

MINUTES OF MEETING OF APRIL 15, 2015

The regular meeting of the Frelinghuysen Township Committee was held in the Municipal Building, 210 Main Street, Johnsonburg, New Jersey on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 and was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor 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, Deputy Mayor Christopher Stracco, Committeeman Frank Desiderio, Committeeman Alan DeCarolis, Committeeman David Boynton, Attorney Edward Wacks and Clerk Brenda Kleber.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis to enter into executive session with regard to potential litigation after resolution #2015-37 was adopted in the public portion of the meeting. All were in favor. Motion was made by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis to return to the public meeting. All were in favor. Upon returning, Mr. Wacks stated that the discussion was potential litigation on affordable housing with the purpose of trying to decide what approach with regard to this new legislation as there are many options which could involve litigation and significant expense. No decision was made and there will be further discussion at the work session on May 13th where the committee will make a decision on whether to authorize the township to proceed with declaratory action or whether or not we will sit back and get ourselves ready for whatever builders remedy lawsuit that may be coming.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting of March 18, 2015 were approved as corrected on motion made by Mr. DeCarolis, seconded by Mr. Boynton. All were in favor.

ORDINANCES:

AN ORDINANCE (#2015-08) OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRELINGHUYSEN, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FIXING THE SALARIES FOR THE YEAR 2015 was opened to the public on motion made by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. Desiderio. All were in favor. Debra Natyzak commented that the title for the Land Use Secretary was Planning Board secretary in the ordinance. This will be changed and will not be a significant change, per the attorney. Motion was made by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis to close to the public. All were in favor. Motion was made by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. Stracco to adopt said ordinance with the change. Roll call vote: Mr. DeCarolis-abstain, Mr. Desiderio-yes, Mr. Boynton-yes, Mr. Stracco-yes, Mr. Kuhn-yes.

AN ORDINANCE (#2015-09) CREATING FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE was opened to the public on motion made by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. Desiderio. All were in favor. Debra Natyzak stated that she

supports the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis to close to the public. All were in favor. Motion was made by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis to adopt said ordinance. Roll call vote: Mr. Desiderio-yes, Mr. Boynton-yes, Mr. Stracco-yes, Mr. Kuhn-yes, Mr. DeCarolis-yes.

AN ORDINANCE (#2015-10) ADOPTING NAME AND LOGO OF FRELINGHUYSEN FOREST PRESERVE, AND FRELINGHUYSEN FOREST PRESERVE STEWARDSHIP ASSESSMENT REPORT AS TO FRELINGHUYSEN FOREST PRESERVE SOUTH was opened to the public on motion made by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis. All were in favor. There being no public comments, motion was made by Mr. Stracco, seconded by Mr. Boynton to close to the public. All were in favor. Motion was made by Mr. DeCarolis, seconded by Mr. Boynton to adopt said ordinance. Roll call vote: Mr. Boynton-yes, Mr. Stracco-yes, Mr. Kuhn-yes, Mr. DeCarolis-yes, Mr. Desiderio-yes.

AN ORDINANCE (#2015-11) AMENDING SECTION 525 OF THE FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP CODE, CONCERNING WOOD-FIRED BOILERS, STOVES OR FURNACES was adjourned to June 17th meeting on motion made by Mr. Stracco, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis. Roll call vote: Mr. Stracco-yes, Mr. Kuhn-yes, Mr. DeCarolis-yes, Mr. Desiderio-yes, Mr. Boynton-yes.

A BOND ORDINANCE (#2015-12) PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2015 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FRELINGHUYSEN, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$425,000 THEREFOR (INCLUDING A NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$261,250 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF was opened to the public on motion made by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis. All were in favor. Debra Natyzak asked for the breakdown of costs of which the Mayor provided. Dan Kohuth asked where we were using the micro paving and was told it was Saddle Ridge Road. He also asked how much debt is there in bonds. He was told that the NJDOT was a grant for \$150,000.00. Motion was made by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis to close to the public. All were in favor. Motion was made by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. Stracco to adopt said ordinance. Roll call vote: Mr. Kuhn-yes, Mr. DeCarolis-yes, Mr. Desiderio-no, Mr. Boynton-yes, Mr. Stracco-yes.

