

## MINUTES OF MAY 21, 2008

The regular meeting of the Frelinghuysen Township Committee was held in the Municipal Building, 210 Route 661, Johnsonburg, New Jersey and was called to order at 7:30 p.m. 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 faxing notice to the Star Gazette and New Jersey Herald on January 3, 2008.

### **ROLL CALL:**

Those present were: Mayor Thomas Charles, Committeeman Debra Natyzak-Osadca, Committeeman Alan DeCarolis, Committeeman Frank Desiderio, Committeeman Dale Durling, Sr., Chief Finance Officer Gene Marie McCartney, Attorney Richard Beilin and Clerk Brenda Kleber.

### **ORDINANCES:**

AN ORDINANCE (#2008-06) PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2008 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FRELINGHUYSEN, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$111,634 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$106,052 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF was opened to the public on motion made by Durling, seconded by Desiderio. All in favor. Motion was made by Desiderio seconded by Durling to close the public session. All in favor. Motion was made by Desiderio seconded by Durling to adopt said ordinance. Roll call vote: Natyzak-Osadca-yes, DeCarolis-yes, Desiderio-yes, Durling-yes, Charles-yes.

AN ORDINANCE (#2008-08) AMENDING CHAPTER IV OF THE FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP CODE, ENTITLED "GENERAL LICENSING," TO SET HOURS FOR CONCERTS AND OTHER OUTDOOR EVENTS was opened to the public on motion made by Desiderio, seconded by Durling. All in favor. Motion was made by Durling seconded by Desiderio to close the public session. All in favor. Motion was made by Desiderio, seconded by Durling to adopt said ordinance. Roll call vote: Natyzak-Osadca-yes, DeCarolis-yes, Desiderio-yes, Durling-yes, Charles-yes.

A BOND ORDINANCE (#2008-09) PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A RECREATION COMPLEX WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF FRELINGHUYSEN, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE "TOWNSHIP") APPROPRIATING \$350,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$350,000 BONDS AND NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COSTS THEREOF was opened to the public on motion made by Desiderio, seconded by Durling. All in favor. Motion was made by Desiderio, seconded by Durling to close the public session. All in favor. Motion was made by Desiderio, seconded by Durling to adopt said ordinance. Roll call vote: Natyzak-Osadca-yes, DeCarolis-yes, Desiderio-yes, Durling-yes, Charles-yes.

A BOND ORDINANCE (#2008-10) PROVIDING FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF STATE PARK ROAD (PHASE II) WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF FRELINGHUYSEN, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$320,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$171,425 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF was opened to the public on motion made by Desiderio, seconded by Durling. All in favor. Motion was made by Natyzak-Osadca, seconded by Durling to close the public session. All in favor. Motion was made by Desiderio, seconded by Durling to adopt said ordinance. Roll call vote: Natyzak-Osadca-yes, DeCarolis-yes, Desiderio-yes, Durling-yes, Charles-yes.

ORDINANCE (#2008-11) TAKING OVER JURISDICTION AND OWNERSHIP OF A PORTION OF COUNTY ROUTE 661 (MAIN STREET) FROM MILE POST 0.00 TO MILE POST 1.33, AND A PORTION OF COUNTY ROUTE 612 (ALLAMUCHY-JOHNSONBURG ROAD) FROM MILE POST 4.92 TO MILE POST 5.12 IN FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP was opened to the public on motion made by Desiderio, seconded by Durling. All in favor. Motion was made by Durling, seconded by Desiderio to close the public session. All in favor. Motion was made by Desiderio seconded by Durling to adopt said ordinance. Roll call vote: Natyzak-Osadca-yes, DeCarolus-yes, Desiderio-yes, Durling-yes, Charles-yes.

Ordinance #2008-12-on hold

AN ORDINANCE (#2008-13) OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRELINGHUYSEN, COUNTY OF WARREN PRPROVIDING FOR THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF A CERTAIN RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG STATE PARK ROAD. The Clerk read the Ordinance by title and advised that a public hearing will be held on June 18, 2008. Motion was made by Desiderio seconded by DeCarolus to introduce said ordinance. Roll call vote: Natyzak-Osadca-yes, DeCarolus-yes, Desiderio-yes, Durling-yes, Charles-yes.

