

MINUTES OF MEETING OF APRIL 20, 2011

The regular meeting of the Frelinghuysen Township Committee was held in the Municipal Building, 210 Main Street, Johnsonburg, New Jersey on Wednesday, April 20, 2011 and was called to order at 7:30 by Mayor Thomas Charles.

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 emailing notice to the New Jersey Herald and The Express-Times.

ROLL CALL:

Those present were: Mayor Thomas Charles, Committeeman Frank Desiderio, Committeeman Dale Durling, Committeeman Alan DeCarolis, Attorney Edward Wacks (arriving at 8:10), Chief Finance Officer Gene Marie McCartney and Clerk Brenda Kleber. Deputy Mayor David Boynton was absent.

BUDGET ADOPTION:

Auditor Anthony Ardito explained that the appropriations were down 1.6%, the surplus is shrinking as the state aid has gone down and the tax rate will be increase by 0.08 tenths of a cent which will cost the taxpayers for a \$350,000.00 home an additional \$28.00. The budget portion of the meeting was opened to the public on motion made by Durling, seconded by Desiderio. All in favor. After the public spoke, the meeting was closed on motion made by Durling, seconded by Desiderio. All in favor. The 2011 budget was adopted on motion made by Durling, seconded by DeCarolis. Roll call vote: Charles-yes, DeCarolis-yes, Durling-yes, Desiderio-yes.

ORDINANCES:

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. Motion was made by Durling, seconded by DeCarolis to open the meeting to the public. All in favor. It was noted that there were several errors which will be corrected. Motion was made by Durling, seconded by to close the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion was made by Desiderio, seconded by Durling to adopt said ordinance with corrections. Roll call vote: Desiderio-yes, Durling-yes, DeCarolis-abstain, Charles-yes.

Ordinance #2011-05 was opened to the public specifically for any audience member to discuss before the ordinance was put on hold for the June meeting. Motion made by Desiderio, seconded by Durling to hold the ordinance. All in favor.

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 USE. Motion was made by Durling, seconded by DeCarolis to open to the public. All in favor. Spoke were: Jean Smolha, Roman Osadca who asked for a postponement on this ordinance, Robin Randolph, Nancy Predale and Mark Quick. Motion was made by Durling, seconded by Desiderio to close the public portion. All in favor. Motion was made by Durling, seconded by Desiderio to adopt said ordinance. Roll call vote: Durling-yes, Desiderio-yes, Charles-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. Motion was made by Durling, seconded by Desiderio to open to the public. All in favor. Motion was made by Durling, seconded by Desiderio to close the public portion. All in favor. Motion was made by Durling, seconded by DeCarolis to adopt said ordinance. Roll call vote: Desiderio-yes, Charles-yes, Durling-yes, DeCarolis-yes.

A BOND ORDINANCE (#2011-08) PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2011 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FRELINGHUYSEN, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$95,100 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$90,345 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF was offered for introduction on motion made by Desiderio, seconded by Durling. Roll call vote: Charles-yes, Desiderio-yes, Durling-yes, DeCarolis-yes. The Clerk advised the public hearing will be held on May 18, 2011.

RESOLUTIONS:

#2011-28 (Professional Services)

WHEREAS, the Township previously retained Norton Conservation Company, Inc. to provide environmental consulting services in connection with the potential acquisition of real property known as Block 201, Lots 6 and 8.08 in the Township for open space and recreation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the report provided by Norton Conservation Company, Inc. identified surface debris and recommends removal of the debris from the property prior to acquisition; and

WHEREAS, The Land Conservancy of New Jersey will coordinate the removal of the debris by the landowner prior to acquisition of the property and has recommended that Norton Conservation Company, Inc. witness the removal of debris from the property and provide a letter confirming and describing said removal; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to retain the services of Norton Conservation Company, Inc. in accordance with the proposal letter dated April 13, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Committee wishes to award a contract in an amount not to exceed \$400.00 and the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available for this purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Township of Frelinghuysen hereby awards and authorizes the Norton Conservation Company, Inc. to perform the additional inspection and provide a letter describing same, for the above-referenced property for an amount not to exceed \$400.00.

2. The Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to provide a copy of this resolution to the Chief Financial Officer, Norton Conservation Company, Inc. and The Land Conservancy of New Jersey.

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

#2011-29 (Raffle license)

WHEREAS, the Frelinghuysen Township PTO has applied for a license to conduct an On Premises 50/50 raffle license for May 26, 2011 with a rain date of May 27, 2011 consisting of application #2011-01; and

WHEREAS, the Findings and Determination by the Municipal Clerk have determined that the organization is qualified to conduct such raffle.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the Frelinghuysen Township PTO raffle application #2011-01 is hereby approved.

