

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION #2024-16**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF
HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE
HUNTING LEASE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY THE
TOWNSHIP AND NOT REQUIRED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES,
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14 ET SEQ.**

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 bidding 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 not needed for public use and the Township Committee has determined that it is in the best interest of the Township to lease the property for hunting.

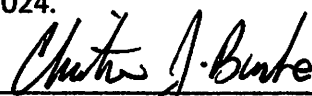
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that the properties listed on Exhibit A attached shall be offered for lease to the highest bidder by submission of sealed bids, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14. Opening of the sealed bid submissions will be conducted on January 25, 2024 at 10 am at the Municipal Building, 202 Sidney Road, Pittstown, NJ 08867. All sealed bids are required to be submitted prior to the bid opening.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subject property shall be offered for public bidding as set forth below and shall be leased pursuant to the further expressed conditions enumerated below:

1. Each bid is subject to the rejection or acceptance by the Township Committee which shall occur no later than at its second regular meeting following the bid opening. The Township Committee reserves the right to reject all bids. If no action is taken by the Township Committee by the second regular meeting, then the bid shall be deemed to be rejected. The Township also reserves the right to postpone the date of lease and to withdraw the real property from bidding all together.
2. The minimum bid for each property is listed in Exhibit A. Each bidder shall submit his bid in terms set forth in the proposed Lease.

3. Each bidder shall be required to submit an executed lease with his bid.
4. The successful bidder shall be required to submit payment in accordance with the lease.
5. The lease is made subject to all applicable laws and ordinances of the State of New Jersey and the Township of Franklin. The lease is further made subject to all deed restrictions including but not limited to any applicable Green Acres restrictions (N.J.A.C. 7:36-25.13).
6. Any descriptions of the property published by the Township are intended as a general guide only and may not be accurate. No representations of any kind are made by the Township of Franklin as to the conditions of the property or its suitability for hunting.
7. It is conclusively presumed that the bidder prior to making his bid has done the following:
 - a. Checked the exact location, including street address and lot size of the property.
 - b. Made a personal inspection of the property prior to bidding on the lease. Potential bidders should contact the Township Clerk at 908-735-5215 to schedule an inspection.
 - c. Bidder has thoroughly and completely read the proposed lease and agrees to every provision contained therein.
 - d. Bidder is familiar the Green Acres restrictions contained in N.J.A.C. 7:36-25.13 and all other deed restriction on the property.
8. Successful bidder is required to provide a certificate of insurance in the amounts detailed in Section V of the Lease.

I, Christine J. Burke, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Franklin, County of Hunterdon, do hereby certify this to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee at a meeting held on January 04, 2024.



Christine Burke, RMC
Municipal Clerk

SCHEDULE A

Block 5, Lots 2 & 3 (approximately 11 acres), more commonly known as the municipal property behind the Cracker Barrel.

Notice to Bidders

Take notice that on the 25th day of January, 2024, the Township of Franklin, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, shall take sealed bids for the lease of certain real property owned by the Township of Franklin for hunting purposes for April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2027. The lands to be leased are shown on the Tax Map as Block 5, Lots 2 & 3 (approximately 11 acres), more commonly known as the municipal property behind the Cracker Barrel.

Bids shall be delivered to the Township of Franklin, 202 Sidney Road, Pittstown, New Jersey 08867. The sealed envelope shall bear the notation “Bid for Hunting Lease”. **All bids must be delivered to the Municipal Clerk by 10:00 AM on the 25th day of January, 2024.** The winning bid will be awarded at the Committee Meeting on February 8th at 7:30 p.m. at the Franklin Township Municipal Building, 202 Sidney Road, Pittstown, New Jersey 08867.

Bid documents are available from the Clerk during regular business hours or by submitting a written request with a postage paid, return envelope. The bid document includes the contract that the Township intends to use to award this bid. By submitting a bid, the bidder is acknowledging that he/she has reviewed all the terms of the contract and agrees to comply with all requirements. **The Township has set a minimum bid of \$500 per year.**

Every bid must include a complete Bid Proposal Form and Affidavit of Non- Collusion. By submitting a bid, the bidder acknowledges that he/she/it has adequate insurance in conformance with the insurance requirements listed in the contract and that a certificate naming the Township as an additional insured will be provided prior to the winning bidder being permitted to enter the property.

The bid, if awarded, shall be made to the highest responsible bidder. The Township reserves the right to reject all bids. The Township reserves the right to waive such defects in any bid that does not, in the Township’s discretion, materially affect the bid.

Christine Burke
Franklin Township
Municipal Clerk