Ordinance #2008-14-on hold

## RESOLUTIONS:

#2008-47:

WHEREAS, on January 1, 2008, the Frelinghuysen Township Committee approved Resolution #2008-01 setting the days and hours of the workshop meetings; and WHEREAS, it has been determined that the hours for these meetings need to be changed to begin at 4:00 p.m. instead of the stated 12:00 hour.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following dates are hereby designated as the workshop meetings of the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen on an as needed basis to begin at 4:00 p.m.

June 12, 2008

October 9, 2008

July 10, 2008

November 13, 2008

August 13, 2008

December 11, 2008

September 11, 2008

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the workshop meetings may be subject to cancellation. Formal action may be taken at the workshop meetings and executive sessions may be called by the governing body at the meetings.

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

#2008-48:

WHEREAS, the Township of Frelinghuysen has property which it no longer has a need for; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:12.13 the sale of such property may be made by open public sale at auction to the highest bidder after advertisement thereof in a newspaper circulating in the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Township has the right to reject any and all bids for such property offered at auction; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following property (see over) shall be offered for sale at public auction "as is" and that the Clerk be authorized to advertise the sale of such property as required by N.J.S.A.40A:12-13-1;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids submitted at such sale;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that municipal employees, officers, appointees, members of boards and any other municipal official shall be prohibited from bidding on such property.

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

#2008-49:

WHEREAS, there are two main formula-driven general municipal property tax relief programs currently on the books in our Garden State; and

WHEREAS, The Energy Tax Receipts Property Tax Relief program is the direct descendant of the Public Utility Gross Receipts and Franchise Tax (PUGRAFT), which was a tax on regulated public utilities originally assessed and collected at the municipal level; and

WHEREAS, in the early 1980's, when, at the request and for the convenience of the tax paying utilities, the State became the collection agent for this assessment, the law that effected this change promised that the proceeds would be distributed back to the municipalities, which provide services to utility facilities and from whence come utility profits; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey never honored that commitment, immediately diverting large and growing portions of the proceeds to its own general fund; and

WHEREAS, modernization and deregulation led to a major reform of utility taxes in the mid-Nineties, which validated and, supposedly, capped the State's annual skim, and which included a 'poison pill,' which required the State to annually increase the municipal distribution of Energy Tax proceeds or to risk the forfeiture of the State's authority to collect the tax; and

WHEREAS, around the same time, for its own convenience, the State decided to 'consolidate' a number of previously discrete municipal property tax relief programs into the Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Receipts Aid (CMPTRA), many of the components parts of which had been distributed according to state established formulas; and

WHEREAS, many of those parts were, like Energy Taxes, the lineal descendants of taxes that had once been assessed and collected at the municipal level, including the Financial Business Tax, the Business Personal Property Tax Replacement, the Railroad Class II Property Tax, the Insurance Franchise Tax, the Corporation Business Tax on Banking Corporations and a big chunk of State PILOT payments, that had been underfunded for many years, prior to being folded into the Consolidation; and

WHEREAS, these are, or were, like the Energy Tax, all *municipal revenue* replacement programs, not, properly speaking, State aid, since they were not meant to make things better for municipal property taxpayers, but only intended to keep things from getting worse; and

WHEREAS, in the late-Nineties, a law was passed that required both the Energy Tax and CMPTRA distributions to be annually increased by the rate of inflation, which requirement posed a special problem for future State budget makers; and

WHEREAS, as those budget makers viewed the matter, the problem was not how to comply with the requirement, rather the problem was how to evade compliance without invoking the Energy Tax 'poison pill;' and

WHEREAS, in order for State to increase Energy Tax distributions by the rate of inflation for five straight years without providing municipalities with one new dollar in property tax relief, it reduced the CPMTRA distribution by the same amount that it increased the Energy Tax distribution; and

