MINUTES OF MEETING OF JANUARY 25, 2008

The budget meeting of the Frelinghuysen Township Committee was held in the Municipal Building, 210 Route 661, Johnsonburg, New Jersey at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 25, 2008.

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 faxing notice to the Star Gazette and New Jersey Herald on January 11, 2008.

ROLL CALL:

Those present were: Mayor Thomas Charles, Committeeman Natyzak-Osadca (arrived at 10:10), Committeeman DeCarolis, Committeeman Desiderio, Committeeman Dale Durling, Chief Finance Officer Gene Marie McCartney and Clerk Brenda Kleber.

OLD BUSINESS:

There were 4 positions on the Planning Board that needed to be filled and were filled as follows:

Robin Randolph was appointed as a Class IV - for a term to expire December 2009 David Boynton was appointed as a Class IV - for a term to expire December, 2011 Donna Eitner was appointed as a Class IV - for a term to expire December 2011 John Ponczek was appointed as Alternate #1 for a term to expire December, 2008 Lisa Pachnos was appointed as Alternate #2 for a term to expire December, 2009 Motion was made by Desiderio, seconded by Durling to accept the above positioning of the Planning Board members. All in favor.

The Clerk advised that the Mayor had not appointed a Chairman for the Environmental Commission. Mayor Charles appointed Shelly Scoleri conditional upon her acceptance.

A letter of response from Zoning Officer George Boesze was read. At this point, Committeeman Alan DeCarolis recued himself due to a conflict. The letter advised that he has not been able to reach Mr. Wacks to discuss this situation with him and felt that he would like to reserve any response until Mr. Wacks makes recommendations. In the audience was Paula Jensen who asked when Mr. Wacks will respond to the letter. Mayor Charles stated he will contact Mr. Wacks today. Meanwhile, the Clerk will forward copies of the resolutions to Mr. Wacks. Committeeman DeCarolis returned to the table.

The Clerk reminded the Committee that there will be another budget meeting on January 30th and a work meeting on February 14th.

The Committee agreed that a letter be sent to David Gill requesting a job description of the Tax Reassessment Officer.

NEW BUSINESS:

A memo was received from Engineer Paul Sterbenz who advised of an upcoming prohibition on the practice of outside vehicle washing. There will be a meeting to explore a joint venture in Fredon Township and if any interest a representative would be needed. Since Committeeman Desiderio is the road supervisor, it was decided that he would represent the township.

The 3rd COAH round was discussed. It was decided on motion made by Natyzak-Osadca, seconded by DeCarolis that the Clerk would send out bids for proposals. All in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Warren County League of Municipalities Re: Meeting of January 31st.

BUDGET:

The Committee began the 2008 budget process. The mileage that is given to several employees was discussed. It was decided to do a policy on mileage. The cost of the company that provides the support for the computers was discussed. It was decided that the Clerk would contact a couple of other companies for a comparable cost.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

David Boynton, Chairman of the Planning Board, would like the hours of the Planning Board secretary increased from 6 hours a week to 12 hours a week. It was decided to hold this decision until the salary negotiations take place.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda J. Kleber, RMC