RESOLUTIONS:

#2015-37 (Setting executive session)

WHEREAS, it is necessary to discuss items dealing with potential litigation

WHEREAS, under the Open Public Meetings Act (number 3 of the permitted exceptions to the requirements that a public body hold its meetings in public) it is permissible that such matters be discussed in executive or private session.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on April 15, 2015 that the Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen will adjourn to private or executive session to discuss the above mentioned and results or portions of that discussion will be made known in a reasonable length of time.

Motion was made by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis to adopt said resolution. Roll call vote: Mr. DeCarolis-yes, Mr. Desiderio-yes, Mr. Boynton-yes, Mr. Stracco-yes, Mr. Kuhn-yes.

#2015-38 (Delayed introduction of budget)

WHEREAS, under provisions of N.J.S.A.40A:4-5, a municipality shall introduce the Local Municipal Budget no later than March 13th of the fiscal year; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Frelinghuysen has delayed the introduction of the 2015 Municipal Budget past the statutory deadline; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen, Warren County, New Jersey, that the Township of Frelinghuysen hereby petitions the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to allow a delayed introduction of the 2015 Frelinghuysen Township Municipal Budget; and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, 101 South Broad Street, P.O. Box 803, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0803.

Motion was made by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis to adopt said resolution. Roll call vote: Mr. Desiderio-yes, Mr. Boynton-yes, Mr. Stracco-yes, Mr. Kuhn-yes, Mr. DeCarolis-yes.

#2015-39 (Special items of revenues)

WHEREAS, the 2015 Local Municipal Budget was introduced on the 15th day of April, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, during the fiscal year 2015 the Township of Frelinghuysen has been allocated a state grant for various programs in the amount of \$12,976.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that petition be made herewith to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services that the 2015 Local Municipal Budget include a special item of revenue under the heading of "**Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services-Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:**"

Clean Communities Program	\$ 8,187.00
Recycling Tonnage Grant-PY Unapprop.	1,241.00
Mun. Alliance on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse Program	<u>3,548.00</u>
	<u>\$12,976.00</u>

Motion was made by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis to adopt said resolution. Roll call vote: Mr. Boynton-yes, Mr. Stracco-yes, Mr. Kuhn-yes, Mr. DeCarolis-yes, Mr. Desiderio-yes.

#2015-40 (Reserve for sale of municipal assets)

WHEREAS, the 2015 Local Municipal Budget was introduced on the 15th day of April, 2015; and, WHEREAS, during fiscal year 2015, the Township of Frelinghuysen will receive revenue for sale of municipal assets in the amount of \$31,645.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that petition be made herewith to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services that the 2015 Local Municipal Budget include a special item of revenue under the heading of "**Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services-Other Special Items:**"

Reserve for Sale of Municipal Assets	\$ <u>31,645.00</u>
	\$ <u>31,645.00</u>

Motion was made by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis to adopt said resolution. Roll call vote: Mr. Stracco-yes, Mr. Kuhn-yes, Mr. DeCarolis-yes, Mr. Desiderio-yes, Mr. Boynton-yes.

#2015-41 (Introduce 2015 budget)

WHEREAS, the Township of Frelinghuysen is holding a meeting on April 15, 2015, for the purpose of introducing the 2015 Municipal Budget and conducting other matters; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen, Warren County, New Jersey, that the Township of Frelinghuysen hereby petitions the Director of the Division of Local Government Services that the 2015 Local Municipal Budget be introduced and approved on April 15, 2015.

2015 FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Surplus anticipated general revenues	\$ 316,202.00
Total Miscellaneous revenue	373,868.00
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	130,000.00
Local Property Taxes	<u>647,834.00</u>
Total General Revenues	<u>\$1,467,904.00</u>

Salaries and Wages	\$ 379,962.00
Other Expenses	493,891.00
Capital Improvements	-
Debt Service	122,981.00
Statutory Expenses	38,379.00
Reserve for Delinquent Taxes	432,691.00
Total 2015 Municipal Budget	<u>\$1,467,904.00</u>
2015 Municipal Tax Rate	\$0.222 (Est.)