WHEREAS, this year, it proposes to do even more, since this year, CMPTRA is to be reduced by about \$62 million more than the Energy Tax will be increased; and

WHEREAS, though they may be ignored, formulas matter, if for no other reason than they give us a standard by which to judge an official's commitment to property tax reform; and

WHEREAS, if there needs to be a discussion about a new formula for phasing in property tax relief funding cuts to address the State's budget problems, if there is to be a serious discussion about the way municipal property tax relief funding is distributed, or if anyone in Trenton wants to discuss the continued need for meaningful and sustainable property tax relief and reform, local officials stand ready to work with the Speaker and the Corzine Administration on changes; and

WHEREAS, since there are no 'efficiency measures' that can be computed in time to allow municipalities to rationally plan and budget this year;

NOW, THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Township of Frelinghuysen calls on its elected representatives in Trenton, Senator Lance and Assembly members Doherty and Karrow, to work with their colleagues in the Legislature

and with the Governor to take affirmative action to restore program funding sufficient to honor state statutes and their stated commitment to the cause of property tax relief in all New Jersey municipalities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Jon S. Corzine, Acting State Treasurer R. David Rousseau, Senate President Richard J. Codey, Senate Minority Leader Thomas H. Kean, Assembly Speaker Joseph J. Roberts, Assembly Minority Leader Alex DeCroce, the Chairs and Members of the Senate and Assembly Budget and Appropriations Committees, our own Senator Leonard Lance and Assembly member Michael Doherty and Marcia Karrow and to the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

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

#2008-50:

WHEREAS, the Legislature has adopted the Highlands Act in recognition that the 860,000 acre Highlands Region serves as an "essential source of drinking water, providing clean and plentiful drinking water for one-half of the State's population" and that the area includes exceptional natural resources such as clean air, contiguous forest lands, wetlands, pristine watersheds, habitat for fauna and flora, many sites of historic significance and provides abundant recreational opportunities, all of which are an invaluable and irreplaceable asset of the current citizens of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature included in the Highlands Act a specific commitment for additional funding through "a strong and significant commitment by the State to fund the acquisition of exceptional natural resource value lands"; and

WHEREAS, the Garden State Preservation Trust Fund will no longer be able to issue any new bond, note or other obligation after June 30, 2009 unless the Trust Fund is reauthorized; and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2008, Senate Concurrent Resolution 88 was introduced to the New Jersey Legislature proposing to amend Article VIII, Section II of the Constitution of the State of New Jersey to provide that revenue from water consumption and water user fees be dedicated only for the purpose of providing funding for the acquisition and development of lands for recreation and conservation purposes and for the preservation of farmland for agricultural and horticultural use and production.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Frelinghuysen Township Committee hereby supports the passage of Senate Concurrent Resolution \*\* which proposes to amend Article VIII, Section II of the Constitution of the State of New Jersey and encourages support for this constitutional amendment from all parties interested in the protection and preservation of the Highlands Region and the resulting sustainability of clean and plentiful drinking water for over half the population of the State of New Jersey. Motion was made by Natyzak-Osadca, seconded by Durling to adopt said resolution. Roll call vote: Natyzak-Osadca-yes, DeCarolis-yes, Desiderio-yes, Durling-yes, Charles-yes.

#2008-51:

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

WHEREAS, the Township Committee members have reviewed the list.

