

MINUTES OF WORK MEETING OF FEBRUARY 10, 2016

The work meeting of the Frelinghuysen Township Committee was held in the Municipal Building, 210 Main Street, Johnsonburg, New Jersey on Monday, February 10, 2016 and was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Christopher Kuhn.

SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT:

Under the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by posting notice on the Township bulletin board and by e mailing notice to the New Jersey Herald and The Express-Times.

ROLL CALL:

Those present were: Mayor Christopher Kuhn (7:07), Deputy Mayor Christopher Stracco, Committeeman Frank Desiderio, Committeeman Alan DeCarolis, and Acting Clerk Donna Zilberfarb.

Members absent: Committeeman David Boynton

MINUTES:

ORDINANCES:

RESOLUTIONS:

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Sterbenz presented a rough draft of the salt shed location and would like to obtain approval from the Township Committee to move forward to prepare a site plan and contact SHIPO. After discussion was made approval was granted.

Motion was made by Mr. Stracco to authorize Paul Sterbenz to move forward to prepare the site plan for the salt shed and move forward with SHIPO, seconded by Mr.

DeCarolis. All in favor – aye. Mr. Desiderio opposed.

Mr. Kuhn asked Mr. Sterbenz for capital costs for the next 3 years – year one - salt shed; year two – demo and cleanup; and year 3 – paving. He also asked for any updates on the road grants and new storm water regulations. Mr. Sterbenz will know by the end of the first quarter for road grants and explained the regulations are changing by adding more mapping and more requirements. Explained that there are approximately 10 towns that have objected to the new regulations.

NEW BUSINESS:

Darren Occhiutto presented the budget request for Blairstown Hose Company as it was different then originally submitted. After discussion it was decided that the township would give more capital to furnish hose for a truck rather than the SCBA bottles previously asked for.

Motion was made by Mr. Desiderio to approve the total request of \$10,000.00 for the purchase of hose and \$5,000.00 for OE for the 2016 budget, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis. All were in favor.

After discussion it was decided that the township would give \$15,000 in Capital for hose and no OE this year. Mr. Occhittio was agreeable.

Motion was made by Mr. Desiderio to amend the previous motion and to approve for \$15,000.00 capital budget for purchase of hose, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis. All were in favor.

DPW budget

Will be held to the budget meeting on February 25, 2016.

Salary for Land Use Board Secretary

Motion was made by Mr. Stracco to amend the prior motion and reduce the salary back to \$1,500.00 for the interim secretary, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis. All were in favor.

Trails Grant – Mr. Conner and Ms. Buttgereit explained that the grant has been approved. The amount of the grant is \$14,432.00 for trails and outside work. The matching portion is 20%. Mr. Kuhn congratulated them on receiving this grant.

Mr. Conner presented items that need to be taken care of around the lodge. Mr. Desiderio inquired about the debris pile and asked if Mr. DeCarolis would be willing to donate a dumpster and Mr. Desiderio offered to bring a machine and clean it up.

Motion was made by Mr. Desiderio to approve Mr. Conner to purchase \$80.00 in paint, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis. All were in favor.

Mr. Kuhn inquired about health benefits and how it should be in the employee handbook. After discussion with Ms. Dyer it was decided to follow state guidelines for all medical benefits.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

Motion was made by Mr. Desiderio, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis to open meeting to the public. All were in favor. Spoke were:

Wendy Buttgereit inquired about the next steps needed for the maple tree tapping. After discussion, Mr. Stracco will discuss with legal counsel.

Motion was made by Mr. Desiderio, seconded by Mr. Stracco to close to the public. All were in favor.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Motion was made by Mr. Stracco to hold the consent agenda for department reports until the next meeting, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis. All were in favor.

Clerk Report:

There was an accident on Route 94 and the helicopter landed at town hall on February 8, 2016. The fire department let Ms. Zilberfarb know that they had to cut the lock off the gates at Ramsey Road. Ms. Zilberfarb will send dpw to buy a new lock.

DPW hours will be held until the February 17, 2016 meeting.

School bus sign on Route 94 at Muller Road - Mr. Sterbenz will look into as it is a State Road and will get an approval and next steps.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no executive session.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Desiderio, seconded by Mr. Stracco to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Zilberfarb, Acting Township Clerk