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

#2011-30 (Raffle license)

WHEREAS, the Frelinghuysen Township Booster Club has applied for a license to conduct an Off Premises 50/50 raffle license for June 4, 2011 with a rain date of June 5, 2011 consisting of application #2011-02; and

WHEREAS, the Findings and Determination by the Municipal Clerk have determined that the organization is qualified to conduct such raffle.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the Frelinghuysen Township Booster Club raffle application #2011-02 is hereby approved.

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

#2011-31 (Tax Assessor's tax appeals)

WHEREAS, a resolution by the Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen Township is required in order for the Township Attorney to represent the Township before the Warren County Board of Taxation, and to sign documents relating to tax appeals and other real property tax matters before such board;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen, County of Warren and State of New Jersey that the Township

Attorney, or any other Attorney duly authorized by the Frelinghuysen Township Committee, is authorized to represent Frelinghuysen Township before the Warren County Board of Taxation, in connection therewith to sign and file petitions of appeal or counter-petitions, to sign and file answers, to make motions and to sign motion papers, to sign stipulations, including stipulations of settlement, and to take all other actions and sign all other documents appropriate to the representation of Frelinghuysen Township before the Warren County Board of Taxation and New Jersey Court, as applicable. Motion was made by Desiderio, seconded by Durling to adopt said resolution. Roll call vote: Durling-yes, DeCarolus-yes, Charles-yes, Desiderio-yes.

#2011-32 (support A-3412)

WHEREAS, when County Tax Board appeals are granted the municipality must reimburse the property taxpayer 100% of the appealed tax levy, which includes the municipal, school, county and any special districts tax; and

WHEREAS, the municipal tax collector makes the adjustment from the appeal as a credit on the 4th quarter tax bill resulting in the municipality's fund balance for the preceding year to diminished, if not completely depleted; and

WHEREAS, a recent League of Municipalities' survey has measured the extent to which residents have filed and won tax appeals in 2010; and

WHEREAS, one hundred fifty (150) municipalities, representing both large and small municipalities in all 21 counties, that participated in the survey reported property value declines of more than \$87,900,000, which resulted from 19,788 tax appeals filed in 2010; and

WHEREAS, those responding to the survey indicated that 13,760 appeals were filed in 2009, compared to 19,788 in 2010, representing an increase of 43.7%; and

WHEREAS, a municipality often experiences an increase in tax appeals because they have conducted a revaluation, however, only 5 of the 150 municipalities, which participated in our survey, indicated that their 2010 appeals resulted from revaluations; and

WHEREAS, as a way of comparison, 23 of the participating municipalities conducted revaluations in 2009, when fewer tax appeals were presented to the County Tax Boards; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 spike in appeals should be attributed to the economic down-turn, which lowered property values and placed increased stress on the income of homeowners, all around our Garden State; and

WHEREAS, the survey also indicated that in 2010 the various County Tax Boards have granted average property value reductions of close to \$5,000, per appeal; and

WHEREAS, fifty-six percent of those responding indicated that the successful tax appeals would have an impact on fund balances and place additional pressures on local officials during 2011; and

WHEREAS, although the survey was a snapshot picture in time, it can be used to project what might follow in 2011, since the reductions, which were granted by County Tax Boards in 2010, will have a multiplier effect when neighbors learn of their neighbor's tax reduction, which will likely increase the appeals and in the alternative, Tax Assessors could be forced to adjust property values, based upon the appeal information; and

WHEREAS, successful tax appeals have a three-fold negative impact on municipal budgets. First, the municipality, as the collector of taxes for the School district, county and special districts, must fund the full cost of the legal defense of the assessment. Second, since State law guarantees to the county and the school district 100% of their levies, the municipality bears the full cost of any re-imbursements resulting from the appeal (as well as the full burden for any uncollected taxes). Third, the end result will be a further decline in the property tax base used to support Municipalities, County governments and School systems; and

WHEREAS, in light of the revenue limitations that have been placed on all levels of local government by the Legislature (2% cap), such declining values will compound and add additional stress to local public officials, as they grapple with the issues confronting the tax paying public; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Carroll has recently introduced A-3412, which requires fire districts, school districts, and county governments to share in burden of property assessment appeal refunds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen hereby urge the swift passage and signing of A-3412; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to New Jersey Governor Christopher Christie, to Senate President Stephen Sweeney, to Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver, to our State Senator, to our two Representatives in the General Assembly, and to the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

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

#2011-33:

WHEREAS, injuries that occur on sidewalks that abut commercial property are the responsibility of the commercial property owner; and

WHEREAS, courts have ruled that injuries that occur on sidewalks that abut residential property are not the responsibility of the homeowner even when the homeowner is responsible for the maintenance and repair of the sidewalk by municipal ordinance; and

WHEREAS, courts have ruled that the municipality, not the homeowner, is liable for accidents on defective sidewalks notwithstanding the municipal ordinance; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Title 59, public entities are immune from injury "caused solely by weather" on streets and sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, despite this language, in many cases municipalities and other public entities still have been forced to pay large amounts of money in damages when courts ruled that because other factors contributed to the accident, the Title 59 immunity did not apply because the accident was not "solely" caused by weather.

WHEREAS, municipalities and other public entities have also been forced to pay large amounts of money in damages for accidents occurring on other public property that were substantially caused by weather; and

WHEREAS, also under the provisions of Tile 59, public entities are immune from injury "caused by a condition of any unimproved public property, including but not limited to any natural condition of any beach;" and

WHEREAS, despite this language, in many cases municipalities still have been forced to pay large amounts of money in damages for claims by swimmers injured in the ocean; and

WHEREAS, public entities have also incurred large costs in defending lawsuits by persons injured while walking on municipal boardwalks; and

WHEREAS, a public entity should be immune from such a suit if it can demonstrate that it was operating under an ongoing maintenance plan calling for periodically reviewing and repairing the boardwalk; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Burzichelli has introduced a package of legislation, A-3430, A-3431 and A-3432 to strengthen immunity from tort claims involving weather, sidewalks, beaches, boardwalks and similar public properties;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Township of Frelinghuysen, that the legislature is urged to pass A-3430, A-3431 and A-3432 to strength municipalities' immunity from tort claims.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the members of the New Jersey General Assembly, the New Jersey State senate, the Governor of State of New Jersey and the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

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

#2011-34-on hold

#2011-35: (Relieve tax collector from collecting certain taxes)

WHEREAS, the Assessor has discovered an error in the tax book of the Township of Frelinghuysen, County of Warren, State of New Jersey.

WHEREAS, the Assessor of the Township of Frelinghuysen during his course of work has discovered that the following error that occurred in 2011: Block 801, Lot 13.01. This said line item was assessed incorrectly in the Tax Book for \$133,800.00. This assessment should be a total of \$800.00 which is for farmland assessment value.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Frelinghuysen Committee relieve the Tax Collector from collecting taxes other than the corrected assessment on this block and lot as stated above.

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

#2011-36: (Amend capital budget)

WHEREAS, the Township of Frelinghuysen, County of Warren, desires to amend the 2011 capital Budget of said municipality by inserting thereon or correcting the items therein as shown in such budget for the following reason: Scanner, Generator, Twsp Garage improvements, Lot, Walking Track, Ball Field, Storm Drains, Signs, DPW Equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen of the County of Warren, as follows:

Section 1. The 2011 Capital Budget of the Township of Frelinghuysen is hereby amended by adding thereto a Schedule to read as follows:

Amendment No. 1

Capital budget of the Township of Frelinghuysen
County of Warren
Projects schedules for 2011
Method of Financing

<u>Project</u>	<u>Est. Cost</u>	<u>Capital Improv. Fund</u>	<u>Gen'l Notes/Bonds</u>
As Listed above	\$95,100	\$4,755.00	\$90,345.00

Section 2. The Clerk be and is authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, within three days after the adoption these projects for 2011 Capital Budget, to be included in the 2011 Capital Budget as adopted.

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

PROCLAMATIONS:

A proclamation proclaiming May 2011 as Older American's Month was made on motion by Desiderio, seconded by Durling to concur with the Mayor's proclamation. All in favor.

A proclamation proclaiming April 22, 2011 as Earth Day to support green economy initiatives was made on motion made by Desiderio, seconded by Durling to concur with the Mayor's proclamation. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

A proposal in the amount of \$4,900.00 for professional service to prepare a plan for advisory signage on eight municipal roadways that has been established for speed limits was approved on motion made by Durling, seconded by DeCarolis. All in favor.

A letter to register issues received from Amy Hufnagel and designed to stand in for her absence at the meeting was partially read. Ms. Hufnagel asked that the wind ordinance be sent back to the planning board due to issues such as limiting the lots for wind power to larger than 10 acres, the ordinance stating no roof mounts and no placement within 1000 feet of schools. The next issue was the overall budget with regard to health insurance; the Mayor stated that no committee people receive health benefits. With regard to the apology, the Mayor advised he apologized to Ms. Hufnagel at the work meeting for not allowing her to speak.

