which include not only cat and dog call-outs, but also wildlife. He also noted that he has staff for times he is not available. As the township did not re-appoint an animal control officer at the re-organization meeting in January 2017, the attorney was asked to review proper procedures for hiring Mr. Lagonera.

The township received notice of a Town Hall Meeting of the 24th Legislative District to be held April 7, 2017 at Belvidere Town Hall.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Mrs. Mackey, seconded by Mr. Herb and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to approve the November 10, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes, the November 10, 2016 Executive Session Meeting Minutes, the December 8, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes, the December 8, 2016 Executive Session Meeting Minutes, the December 27, 2016 Year End Meeting Minutes and the January 9, 2017 Re-Organization Meeting Minutes as presented. Herb – yes, Mackey – yes, Race – yes. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS

On motion by Mrs. Mackey, 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>
14916	300.00	ANJEC
14917	2,137.50	ARAE Network Solutions LLC
14918	30,804.76	Atlantic Salt, Inc.
14919	132.52	Browns Hunterdon International
14920	689.88	CenturyLink
14921	87.50	Clarke Caton Hintz
14922	201.00	Clary Business Machines Co.
14923	209.30	Comcast
14924	543.96	Elizabethtown Gas
14925	3,840.00	Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt & Fader
14926	100.00	Fragrant Designs Florist
14927	29.73	Frank Rymon & Sons Inc.
14928	146.00	Garden State HWY Products
14929	759.50	Gebhardt & Kiefer
14930	1,287.08	JCP&L
14931	2,327.00	Maser Consulting P.A.
14932	93.47	Mayberry Sales and Service
14933	196.00	MGL Printing Solutions
14934	231.75	Michelle Trivigno
14935	381.99	Napa Belvidere
14936	48.94	ReadyRefresh by Nestle
14937	1,037.30	NJ American Water Company
14938	320.67	NJ Advance Media
14939	148.00	NJ Division of Fire Safety
14940	25.00	NJ Registrar's Assc.
14941	75.00	NJ Registrar's Association
14942	23,615.00	Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund
14943	732.80	Quill Corporation
14944	46.00	Randy Bell
14945	21.96	Rigo's Hardware
14946	221.26	Sanico Inc.
14947	623.62	S&L Equipment Rental Inc.
14948	31.44	Smith Motor Company
14949	242.73	Staples Credit Plan
14950	73.38	Structural Metal Fabricators
14951	54.27	Verizon Wireless
14952	1,377.75	Vital Communications
14953	188.70	Warren Materials
14954	584,471.00	White Township Board of Education
14955	279.51	Xerox Corporation
14956	344.38	Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of NJ
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TOTAL.....\$658,822.03

DEVELOPER'S ESCROWS

2846	346.50	Gebhardt & Kiefer P.C.
2847	352.00	Gebhardt & Kiefer P.C.
2848	170.00	Maser Consulting P.A.
2849	473.00	Maser Consulting P.A.
2850	367.25	Maser Consulting P.A.
2851	33.25	Maser Consulting P.A.

GRAVEL PIT ESCROWS

213	34.00	Maser Consulting P.A. (Hoffman Pit)
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ANIMAL CONTROL ACCOUNT

1143	349.80	NJ Dept. of Health & Senior Services
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SEWER ACCOUNT

1322	518.00	MGL Printing Solutions
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OPEN SPACE TRUST

629765	6,700.00	Finelli Consulting Engineers
629766	1,900.00	Joshua Mackoff LLC
629764	1,875.00	Landmark I Appraisal LLC

TOTAL ALL FUNDS.....671,940.83

On motion by Mrs. Mackey, 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 9, 2017, 8:45 pm:

Personnel Matters
(Tax Collection 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 Mrs. Mackey, the meeting was re-opened to the public at 9:50p.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 9:51 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Mackey, seconded by Mr. Herb and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen R. Reinalda, RMC
Township Clerk