

## **MINUTES OF MEETING OF MARCH 9, 2011**

The work meeting of the Frelinghuysen Township Committee was held in the Municipal Building, 210 Main Street, Johnsonburg, New Jersey on Wednesday, March 9, 2011 and was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Mayor Charles.

### **SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT:**

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 Express Times.

### **ROLL CALL:**

Those present were: Mayor Thomas Charles, Deputy Mayor David Boynton, Committeeman Alan DeCarolis, Committeeman Frank Desiderio, Committeeman Dale Durling and Clerk Brenda Kleber.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The inter-local agreement was presented to the Committee from Warren County Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County for disposal services of bulky waste at the landfill instead of having residents drop it off at the Municipal Building will be put on next week's agenda for public awareness.

Committeeman Desiderio advised the Committee that three years ago there was a policy for an eight hour minimum for temporary snow plow drivers which has not been enforced. It was decided on motion made by Desiderio, seconded by Durling that this policy will take effect (Mr. Charles will prepare the policy) and the drivers will be paid what is due to them. All in favor.

A discussion on the closing of the Johnsonburg, Post Office was held. The Post Office is asking that the Committee approve a drop box along with cluster box units for the 44 Johnsonburg residents to be located at the municipal building. Motion was made by Durling, seconded by Desiderio to allow the drop box and cluster box units to be located at the municipal building with Mr. Desiderio selecting a site. All in favor.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The Clerk advised the Committee that there is a cell phone that is not being used and is costing almost \$46.00 a month. It was decided to cancel this phone on motion made by Desiderio, seconded by DeCarolis. All in favor.

A discussion whether the Committee could discuss the solar ordinance since the topic was not on the agenda ensued. Motion was made by Desiderio, seconded by DeCarolis to include solar ordinance on the agenda. After further discussion, motion was made by

Desiderio, seconded by Charles to rescind the motion. Mr. DeCarolis stated that this discussion should be added as it has been carried for over 60 days.

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

2011-13 (Executive Session)

WHEREAS, it is necessary to discuss items dealing with: Land Acquisition in private or executive session; and

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 this 9th day of March, 2011 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 a reasonable length of time.

Motion was made by Desiderio, seconded by Durling to adopt said resolution. Roll call vote: DeCarolis-yes, Durling-yes, Desiderio-yes, Boynton-yes, Charles-yes.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion was made by Desiderio, seconded by Boynton to return to public portion. All in favor. The Mayor advised that discussion in executive session was that several months ago, the Committee was approached by Mr. John Angeleri who asked if they would like to purchase several of his properties. The Clerk was instructed to turn the information over to the Open Space Committee for their review.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

a. Wacks & Hartmann Re: Revisions to Open Public Meetings Act

## **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Amy Hufnagel went over the meeting she attended at the county level on wind and solar advancement and how it is beneficial. She also went over the disposal of the solar panels and recycling systems.

## **BUDGET:**

Note: In attendance at the budget meeting was Auditor Anthony Ardito and Chief Finance Officer Gene Marie McCartney.

Mr. Ardito informed the Committee that they were \$135,000.00 over the 2% cap and would have to make cuts or use reserve from municipal assets. The Committee then went over the budget and made cuts along with reducing the increase in the salaries.

After making cuts, the Committee decided on motion made by Desiderio, seconded by Durling to raise taxes up to the levy cap which will cost the residents approximately \$28.00 annually on a \$350,000.00 home. All in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda J. Kleber, RMC