

WHITE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

AUGUST 8, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Herb called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and stated ‘Adequate Notice of this meeting of August 8, 2019 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 Herb, Committeeman Race and Committeewoman Collom, Clerk Kathleen Reinalda. Attorney Tipton was absent.

BRYAN VANDE VREDE PRESENTATION

Mr. Vande Vrede, Flowerland Growers owner, requested the committee consider signing off on a JCP&L application to post flags on utility poles outside his business. Motion made by Mrs. Collom, seconded by Mr. Race and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to authorize the above stated request. Collom – yes, Race – yes, Herb – yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Vande Vrede also explained his concept for town ‘welcome signs’ and a town clock. Mr. Vande Vrede requested the committee’s support to pursue the ideas further. The committee agreed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Several residents and neighboring townspeople expressed their opposition for the proposed warehouse development on Route 519 and Foul Rift Road. JAINDL Land Company recently purchased the property and came before the Planning Board with a conceptual plan for a large warehouse facility.

ORDINANCES – PUBLIC HEARING

Ord. 2019-03: Motion made by Mrs. Collom, seconded by Mr. Race and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to open the public hearing. Being no comments, motion to close the public hearing made by Mrs. Collom, seconded by Mr. Race and carried by unanimous

favorable roll call vote. Motion to adopt the following ordinance after public hearing made by Mrs. Collom, seconded by Mr. Race and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote. Herb – yes, Collom – yes, Race – yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2019-03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 193 (PEACE AND ORDER) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITE TO ADD AN ARTICLE III

WHEREAS, the Committee of the Township of White, County of Warren, State of New Jersey (“Township”), regulates behavior in the Township through Ordinances set forth in Chapter 193 of the Township Code;

WHEREAS, the Township determined the need for additional regulation to control disorderly conduct in the Township, and

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

Section One: Article III Disorderly Conduct, Intoxication in Public. Shall be added to Chapter 193 and read as follows:

§ 193 – 6: Prohibited Acts: No person or persons shall make, aid, assist in any riot, breach of peace or disturbance or be guilty of any disorderly conduct or open drunkenness or drink intoxicating liquors in the open streets or highways of the Township or other quasi-public open places in the Township.

§ 193-7: Violations and Penalties: Any person violating the terms of this Article III shall, upon conviction in the Municipal Court, be subject to a fine not to exceed \$500 or to imprisonment in the County jail not exceeding 90 days, or both, in the discretion of the Municipal Court.

Section Two:

Severability. The various parts, sections, and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section Three:

Repealer. Any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to their inconsistencies only.

Section Four:

Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

RESOLUTIONS

Res. 2019-40: Motion made by Mrs. Collom, seconded by Mr. Race and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to approve the following resolution. Herb – yes, Collom – yes, Race – yes. Resolution adopted.

WHITE TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION 2019-40

WHEREAS, the White Township Tax Assessor received deeds on 2/24/16 for a Lot Line Adjustment for Block 21 Lot 7 and Block 21 Lot 12 in the names of James and Karen Smith and Lisa Van Horn; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor did not realize the deeds were a Lot Line Adjustment therefore she did not adjust the 2017, 2018 and 2019 assessments to reflect the transfer of property between these two properties; and

WHEREAS, the assessment for Block 21 Lot 7 should be reduced by \$223,300 and the assessment for Block 21 Lot 12 should be increased by \$223,300.; and

WHEREAS, a correction to the taxes for the properties known as Block 21 Lots 7 and 12 is necessary for tax years 2017, 2018 and 2019; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 assessment for Block 21 Lot 7 was \$229,800 and should be reduced to \$6,500. The tax amount to be cancelled is \$4,776.39; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 assessment for Block 21 Lot 7 was \$229,800 and should be reduced to \$6,500. The tax amount to be cancelled is \$4,602.21; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 assessment for Block 21 Lot 7 was 229,800 and should be reduced to \$6,500. The tax amount to be cancelled is \$4,792.02; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor will place omitted assessments on Block 21 Lot 12 in the amount of \$223,300 for tax years 2017, 2018 and 2019 to recapture the taxes cancelled on Block 21 Lot 7.

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 taxes for Block 21 Lot 7 be cancelled in the amount of \$14,170.62 for tax years 2017, 2018 and 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution is provided to the Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer.

Res. 2019-41: Motion made by Mrs. Collom, seconded by Mr. Race and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to approve the following resolution. Herb – yes, Collom – yes, Race – yes. Resolution adopted.

