

MINUTES OF WORK MEETING OF JULY 8, 2020

The work meeting of the Frelinghuysen Township Committee was held virtual via zoom virtual meeting service, Township Municipal Building, 210 Main Street, Johnsonburg, New Jersey on Wednesday, July 8, 2020 and as called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor, Chris Stracco.

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, Township website and by e mailing notice to the New Jersey Herald and The Express-Times.

STATEMENT FROM THE MAYOR: While the meeting will be opened to the public as always, we will not allow comments or questions from the public outside that open period. Also, due to concerns over the **COVID-19** virus we are looking to have the most efficient meeting possible and trying to **address only those matters which require immediate attention. Thank you for your cooperation.**

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL:

Those present via zoom were: Mayor Chris Stracco, Deputy Mayor Keith Ramos, Committeeman David Boynton, Committeeman Frank Desiderio (), Committeeman Todd McPeek, CFO Danette Dyer, and Municipal Clerk Donna Zilberfarb.

ORDINANCES:

2020-09 Hotel Tax - Discussion only. Mr. Stracco explained what this ordinance was for and asked for any questions. The committee members had no questions. This will be on the July 15, 2020 for second reading for adoption.

RESOLUTIONS:

2020-51 Setting Executive Session WHEREAS, it is necessary to discuss items dealing with contract negotiations. WHEREAS, under the Open Public Meetings Act (number 5 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 July 8, 2020 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 reasonable length of time.

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Boynton	x		x			
Mr. Desiderio						x
Mr. McPeek		x	x			
Mr. Ramos			x			
Mr. Stracco			x			

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor Stracco had nothing new to report.

Mr. Ramos let the committee know that the acquisition went through with Altice and Service Electric and they have an upcoming meeting on Jul 10th with them.

Mr. Boynton discussed the rec center and that he checked on it today and there were no changes to the propane.

Mr. Desiderio was absent for committee reports.

Mr. McPeek commented that the dpw was doing an awesome job maintaining the fields and wanted to thank them.

Ms. Zilberfarb had nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Mr. Ramos discussed the salt and explained that the only change was it will be moved approximately 10 feet to the left to accommodate for any dumping in the side bins. He asked for approval for Paul Sterbenz to send plans to SHIPO for approval. Motion was made by Mr. Boynton to approve plans submitted by Mr. Sterbenz to go to SHIPO,

seconded by Mr. Ramos. Roll call vote: Mr. Boynton-yes; Mr. Desiderio-absent; Mr. McPeek-yes; Mr. Ramos-yes; Mr. Stracco-yes.

- The employee handbook will be carried.
- The fire pit rules and regulations will be carried.
- The Energy Coop will be carried to a later date when able to discuss.
- Mr. McPeek asked why the fire inspector came so early for the inspection at the rec center. Ms. Zilberfarb explained that they always come 3 months early and also stated that we had a new inspector this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

Motion was made by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Mr. Boynton to open meeting to the public limited to 20 minutes with 3 minutes per member of the public. All were in favor. Spoke were:

- Mr. Connor discussed the primary elections and said there was 51 voters and thanked Donna for all her help throughout the day.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Mr. Boynton to enter into executive session, seconded by Mr. Ramos. All were in favor.

No action was taken.

Motion was made by Mr. McPeek to exit executive session, seconded by Mr. Ramos. All were in favor.

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION:

Mr. Stracco explained the executive session was for discussion of the Green Township fire truck purchase. During the session it was determined that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor would go back to Green Township with a counter offer. This was all discussed under contract negotiations.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Mr. McPeek to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Zilberfarb, RMC