

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-01**  
**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP**  
**HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**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 5, Lot 2 & 3; and

**WHEREAS**, said properties are not needed for public use, and are currently leased for hunting purposes; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the property known as Block 5, Lots 2 & 3 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 January 25, 2024 at 10:00 a.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 was **APPLEMOUNTAIN SPORTSMEN** with a total bid of **\$3,090.00**, payable in three installments of **\$1,030.00** each.

**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.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the Township is currently under contract with Ingerman for the development of the subject property as an Affordable Housing Site. As such, the Township reserves the right to terminate this lease as described by Section II, General Terms of the Lease, if the developer is able to acquire water and sewer capacity and begins construction of the property for affordable housing purposes.

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 Committee of the Township of Franklin held on February 8, 2024 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 March 7, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the Township Committee may hear this Ordinance at the Franklin Township Municipal Building, 202 Sidney Road, Pittstown, New Jersey, at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance.

Christine Burke  
Township Clerk

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP  
HUNTERDON COUNTY**

**PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given that the following titled Ordinance was introduced by the Franklin Township Committee at a regularly scheduled meeting held on Thursday, February 8, 2024.

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**SUMMARY AND EXPLANATION**

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.

Currently, the Township owns Block 5, Lots 2 & 3 (approximately 11 acres), more commonly known as the municipal property behind the Cracker Barrel, which remains vacant as efforts are made to develop the property as Affordable Housing. While the property is not needed for public use, the Township leases the property for hunting purposes.

Provided by Christine Burke, Township Clerk