Motion was made by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis to adopt said resolution. Roll call vote: Mr. Kuhn-yes, Mr. DeCarolis-yes, Mr. Desiderio-yes, Mr. Boynton-yes, Mr. Stracco-yes.

#2015-42 (Approval of vouchers)

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen have reviewed the vouchers submitted by the Municipal Clerk to the Frelinghuysen Township Committee for the month of April; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee find the vouchers to be in order and recommend to the Township Committee that they be paid by the Chief Finance Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Frelinghuysen Township Committee that all vouchers submitted for the above named month are reasonable and proper and are to be paid from their appropriate accounts.

Motion was made by Mr. Stracco, seconded by Mr. Boynton approving the resolution conditional on the Mayor's review of the vouchers. Roll call vote: Mr. DeCarolis-yes, Mr. Desiderio-yes, Mr. Boynton-yes, Mr. Stracco-yes, Mr. Kuhn-yes.

#2015-43 (Approval of raffle license)

WHEREAS, the Frelinghuysen Township Booster Club has applied for a raffle license to conduct an Off-premises 50/50 raffle license for June 6, 2015 with a rain date of June 7, 2015 consisting of application #2015-01; and

WHEREAS, the Findings & Determination by the Municipal Clerk has determined that the organization is qualified to conduct such raffle.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the Frelinghuysen Township Booster Club raffle application #2015-01 is hereby approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis to adopt said resolution. Roll call vote: Mr. Desiderio-yes, Mr. Boynton-yes, Mr. Stracco-yes, Mr. Kuhn-yes, Mr. DeCarolis-yes.

#2015-44 (Appoint Acting Clerk)

WHEREAS, Brenda Kleber has tendered her resignation from the position of Township Clerk, effective June 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-33(c), within 90 days of the occurrence of a vacancy in the office of municipal clerk by reason of the departure of a registered municipal clerk, the governing body may appoint a person who does not hold a registered municipal clerk certificate to serve as acting municipal clerk, for a period not to exceed one year, commencing on the date of the vacancy; and

WHEREAS, Donna Zilberfarb has the qualifications to serve as the Acting Municipal Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen, in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey, that Donna Zilberfarb is hereby appointed to serve as Acting Municipal Clerk, commencing on July 1, 2015 and continuing through June 30, 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that subject to a proper and valid appropriation of the funds for same, Donna Zilberfarb shall be paid the salary currently paid to the Township Clerk.

Motion was made by Mr. Stracco, seconded by Mr. Boynton to adopt said resolution. Roll call vote: Mr. Boynton-yes, Mr. Stracco-yes, Mr. Kuhn-yes, Mr. DeCarolis-yes, Mr. Desiderio-yes.

#2015-45 (Appoint Acting Deputy Clerk)

#2015-46 (Authorize sale of development easement)

WHEREAS, Frelinghuysen Township is the owner of property located at Block 201, Lot 31, consisting of approximately 27.804 acres (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, Frelinghuysen Township has applied to the Warren County Agriculture Development Board in order to participate in the Warren County Farmland Preservation Program, and the Board has approved that application, as a result of which Frelinghuysen Township may convey the development rights to the Property to Warren County and have the Property permanently dedicated to agricultural use; and

WHEREAS, Warren County has agreed to pay Frelinghuysen Township \$100,000 for the conveyance of these development rights, while assuring that the Property will be

permanently preserved and restricted to agricultural use in furtherance of the Township's preservation goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and the Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Township of Frelinghuysen is hereby authorized to convey to the County of Warren a development easement in and to the Property for the sum of \$100,000.
2. The Mayor and Acting Township Clerk are authorized to execute any documents reasonably necessary in order to effectuate the conveyance of said development easement, subject to the review and approval of such documents by the Township Attorney.
3. This Resolution shall take effect according to law.

Motion was made Mr. Stracco, seconded by Mr. Boynton to adopt said resolution. Roll call vote: Mr. Desiderio-yes, Mr. DeCarolis-yes, Mr. Boynton-yes, Mr. Kuhn-yes, Mr. Stracco-yes.

