



Twp. Comm. Regular  
Thursday, January 7, 2016

The township received one bid for each farm.

Bid received for agricultural purposes:

Block 35 Lot 26.01  
T. R. Meyer, LLC  
\$250.00/three year term

Block 25 Lots 1.03 & 1.04  
JB Farms, LLC  
\$36/three year term

The bidder for 25/1.03 & 1.04, Scott Hender, attached a letter in which he says he doesn't think it is a good idea to have the property hunted because the property is surrounded by the road, houses and barn and the Capoolong Creek.

The township did put it out for a separate hunting lease.

JB Farms is the only bidder and the Township Committee may want to consider re-bidding to allow anyone who farms it to also allow the farmer to hunt the property.

Block 4 Lots 3.01  
JB Farms, LLC  
\$21/three year term

Scott Hender explained that he had been farming the property since the township bought it. At that time he paid \$1.00 per year rent and he had control over deer and wildlife which greatly impacts on farming. Three years ago he had his first lease with the township and he was allowed to hunt and he raised the bid. Now he has no control over wildlife and that is the reason for his low bid.

Hunting lease bid:

Block 4 Lot 3.01  
JB Farms LLC  
\$1201 per year for \$3603 for three years

Apple Mountain Sportsman  
\$1,600 per year for \$4,800 for three years

Block 35 Lot 26.01  
TR Meyer Farm  
\$1/per year for \$3/three year term





## 2. Public Safety (PD, Fire, EMS, OEM, Court, Health)

Officer Dominick Zeveney reported we're at \$59,000 in Court receipts. He informed the Township Committee that he believes the transmission is bad on vehicle 91 – 10, the 2006 Durango. Vehicle has 100,000 miles on it. Floor boards are rotting out. He would like to start looking at a replacement and get some costs. The Township Committee would like him to confirm the problem is the transmission and get an evaluation. Then options for purchase or lease can be discussed further. Vehicle 91 – 12 had the alternator replaced.

Motion to adopt a Resolution, Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Form 1B, to authorize submission of a strategic plan for the North Hunterdon Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2017 and authorize the Mayor and/or Deputy Mayor to sign all related documents.

Moved Repmann Second Wintermute

Roll Call Vote: Darocha AYE Repmann AYE Wintermute AYE Blew AYE Soloway AYE

Motion carried.

## 3. Department of Public Works

Mayor Soloway reported Alan Dillely recently had surgery and will return to work on January 19, 2016.

## 4. Land Use (Land Use Board, Open Space, Planning, Zoning, Construction, Environmental)

Motion to Adopt Resolution 2015 – 79 Release Grecco Performance Guarantee Block 49 Lot 3, \$10,000.00.

Moved Darocha Second Blew

Roll Call Vote: Darocha AYE Repmann AYE Wintermute AYE Blew AYE Soloway AYE

Motion carried.

The Township Committee and the Municipal Attorney discussed the proposed Foreclosed Property Maintenance Ordinance. The Attorney advised that there is new legislation which allows the town to go after banks on properties in the process of foreclosure. When properties are abandoned and maintenance issues arise the obligation can be placed on the banks to maintain the properties and allows for fines. The township already has a couple of tools to use in these instances but this ordinance has more "teeth" by getting the banks involved. Currently we have to locate the property owner who abandoned the property, do notifications, issue summonses and then the township could either authorize the DPW to do the maintenance or hire a third party. The Municipal Attorney recommends putting this new ordinance in place for another tool.



