

WHITE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING JUNE 8, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Race called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and stated ‘Adequate Notice of this meeting of June 8, 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 Brian Tipton and Clerical Assistant Alfia Schemm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

RESOLUTIONS

Res. 2017-27: Motion made by Mr. Herb, seconded by Mrs. Mackey and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to pass the following Resolution. Herb – yes, Mackey – yes, Race – yes. Motion carried.

WHEREAS, the tax collector billed Block 51 Lot 2 the amount of \$693.00 for 2017, and

WHEREAS, the property owner has informed the Tax Collector that she is to be billed at the current rate for Belvidere each year but pay White Township and the 2017 Belvidere rate is \$660.00

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Township of White allow the sewer collector to correct the billing on Block 51 Lot 2 for 2017

Res. 2017-28: Motion made by Mrs. Mackey, seconded by Mr. Herb and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to pass the following Resolution. Herb – yes, Mackey – yes, Race – yes. Motion carried.

CANCELLATION OF INTEREST ON TAX PAYMENTS MADE WITHIN THE GRACE PERIOD

WHEREAS, interest is not to be charged during the first ten days of each quarter taxes are due and,

WHEREAS, on August 3 of 2016 payments were delivered to White Township by Valley National Bank/Corelogic to go to the tax collectors account and get posted and

WHEREAS, Said payments were never paid or processed. Valley National Bank/Corelogic replaced check 970621 8/3/16 with check 975306 dated 3/20/17 and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, by the Mayor and Township Committee of White Township, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, hereby authorizes the Tax Collector to cancel said interest on amounts of tax payments on check #975306 as deemed necessary to correct residents accounts to be accurate with correct history

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a certified copy of the Resolution is forwarded to the Tax Collector and Township Auditor.

Res. 2017-29: Motion made by Mrs. Mackey, seconded by Mr. Herb and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to pass the following Resolution. Herb – yes, Mackey – yes, Race – yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF PREMIUM TO OUTSIDE LIENHOLDER

WHEREAS, the Municipal Tax Sale held on October 20, 2014 a lien was sold on Block 18 Lot 6 C0056 also known as 56 Colby Court for 2014 delinquent sewer; and

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate No. 2014-006 was sold to US Bank Cust for BV001 Trust for a 18% redemption fee and a \$1,500.00 premium.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Treasurer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$1,500.00 (premium account) payable to US Bank Cust for BV001 Trust 50 S 16th Street STE 2050 Philadelphia P,A 19102

Res. 2017-30: Motion made by Mr. Herb, seconded by Mrs. Mackey and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to pass the following Resolution. Herb – yes, Mackey – yes, Race – yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF MUNICIPAL CERTIFICATE OF SALE

WHEREAS, Certificate of Sale 2008-01 was issued to the Township of White for delinquent taxes on Block 7 Lot 1 at a tax sale on September 25, 2008 and,

WHEREAS Closing Partners has redeemed Certificate 2008-01 by paying the full amount of the delinquency, and

WHEREAS, the original Certificate of Sale 2008-01 shall be signed for cancellation by the Municipal Clerk and the Mayor.

Res. 2017-31: Motion made by Mrs. Mackey, seconded by Mr. Herb and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to pass the following Resolution. Herb – yes, Mackey – yes, Race – yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF MUNICIPAL CERTIFICATE OF SALE

WHEREAS, Certificate of Sale 15-00057 was issued to the Township of White for delinquent taxes on Block 14 Lot 55 Q0002 at a tax sale on December 17, 2015 and,

WHEREAS the property owner has redeemed Certificate 15-00057 by paying the full amount of the delinquency, and

WHEREAS, the original Certificate of Sale 15-00057 shall be signed for cancellation by the Municipal Clerk and the Mayor.

Res. 2017-34: Motion made by Mrs. Mackey, seconded by Mr. Herb and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to pass the following Resolution. Herb – yes, Mackey – yes, Race – yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE RENEWALS OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES FOR 2017-2018 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.

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/Distribution Licenses in the Township of White, are hereby renewed for the 2017-2018 licensing year, said renewal effective July 1, 2017:

2123-33-007-003 J. B. & J. of New Jersey, Inc., T/A Luigi's Ranch-O
2123-44-013-002 Yellow Dog Investments Inc., T/A Village Square Wine & Liquors,
Hop & Vine Premium Spirits
2123-33-009-005 Bello Giorno Inc., T/A Bello Giorno Catering
2123-33-006-001 King Cole Grove Inc., T/A King Cole Grove
2123-33-011-005 The Waterfront Inc.; T/A Lui's Subs & Liquor
2123-33-012-007 Annacon Inc., T/A Red Wolfe Inn
2123-33-010-004 Al's Pizza & Restaurant Inc.
2123-33-002-006 Addie K LLC
2123-33-008-006 Progris Group Inc., T/A Belvidere Diner

NEW BUSINESS

The governing body acknowledged receipt of the notice of dividend return from the Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund. The township will be receiving \$60.

