

MINUTES OF MEETING OF NOVEMBER 18, 2013

The meeting of the Frelinghuysen Township Committee was held in the Municipal Building, 210 Main Street, Johnsonburg, New Jersey on Monday, November 18, 2013 and was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by 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. Note: The meeting was moved to the 18th in order to accommodate committee members who were going to attend the New Jersey State League of Municipalities conference.

ROLL CALL:

Those present were: Mayor David Boynton, Deputy Mayor Christopher Kuhn, Committeeman Frank Desiderio (arriving at 7:42), Committeeman Alan DeCarolis, Committeeman Christopher Stracco, Attorney Edward Wacks and Clerk Brenda Kleber.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting of October 23, 2013 were approved on motion made by Mr. DeCarolis, seconded by Mr. Desiderio. All were in favor. The minutes of the executive session of October 23, 2013 were approved on motion made by Mr. Desiderio, seconded by Mr. Stracco. All were in favor.

ORDINANCES:

AN ORDINANCE (#2013-13) TO MODIFY SECTION 14-1.13 "HOURS OF OPERATION" was opened to the public on motion made by Mr. Desiderio, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis. All were in favor. Mr. Kohuth asked when the ordinances were published and stated that there was no indication on the October agenda that these ordinances were to be introduced. Motion was made by Mr. Desiderio, seconded by Mr. Stracco to close the meeting to the public. All were in favor. Motion was made by Mr. Desiderio, seconded by Mr. Stracco to adopt said ordinance. Roll call vote: Mr. Stracco-yes, Mr. Kuhn-yes, Mr. Desiderio-yes, Mr. Boynton-yes, Mr. DeCarolis-yes.

AN ORDINANCE (#2013-14) TO REPEAL SECTION 14-1.19 was opened to the public on motion made by Mr. Desiderio, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis. All were in favor. Mr. Greco advised the Committee that he felt this ordinance should be tabled. Mr. Connor asked if the taking of rock ledges had been addressed. A two person subcommittee was formed consisting of Mr. Desiderio and Mr. Kuhn to address the issues the public and committee members had. Meantime, the ordinance will be adopted and if necessary amended after the subcommittee reports. Motion was made by Mr. Desiderio, seconded by Mr. Stracco to adopt said ordinance. Roll call vote: Mr. Desiderio-yes, Mr. Kuhn-no, Mr. DeCarolis-no, Mr. Boynton-yes, Mr. Stracco-yes.

AN ORDINANCE (#2013-15) AMENDING SECTION 7-11 OF THE FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP CODE TO ESTABLISH SPEED LIMITS ON CERTAIN ROADS WITHIN FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP (Pippin Hill Road and Homestead Drive) was offered for introduction on motion made by Mr. Desiderio, seconded by Mr. Kuhn. Roll call vote: Mr. Stracco-yes, Mr. Kuhn-yes, Mr. DeCarolis-yes, Mr. Desiderio-yes, Mr. Boynton-yes.

RESOLUTIONS:

#2013-63 (Adding Mr. Glynn to list of inspectors)-on hold for December meeting

#2013-64 (Authorizing settlement of claims for unused sick time)

WHEREAS, Brenda Kleber and William Crone, employees of Frelinghuysen Township (the "Employees"), have accrued substantial compensable sick time during their respective terms of employment; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Committee have negotiated agreements with the Employees pursuant to which the Township will pay, and the Employees will accept, a lump sum in full settlement of their claims for compensation; and

WHEREAS, the settlement of the Employees' claims will result in savings to the Township; and

WHEREAS, effective January 1, 2014 the Employees shall be subject to the cap on accumulation of sick time established by the Mayor and the Committee, and good cause having been shown.

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

1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute agreements with the Employees settling their claims for compensation for unused sick time, in the form attached hereto.

2. This resolution shall take effect according to law.

Motion was made by Mr. Desiderio, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis to adopt said resolution. Roll call vote: Mr. Kuhn-yes, Mr. Desiderio-no, Mr. Stracco-yes, Mr. DeCarolis-yes, Mr. Boynton-yes.

#2013-65 (Approval of vouchers)

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen have reviewed the bills submitted by the Municipal Clerk to the Frelinghuysen Township Committee for the month of November; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee find the bills to be in order and recommend to the Township Committee that they be paid by the Chief Finance Officer.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sgt. Seaman of the State Police barracks in Hope attended the meeting to relay to the public that burglaries are up from September with two in Frelinghuysen. The home burglaries have occurred during the day and were break-ins of locked homes. Sgt. Seaman stated that the State Police will be increasing patrols in the area.