PROCLAMATIONS:

WHEREAS, it is the sense of this legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across northwestern New Jersey are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of the organization and individuals that are devoted to the welfare of the community and its citizenry;

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend NORWESCAP, upon the occasion of celebrating their 50th Anniversary of serving the community;

WHEREAS, since 1965, Northwest NJ Community Action Partnership, Inc. (NORWESCAP) has been providing invaluable and outstanding service to the citizens; WHEREAS, NORWESCAP is one of 23 Community Action Agencies in New Jersey State, and one of over 1,000 nationwide founded on a common purpose: to support low-income households as they develop their abilities to be self-supporting and develop family and community relationships that will sustain self-reliance;

WHEREAS, Community Action was born out of the Equal Opportunity Act of 1964 that was initiated by President John F. Kennedy and brought to fruition by President Lyndon B. Johnson who, during a memorable State of the Union address 50 years ago, declared unconditional war on poverty; the Economic Opportunity Act was signed into law on August 20, 1964, and not only spurred the birth of Community Action, but also inspired the introduction of Head Start one year later;

WHEREAS, NORWESCAP was created through these efforts;

WHEREAS, Half a century later, NORWESCAP operates fifteen major programs: has grown to 270 full and part-time employees and more than 30,000 individuals are served each year through a multitude of anti-poverty services;

WHEREAS, NORWESCAP is a community leader; its positive action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes New Jersey a better place in which to live;

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations and individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized and applauded by all the citizens of New Jersey: THEREFORE, BE IT NOW HEREBY RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Northwest NJ Community Action Partnership, Inc. (NORWESCAP), upon the occasion of celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Community Action;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution suitably endorsed, be transmitted to Northwest NJ Community Action Partnership of Phillipsburg, Inc.; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this proclamation will be posted on the Frelinghuysen Township website, posted conspicuously in Town Hall, delivered to the Frelinghuysen Township School and to the local newspapers.
Motion was made by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis concurring with the Mayor's proclamation. All were in favor.

Proclamation proclaiming May as Older Americans Month:

WHEREAS, the month of May is traditionally designated as Older Americans Month; and

WHEREAS, the theme for Older Americans Month 2015 is "Get into the Act" to honor the 50th anniversary of the Older Americans Act of 1965 and to promote how older adults are taking charge of their health, getting engaged in their communities and making positive impacts in the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, the older residents of Frelinghuysen Township have made countless contributions and sacrifices to ensure a better life for future generations; and

WHEREAS, injury prevention, safety awareness, and health promotion are vital in helping our older residents remain healthy and active throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, Frelinghuysen Township encourages and supports all efforts that help our older residents take control of their health, safety and well-being.

NOW THEREFORE, Frelinghuysen Township does hereby proclaim May 2015 to be Older Americans Month in Frelinghuysen Township

Motion was made by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis concurring with the Mayor's proclamation. All were in favor.

Mayor's Wellness Campaign Proclamation:

WHEREAS, Fifty-five percent of New Jersey residents are obese or overweight;

WHEREAS, Medical expenses for treating problems related to obesity in our state total billions annually;

WHEREAS, New Jersey has reported the highest incidence in the nation in obesity among low-income kids aged 2-5 years;

WHEREAS, according to Warren County Health Department statistics, 32.4% of Warren County residents are obese, and 31.8% are overweight;

WHEREAS, The current generation of children in America may have shorter life expectancies than their parents;

WHEREAS, The Mayors' Wellness Campaign supports Mayors as champions of community health;

WHEREAS, the goal of the campaign is in furtherance of the 2015 Warren County Community Health Profile & Improvement Plan issued by the Warren County Health Department and found on-line at

http://98.129.69.82/Healthdept/includings/WC_CHIP_2015.pdf;

WHEREAS, The goal of the campaign is to improve health, reduce health care costs related to obesity, and make New Jersey a national leader in community-based health interventions;

WHEREAS, The Mayors' Wellness Campaign seeks to foster active living and healthy lifestyles by providing communities the structure and resources to implement healthy community initiatives;

WHEREAS, The Mayors' Wellness Campaign will work to implement a comprehensive program of outreach, education and technical assistance activities to combat obesity and inactivity issues for **Frelinghuysen Township**;

WHEREAS, **Frelinghuysen Township** cares deeply about all of its citizens and the future health of its children;

