

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016-01**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE LEASE FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES OF CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP AND NOT REQUIRED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Lands and Buildings Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14 authorizes the lease by municipalities of any real property, capital improvements or personal property or interests therein, not needed for public use to the highest bidder by open public lease at auction or by submission of sealed bids after the required newspaper advertisements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Franklin is the owner of certain real property known as Block 4, Lot 3.01; Block 25, Lots 1.03 & 1.04; and Block 35, Lot 26.01; and

**WHEREAS**, said properties are not needed for public use, and are currently leased to a local farmer for agricultural purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee has determined that it is in the best interest of the Township continue to lease the property for agriculture purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the properties listed on the attached Schedule A were offered for lease to the highest bidder via sealed bids, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14. The sealed bids were opened on January 7, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 202 Sidney Road, Pittstown, New Jersey.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that:

The lease of the subject properties were offered for public bidding and the highest responsible bidder and the attach Schedule A details the highest bidder for each property and the term for each lease.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the property shall be leased in accordance with the terms enumerated in the form lease advertised and a copy of the signed lease shall be available for inspection at the Township Municipal Building.

Section 2:

If any section or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid in any court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the other sections or provisions of this Ordinance, except so far as the section of the provision so declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remainder or any portion thereof.

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**Effective Date.**

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

**NOTICE**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced to pass on first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin held on January 7, 2016, at 7:30 PM and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a regular meeting of the Township Committee to be held on January 28, 2016, at 7:30 PM, or as soon thereafter as the Township Committee may hear this Ordinance at the Municipal Building, 202 Sidney Road, Pittstown, New Jersey, at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance.

  
Ursula V. Stryker, Municipal Clerk

Schedule A

<u>Property</u>	<u>Lease Term</u>	<u>Annual Rent</u>	<u>Total Rent</u>	<u>Individual /Organization</u>
Block 4, Lot 3.01	February 1, 2016-December 31, 2018			All bids rejected
Block 25, Lots 1.03 & 1.04	January 1, 2016-December 31, 2018	\$12	\$36	JB Farm LLC
Block 35, Lot 26.01	January 1, 2016-December 31, 2018	\$88.33	\$250	T.R. Meyer Farms LLC

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