

## **MINUTES OF MEETING OF MARCH 16, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Frelinghuysen Township Committee was held in the Municipal Building, 210 Main Street, Johnsonburg, New Jersey on Wednesday, March 16, 2011 and was called to order by Deputy 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: Deputy Mayor David Boynton, Committeeman Alan DeCarolis, Committeeman Frank Desiderio, Committeeman Dale Durling, Attorney Edward Wacks, and Clerk Brenda Kleber. Mayor Thomas Charles was absent.

### **ORDINANCES:**

AN ORDINANCE (#2011-02) AMENDING SECTIONS 7-11 OF THE FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP CODE TO ESTABLISH SPEED LIMITS ON CERTAIN ROADS WITHIN FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP . Motion was made by Desiderio, seconded by Durling to open the meeting to the public. All in favor. The attorney announced that the engineer certified these roads which allow the Committee to go forward without the NJDOT's approval. Mr. Boynton and Mr. DeCarolis stated that they were uncomfortable with some of the speed limits and thought that some were too low. Mr. Durling felt that we should go along with the engineer's certification. Debra Natyzak-Osadca who also thought the Committee should go along with the engineer's approval. Dan Kohuth also felt the same especially since he was paid to do this. Motion was made by Desiderio, seconded by Durling to close the public portion. All in favor. Motion was made by Desiderio, seconded by Durling to adopt said ordinance. Roll call vote: DeCarolis-yes, Durling-yes, Desiderio-yes, Boynton-yes.

AN ORDINANCE (#2011-03) FIXING THE SALARIES AND WAGES OF THE OFFICIALS, APPOINTEES AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRELINGHUYSEN, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2011. Motion was made by Desiderio, seconded by Durling to open the meeting to the public. All in favor. Dan Kohuth spoke and asked what the difference was between ordinance #2011-03 and #2011-04. He was told that ordinance #2011-03 was with a 2% increase and #201104 is with a 1% increase. Motion was made by Desiderio, seconded by Durling to close the meeting the public portion of the meeting. All in favor. Motion was made by Desiderio, seconded by Durling to rescind on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Roll call vote: Durling-yes, Boynton-yes, DeCarolis-yes, Desiderio-yes.

AN ORDINANCE (#2011-04) FIXING THE SALARIES AND WAGES OF THE OFFICIALS, APPOINTEES AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRELINGHUYSEN, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2011 was offered for introduction on motion made by Desiderio, seconded by DeCarolis. Roll call vote: Desiderio-yes, Durling-yes, Boynton-yes, DeCarolis-yes.

AN ORDINANCE (#2011-05) OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRELINGHUYSEN, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 500, SECTION 525, TITLED "OUTDOOR WOOD-FIRED BOILERS, STOVES OR FURNACES" TO REGULATE THE USE OF OUTDOOR WOOD-FIRED BOILERS, STOVES OR FURNANCES was offered for introduction on motion made by Desiderio, seconded by DeCarolis. Roll call vote: Durling-yes, Boynton-yes, DeCarolis-yes, Desiderio-yes.

AN ORDINANCE (#2011-06) OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRELINGHUYSEN, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS REGARDING THE ERECTION AND LOCATION OF WIND ENERGY SYSTEMS AS AN ACCESSORY USES was offered for introduction on motion made by Durling, seconded by Desiderio. Roll call vote: Boynton-yes, Durling-yes, Desiderio-yes, DeCarolis-yes.

AN ORDINANCE (#2011-07) OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRELINGHUYSEN, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND ORDINANCE #2010-06 TO DELETE THE ASTERIK AND THE LANGUAGE THAT FOLLOWS, ADDING THE ABANDONMENT PARAGRAPH AND TO ADD SECTIONS 3, 4, AND 5 was offered for introduction on motion made by Durling, seconded by Desiderio. Roll call vote: DeCarolis-yes, Desiderio-yes, Durling-yes, Boynton-yes.

