

**Ordinance # 2020-021**

**Ordinance Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Authorizing The Public Sale Of Block 1149 Lot 1 In The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, By Sealed Bid Public Sale Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 40a:12-1 Et Seq. (Fronting On Madeline Avenue)**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Lakewood is the owner of real property known as Block 1149, Lot 1 in the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey (the "Property"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Property is vacant land, comprised of approximately 0.735 acres (32,000 sq. ft.) and located in the R10A zone.

**WHEREAS**, the Property has been valued by the Lakewood Township Tax Deputy Assistant Tax Assessor for public sale at a minimum bid of \$600,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, has determined that the Property is well suited for non-residential school development, and does not hold any intrinsic value for public use; and the sale of the Property will return the Property to the tax rolls of the Township of Lakewood; and it is in the best interests of the Township of Lakewood to offer the Property for sale by public auction to the highest bidder via the submission of sealed bids to the Township Manager; and

**WHEREAS**, to accomplish the stated goal of utilizing the property for non-residential school purposes, the Deed conveying the Property shall contain the following language regarding the Township's Right of Reverter:

Purchaser agrees that the property shall remain in a non-profit ownership and non-profit use for school purposes in perpetuity and the deed must be recorded within 30 days of closing or title to the property shall automatically revert back to the Township of Lakewood without the necessity of entry or re-entry.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The Township of Lakewood in the County of Ocean is the owner of the following land located within the Township of Lakewood (hereinafter referred to as the "Property"): Block 1149 Lot 1.

**SECTION 2.** The Township Committee has determined it to be in the public interest to sell said Property by public sale via sealed bid submission to the Township Manager, to the highest bidder in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 12-13(a).

**SECTION 3.** The Township Committee declares the Property to be surplus and not needed

for public use.

**SECTION 4.** The following conditions for the sale of the Property apply:

- (a) The minimum bid for the Property is \$600,000.00.
- (b) The highest bidder will be the purchaser, subject to the provisions below.

(c) The Township will only accept bids calling for an all cash purchase of the Property. Full payment of the purchase price must be received within 30 days of the date of the acceptance of the bid. The successful bidder will be required to pay, by either cash, wire transfer or bank check, a deposit equal to ten (10%) percent of minimum price of the bid at the close of bidding, with the balance to be paid by either cash, wire transfer or bank check at closing. Pending closing of title, this deposit will be held by the Township of Lakewood in a non-interest bearing escrow account, with the total deposit (excluding interest) to be credited to the purchase price at closing.

(d) The sale of the Property is being made subject to the terms, conditions, restrictions and limitations of a Contract of Sale, which is on file with the Municipal Clerk, including but not limited to the following terms and conditions:

- 1) The Property will be deed restricted for non-residential school use only as set forth above.
- 2) The Property is being sold in an “AS IS” WHERE-IS” condition. The successful bidder is responsible for conducting any and all inspections and testing of the Property at its own cost and expense.
- 3) The Property is being sold subject to existing zoning; however, prospective bidders should be aware that the Township has adopted a Smart Growth Plan which could require future changes in zoning for the Property. A copy of the Smart Growth Plan can be reviewed in the office of the Township Clerk.
- 4) The successful bidder shall bear the burden of paying any and all required sewer service and/or connection fees associated with the use of the Property.
- 5) The successful bidder shall pay prorated real estate taxes for the balance of the current year as of the date of closing of title.
- 6) The successful bidder shall bear the burden of obtaining any and all approvals from the appropriate municipal, county or government agency, if applicable. The successful bidder shall also bear the burden of obtaining and paying for any and all necessary permits, connections and/or arrangements to provide for water, electric, sewer, or solid waste disposal.

- 7) The closing of title to the Property is "TIME OF THE ESSENCE" and must take place within 30 days of the date of acceptance of the bid and the failure of the successful bidder to close title as agreed shall result in the successful bidder's forfeiture of any and all money deposited with the Township.
- 8) The purchaser(s) shall pay the cost of recording fees.
- 9) The purchaser(s) shall pay any and all realty transfer and "mansion" taxes assessed in connection with the sale of the Property.
- 10) With respect to the sale of the Property herein, NO real estate commission is owed.
- 11) No representation is made by the Township as to the utility, usability or environmental condition of the Property.

