

## WHITE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

## MINUTES OF MEETING MARCH 13, 2024

### CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Hyndman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and stated ‘Adequate Notice of this meeting of March 13, 2024 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-Ledger; 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

Dr. Hyndman asked everyone to stand for the flag salute.

### ROLL CALL

Mayor Hyndman, Committeewoman Skoog, Committeeman Herb, Deputy Clerk Whitmore and Attorney Tipton were present for the meeting. Clerk Reinalda was absent.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chanda Collum, 3 Winding Way, asked the status of the Settlers Ridge overlay project. The project has not been bid yet.

### A&P REDEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL - tabled

### 5 ACRES PROPOSAL

Angelo Accetturo was present to discuss the progress he’s made cleaning up the site. He presented a survey from 2013. The survey showed that sheds were present at that time. He proposed the removal of some of the sheds, but not all. He also proposed additional fencing around his storage area near the building. The committee commented that it is difficult to grasp his plan without an actual up to date arial of the property. Additional research will need to be done by the committee.

### RESOLUTIONS

Res. 2024-18: On motion by Mr. Herb, seconded by Mrs. Skoog and carried by unanimous favorable vote, Mayor and Committee approved the following resolution. Herb – yes, Skoog – yes, Hyndman – yes. Resolution adopted.

2024-18  
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 2023 Reserve Balances in Computerized Data Processing, Tax Assessor O/E, Legal Services O/E, Engineering O/E, Zoning Officer O/E, Buildings & Grounds O/E, Telephone, and Natural Gas.

**WHEREAS**, the following accounts have sufficient excess funds to meet such demands:  
Planning Board 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	3,000.00
	Tax Assessor O/E	500.00
	Legal Services O/E	400.00
	Engineering O/E	3,500.00
	Zoning Officer O/E	100.00
	Buildings & Grounds O/E	600.00
	Telephone	1,600.00
	Natural Gas	<u>600.00</u>
		10,300.00
From:	Planning Board O/E	10,300.00

Res. 2024-19: On motion by Mr. Herb, seconded by Mrs. Skoog and carried by unanimous favorable vote, Mayor and Committee approved the following resolution. Herb – yes, Skoog – yes, Hyndman – yes. Resolution adopted.

**2024-19**  
**EXEMPT VETERAN RESOLUTION**

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 30 Lot 12.03 C0036, Melvin Winters living at 1 Homestead Court ; and

WHEREAS, the property owner, Melvin Winters applied for this exemption with the Tax Assessor on 2/12/24 and was awarded the 100% permanent and total disablement on 1/8/24; and

WHEREAS, this property will remain exempt from property tax while it remains the principal residence of Melvin Winters; and

WHEREAS, the property owner will be tax exempt from the date he became eligible for this exemption, 1/8/24.

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 balance of 2024 taxes be cancelled and the records of the 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, Tax Assessor and Chief Financial Officer.

Res. 2024-20: On motion by Mr. Herb, seconded by Mrs. Skoog and carried by unanimous favorable vote, Mayor and Committee approved the following resolution. Herb – yes, Skoog – yes, Hyndman – yes. Resolution adopted.

Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse  
WHITE TOWNSHIP/WARREN COUNTY  
RESOLUTION 2024-20

**WHEREAS**, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

**WHEREAS**, The Township Committee of the Township of White, County of Warren, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Warren;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township of White, County of Warren, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Township Committee does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the White Township Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2025 in the amount of:

GCADA Grant	\$1,404.00
Cash Match	\$351.00
In-Kind	\$1,053.00
2. The Township Committee acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The new plan for the walking path at Route 519 North was approved on motion by Mrs. Skoog, seconded by Mr. Herb and carried by unanimous favorable vote. Herb – yes, Skoog – yes, Hyndman – yes. Motion carried. The plan is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

The Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Belvidere for the Temporary Debris Management Area was tabled for further review.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

On motion by Mr. Herb, seconded by Mrs. Skoog and carried by unanimous favorable vote, the 2024-2025 contract with the Land Conservancy of NJ was renewed. Herb – yes, Skoog – yes, Hyndman – yes. Motion carried. The contract is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Mayor and Committee discussed the draft cannabis ordinance prepared by Attorney Tipton. Further review and discussion will take place at the April meeting.