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

#2011-14 (delayed budget introduction)

WHEREAS, under provisions of N.J.S.A.40A:4-5, a municipality shall introduce the Local Municipal Budget no later than March 11th of the fiscal year; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Frelinghuysen has delayed the introduction of the 2011 Municipal Budget past the statutory deadline; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen, Warren County, New Jersey, that the Township of Frelinghuysen hereby petitions the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to allow a delayed introduction of the 2011 Frelinghuysen Township Municipal Budget; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, 101 South Broad Street, P.O. Box 803, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0803.

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

#2011-15: (special items of revenue)

WHEREAS, the 2011 Local Municipal Budget was introduced on the 16th day of March, 2011; and,

WHEREAS, during fiscal year 2011, the Township of Frelinghuysen will receive revenue for various other special items in the amount of \$62,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that petition be made herewith to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services that the 2011 Local Municipal Budget include a special item of revenue under the heading of "Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services-Other Special Items:

Reserve for Sale of Municipal Assets \$ 62,000.00

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

#2011-16 :( special items of revenue)

WHEREAS, the 2011 Local Municipal Budget was introduced on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2011; and,

WHEREAS, during the fiscal year 2011 the Township of Frelinghuysen has been allocated a state grant for various programs in the amount of \$166,989.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that petition be made herewith to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services that the 2011 Local Municipal Budget include a special item of revenue under the heading of "Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services-Other Special Items:

Clean Communities Program \$ 13,441.00

Mun. Alliance on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse Program 3,548.00

NJ Transportation Trust Fund Grant 150,000.00

\$166,989.00

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

#2011-17 (budget introduction)

WHEREAS, the Township of Frelinghuysen is holding a meeting on March 16, 2011, for the purpose of introducing the 2011 Municipal Budget and conducting other matters; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen, Warren County, New Jersey, that the Township of Frelinghuysen hereby petitions the Director of the Division of Local Government Services that the 2011 Local Municipal Budget be introduced and approved on March 16, 2011.

2011 FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Surplus anticipated general revenues \$ 351,000.00

Total Miscellaneous revenue 518,491.00

Receipts from Delinquent Taxes 130,000.00

Local Property Taxes 427,107.00

Total General Revenues \$1,426,598.00

Total Operations	\$772,925.00
Capital Improvements	170,000.00
Debt Service	82,235.00
Statutory Expenses	26,000.00
Reserve for Delinquent Taxes	<u>375,438.00</u>
Total 2011 Municipal Budget	<u>\$1,426,598.00</u>
2011 Municipal Tax Rate	\$0.1461

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

#2011-18 (recycling resolution)

WHEREAS, the mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L. 1987, c. 102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grant may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and to expand existing programs; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to implement the Mandatory source Separation and Recycling Act; and

WHEREAS, the recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, a resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for such tonnage grants will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of the Frelinghuysen Township Committee to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

WHEREAS, such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen, that they hereby endorse the submission of the recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designate Donna Zilberfarb as recycling coordinator for the year 2011 to ensure that the application is properly filed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the monies received from the recycling tonnage grant be deposited in a dedicated recycling fund to be used solely for the purpose of recycling.

Motion was made by Desiderio, seconded by Durling. Roll call vote: Durling-yes, Boynton-yes, DeCarolis-yes, Desiderio-yes.

#2011-19 (Environmental Commissions planning grant)

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen, County of Warren, State of New Jersey (the Township Committee) has recognized the need to develop an Update to the Open Space and Recreation Plan and Environmental Resource Inventory; and

WHEREAS, the Frelinghuysen Township Open Space Committee requests application for grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC), provides fifty (50%) percent matching grants up to twenty thousand (\$20,000.00) dollars to municipalities for local plans that protect natural resources and establish the land use pattern envisioned in the State Plan; and

WHEREAS, the preparation of an Updated Open Space and Recreation Plan and Environmental Resource Inventory are suitable projects under this grant program; and

WHEREAS, after due deliberation and consultation the Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen has determined that it is in the interest of the Township to make such application.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen that the Township Committee desires to further the public interest by submitting a grant application for the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) Smart Growth Planning Grant to fund the following projects: Updated Open Space and Recreation Plan and Environmental Resources Inventory for the Township of Frelinghuysen.