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

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

#2008-52:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Local Lands and Buildings Law, N.J.S.A.40A:12-1, et seq., the Township of Frelinghuysen may purchase real property as may be necessary and suitable for the performance of its functions; and



WHEREAS, in Resolution 2007-05, the Frelinghuysen Township Mayor and Committee authorized the pursuit of the acquisition of Block 103, Lot 3 (the "Property") from Jerome L. Reisberg ("Reisberg") for active and passive recreation and open space; and WHEREAS, thereafter, in Resolution 2008-30, the Frelinghuysen Township Mayor and Committee authorized the acceptance of Reisberg's offer to sell the Property for the sum of \$000,000.00, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in that Resolution. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Frelinghuysen Township Mayor and Committee as follows:

1. The Mayor and Council hereby authorize the purchase of the Property known as designated as Block 103, Lot 3, subject to the conditions set forth in Resolution 2008-30, specifically: a) The Township 's receipt of funding adequate to complete the purchase of the Property; b) Inspection and satisfactory results, in the discretion of the Mayor and Council, of any and all environmental, well, septic, home and other usual and customary inspections; c) Clean-up of the dump and all visible debris on the Property, removal of any and all underground oil tanks, and satisfactory inspection results as to same; d) Removal of the tractor shed on the Property, at the owner's expense; e) Both homes on the Property being delivered in broom-clean condition; f) Reisburg's conveyance of marketable title, insurable at regular rates; and g) Any and all terms and conditions customary to the purchase of real property by a municipal corporation; and further subject to the negotiation of a contract of sale satisfactory in form and content to the Mayor and Committee, and the Township Attorney.
2. The Mayor, Township Clerk, Township Attorney, and any other appropriate Township employee, professional or elected official are hereby authorized and directed to attend closing on said acquisition, prepare and execute documents as may be reasonably required to effectuate closing in the normal course, and deliver payment therefor.
3. This Resolution shall take effect according to law.

Motion was made by Durling, seconded by Desiderio to adopt said resolution. Roll call vote: Natyzak-Osadca-no, DeCarolis-yes, Desiderio-yes, Durling-yes, Charles-yes.

#### **PROCLAMATIONS:**

A proclamation proclaiming the week of May 18-24 as National Public Works Week in Frelinghuysen Township was concurred on motion made by DeCarolis, seconded by Desiderio. All in favor.

A proclamation proclaiming the month of May as Older Americans Month in Frelinghuysen Township was concurred on motion made by Desiderio, seconded by Durling. All in favor.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

A letter received from Matheny School with regard to the false alarm fines was read. Matheny School requested an installment payment plan which would best suit their accounting process. After discussion, motion was made by Durling, seconded by Desiderio to deny the request and suggest that they go to a bank and borrow the money needed. All in favor.

The Clerk advised the Committee that with regard to committing funding further repairs to a home under the Township' s Housing Rehabilitation Program, she contacted Eric Snyder's office and the fees for services would come out of the grant account. The letter stated that the fee for this service would be \$2,000 for administration fees plus regular hourly rate of \$100 per hour for meetings. Since this was the first time there has been a charge for these services, the Committee instructed the Clerk to ask for an accounting of the \$2000. and the number of hours required for the \$100.00 charge.

Paula Jensen appeared before the Committee. Before she began, Committeeman Alan DeCarolis recused himself. Ms. Jensen went over the past efforts she has completed with regard to the Burns garage across the street. Ms. Jensen has complained about the change of use, noise and time the business begins and has filed complaints with the Zoning Officer along with a letter received from the Township attorney instructing the

Zoning Officer to file a summons has not been done. Since the Committee needed proof of the allegations, motion made by Durling, seconded by Desiderio authorizing the Zoning Officer to carry out a random check of the business and observe the hours and the noise level and report to the Committee his findings. All in favor.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

A letter requesting change of hours for the Tax Collector was read. Ms. Clouse asked permission to change the Saturday hours to the four quarters instead of once a month. Approval was given on motion made by Desiderio, seconded by DeCarolis. All in favor.

A proposal for professionals services received from Maser Consulting for the Main Street project will be held over for the June meeting so that the Committee members can review the proposal.

#### **MINUTES:**

The minutes of the regular meeting of March 19, 2008 were approved as corrected on motion made by Durling, seconded by Desiderio. All in favor. The minutes of the executive session of March 19, 2008 were approved on motion made by Natyzak-Osadca, seconded by Desiderio. All in favor. The minutes of the regular meeting of April 16, 2008 were approved as corrected on motion made by Durling, seconded by Desiderio. All in favor. The minutes of the executive session of April 16, 2008 were approved on motion made by Natyzak-Osadca, seconded by DeCarolis. All in favor.

#### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Department reports received from the Tax Collector, Tax Assessor, Building, Dept., Chief Finance Officer, Animal Licensing Official, Health Dept., and Municipal Court were approved on a consent agenda motion made by Natyzak-Osadca, seconded by DeCarolis. All in favor.

#### Mayor Thomas Charles report:

Mayor Charles announced the Founders Day picnic will be held on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Charles reported that Knowlton Township is interested in us joining their court and will accept what we receive in court fines as payment.

#### Committeeman Debra Natyzak-Osadca's report:

Committeeman Natyzak-Osadca thanked Shannon Drylie for the fast mailing of the newsletter.

#### Committeeman Dale Durling's report:

Committeeman Durling reported on the meeting he and Committeeman DeCarolis had with the Green Township Fire Department. Further meetings will be held.

#### Committeeman Alan DeCarolis report:

Committeeman DeCarolis asked if John Madden is currently working on Phase III of the COAH regulations.

#### Engineer Paul Sterbenz and Paul Niehoff's report:

SHPO (State Historic Preservation Office) was explained by Mr. Sterbenz. He advised that this came in effect in 1992 when a meeting was held in the Town Hall of which 23 people attend. He also reported on a meeting he, the Mayor and Committeeman Desiderio had with Mr. Scott of SHPO who recommended that an application be filed for the Recreation Complex for which Mr. Sterbenz would apply for at a cost of \$500.00. It

was decided that Committeeman Natyzak-Osadca would complete the application and Mr. Sterbenz would review before filing with the State.

Phase 2 for State Park road needs to be under contract. A resolution will be needed for the June meeting. The 2009 grant application is due June 20<sup>th</sup> and the Committee was asked which roads they would like to consider. It was decided to complete the State Park Road section from Route 519 to Forest Manor.

To complete part of the Stormwater regulations, an information brochure will be on display at the Founders Day picnic. With regard to the report, Committeeman DeCarolis, as Environmental liaison will handle.

With regard to South Street, at a prior meeting, Maser Consulting received authorization to obtain topo work and the findings were that there is no enclosed area where water can get out as the pipes are located above the pitch. An application will be needed to improve the ponds, survey work will need to be done and the wetlands delineated. After further discussion, motion was made by Desiderio, seconded by Durling to authorize Maser Consulting to do the recognition work and report back to the Committee. Roll call vote: Natyzak-Osadca-yes, DeCarolis-yes, Desiderio-yes, Durling-yes, Charles-yes.

Attorney Richard Beilin report:

Mr. Beilin reported that he misunderstood the request for the agreement for the Road department. He will prepare the correct agreement as per his conversation with Committeeman Desiderio.

**BILLS:**

See schedule attached to minutes

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

No. Jersey Transportation Planning Authority Re: Bus study local stakeholder groups.  
Frelinghuysen Township Construction Official Re: False Alarms  
NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection Re: Green Acres Development project  
Ardito & Co. Re: Court report for North Warren Municipal Court  
Township of Green Re: Ordinance #08-07  
Township of Lawrence Re: Resolution 2008-33  
Stillwater Township Re: Gypsy moth notification  
Fredon Township Re: Gypsy moth notification  
Proclamations for Professionals booklet order form  
New Jersey Senate Re: Thank you for resolution  
Superior Court of New Jersey Re: annual visitation to Municipal Court  
Maser Consulting Re: Approved grading plan for Forest Manor  
Warren County Dept. of Human Services Re: Notice of public hearing  
Ridge & Valley Conservancy Re: Donation receipt  
Warren County Planning Dept. Re: COAH vacant land maps  
Martin Connor Re: Kids Camp  
American Environmental Services Re: Statewide general permit #2  
Environmental Alert Re: Turf fields  
Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer Re: Application to local finance board  
Report of School taxes for Frelinghuysen Township School  
Report of School taxes for North Warren Regional School  
DCA News Re: Foreclosure crisis  
NJDEP Green Acres Program Re: Terms of loan  
Wacks & Hartmann Re: Silver Lake Road  
NJ DCA Re: Residential site improvement standard book  
New Jersey State League of Municipalities Re:  
1. Pay to Play & Ethics policies  
2. Local Unit Alignment, Reorganization & Consolidation Comm.  
3. A-500 Affordable Housing