WHEREAS, **Frelinghuysen Township** has scheduled its first Mayors' Wellness Campaign event on June 6th at 12:30PM, during our annual Founder's Day event, a walk with the seniors, and,

WHEREAS, **Frelinghuysen Township Committee** Open Space Committee and the Recreation Committee have agreed to create several events and activities and a website to support wellness in the community.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that I, **Mayor Christopher Kuhn**, and the Frelinghuysen Township Committee ask that all residents of this community join me in supporting the Mayors Wellness Campaign;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that I encourage the residents of **Frelinghuysen Township** to participate in Mayors' Wellness Campaign activities to promote exercise, eating properly and living healthier and better lives, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this proclamation will be posted on the Frelinghuysen Township website, posted conspicuously in Town Hall, delivered to the Frelinghuysen Township School and to the local newspapers.

Motion was made by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. Desiderio to concur with the Mayor's proclamation. All were in favor.

Thank you to Benjamin Gerson for conveyance of conservation easement:

WHEREAS, BENJAMIN GERSON CONVEYED TO THE TOWNSHIP OF FRELINGHUYSEN A CONSERVATION EASEMENT CONCERNING 31 ACRES OF LAND OWNED BY Mr. GERSON, AND KNOWN AS BLOCK 1101, LOT 4 AND BLOCK 301, LOT 11.01 IN THE TOWNSHIP; and

WHEREAS, THAT PROPERTY IS FORESTED LAND, WITH ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE QUALITIES THAT PROVIDE A GREAT BENEFIT TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC, including a vernal HABITAT, ENDANGERED SPECIES HABITAT AND LIMESTONE FOREST, AND WATER QUALITY PROTECTION FOR BEAR CREEK; and

WHEREAS, THIS SELFLESS ACT BY BENJAMIN GERSON enables the Township to preserve the Property, to the GREAT BENEFIT OF FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP AND ITS RESIDENTS.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Frelinghuysen Township Committee, on behalf of the residents of Frelinghuysen Township, that we express our deepest thanks to BENJAMIN GERSON FOR HIS outstanding GENEROSITY IN CONVEYING A conservation easement in and to the AFORSAID PROPERTY.

Motion was made by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis to concur with the Mayor's proclamation. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

With regard to the sale of the property on Spring Valley Road, Mr. Wacks could not find where the township owns the property even though the town records show it belong to the town. This will have to be researched.

Mr. Desiderio asked for approval to add the maintenance of the ballfield in the amount of \$4,480.00 to the funds that were approved to come out of the Open Space account. Motion was made by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis approving the proposal sent by Turf Pros. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

The specifications for the purchase of a DPW truck were approved. Motion was made by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis authorizing the Clerk to put the truck out for bid. All were in favor with Mr. Desiderio voting no.

The Deputy Clerk advised the Committee that there were no bids received for the truck cap that was advertised in Muni-bid.

A letter received from Shannon Drylie with regard to people speeding on Route 612 was read. The Mayor stated that he will bring this up at the Mayor's meeting that is being held with the State Police.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

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

Debra Natyzak who asked why last month's meeting was cut short and why the meeting couldn't been turned over to the Deputy Mayor. The Mayor agreed with this.

Loren Greco made a statement about how he wanted to be on the agenda and was cut off by the Mayor.

Dan Kohuth asked what was so sensitive that the Committee could not discuss COAH in public session. Mr. Wacks informed him that the Committee needed to make a decision on whether to take affirmative action on the new rules and go for a declaratory judgment or sit back. Mr. Kohuth was puzzled as to why the simple amendment to for the wood boilers is being reviewed again. Mr. DeCarolis advised that there were new guidelines the Land Use Board wants to review.

Loren Greco asked what the discussion was about last month on Greendell Road. The Mayor advised that there have been residents complaining about the speeding on that road and the State Police have been contacted to enforce the speed limit.

Wendy Goetz stated that she attended a film series at Genesis Farm for Earth Day on April 25th. There will be a food matters march on May 23rd in Sparta with 800 cities around the world.

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Motion was made by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis to approve the department reports 1-9 on a consent agenda motion. All were in favor.

Recreation Committee-Casino night didn't do well this year as there number of people was down. There will be three scholarships given this year. Softball/baseball sign-ups are doing well.