Motion was made by Durling, seconded by DeCarolis to adopt resolution with the amendment of adding the Environmental Resource Inventory update. Roll call vote: DeCarolis-yes, Desiderio-yes, Durling-yes, Boynton-yes.

#2011-20 (refund double payment)

WHEREAS, a resolution is required by the Tax Collector to refund the double payment of 2011 1<sup>st</sup> quarter taxes for two properties, as listed below:

Block	Lot	Pay to	Amount
1401	1.19	Allied Title, LLC	\$2,153.10
1401	1.20	Allied Title, LLC	\$2,160.96

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to refund the above double paid taxes.

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

#2011-21 (call to exempt the reserve for uncollected taxes from the 2% cap)

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2010, Governor Christie signed into law P.L. 2010, c. 44, which reduced the cap on the property tax levy from 4% to 2% and limited the number of exemptions; and

WHEREAS, when the property tax levy was reduced, the exemption for the Reserve for Uncollected Taxes was removed; and

WHEREAS, in addition to collecting property taxes for its own operation, the municipality also serves as the collection agent for the county, school districts, fire districts and other special local entities; and

WHEREAS, the municipality must provide those entities with the full amount they deem necessary for their operations, regardless of the actual collection rate; and

WHEREAS, due to myriad factors beyond the local control, the actual collection rate never equals the total local levy, especially during an economic downturn, when unemployment soars and property values plummet, causing an increase in tax appeals, which the municipality must defend and which subject the municipal budget to further losses, when successful; and

WHEREAS, to account for the shortfall and potential losses, State law requires the municipality to budget an appropriation in a line item known as the Reserve for Uncollected Taxes, which is generally determined through a formula driven calculation in which the variables change year to year; and

WHEREAS, without a levy cap exemption, municipalities will be forced to further cut their own operations, in order to meet the 2% tax levy cap to provide the county school district, fire districts and other special local entities the full amount they deem necessary for their operations; and

WHEREAS, those other local entities, which do not have to budget for collection rate short-falls or the impact of declining property values, have been granted levy cap exceptions to address factors beyond their control; and

WHEREAS, Assemblymen McKeon and Burzichelli have introduced A-3603, which excludes increases in appropriations to the Reserve for Uncollected Taxes in excess of two percent, from calculations of the municipal adjusted tax levy;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen hereby urges the swift passage and signing of A-3603;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that consideration also be given to providing a levy cap exception to account for the impact of tax appeals on local operations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of the resolution be forwarded to New Jersey Governor Christopher Christie, to Senate President Stephen Sweeny, to Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver, to State Senator Michael J. Doherty, Assemblyman John DiMaio and Assemblyman Erik Peterson, and to the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

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

#2011-22

WHEREAS, the Mayor attended a meeting with regard to the North Warren Regional School budget; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor was informed that the other three sending districts consisting of Hardwick, Blairstown and Knowlton had a reduction in the price per household.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen that the Mayor and Committee urge the North Warren Regional School Board of Education continue to look for further cuts to reduce Frelinghuysen Township's costs.

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

#2011-23:

WHEREAS, County roads 519 and 612 are within the confines of the Township of Frelinghuysen, County of Warren, State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Warren County has jurisdiction over the County Roads 519 and 612; and

WHEREAS, there have been numerous motor vehicle accidents at the intersection of these roads; and

WHEREAS, many of these accidents have resulted in bodily injury and property damage; and

WHEREAS, local fire and emergency services have expended countless man hours and resources to aid the victims of these motor vehicle accidents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen request the Freeholders of the County of Warren to investigate and provide a suitable remedy for this dangerous intersection.