## **PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS**

On motion by Mr. Herb, seconded by Mrs. Skoog and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Committee approved the following list of bills:

<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
18438	Mountain Lake Fire Co.	50,000.00
18439	ARAE Network Solutions	3,791.10
18440	At Bucks County LLC	259.27
18441	BHS Boys Varsity Cross Country	400.00
18442	BHS Girls JV Track & Field	400.00
18443	Brightspeed	73.63
18444	Bug King Pest Solutions LLC	270.00
18445	C&M Auto Parts	433.36
18446	Colliers Engineering & Design	5,303.61
18447	Comcast	1,001.02
18448	Common Sense for Animals	300.00
18449	Elizabethtown Gas	681.53
18450	Elizabethtown Gas	605.00
18451	Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt	2,900.00
18452	Francotype-Postalia Inc.	141.00
18453	GenServe LLC	1,745.72
18454	Home Depot Credit Services	193.67
18455	Institute for Professional Development	50.00
18456	James Kopeski	27.77
18457	JCP&L	1,862.03
18458	NJ League of Municipalities	25.00
18459	NJ American Water Company	1,354.70

18460	NJ Advance Media	191.28
18461	State of NJ	191.00
18462	NJ Landscape Contractors LLC	4,423.75
18463	NRTCTA, Fairfield Collector	40.00
18464	Rossi Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram	91.87
18465	Safeguard Business Systems	445.52
18466	Sanico, Inc.	210.76
18467	S&K Truck Parts Inc.	164.09
18468	US Postal Service	1,000.00
18469	Verizon Wireless	146.70
18470	Vital Communications	500.00
18471	White Township Board of Education	668,264.00
18472	Hard Rock Hotel & Casino	449.96

TOTAL.....\$747,937.34

Gravel Pit Escrows

269	Colliers Engineering & Design	87.50 (for HS&G)
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Dog Account

1219	NJ Dept. of Health & Senior Services	379.80
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Developer's Escrow Account

1601	Colliers Engineering & Design	218.75
1602	Colliers Engineering & Design	398.27
1603	Suburban Consulting Engineers	580.00
1604	Suburban Consulting Engineers	1,045.00
1605	Suburban Consulting Engineers	247.50
1606	Suburban Consulting Engineers	1,075.00
1607	Suburban Consulting Engineers	415.00
1608	Gebhardt & Kiefer	16.50
1609	Gebhardt & Kiefer	82.50
1610	Gebhardt & Kiefer	49.50
1611	Gebhardt & Kiefer	16.50
1612	Gebhardt & Kiefer	577.50
1613	Tracy Wortman	216.56
1614	Dieter Loeurigkeit	90.00
1615	Blue Truck Lines	1,739.00
1616	Taylor Stine	121.25
1617	Fredrick Tocce	285.50
1618	Gerald Henning	138.75

TOTAL ALL FUNDS.....\$ 755,717.72

**PRESENTATION OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve the February 14, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes and the February 14, 2024 Executive Session Meeting Minutes as presented on motion by Mrs. Skoog, seconded by Mr. Herb and carried by unanimous favorable vote. Herb – yes, Skoog - yes, Hyndman – yes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**OTHER MATTERS**

Motion made by Mrs. Skoog, seconded by Mayor Hyndman with Mr. Herb voting no to accept a settlement of \$1,000 from Franklin Township for the CFO/QPA shared service agreement. The original amount owed was \$2036.44. Herb – no, Skoog – yes, Hyndman – yes. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business to come before the Mayor and Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM on motion by Mrs. Skoog, seconded by Mr. Herb and carried by unanimous favorable vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kathleen R. Reinalda, RMC  
Township Clerk