

## **MINUTES OF MEETING OF OCTOBER 17, 2013**

The work meeting of the Frelinghuysen Township Committee was held on Thursday, October 17, 2013 at the Municipal Building, 210 Main Street, Johnsonburg, New Jersey and was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor David Boynton.

### **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 David Boynton, Deputy Mayor Christopher Kuhn, Committeeman Alan DeCarolis, Committeeman Frank Desiderio and Clerk Brenda Kleber. Committeeman Christopher Stracco was absent.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Mayor Boynton gave an update on the South Street drainage issue. The agreement from Mr. Lurz has been mailed. We are still waiting for the agreement from the Unangst's and Chughatta's. Mr. Desiderio informed the Committee that Mr. Unangst is concerned over the wording of the right-of-way that goes down his driveway along with being concerned that his assessment will go up. Mr. Desiderio will ask Mr. Unangst to come to the October 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

The status on the improvements to Lackawanna Drive is that the engineer has an issue with the rough pavement. The sidewalk has been completed along with the driveway apron and the monuments set.

A discussion on tax abatement ensued. The Mayor would like an ordinance to be created for 5-10 years in order to help residents rehabilitate their buildings. An agreement would have to be signed that they would do the work. This issue will be brought to the Land Use Board's attention on motion made by Mr. Desiderio, seconded by Mr. Kuhn. All were in favor.

The next discussion was the house on the corner of Route 612 and Main Street. The Mayor thought the town could take over this property, after the house was taken down, and make a parking lot which would be available for the two restaurants parking problems. Mr. Desiderio brought up the issue that this would need to follow SHPO regulations along with it needing an engineer's design, stormwater management and an oil and water separator. Mr. DeCarolis was concerned that this could be a superfund. The Mayor will call the engineer and get his recommendation.

The last discussion was solar panels on roofs. The Mayor advised of a major fire on a commercial warehouse with solar panels on the roof. The Mayor suggested that the Committee should look into this and consider changing our ordinance to not allow these panels on roofs.

The Mayor mentioned that he is receiving calls from residents on South Street who are upset about the contractor who is removing stones and rocks from an area on the road. The residents are stating that the contractor is going beyond the allocated hours. It was decided that the Mayor and Zoning Officer would meet next week and investigate the situation.

The 2014 road department budget will be put together by Mr. Desiderio and presented in November.

Mr. Desiderio advised that another load of clay along with a load of top soil, fertilizer, paint and seeds are needed for the ball fields. Motion was made by Mr. Kuhn, seconded by Mr. Desiderio to authorize the purchase of these items up to \$1,800.00 with the funds to come out of Open Space account. All were in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Desiderio, seconded by Mr. Kuhn to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda J. Kleber, RMC