4. Water Utility rates legislative hearings soon
5. COAH Regulations, Affordable housing
6. Four Issues:
  - a. Water utility rates legislative hearings soon
  - b. A-500, Affordable housing
  - c. Pay to play and ethics regulations
  - d. Local unit alignment, Reorganization & Consolidation Comm.
7. Paid Family Leave
8. Follow up on Childcare Survey
9. Speaker's proposal to give consolidation commission "teeth"
10. Appellate division rules that Mayor can make police appointments
11. Joint program on foreclosure crisis
12. Two update publications available
13. Three important publications
14. Executive order concerning lead paint abatement
15. Two Issues:
  - a. May grant page posted
  - b. Speakers proposal to give consolidation commission "teeth"
16. State budget summit
17. Three Issues:
  - a. First ever PSEG global green expo
  - b. Are you in compliance with the pay to play and ethics regulations
  - c. Documentary-Green builders
18. S-1236-Automated external defibrillators
19. Reducing Municipal fuel costs
20. Four Issues:
  - a. Reducing municipal fuel costs
  - b. Federal update for period ending April 25<sup>th</sup>
  - c. A must for your municipality-two update publications available
  - d. 3 important publications
21. ISRA applicability service to be discontinued
22. Urgent-budget cut update funding formulas matter
23. COAH regulations/affordable housing
24. Documentary-green builders
25. Implementing chapter 92 of 2007 and the affect on Chapter 103
26. Important new information from the Division of Local Gov. Services
27. Hotel Occupancy tax
28. 2009 Pension obligations
29. Has your municipality adopted pay to play & ethics policies?
30. Affordable housing legislation
31. Relief restoration press conference
32. Earlier Clerks E-mail on Immigration & Democracy
33. Volunteer background checks
34. Four Issues:
  - a. 2009 pension obligations
  - b. Grant news & information page updated
  - c. Urgent-budget cut update/funding formulas matter
  - d. Hotel Occupancy Tax
35. Legislative bulletin No. 3
36. New office of the State Comptroller-Statutory reporting requirements
37. S-986/A-2178 Private collection of property taxes
38. League leaders ask legislators to refocus state budget on property taxes
39. S-1137-expands scope of negotiation
40. Three Issues:
  - a. S-986/A-2178-Private Collection of property taxes
  - b. Final reminder-State budget summit
  - c. Federal update for period ending May 9<sup>th</sup>
41. Two Issues:
  - a. State budget summit with press release
  - b. S-1137-expands scope of negotiation



42. S-1783, Commercial Development Fee
43. State Revenue estimates revised
44. S-1137, expands scope of negotiation

#### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Robin Randolph presented a letter concerning several open space transactions being made using the Township's general account. It was decided that she along with Mayor Charles would meet with the Chief Finance Officer.

Gabe DeCarolis inquired of the status of the security system that was discussed earlier in the year. Committeeman DeCarolis will follow up by contacting the Emergency Management Coordinator for a possible grant.

Martin Connor of Lincoln Laurel Road advised the Committee of a Board of Adjustment resolution not allow PA systems at Kids Camp.

Jean Smolha asked if the township is looking into any shared services. She was advised that we are using shared services with the court, fire service and road department.

Gabe DeCarolis inquired as to why the township is considering purchasing the Reisburg property. He was advised that this was recommended by the Open Space Committee.

Gabe DeCarolis asked for an audience participation portion on the beginning of the agenda. Mayor Charles advised that this could waste time when the attorney is at the meeting. Before the attorney has to leave, the audience will be given an opportunity to ask him questions.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda J. Kleber, RMC