Resolution Cancelling Taxes as part of the Ongoing Records Cleanup

Whereas it has been determined that ongoing and continuing accuracy of the Tax Collector’s records is a desirable objective; and,

Whereas there are tax or sewer records for which adjustments must be made due to the ongoing reconciliation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of White, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the Tax Collector of the Township of White be directed to correct the tax and sewer records for the properties shown below:

Block / Lot / Qualifier	Amount to be Cancelled
49 / 1.04	\$ 75.71
55 / 5	\$ 485.70
30 / 8 / q0212	\$ 95.75
30 / 10 / C2013	\$ 3.31 (sewer)

Res. 2019-42: Motion made by Mrs. Collom, seconded by Mr. Race and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to approve the following resolution. Herb – yes, Collom – yes, Race – yes. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RETURN OF TAX SALE AMOUNTS

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of White Township held a Tax Sale on December 13, 2016; and

WHEREAS the lienholder FWDSL and Associates, LP; purchased and paid \$36,327.62 for liens for which they successfully bid; and,

WHEREAS the Tax Collector collected and deposited the funds received from the

bidder; and,

WHEREAS the Tax Collector did not issue Certificates of Sale for two of the properties included in the proceeds received for the successful bids; and,

WHEREAS the lienholder is seeking a return of the funds paid for these properties;

BLQ	LienHolder	Amount	
30 / 10 / C6017	FWDSL	\$ 1,100.00	Premium
30 / 10 / C6017	FWDSL	\$ 842.95	Bid Amount
68 / 13	FWDSL	\$ 6,611.73	Bid Amount

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 8th of August, 2019 that the Treasurer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of **\$8,554.68** payable to:

FWDSL and Associates, LP
17 W. Cliff Street
Somerville, NJ 08876

Res. 2019-43: Motion made by Mrs. Collom, seconded by Mr. Race and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to approve the following resolution. Herb – yes, Collom – yes, Race – yes. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LIEN REDEMPTION

WHEREAS, the lien listed below is shown on White Township and Warren County records as having been redeemed; and

WHEREAS the lienholder is FWDSL and Associates, LP; and,

WHEREAS the lienholder is entitled to the proceeds of said redemption

Cert #	BLQ	LienHolder	Amount	
16-00006	18/6/c0030	FWDSL	\$ 1,600.00	Premium
16-00006	18/6/c0030	FWDSL	\$ 1,340.32	Redemption proceeds

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 8th of August, 2019 that the Treasurer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$2,940.32 payable to:

FWDSL and Associates, LP
17 W. Cliff Street

Somerville, NJ 08876

Res. 2019-44: Motion made by Mrs. Collom, seconded by Mr. Race and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to approve the following resolution. Herb – yes, Collom – yes, Race – yes. Resolution adopted.

Resolution Authorizing Refund of Overpayment of Taxes

Whereas, the Tax Collector has overpayments for these properties and amounts:

Block 15 Lot 23	\$ 1,278.04
Block 47 Lot 9.01	\$ 1,216.07
Block 69 Lot 10.04	\$ 1,908.63

Whereas it is appropriate for the overpayment be returned to the payer;

Now, therefore be it resolved, on this 8th of August, 2019 that the Treasurer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of **\$4,402.74** payable to:

**CoreLogic Centralized Refunds
PO Box 9202
Coppell, TX 75019-9760**

Res. 2019-45: Motion made by Mrs. Collom, seconded by Mr. Race and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to approve the following resolution. Herb – yes, Collom – yes, Race – yes. Resolution adopted.

Resolution Authorizing Mayor and Township Clerk to Cancel Municipal Lien

Whereas, at the Municipal Tax Sale held on December 13, 2016, a lien was sold on Block 59 Lot 1 Qualifier Q0210 also known as 121 Hope Crossing Road; and

Whereas, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate No. 16-00012 was struck off to the Township of White; and

Whereas the property owners have satisfied the redemption of the municipal lien;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Mayor and Township Clerk of White Township be authorized to sign the certificate for cancellation.

Res. 2019-46: Motion made by Mrs. Collom, seconded by Mr. Race and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to approve the following resolution. Herb – yes, Collom –

yes, Race – yes. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION APPROVING GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR SUPPLEMENTAL SNOW PLOWING OF THE BROOKFIELD ADULT RETIREMENT COMMUNITY, THE COLBY COURT TOWNHOUSE DEVELOPMENT, AND OTHER AREAS OF WHITE TOWNSHIP AND AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO ADVERTISE TO RECEIVE QUOTES FOR SAID PLOWING

WHEREAS, general specifications for supplemental snow plowing of the Brookfield Adult Retirement Community, the Colby Court Townhouse Development, and other areas of White Township have been drafted, are attached hereto, and incorporated herein by reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of White that the said specifications be and hereby are approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the municipal clerk is hereby directed to advertise for quotes for said plowing in any appropriate publication(s).

Resolutions 2019-47, 48 and 49 were tabled for further review.

OLD BUSINESS

A proposal was received from the TAB group for document imaging and storage of old records. The township has approximately one million records that could be scanned or stored at an offsite facility. If scanned, it could cost \$130,000 or be stored for \$2800 annually. The Mayor suggested this was not in the scope of the annual budget and further review would need to be done on records storage options.

Mayor and committee continue to review samples of ‘illegal dumping’ ordinances. Attorney Tipton will be asked to conduct further research on the topic.

NEW BUSINESS

The township received emails from a few people interested in serving on the Open Space Committee. Mr. Race said he would meet with the people and also review the need for a secretary with the current members.

