ORDINANCE NO. 2018-21

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE LEASE FOR HUNTING 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 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 but also lease the wooded areas of the properties for hunting purposes; and

WHEREAS, the properties listed on the attached Schedule A were offered for lease to the highest bidder via sealed bids, pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:12-14. The sealed bids were opened on December 11, 2018 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 hunting 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 December 13, 2018, 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 December 27, 2018, at 9:00 AM, 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.

Adopted: 12-27-2018 Ursula V. Stryker, Municipal Clerk

Schedule A

Property Block 4, Lot 3.01	Lease Term January 1, 2019-December 2021	Annual Rent		Total Rent		Individual/Organization
		\$				Russ Lindabery
Block 35, Lot 26.01	January 1, 2019-December 2021	\$	800	\$	2,400	Apple Mountain Sportsmen