

MINUTES OF MEETING OF MAY 15, 2013

The regular meeting of the Frelinghuysen Township Committee was held in the Municipal Building, 210 Main Street, Johnsonburg, New Jersey on Wednesday, March 20, 2013 and was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor David Boynton.

SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT:

Under the provisions of the Open 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 David Boynton, Deputy Mayor Christopher Kuhn, Committeeman Frank Desiderio, Committeeman Alan DeCarolis, Committeeman Christopher Stracco, Attorney Edward Wacks and Clerk Brenda Kleber.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting of March 20, 2013 were approved as amended on motion made by Mr. Stracco, seconded by Mr. Kuhn. All were in favor. The minutes of the executive session of March 20, 2013 were approved on motion made by Mr. Stracco, seconded by Mr. Kuhn. All were in favor. The minutes of the meeting of April 17, 2013 were approved as amended on motion made by Mr. DeCarolis, seconded by Mr. Stracco. All were in favor. The minutes of the executive session of April 17, 2013 were approved on motion made by Mr. Kuhn, seconded by Mr. Stracco. All were in favor.

ORDINANCES:

A BOND ORDINANCE (#2013-06) PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2013 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FRELINGHUYSEN, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; REAPPROPRIATING \$72,000 IN NOTICE PROCEEDS NOT NEEDED FROM BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 2011-08 FINALLY ADOPTED MAY 18, 2011, TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF, AND APPROPRIATING AN ADDITIONAL \$117,335 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$111,705 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF was opened to the public on motion made by Mr. Kuhn, seconded by Mr. Desiderio. All were in favor. Motion was made by Mr. Stracco, seconded by Desiderio to close the meeting to the public. All were in favor. Motion was made by Mr. Desiderio, seconded by Mr. Kuhn to adopt said ordinance. Roll call vote: Mr. DeCarolis-yes, Mr. Desiderio-yes, Mr. Stracco-yes, Mr. Boynton-yes, Mr. Kuhn-yes.

AN ORDINANCE (#2013-07) TO AMEND SECTION 7-3.3 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRELINGHUYSEN CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADD THE REQUIREMENT OF NO PARKING ON CERTAIN STREETS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FRELINGHUYSEN was opened to the public on motion was made by Mr. Kuhn, seconded by Mr. Stracco. All were in favor. Motion was made by Mr. Stracco, seconded by Mr. Kuhn to close the meeting to the public. All were in favor. Motion was made by Mr. Kuhn, seconded by Mr. Desiderio to adopt said ordinance. Roll call vote: Mr. Desiderio-yes, Mr. Stracco-yes, Mr. Boynton-yes, Mr. Kuhn-yes, Mr. DeCarolis-yes.

AN ORDINANCE (#2013-08) TO AMEND CHAPTER V OF THE FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP CODE, TO PROHIBIT DOGS ON RECREATIONAL FIELDS AND PLAYGROUNDS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP was introduced on motion made by Mr. Stracco, seconded by Mr. Desiderio. Roll call vote to introduce: Mr. Stracco-yes, Mr. Boynton-yes, Mr. Kuhn-yes, Mr. DeCarolis (stepped out of the room), Mr. Desiderio-yes.

RESOLUTIONS:

#2013-35-on hold

#2013-36 (payment of vouchers)

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

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee find the bills 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 bills submitted for the above named month are reasonable and proper and are to be paid from their appropriate account.

Motion was made by Mr. Desiderio, seconded by Mr. Kuhn. Roll call vote: Mr. Boynton-yes, Mr. Kuhn-yes, Mr. DeCarolis (stepped out of the room), Mr. Desiderio-yes, Mr. Stracco-yes.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Mayor Boynton asked for a moment of silence for Robin Randolph who passed away on May 8, 2013.

OLD BUSINESS:

North Warren School board members Kevin Brennan and Jack Britten came before the Committee to discuss issues with the North Warren budget. After discussion, Mr. Brennan and Mr. Britten will get the information such as the date that the formula could be changed.

A State Police representative came before the Committee to advise that with the summer months, more robberies will be happening and to be on guard. There is a scam in the area where a person asks if you want to have your driveway sealed while another person goes in the back door and robs your house. He suggested you get the license plate number of anyone who appears to be suspicious.

Engineer Paul Sterbenz spoke about South Street. He prepared a concept plan on how to get the water flowing pass the Unangst property. The next step is to obtain easements from the affected property owners. Mr. Wacks will also obtain 3 proposals for appraiser services.

With regard to Lackawanna Drive, Mr. Wacks spoke with Mr. Angeleri and Mr. Benbrook on the calling of the bond in order to have the roadway accepted by the town. After discussion, motion was made by Kuhn, seconded by Desiderio to require Mr. Angeleri to complete the road, the monuments, the drainage and the sidewalks between the two houses. Later the motion was amended by Kuhn seconded by Desiderio to ask Mr. Angeleri and Mr. Benbrook to complete the project or the town will pull the bond within 6 months. Roll call vote: Desiderio-yes, DeCarolis-yes, Stracco-yes, Kuhn-yes, Boynton-yes.

The other unfinished items for Mr. Sterbenz will be carried to the August meeting.

With regard to the Swift 911, the Emergency Management coordinator will be asked for his recommendations and if there is a grant available to pay for this. This will be held for the June meeting.

The samples, provided by Mr. Wacks, for the hours of liquor license establishments will be held over for the June meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Clerk requested the Committee consider electronic code services which will provide the ordinances on the internet in a searchable format with unlimited public access. The cost would be \$2,660.00 to create the files and prepare formatting and table links. An additional charge for maintenance and updates would be \$580.00. Mr. Stracco will check with the webmaster as to whether he can provide these services and report in the June meeting.

