

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 28, 2007

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 Feb. 14, 2007.

The special meeting of the Frelinghuysen Township Committee was held in the Municipal Building, 210 Route 661, Johnsonburg, New Jersey on Wednesday, February 28, 2007 and was called to order at 10:25 a.m. by Mayor Charles. The purpose of the meeting was to finalize the 2007 budget and any other business of which the Committee would like to discuss.

Those present were: Mayor Thomas Charles, Committeeman David Boynton, Committeeman Debra Natyzak-Osadca, Chief Finance Officer Gene Marie McCartney, Auditor Anthony Ardito and Clerk Brenda Kleber.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Municipal Clerk asked the Committee members if they would like to adopt a new voucher, which is more updated than the present one. After showing each member a copy of the voucher, motion was made by Boynton, seconded by Natyzak-Osadca to adopt the new vouchers. All in favor.

The Municipal Clerk informed the Committee that there are 3 positions open on various boards and asked that they ponder whom they would like appointed for the March meeting. Mayor Charles suggested Rick Rogers fill the position on the Farmland Preservation Board that Rick Murphy has resigned from. The Mayor will call Mr. Rogers.

BUDGET:

Mayor Charles informed the Committee that the 2 drivers who plow for the township during major snowstorms are unhappy with the amount they are being paid. Presently, they are receiving \$13.71 per hour and would like to receive \$20.00 an hour. The Clerk had polled the surrounding townships and received figures from Hope Township at \$15.00 an hour, Hardwick Township at \$15.44 an hour and Blairstown at \$80.00 an hour using the contractor's equipment. After discussion with the Road Supervisor, motion was made by Boynton, seconded by Natyzak-Osadca to amend the salary ordinance to reflect \$20.00 an hour for the emergency snow operators. All in favor.

It was decided to correct the listing of the road projects in the capital from wood chipper to road equipment, as the cost of the chipper is lower than anticipated.

The road closings for Pittenger Road, Kispough Road and Katzenstein Road was discussed. Frank Desiderio, Road Supervisor advised that turn arounds would be needed on these road as there is no place to turn vehicles around when they plow these roads. IT was decided that the Mayor would call the attorney, Edward Wacks and the engineer, Paul Niehoff for the cost to do this so that it can be added to the budget.

The fees for the Board of Adjustment was discussed. The Committee felt that the fees were too low and should be increased. The Clerk will send a letter to the Board asking them to consider increasing the fees.

Mr. Ardito advised the Committee that in order to keep the municipal tax rate at \$0, approximately \$273,000.00 should be taken out of surplus leaving a balance of approximately \$295,000. 00 in surplus. State aid this year will be \$283,925.00.

The budget will be introduced on March 21st and adoption would be on April 18th.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, motion was made by Boynton, seconded by Natyzak-Osadca to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda J. Kleber, RMC