Emergency Management Coordinator-no report.

Environmental Commission-working on new ANJEC grant for FFP North, discussed pipe line, power lines and monarch butterflies.

Farmland Preservation-Mayor wants to focus more on Farmland. There was a challenge on the PIG amounts of which the Mayor is handling.

Mayor Christopher Kuhn-happy to announce that Frelinghuysen Township was rated #4 as the most family friendly town in the state.

Deputy Mayor Christopher Stracco-no report

Committeeman Alan DeCarolis-surveyed the DPW property and will discuss further at the work meeting in May.

Committeeman Frank Desiderio-asked if did anyone checked with SHPPO on the options for putting the salt shed on the DPW property and did anyone check the setbacks before we surveyed the property. Next was that he was told to get prices for lids for the FFP South property and before he could he gets a call from his supplier that Mr. DeCarolis is on the phone for prices. He wanted to know why wasn't he called and why was he bypassed. He was told that this was to be done years ago. Lastly, he would like to get engineering plans for the fencing in the parking lot for the walking path. Mr. DeCarolis is meeting with the engineer on April 24th and will speak to him about this.

Committeeman David Boynton-he attended a recycling breakfast at the county. The subject was the questions people have about recycling.

Mr. Wacks report-First he reported that John Lotz who had been a committeeman for many years passed away on April 9th. Mr. Wacks offered to donate a \$1,000 in honor of John's memory. Second-the Municipal Farm easement will be concluded next week. Third-He is still working on the survey issues at the FFP North property. He will need to re-record the deed to make it Green Acres compliant. Fourth-He asked the status of Green Township wanting to install a stand pipe on Route 661. Mr. Desiderio advised that we are waiting for them to put a stake where they want it. Fifth-he received a letter from the BPU on cable TV where our position wasn't clear. Mr. Wacks responded. Sixth-he is working on the tax foreclosures. Seventh- He needs a description and purpose for the easements on Meadow Oak Drive. Eighth-he can't find where the town owns the property on Spring Valley Road. Ninth-With regard to the outstanding bill from Tri-State in the amount of \$5,744.00; they are willing to settle for \$5,000.00. Motion was made by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. Desiderio settling for the \$5,000.00. All were in favor.

Tenth-a reminder that the committee members file their financial disclosure statements.

Municipal Clerk-no report

CORRESPONDENCE:

Hope Township Re: Sustainable Jersey Joint Meeting

Highlands Re: 2014 annual report

Warren County Engineer Re: 5 year schedule for road & drainage improvements

Insurance Services Office Re: Building code effectiveness grading schedule results

Superior Court of New Jersey Re: 2014/2015 annual visitation to municipal court

NJ Board of Public Utilities Re: Service Electric Cable TV

NJ DEP Re:

1. FY2015 annual fee report public hearing
2. News Release Re: Centennial update of state geologic map
3. News Release Re: Largest environmental settlement

New Jersey State League Municipalities Re:

1. Four Issues:
 - a. Trouble ahead for road repair funding
 - b. Open Space, Farmland & Historic Preservation funding
 - c. Upcoming seminar-budget, ethics & procurement updates
 - d. Upcoming seminar-Open Public Records Act
2. NJ Supreme Court Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) ruling
3. Weekly policy updates
4. National Flood Insurance reforms
5. Two Issues:
 - a. League President discusses municipal issues
 - b. NJ Supreme court decision issued clarifying Municipal dev. Powers
6. Two Issues:
 - a. March 23-DLGS news
 - b. Upcoming webinar-D variances
7. Five Issues:
 - a. NLC President calls for increased transportation funding
 - b. NLC asks EPA to delay new ozone standards
 - c. Letter to protect Muni bonds
 - d. NLC's wireless webinar
 - e. Internet tax ban amendment thwarted
8. Two Issues:
 - a. D variances under the Municipal Land Use Law
 - b. April grant page posted
9. Two Issues:
 - a. State budget developments
 - b. NJ digital government summit
10. Two Issues:
 - a. Review of Anti-panhandling ordinance recommended
 - b. Upcoming Webinar
11. COAH regulations

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m. on motion made by Mr. Stracco, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda J. Kleber, Deputy Clerk