The Clerk requested a subcommittee to interview the applicants for the CFO position. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor will interview, meanwhile, the Clerk was asked to contact the surrounding towns for the hours and pay for their CFO's.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

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

John Ponczek who had concerns as a citizen on the 2nd amendment of our constitution. He asked if there is anything that could be done locally to stop the assault on guns. He suggested that a group of Mayor's get together who support the gun program. Mayor Boynton mentioned that there will be a Mayor's meeting shortly and he will bring up the subject.

Loren Greco suggested we play Knowlton Township's game and not reassess.

David Hocking brought up the rock removal that is going on on South Street. The trucks track mud on the roadways and are very noisy. Mayor Boynton advised that they were aware of this and that the Zoning Officer is looking into this along with the attorney who was asked to perhaps amend the soil ordinance to include rock removal.

Motion was made by Mr. Desiderio, seconded by Mr. Kuhn to close the public portion of the meeting. All were in favor.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Motion was made by Mr. Desiderio, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis to approve the department reports 1-8 on a consent agenda. All were in favor.

Zoning Officer-Mr. Boesze informed the Committee of an issue he is having on Silver Lake Road where a complaint was filed for a box container being installed in the back of the property to house equipment for the business next door.

Recreation Committee-Mr. Desiderio informed the Committee that baseball, softball and Lacrosse are going good. The girl scouts came before the recreation committee to put in a walking trail which will be named Robin's Trail for their silver award. Founders Day is June 1st.

Farmland Preservation-Mr. Kuhn advised that the account didn't balance which will be looked into.

Open Space-no report

Mayor David Boynton's report-Mayor Boynton asked if the front of the town garage could be reorganized and cleaned up. He also asked that the town trucks not idle and be shut down. Lastly, he mentioned that he has seen both DPW workers in the truck together and asked if that was necessary.

Deputy Mayor Christopher Kuhn's report-Mr. Kuhn mentioned that the NC/PO zone change is working thru the Land Use Board and that he would like to trace the cost of creating this ordinance.

Committeeman Alan DeCarolis-no report.

Committeeman Frank Desiderio's report-Mr. Desiderio advised that he has been in touch with the company that gave estimates for the drilling of a new well and was told that the well is too short. There is a pump test that can be done which will cost less than \$350.00. Motion was made by Mr. Kuhn, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis authorizing Mr. Desiderio to proceed with the test. All were in favor. Mr. Desiderio informed the Committee that a pipe caved in on Greendell Road and that he got a replacement pipe free from Mr. Daniel Carson. The company Micro-Pave went over State Park Road, Meadow Oak Drive and Lackawanna Drive for crack sealing. He recommended that Saddle Ridge and sections of State Park Road be tar and chipped. He has marked out Greendell Road, Bear Creek Road and section of Mott Road for overlay. Something has to be done with Dutch Hill Road. Mr. Desiderio stated that since the road crew wouldn't have time to lay the asphalt since they are required to take their lunch hour at 12:00 they will be taking it when they see fit. The Boom mower has broke again and was taken back to John Deere where the parts have been ordered.

Committeeman Christopher Stracco's report- Mr. Stracco advised that SHPO will be at the June's meeting. He advised of a meeting he attended with local officials and discussed were the tax appeal bill, gun background checks and modifying the Highlands bill.

Attorney Edward Wacks report-Mr. Wacks reported that the Zoning Officer informed him of the rock removal situation on South Street and that the Zoning Officer will refer this to Soil Conservation along with looking at the conditions of the road. Forest Manor has asked the Zoning Officer for information/certification required for refinancing. Since this will need to be researched there will be additional time for the Zoning Officer and Attorney, the Zoning Officer will receive \$50.00 an hour and the attorney \$175.00 an hour. The title work is being done for the Lincoln Laurel Road easement. On the complaints received last month from residents about Kids Camp, Mr. Wacks reported that Mr. Gill sent them a letter requesting a copy of their mission statement along with other documents.

Municipal Clerk-no report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Municipal Excess Liability JIF Re: Assembly 1196-First Responders Workers Comp.

Municipal Excess Liability JIF Re: Assembly 2756-Workers Comp for spouses

New Jersey COAH Re: Trust fund current balance

Maser Consulting Re: Copy of annual report for storm water management

George Smith Re: Taxation of senior citizens

NJ ride against Aids Re: Bicycle route through Frelinghuysen Sept-27-29th

Warren County Dept. of Human Services Re: 2014 casino revenue grant

Land Conservancy of New Jersey Re: new liaison to Frelinghuysen

Wacks & Hartmann Re: Copy of letter sent to Tax Assessor and Zoning Officer regarding Lincoln Laurel Road complains

Wacks & Hartmann Re: Copy of letter sent to Mr. Benbrook regarding North Warren Properties

NJDEP Re: Removing standing water on property to reduce mosquito population

New Jersey State League of Municipalities Re:

1. Washington Watch Fax Advisory-US DOT announces fifth round of funding
2. Two Issues:
 - a. Legislative alert-S-2/A-1171
 - b. Upcoming league seminar
3. Mayors Advisory on Sandy related bills
4. Christie Admin. implements fertilizer law
5. Mayors Advisory on Sustainable state funding source for Open Space & Farmland preservation
6. Mayors Advisory Re: News updates
7. Two Issues:
 - a. Governor signs S-589-farmland assessment law changes
 - b. Governor vetoes S-2425-project labor agreements changes
8. Two Issues:
 - a. Follow NJLM on facebook & twitter
 - b. New member benefit-resource for seeking grants
9. Washington watch fax advisory regarding Marketplace fairness act
10. Mayors Advisory-DEP announces Clean Community grant awards
11. Mayors Advisory-Governor veto early voting bill

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on motion made by Desiderio, seconded by DeCarolis. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda J. Kleber, RMC