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

#2011-24 (Women's History Month)

WHEREAS, New Jersey women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our State in countless recorded and unrecorded ways;

WHEREAS, New Jersey women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of the State by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home;

WHEREAS, New Jersey women have played a unique role throughout the history of the State by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of the State;

WHEREAS, New Jersey women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our State;

WHEREAS, New Jersey women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement;

WHEREAS, New Jersey women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all;

WHEREAS, despite these contributions, the role of women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching and study of American history; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Affairs, specifically the Division on Women's goals are to remember and celebrate New Jersey women and to:

- \* ensure that New Jersey women are offered equal opportunities in education, the workforce and healthcare regardless of age, sexual orientation, income, ethnicity, race or religion.
- \* identify, implement, measure and coordinate programs that address the

needs of New Jersey women.

- \* engage in continuous study and research on issues affecting New Jersey women and their families, develop policy papers and legislative recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body in the Township of Frelinghuysen, State of New Jersey that March 2011 is designated as “Women’s History Month” under the National Women History Project’s 2011 theme: *Our History is Our Strength*.

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

#2011-25 (approval of vouchers)

WHEREAS, the Municipal Clerk has submitted a list of bills in the agenda for the Township Committee’s review; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee finance members have reviewed the bills prior to the meeting and find to be in order.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that all vouchers and purchase order as reviewed and approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen are reasonable and proper claims and are to be paid from its appropriate fund accounts.

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

#2011-26 (cancel capital ordinances)

WHEREAS, various capital ordinances were adopted for improvement authorizations and

WHEREAS, amounts for the improvement authorization remain unspent and unencumbered .

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the unspent improvement authorizations be canceled as follows:

Ordinance #2007-11	Various Projects	\$9,564.00
Ordinance #2009-06	Various Projects	2,962.00

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

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

It was reported that clean up material will be disposed of at the Warren County Landfill instead of drop off at the Town Hall. Residents would have to obtain a voucher from the Municipal Clerk which entitles the resident to one trip to the landfill from the municipal clerk. The Frelinghuysen Road crew will pick up senior/disabled residents clean up material on May 16 & May 17<sup>th</sup> only. A discussion on the age of a senior was made at age 65 on motion made by DeCarolis, seconded by Durling. All in favor. Motion was made by Durling, seconded by Desiderio authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement with the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County. All in favor.



The proposal from Maser Consulting will be considered at the next work meeting of the Township Committee. Meanwhile, a meeting will be held on March 30, 2011 with the seven affected property owners. Since the whole committee will attend the Clerk was instructed to advertise.

A discussion ensued on solar energy power. Dale Durling and Amy Hufnagel are part of a subcommittee to research solar energy as an option on the Route 94 property which would benefit the municipality. An agreement for a project for solar generating of no more than 10 acres from Power Partners was approved for the Mayor's signature subject to any changes made by the township attorney on motion made by Durling, seconded by Desiderio. Roll call vote: Durling-yes, Desiderio-yes, Boynton-yes, DeCarolis-yes.

No members of the recreation committee were in attendance to discuss the walking trail around the ball field. however, several members of the audience questioned the 8 foot width. It was decided that Committeeman Desiderio would obtain cost for a 6 foot and 8 foot walking path.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

A proposal received from Maser Consulting for COAH monitoring reports was put on hold as COAH is still up in the air by the Governor on motion made by Desiderio, seconded by DeCarolis. All in favor.

A discussion on the new proposed law that would prohibit the public from raising subject matters in the open session that are not on the agenda was held. Mr. Wacks reiterated that this is a proposed law and no opinion has been given by the legislature. The public can continue as before.