NEW BUSINESS:

Christine Sharkly and Ruby Malcolm appeared before the Committee and audience members on the 2011-2012 school budgets. There will be a one cent increase for Frelinghuysen Township which will cost the residents an additional \$47.72 for a house assessed at \$336,431.00.

Trooper Ken of the Hope Barracks gave an incident report of activity in the township. There was an incident at the playground where obscene material was placed in various parts of the playground. This was documented.

A request to purchase wreaths for the Memorial Day ceremony was approved on motion made by Durling, seconded by Desiderio. All in favor.

A building usage policy to outline the use of the meeting room was adopted on motion made by DeCarolis. The motion was amended to include the locking of the door to the office area when the building is closed and seconded by Durling. All in favor.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS:

The Clerk solicited proposals for grant writing as follows:

- * Millennium Strategies, LLC., Caldwell, NJ \$1,000.00 monthly retainer for various services plus an hourly fee of \$75.00 for each grant the township chooses to submit for.
- * Grant Writing Plus., Lambertville, NJ-no response
- * Bruno Associates, Clifton, NJ a one year fee of \$30,000.00.

Motion was made by Durling, seconded by DeCarolis to hold these proposals for further discussion at the next work meeting. All in favor.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the executive session of March 9, 2011 were approved on motion made by Durling, seconded by DeCarolis. Motion was made by Durling, seconded by DeCarolis to approve the minutes of March 16, 2011 as corrected. All in favor except Charles who was absent.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

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

Mayor Thomas Charles report:

Mayor Charles reported that he would like Nancy Nicholoff appointed as the leader of the Sustainable New Jersey. Motion was made by Durling, seconded by Desiderio concurring with the Mayor's appointment. All in favor.

Mayor Charles reported that the Clerk is in need of a scanner for a website that she needs to access for records retention and he is working on this.

Committeeman Alan DeCarolis report:

Mr. DeCarolis reported that he was contacted by a property owner, Phillip Dukes whose property joins the DPW property with the idea that the township could use his buildings as a garage. Motion was made by Durling, seconded by Desiderio authorizing Mr. Desiderio to look at the property and report back next month. All in favor.

Committeeman Frank Desideiro's report:

Mr. Desiderio reported that he obtained a quote for turf maintenance on the ball fields which is the same as last year, however, an amount was added for fungus maintenance. Since this was the only quote he had, motion was made by Durling, seconded by Desiderio authorizing Mr. Desiderio to obtain additional quotes for him to consider. (NOTE: Additional quotes were obtained and Turf Pro received the bid in the amount of \$5896.00). The Clerk was instructed to send a letter to the Open Space and Farmland Committee each time funds are taken out of the Open Space Fund account for the fields.

Mr. Desiderio reported that there were problems on the playground area and additional cameras are needed to cover the park and concession stand area. Motion was made by Durling, seconded by DeCarolis authorizing Mr. Desiderio to get camera quotes. All in favor.

Mr. Desiderio has to attend a mediation meeting with the attorneys for the Richard Smith case and wants to get compensated for his time and mileage. Motion was made by Durling, seconded by DeCarolis compensating Mr. Desiderio at \$20.00 an hour plus mileage. All in favor.

Committeeman Dale Durling's report:

Mr. Durling advised that the Mayor had signed the agreement with the solar company and it had been mailed.

In the correspondence section there was a nominating request form for nominating an outstanding senior citizen. Motion was made by Durling, seconded by Desiderio to nominate Jean Verbeke. All in favor.

Attorney Edward Wacks report:

Mr. Wacks advised that the Board of Adjustment has submitted a 32 page resolution to the court on why Kids Camp should be denied. Mr. Wacks congratulated the BOA attorney, Mr. Brady on the great job he has done with this case.

Municipal Clerks report:

The Clerk advised that she has been asked by the Planning Board if they could purchase a digital camera to use for their site visits. Motion was made by Durling, seconded by Desiderio approving the purchase up to \$250.00. All in favor.

The Clerk advised that the meeting with the South Street residents has been settled for May 31, 2011. The Committee stated they would like certified letters sent out with a copy of the agreement prior to the meeting date.

The Clerk stated that Darlene Jay of Maser Consulting sent a proposal to prepare the monitoring forms for COAH for \$2500.00. The Committee countered at \$1800.00. Ms. Jay will not guarantee that all the work could be done. The Clerk offered to do anything she could do that Ms. Jay could not do, but responded she wouldn't know until she gets started. Due to COAH being in jeopardy with the State it was decided to revisit this request in June on motion made by Durling, seconded by DeCarolis. All in favor.