(e) All bids must satisfy any requirements and meet any terms and conditions of the Contract of Sale. The successful bidder will execute the Contract upon completion of bidding and its payment of the required deposit. To execute the Contract, the bidder shall properly execute the Contract in the signature spaces at the end. Failure to execute the Contract properly shall not affect the obligation of the successful bidder or the validity of the sale. The deed given by Lakewood Township for the Property will be a bargain and sale deed without covenants. No title contingencies or conditions are permitted.

(f) In the event that the successful bidder fails to close title to the Property, the bidder shall forfeit all deposit monies made to the Township. No refunds whatsoever will be made by the Township of Lakewood in the event that the successful bidder fails to complete the purchase of the Property within thirty (30) days from the acceptance of the bid.

(g) The sale shall be subject to adjournment or cancellation by the Township Committee.

(h) The Township reserves the right to accept the highest responsive bid if equal to or greater than the minimum bid price, or to reject all and not to award to the highest bidder. The Township reserves the right to waive any and all defects and informalities in any proposal, and to accept or reject the highest responsible and responsive bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Township.

(j) The Township's acceptance or rejection of bids shall be made not later than at the second regular Township Committee meeting following the receipt of bids. No bid shall be considered finally accepted until passage by the Township Committee of a Resolution accepting such bid.

(k) The Property is being sold "AS IS" "WHERE IS." The Property is sold subject to existing encumbrances, liens, easements, zoning ordinances, other restrictions of record, such facts as an accurate survey would reveal and any present or future assessments for the construction of improvements benefiting the Property. A survey of the Property may be conducted by any prospective bidder, at its discretion, as part of its due diligence.

(l) Any material prepared and distributed in connection with this sale is for convenience purposes only and is intended to give prospective bidders a general understanding of the condition, location and size of the Property. The Township of Lakewood is not responsible for errors that may appear in such materials. Each prospective bidder is urged to thoroughly research and examine the Property prior to placing a bid. The Property will be available for inspection by appointment only. Prospective bidders desiring to inspect the Property should contact Lauren Kirkman, Township Clerk at (732) 364-2500 ext. 5970 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to make an appointment.

(m) It is suggested and recommended that potential bidders perform title searches and/or last owner and lien searches on the properties that they are interested in bidding upon prior to the date of bid submission in order that the potential bidder may be adequately apprised of any encumbrances or restrictions of record affecting the use and enjoyment of the property or properties. It is further suggested and recommended that potential bidders exercise due diligence with respect to every state of facts including open permits, local fines, penalties, taxes, assessments, etc., which may not be of record but which may nonetheless affect the use and enjoyment of the property or properties. The Township of Lakewood shall not be responsible for the costs associated with such searches in the event that the Township of Lakewood is unable to convey title and/or if a bid is rejected.

**SECTION 5.** That said notice and a certified copy of this Ordinance shall be posted on the bulletin board or other conspicuous place in the municipal building.

**SECTION 6.** That any offer(s) for the Property may thereafter be made to the Municipal Manager for a period of twenty (20) days following the newspaper advertisement, for not less than the minimum price provided herein.

**SECTION 7.** That if more than one bid is received, the Municipal Manager may hold such bids without opening, advise the Township Committee of such multiple bids, and said Township Committee shall decide whether to invite said bidders to a public meeting for purposes of an open auction between the original submitting bidders, or to open said original bids.

**SECTION 8.** That, if sold, the Property shall be awarded to the highest bidder in excess of the minimum bid price for the Property.

**SECTION 9.** That the Township Committee of the Township of Lakewood may reconsider its decision to sell the subject Property within thirty (30) days after the enactment of this Ordinance and either offer the Property for sale at a public sale pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13 (a) or reject any or all bids and retain any or all of the Property for Township use.

**SECTION 10.** That all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION 11.** If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or any part of this Ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance not directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

**SECTION 12.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with law.

**Introduced: June 11, 2020**

**Adoption: July 16,2020**

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Lauren Kirkman, Township Clerk of the Township of Lakewood do hereby certify that the above ordinance was introduced on **June 11, 2020** and adopted on **July 16,2020** after a public hearing where all persons were given an opportunity to be heard.

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Lauren Kirkman, RMC, CMR  
Township Clerk