

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-06

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; 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 known as Block 4, Lot 3.01 was 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 March 8, 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 property was offered for public bidding and the highest responsible bidder was JB Farm LLC for a three (3) year term with an annual rent of \$1,600 for a total rent of \$4,800 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.

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 March 10, 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 April 14, 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