The Zoning Officer recommended the township amend section 160-107A(2) to be in accordance with the Uniform Construction Code (U.C.C). Section 160-107A(2) currently states that any fence in excess of 48 inches in height shall require a building permit. The U.C.C. does not require permits for fences six feet or less. Motion made by Mr. Herb, seconded by Mrs. Mackey and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to authorize Attorney Tipton to research the issue. Herb – yes, Mackey – yes, Race – yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Mackey, seconded by Mayor Race with Mr. Herb abstaining to approve the agreement to sell the development easement for the DeBoer property, Block 32, Lot 8 (43.4 acres), Block 32, Lot 8.02 (6.48 acres) and Block 32, Lot 8.03 (6.19 acres). The Township's cost share is \$43,782.75. Herb – abstain, Mackey – yes, Race – yes. Motion carried.

Mayor and Committee discussed a situation wherein a resident appealing the decision of the zoning officer has requested the Zoning Board of Adjustment application and escrow fees be waived. Mr. Bloch explained that he felt he should not have to pay the required fees to prove that the zoning official is wrong. After a lengthy debate, Mr. Herb and Mrs. Mackey upheld the process stating that this is the required procedure and should not be deviated from simply on a case by case basis. Mayor Race disagreed. Motion made by Mr. Herb, seconded by Mrs. Mackey with Mayor Race opposed to deny the waiver of fees and escrow for Mr. Bloch to appeal the zoning official's decision to the Board of Adjustment. Herb – yes, Mackey – yes, Race – no. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

The Belvidere Ambulance Corps presented the concept of going to a part-time paid staff.

EMT's would be hired to provide coverage Monday – Friday from 6am to 6pm. All other coverage would be provided on a volunteer basis. The patient's insurance company would be billed with co-pays and deductibles written off. In a letter written to the governing body, the ambulance corps said they felt that by setting up a hybrid organization, strong community based emergency medical services would be the result. Motion to support the Belvidere Ambulance Corps in this endeavor made by Mrs. Mackey, seconded by Mr. Herb and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote. Herb – yes, Mackey – yes, Race – yes. Motion carried.

As recommended by the Goodwill Fire Company, and discussed at length at previous meetings, the following ordinance was passed on first reading with a motion made by Mrs. Mackey, seconded by Mr. Herb with Mayor Race opposed. Mayor Race said he did not have the opportunity to review the ordinance prior to the meeting. Herb – yes, Mackey – yes, Race – no.

ORDINANCE 2017-01

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MOUNTAIN LAKE, OXFORD VOLUNTEER, HARMONY TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER AND GOODWILL FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TO SUBMIT REQUESTS FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE COSTS OF MATERIALS USED IN FIGHTING FIRES AND PROVIDING EMERGENCY SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Good Will Fire Company, Oxford Volunteer Fire Company, Mountain Lake Fire Company, Harmony Township Volunteer Fire Company, Belvidere Ambulance Corps., and Oxford Emergency Squad, (“First Responders”) are independent volunteer fire and rescue companies providing fire suppression, emergency and rescue services in and around the Township of White; and

WHEREAS, the cost of purchasing, repairing and maintaining the equipment and supplies used by the First Responders in providing fire and rescue services has increased significantly in recent years; and

WHEREAS, the First Responders have additional responsibilities and expense because of White's proximity to Route 519 and Route 46 and the First Responder's need to respond to emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee acknowledges the First Responder's interest in securing additional funding sources so that each can continue to provide fire and emergency services for the benefit of the residents of the Township and persons traveling within the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee wishes to demonstrate its support for the First Responders by recognizing the First Responder's authority to establish a revenue recovery plan through which those who benefit from the services provided by the First Responders are asked to pay a fair and reasonable share of the cost of loss and wear and tear to apparatus, tools, equipment, and materials used in fighting fires and/or providing emergency services so that a safe

and appropriate level of service can be maintained and made available to the Township; and

WHEREAS, the First Responders have informed the Township Committee that the amounts to be charged for materials and the costs associated with vehicle and equipment use will be that which is usual, customary and reasonable in accordance with standard practice and industry standards; and

WHEREAS, the First Responders have further informed the Township Committee that its request for payment will be sent directly to the insurance company of the person or entity receiving services, or, if the insurance company is not known, to the person or entity receiving services with instructions to forward the request to the insurance provider;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of White that Good Will Fire Company, Oxford Volunteer Fire Company, Mountain Lake Fire Company, Harmony Township Volunteer Fire Company, Belvidere Ambulance Corp. and Oxford Emergency Squad may establish a program, either directly or through a third-party billing agency with which it has contracted for billing and/or collection services, to solicit payments for the actual costs of materials used and the actual costs associated with vehicle and equipment used in fighting fires and/or providing emergency services.

BE IF FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall become effective upon publication following final passage in accordance with law.

CORRESPONDENCE

The request for funding from the Warren County Sheriff's Department for "Project Lifesaver" was tabled for further review.