#### **MINUTES:**

Committeeman Desiderio brought up an error on the February 3<sup>rd</sup> minutes. Motion was made by Desiderio, seconded by Durling to have the addition error corrected in the minutes. All in favor. The minutes of February 16, 2011 were approved on motion made by Durling, seconded by DeCarolis. All in favor. The minutes of the budget meeting of February 24, 2011 were approved on motion made by Durling, seconded by DeCarolis. All in favor. The minutes of the meeting of March 9, 2011 were approved as amended on motion made by Desiderio, seconded by Durling. All in favor.

#### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Department reports received from the Tax Assessor, Tax Collector, Building Dept. (Frelinghuysen & Green), Municipal Court, Dog Licensing Official and Chief Finance Officer was approved on motion made by Durling, seconded by Desiderio. All in favor.

Mayor Thomas Charles report:

The Clerk read the Mayor report as the Mayor had to take a medical leave because of a persistent lung infection. He reported that the regional school tax will rise about \$48.00 per average house in Frelinghuysen. The percentage went to 17% from 14% based on one additional child. South Street continues to be a problem. The Mayor related that he was called at the height of the storm to mediate a fight between two property owners and looks forward to getting the permits so the homeowners can finish the flow path. The budget was introduced and was one the most difficult that he has done in 21 years. An additional \$175,000. was cut out of the budget. The Mayor commended Committeeman Desiderio for pointing out to the Committee that if they continue to use surplus to keep the budget at a zero increase there will be no surplus left.

Deputy Mayor Boynton's report:

Mr. Boynton reported that he has not heard from the Frelinghuysen School on their budget but there will be a zero increase. He reminded everyone that Casino Night is March 26<sup>th</sup>.

Committeeman Alan DeCarolis report:

Mr. DeCarolis reported that a resident on South Street had his assessment reduced due to water in his backyard. Mr. DeCarolis questioned who authorized these reductions and mentioned that there are a lot of people who have water in their backyard. A letter on motion made by DeCarolis seconded by Desiderio will be drafted to the Tax Assessor for additional information. All in favor. Mr. DeCarolis asked Mr. Boynton if he had followed up on the number of years left for the Charter school rental of trailers.

Committeeman Frank Desiderio's report:

Mr. Desiderio reported that the road washed out due to the heavy rains on Kerrs Corner Road. The Emergency Management Official was involved. Mr. Desiderio also reported on the meeting held on March 4<sup>th</sup> with the officials at the Post Office. The postal office will have cluster boxes for the residents located in the Johnsonburg district at the town hall along with a drop box.

Committeeman Dale Durling- no report.

Attorney Edward Wacks report:

Mr. Wacks gave the Committee a proposed policy for municipal building usage for their consideration and determination. With regard to two escrow accounts not being paid, a letter will be sent to the new attorney for the applicant.

**BILLS**-see schedule attached.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Warren County seeks war veterans for next recognition ceremony

Township of Hardwick Re: Ordinance 2011-01

Borough of Washington Re: NIMS resolution

Hope Township Re: Master Plan-Environmental resources inventory plan

NJ Dept of Education Re: change in date for school election

NJ Division of Land Use Planning Re: WQMP

NJ DEP Re: Suspected hazardous

NJ DCA Re: Local Finance Notice

Power Partner Re: Solar energy at Frelinghuysen Township

The Land Conservancy Re: Grant opportunity available

The Land Conservancy Re:

Nisivoccia LLP Re: 2% tax levy cap-understand the major changes

JCP&L Re: Matter of the Long-Term capacity agreement pilot program

Municipal Risk Re: Newsletter

Frelinghuysen Township PTO Re: Thank you letter for support

Warren County Mosquito Control Comm. Re: Public notice

Warren County Board of Taxation Re: Preliminary equalization table for 2011

New Jersey State League of Municipalities Re:

1. Updated league publication
2. Mayors Advisory
3. Two Issues:
  - a. Collaborating on real solutions to the 2% cap
  - b. NJLM Educational foundation
4. Two Issues:
  - a. A-3766/S-2664
  - b. S-2126/A-3139
5. Two Issues:
  - a. NJ future redevelopment forum
  - b. Reminder of upcoming seminar
6. Federal update for the period ending February 2011-5 issues
  - a. Administration announces National High Speed Rail Plan
  - b. Washington forges new path on Boardband, Public Safety Comm.
  - c. PACE Program gains traction on Capitol Hill
  - d. Cities and First Lady celebrate one year Anniversary of Let's Move
  - e. NLC provides city leaders with Guide to Civil public engagement
7. Updated League publication Re: Local property taxes
8. 2012 budget
9. Feb. voting sessions
10. Property tax relief funding certifications & other budget info posted
11. A-3766/S-2664 market competition & consumer choice act poised for vote
12. Collaborating on real solutions to the 2% cap
13. Community Development Block Grant funding
14. FY 2012 State budget: proposed termination of UEZ program

15. State budget week in review & call for action
16. Three Mayors letters & personnel policy seminar
17. March 2011 Mayors newsline
18. Two Issues:
  - a. Update on A-3766/S-2664
  - b. Administrator/Manager recruitment & selection advisory services
19. 2012 PERS & PFRS billing amount
20. Two Issues:
  - a. CY 2011 budget & levy cap update local finance notice
  - b. Budget hearing schedule set
21. Two Issues:
  - a. Strategies for policing during lean times
  - b. Urgent alert-Senate to vote on Federal budget today
22. League President Mayor Chiarello presents perspective on budget
23. Two Issues
  - a. S-2718-Senate President Sweeney's health care benefits reform
  - b. Calculation of the reserve for uncollected taxes
24. 2011 Municipal directory
25. Collaborating on real solutions to the 2% cap audio & video
26. Update: Strategies for policing during lean times
27. Two Issues:
  - a. A-3859 special improvement districts
  - b. Declaration of State of Emergency Executive Order 57

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Motion was made by Durling, seconded by DeCarolis to open the meeting to the public. All in favor. Spoke were:

Debra Natyzak who answered Mr. DeCarolis question regarding South Street assessment which she said were probably tax appeals.

Roman Osadca stated that he has recommended that the township look into getting solar power for the town hall and commends the township for going forward with the solar generating; he commended Mr. Desiderio for catching the error in the February 3<sup>rd</sup> minutes; there was an error in the e news where it stated the communication policy was an ordinance and not a policy; he asked if there was a policy for when minutes have to be put on the website as they are not up to date. Lastly, he asked if the Saturday recycling was going to change.

Amy Hufnagel asked if she has to talk to the Planning Board or Township Committee regard questions she has on the solar and wind ordinances and asked if the solar energy is considered an accessory use. The State and County has deemed solar and wind power as an inherently beneficial use and would someone to explain the difference between inherently beneficial use and accessory use. In the wind ordinance, #10 has permit regulations for valid surveys-she asked what an invalid survey is. Ms. Hufnagel

wanted to report on the conversation she had outside with Mr. Wacks. She asked for clarification of public participation and what happens when a citizen is denied the ability to address the Committee. He explained the process of filing a formal complaint to her and advised that he has gone over this with the Committee. Ms. Hufnagel further stated that she would write a formal letter to the Mayor for the next meeting requesting that the Mayor apologize to her for not allowing her to speak at a public meeting and if an apology is given this will end and a formal complaint will not be filed. Ms. Hufnagel was curious about grant writer and asked for a report on the request for proposals; she had a question on South Street and what is the process is and suggested a report be done. Lastly, she asked why she can't get on wireless during a public meeting.

John Unangst stated that two Saturday's ago he was flooded and is still dealing with the water issue.

Bennett Bean had questions on the content of items listed on the agenda and thought they should be more explicit along with posting the agenda on the website.

Dan Kohuth wanted to comment that Senate bill #1351 addresses the state's issues.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda J. Kleber, RMC