

## MINUTES OF BUDGET MEETING OF FEBRUARY 13, 2019

The regular meeting of the Frelinghuysen Township Committee was held in the Municipal Building, 210 Main Street, Johnsonburg, New Jersey on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 and was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor, Frank Desiderio.

### **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 Frank Desiderio, Deputy Mayor Chris Stracco, Committeeman Todd McPeck, Committeeman Charlie Marra, Committeeman David Boynton, CFO Danette Dyer, Auditor Anthony Ardito, and Municipal Clerk Donna Zilberfarb.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

All old business was carried to the regular meeting on February 20, 2019

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Resignation letter from Bob Stock, Environmental Commission, was received for reasons of his travel with work. Motion was made by Mr. Stracco to accept the resignation with regrets, seconded by Mr. Boynton. All were in favor.

Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County submitted their interlocal agreement for signature. Motion was made by Mr. Stracco to approve the Mayor to sign the agreement, seconded by Mr. Boynton. All were in favor.

Incident from the DEP. Mr. Desiderio explained that this was caused by cleaning a drain and the swail on Greendale Road. Someone complained and Mr. Desiderio spoke with the lady from the DEP and all is fine. Mr. Marra asked if there was any type of fine and he stated no.

### **OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:**

Motion was made by Mr. Stracco, seconded by Mr. Boynton limiting it to 15 minutes to open meeting to the public. All were in favor. Spoke were:

Stacy Gallante spoke to the committee regarding the rec center rentals with Cathy Bao Bean and the issues that she is having with the payment and forms. Mr. Stracco inquired as to why Ms. Bao Bean was not here and Stacy explained that she just wanted to get this done so she can get the payment. Mr. Ramos, a recreation member, explained the past 2 years and the issues they've had. Mr. Marra stated to have her pay the \$140.00 registration fee or go somewhere else. The Committee asked that if Ms. Bao Bean had an issue that she should come to the next committee meeting. Ms. Gallante stated that she is just trying to get things done and not siding with Ms. Bao Bean but that she just wants to get the payment and get going on this matter. There was some discussion from the Mayor. Ms. Gallante exited the meeting. Mr. Boynton asked if the committee would like him to sit down and speak with Cathy directly. After discussion a motion was made by Mr. McPeck to concur with the \$140.00 registration fee per year for aerobics, seconded by Mr. Marra. All were in favor. Mr. Boynton will speak with Ms. Bao Bean and get back to the Committee at the next meeting.

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

### **NEW BUSINESS was continued:**

Mr. Ardito and Ms. Dyer were in attendance to discuss the finalization of the budget. Mr. Ardito explained the summary of the CAP law and if left the way it is now the town could use surplus to make up the additional \$9,281 dollars if they choose to. After discussion it was decided to cut some extra from department budgets.

- Tax Assessor will be cut by \$1,000 making budget \$3,200 for the year.
- Solid waste will be cut by \$1,250 making budget \$5,750 for the year.
- Celebration of funds will be cut by \$2,150 making budget \$1,000 for the year.
- Department of public works will be cut by \$4,500 making budget \$133,110 for the year.

The budget was finalized by the committee and will have a first reading on the 20th of February, with the second reading for adoption on March 20, 2019.

The capital bond ordinance was discussed by Ms. Dyer and she explained the debt service costs and how that affects budget. She explained that she removed \$10,500 from this capital ordinance request as she can move old monies to allocate for those requests totaling \$10,500. Ms. Dyer will speak with Bond counsel and see if they can be ready for a first reading on the 20th of February, with final adoption on March 20, 2019.

Mr. Stracco stated that Ed Wacks will be in attendance at the meeting on the 20th and will have updates for the committee on outstanding issues.

Ms. Zilberfarb apologized but explained to the committee that she was very disappointed with what happened with Stacy Gallante getting up and leaving the meeting after the comments that were said. Ms. Zilberfarb hoped that Ms. Gallante will not quit as she has found a good back up and feels she does a good job with the work she is given.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. Marra to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Zilberfarb, RMC