The governing body acknowledged receipt of an invitation to the Warren County Mayors Summit to be held June 26th at 7pm. The purpose of the meeting is discuss creation of a countywide association of elected officials for Warren County.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mrs. Mackey, seconded by Mayor Race with Mr. Herb abstaining to approve the March 13, 2017 Special Meeting minutes and the March 13, 2017 Executive Session Meeting minutes as presented. Herb – abstain, 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>
15032	1,200.00	White Township 8 th Grade Class
15033	2,349.00	Arae Network Solutions LLC
15034	25,000.00	Belvidere Ambulance Corps Inc.
15035	900.00	Belvidere Mat Club
15036	1,000.00	Belvidere Area Senior Center
15037	600.00	Belvidere Cub Scout Pack 141
15038	600.00	Belvidere Boys Basketball
15039	600.00	Belvidere Lady Seaters BBall
15040	300.00	Belvidere Recreation Trust
15041	600.00	Belvidere Area Community Garden
15042	300.00	Belvidere Garden Club
15043	300.00	Belvidere Presbyterian Church
15044	500.00	BHS Project Graduation
15045	900.00	BHS
15046	600.00	Boy Scout Troop 146
15047	691.81	CenturyLink
15048	2,488.35	Clarke Caton Hintz
15049	925.46	Comcast
15050	600.00	Communities Altering the Strays
15051	1,350.00	Community Prevention Resources
15052	300.00	Community Roundtable
15053	300.00	Community Center at Belvidere
15054	2,047.00	CRS LLC
15055	5,615.50	Downston Airport Inc.
15056	351.00	J.C. Ehrlich Co., Inc.
15057	83.62	Elizabethtown Gas
15058	66.45	Elizabethtown Gas
15059	3,642.25	Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt & Fader
15060	693.50	Gebhardt & Kiefer
15061	300.00	Girl Scout Troop 94476
15062	300.00	Girl Scout Troop 94967
15063	300.00	Girl Scout Troop 94457
15064	29,500.00	Goodwill Fire Company
15065	4,687.50	GTM Turf Management
15066	186.64	Home Depot Credit Services
15067	35,461.55	Hope Township
15068	1,184.37	JCP&L
15069	1,782.40	Jesco, Inc.
15070	112.55	Kathleen Reinalda
15071	25.17	L.E. Ritter Lumber Company

15072	500.00	Linda Gabel
15073	2,594.00	Maser Consulting P.A.
15074	245.00	MGL Printing Solutions
15075	499.59	Montage Enterprises Inc.
15076	280.00	Mr. John Inc.
15077	44,500.00	Mountain Lake Fire Company
15078	75.36	Napa Belvidere
15079	500.00	National Night Out
15080	48.94	ReadyRefresh by Nestle
15081	21,250.00	Nisivoccia LLP
15082	20.00	NJ League of Municipalities
15083	1,037.30	NJ American Water Company
15084	1,353.86	NJ Advance Media
15085	42,000.00	Oxford Volunteer Fire Dept.
15086	32,000.00	Oxford Emergency Squad
15087	23,615.00	Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund
15088	1,560.00	Precast Manufacturing Company
15089	255.00	Eurofins QC, Inc.
15090	26.97	Rigo's Hardware
15091	84.00	Robert Blease DVM
15092	1,886.00	Rutgers, The State University
15093	110.63	Sanico, Inc.
15094	575.00	S&L Equipment Rental Inc.
15095	425.96	Smith Motor Company
15096	89.88	Staples Credit Plan
15097	344.50	Swift Print Solutions LLC
15098	66.15	The Busy Peach
15099	600.00	The Chapel of Warren Valley
15100	806.69	Tilcon New York Inc.
15101	500.00	Town of Belvidere
15102	75.50	Tractor Supply Credit Plan
15103	500.00	Treasurer, State of NJ
15104	300.00	Troop 94312
15105	600.00	Troop 94643
15106	2,000.00	UPC Belvidere Community Lunch
15107	79.00	Vacuum & Lamp Shop
15108	54.35	Verizon Wireless
15109	1,191.10	Vital Communications
15110	600.00	Warm Hearts Warm Lives 4-H
15111	300.00	Warren United Soccer Club
15112	584,473.00	White Township Board of Education
15113	1,800.00	White Township Historical Society
15114	300.00	Woman's Club of Belvidere
15115	1,237.42	Xerox Corporation
15116	60.00	ANJEC

15117	344.38	Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of NJ
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TOTALS.....\$900,508.70

SEWER ACCOUNT

1325	1,107.65	Belvidere Sewer Utility
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DOG TRUST

1145	27.00	NJ Department of Health & Senior Services
1146	87.00	NJ Department of Health & Senior Services

GRAVEL PIT ESCROWS

214	870.00	Maser Consulting P.A. (for Hoffman)
219	199.50	Maser Consulting P.A. (for BS&G)
209	199.50	Maser Consulting P.A. (for HS&G)
209	267.50	Maser Consulting P.A. (for Tilcon)

OPEN SPACE TRUST

629889	3,000.00	Joshua D. Mackoff LLC
629888	2,995.00	Robert F. Heffernan Associates

CURRENT FUND – MANUAL

2265	26,826.38	Payroll Account
2266	11,754.44	Payroll Account
2267	14,191.29	Payroll Account

TOTAL ALL FUNDS....\$962,033.96

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07p.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