A letter from the Highlands was read. An extension of two months is needed for the mod 4. Motion was made by Durling, seconded by DeCarolis authorizing the Mayor to send a letter that we are continuing to consider submission of a plan for the plan conformation. All in favor.

The preparation of the ERI was discussed. It was decided that the Mayor would call Land Conservancy on motion made by Durling, seconded by DeCarolis and try to resolve the problem we are having on who is to prepare the ERI. All in favor.

BILLS-see schedule attached

CORRESPONDENCE:

Roman Osadca Re: Deficiencies in proposed Wind Energy Ordinance #2011-06

New Jersey Planner Re: December 2010-January 2011 issue

Golden & Moran Re: Solar Panel Fire Fighting considerations

NJ Transit Re: Request for Federal Financial Assistance for FY2011

NJ Transit Re: FTA section 5310 grant program

Warren County Planning Dept. Re: Wastewater plan meeting

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

Warren County Division of Aging & Disability Services Re: Senior citizen nominations

Warren County Dept. of Public Safety Re: CAD Geo Base & Street locator databases

NJ Governor's Office Re: State budget

NJ DEP Re: permit issued to Jenny Jump State park for alterations

NJ Assemblyman Peterson Re: Assembly Bill 3603

NJ Dept. of Education Re: 2011-2012 municipal percentage shares

NJ Dept. of State Re: Areas in need of redevelopment

- NJ DOT Re: Kerrs Corner Road section 2 agreements
- NJ DOT Re: Kerr's Corner Road
- NJ Highlands Re: Plan conformance grants
- NJ DCA-Historic preservation conference at Monmouth University
- Notice of amended use application for Ridge & Valley Charter School to Planning Bd.
- United States Dept. of Commerce Re: 2010 census count question resolution program
- Federal Emergency Management Agency Re: Flood Ins. Study & rate maps
- Township of Green Re: Ordinances 2011-03, 2011-04 & 2011-05
- North Warren Regional School District Re: Resolution on elimination of public vote for school budgets
- Dennis Russell Re: E mail on request for town to purchase property
- JCP&L Re: Posting signs & banners on utility poles
- New Jersey State League of Municipalities Re:
 1. Two Issues:
 - a. League President Addresses Senate budget & appropriations Comm.
 - b. Continuing legal education announcement
 2. League publication-2011 legislative roster
 3. Three Issues:
 - a. NJLM opposes S-2664
 - b. 13th annual league baseball appreciation day
 - c. Collaborating on real solution to the 2% CAP video
 4. Three Issues:
 - a. April grant page posted
 - b. Upcoming seminar on FMLA
 - c. Upcoming seminar on Police & Fire Dept. consolidation
 5. State treasurer testifies before Senate budget & appropriations committee
 6. Update: Strategies for policing during lean times
 7. Legislative recap
 8. Two Issues:
 - a. Governor signs S-2068
 - b. Pothole assistance from DOT
 9. S-2664-market competition consumer choice act tabled in Senate
 10. Gov Connect update
 11. New content on DLGS site
 12. Bill A-3859-special improvement districts
 13. S-2718-health benefits reform
 14. Nonpartisan Legislative budget
 15. Public Image works series
 16. Federal update for the period ending March 25, 2011
 17. CDBG fate could be sealed by April 8
 18. Mayors April 2011 newslite
 19. Supreme Court to hear league's COAH appeal-revised
 20. Strengthening municipal immunity to tort claims
 21. Legislative bulletin-No. 1 & 2
 22. NJ Conference of Mayors Courier
 23. Two Issues:

- a. S-2664-Market competition consumer choice act
 - b. League position on Senator Sweeney's shared services bill S-2794
- 24. A quarterly report on activities of the NJLM-Jan-March 2011
- 25. Two Issues:
 - a. S-2718 health benefits reform
 - b. New Jersey Municipalities monthly magazine
- 26. Support for New Jersey's involvement in the RGGI program
- 27. Two Issues:
 - a. Energy Tax & CMPTRA Under-funding informational tools
 - b. PERC decision clears way for collection of 1.5% employee health benefits contribution
- 28. Current Federal fiscal year CDBG and budget deal details

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

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

Marty Conner who commended the Mayor for keeping the audience members in line ,

Roman Osacda pointed out legalities on OPRA; asked if we could have audience participation earlier in the meeting; stated that the planning board minutes are not on the website; asked if any committee member receives health benefits (was advised that Mr. Desiderio does but pays for it himself).

The public portion of the meeting was closed on motion made by Desiderio, seconded by Durling. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda J. Kleber, RMC