Motion made by Mrs. Collom, seconded by Mr. Race and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to authorize the 2020 Municipal Alliance Contract. The township’s cash match will be \$1587.00.

A letter was received from the State of NJ Department of Agriculture indicating that

defoliation caused by gypsy moths has been detected in White Township. The township has the option to allow the Department to conduct a survey of egg masses at no cost to the township. Mayor and Committee instructed the clerk to complete the paperwork to have the State conduct the survey.

A letter was received from the County Purchasing Department. They are once again conducting the annual auction of surplus goods. White Township can participate with the county as a shared service. Mayor Herb said the Road Department was seeking permission to auction a 1993 Truck and two salt spreaders. This was approved on motion by Mrs. Collom, seconded by Mr. Race and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote. Collom – yes, Race – yes, Herb – yes. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

A complaint regarding drainage from Spring Lane was received from Sharon Haggerty. Mayor Herb suggested the engineer perform a site visit. This was agreed upon by the committee.

Tax/Sewer Collector, Joseph Guerin Jr. sent a letter of resignation effective July 25th. The committee accepted the resignation with regret.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Theresa Chapman, Harmony resident, urged the committee to look into Agritourism.

Rick Ferruggia, owner of Country View Village, suggested the committee consider a ban on electronic billboards.

PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS

On motion by Mrs. Collom, seconded by Mr. Race 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>
16211	605,443.00	White Twsp. Board of Education
16212	2,454.99	Arae Network Solutions LLC
16213	409.01	CCP Industries Inc.
16214	62.33	CenturyLink
16215	521.40	Comcast
16216	50.00	Discovery Benefits
16217	30.99	Elizabethtown Gas
16218	25.30	Elizabethtown Gas
16219	2,900.00	Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt
16220	1,748.00	Gramco Business Communications
16221	4,687.50	GTM Turf Management

16222	1,061.18	JCP&L
16223	7.35	Kathleen Reinalda
16224	115.00	L.E. Ritter Lumber Company
16225	7,957.50	Maser Consulting P.A.
16226	334.00	MGL Printing Solutions
16227	668.46	Napa Belvidere
16228	1,058.00	NJ American Water Company
16229	375.37	NJ Advance Media
16230	310.00	Eurofins QC. Inc.
16231	113.26	Sanico Inc.
16232	4,196.25	S&L Equipment Rental Inc.
16233	290.06	Staples Credit Plan
16234	514.00	Swift Print Solutions LLC
16235	160.00	TGM Services
16236	1,000.00	Town of Belvidere
16237	210.55	Verizon Wireless
16238	520.00	Vital Communications
16239	1,032.00	Warren Septic Services LLC
16240	868.75	Warren Materials
16241	527.05	Xerox Corporation
16242	350.00	GFOA of New Jersey
16243	4,402.74	CoreLogic Refunds Dept.
16244	605,443.00	White Twsp Board of Education
16245	315.10	Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of NJ

TOTAL.....\$1,250,162.14

CURRENT VALLEY MANUAL

2332	20,969.39	Payroll Account
2333	12,507.15	Payroll Account

DEVELOPER'S ESCROWS

1172	36.25	Maser Consulting P.A.
1173	543.75	Maser Consulting P.A.
1174	217.50	Maser Consulting P.A.
1175	792.00	Gebhardt & Kiefer P.C.
1176	1,482.50	Maser Consulting P.A.

GRAVEL PIT ESCROWS

232	36.25	Maser Consulting P.A. (BS&G Pit)
230	251.25	Maser Consulting P.A. (Hoffman Pit)

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

1541	913.57	Maser Consulting P.A.
1542	31.68	NJ Advance Media

SEWER ACCOUNT

1353	26.34	NJ Advance Media
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TOTAL ALL FUNDS.....\$1,287,969.77

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mrs. Collom, seconded by Mayor Herb with Mr. Race abstaining to approve the July 11, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes and the July 11, 2019 Executive Session Meeting Minutes as presented. Herb – yes, Race – abstain, Collom – yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mrs. Collom, seconded by Mr. Race 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, August 8, 2019, 8:10 pm:

Personnel Matters
(hiring of conflict counsel)
(tax collector 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 Mrs. Collom, seconded by Mr. Race, the meeting was re-opened to the public at 9:28p.m. Motion passed. No action was taken in Executive Session.

OTHER MATTERS

Motion made by Mr. Race, seconded by Mrs. Collom and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to hire Rachel Leber for the Tax/Sewer Collector position at \$25,000 annual. Collom – yes, Race – yes, Herb – yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Race, seconded by Mrs. Collom and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to hire Irene Fluck as the Tax/Sewer Collections Clerk at \$15/hr., minimum four days a week for four hours a day. Collom – yes, Race – yes, Herb – yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Race, seconded by Mrs. Collom and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to appoint Attorney Steven P. Gruenberg, Esq. as Special Counsel to the governing body, as needed. Collom – yes, Race – yes, Herb – yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:32p.m. on motion by Mrs. Collom, seconded by Mr. Race and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen R. Reinalda, RMC
Township Clerk