The school formula letter will be on hold for the December meeting since the school representative; Mr. Brennan was unable to attend the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

The criteria for the selection of the Charles E. Rydell scholarship will be put on hold for the December work meeting.

A memo received from The Land Conservancy of New Jersey with regard to the township owned property on Route 94 will be sent to the Open Space and Farmland Preservation Committee for their comments.

An e-mail from Noelle Kacerek of the Trust for Public Land inquiring about Frelinghuysen's interest in acquiring the Kids Camp property on Lincoln Laurel Road will be sent to the Open Space and Farmland Preservation Committee for their comments.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

Motion was made by Mr. Desiderio, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis to open the meeting to the public. All were in favor. There being no public input, motion was made by Mr. Stracco, seconded by Mr. Desiderio to close the public portion of the meeting. All were in favor.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Motion was made by Mr. Desiderio, seconded by Mr. Stracco to approve the department reports 1-9 on a consent agenda motion. All were in favor.

Recreation Committee-Mr. Desiderio reported that the hay ride was a success and basketball will be starting shortly.

Environmental Commission-no report

Farmland Preservation Board-no report

Open Space Committee-no report

Mayor David Boynton-Mayor Boynton reported that the Municipal Alliance Halloween party was a success and reported on the WRNJ radio talk show he was on. He also reported on a conversation he had with the State about State Park Road and that the township owns the road that goes through the park.

Deputy Mayor Christopher Kuhn-no report

Committeeman Alan DeCarolis-thanked the residents for reappointing him.

Committeeman Frank Desiderio-also thanked the residents for reappointing him and that he had issues with the paving that Tilcon did. Tilcon will have to return in the near

future to repair the problem. Mr. Desiderio would like to hold the payment. Mr. Wacks recommended that a letter be sent to Tilcon advising them that the payment is being held. Lastly, he reported on an inspection done by the JIF fire inspector.

Committeeman Christopher Stracco-he would like to address the paving or repair to Saddle Ridge Road as they had promised the residents of that road that they would be notified in advance when the issue is being discussed so they can come and voice their views as to what they prefer. This will be done in a January or February budget meeting. Mr. Stracco asked Mr. Desiderio when the South Street project was going to start and was informed that he is waiting for a full scale drawing and that the pipes had been ordered.

Attorney Edward Wacks-Mr. Wacks asked the Committee to consider amending the ordinance where it states that the reorganization meeting must be the first week of January and amend it to read within the first 10 days of the month. This will be discussed at the work meeting.

Municipal Clerk-Mrs. Kleber asked for authorization to pay the maintenance contract for the copier from October 16, 2013 to October 15, 2014 in the amount of \$727.26. Motion was made by Mr. Desiderio, seconded by Mr. Kuhn to pay the contract. All were in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Land Conservancy of New Jersey Re:

1. 2013 amendment to the Comprehensive Farmland Preservation Plan
2. Critical area composite map set

Warren County Dept. of Human Services Re: Notice of public forum

U.S. Dept of Commerce. Re: Suspension of the 2014 boundary & annexation survey

Morris County Municipal JIF RE: 2014 proposed budgets

NJDEP Re: Soil remedial action report approval

Warren County Soil Conservation District Re: Rescind Stop work order on South Street

NJ Governor Re: Thank you for support of Assembly Bill No. 1857

Warren County Mosquito Control Commission Re: 145 State Park Road inspection

Township of Hardwick Re: Land Use Amendment

Stillwater Township Re: Land Use Amendment

New Jersey State League of Municipalities Re:

1. Legislative bulletin No. 4
2. Two Issues:
 - a. Sustainable Jersey announces availability of \$200,000 in grants
 - b. Important conference sessions leadership
3. House passes water resources reform & development bill
4. Same sex marriage
5. Two Issues:
 - a. Social security info available on-line
 - b. Office suites available for lease at league headquarters

6. Appellate court
7. Federal action update-4 issues:
 - a. House-Senate budget conference
 - b. Flood insurance reforms advanced
 - c. Former Mayor joins White House intergovernmental affairs
 - d. Clean water act rule changes to be considered
8. Two Issues:
 - a. Appellate decision on Zoning for mixed market rate and affordable housing
 - b. January 11-Human Trafficking Awareness Day

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, motion was made at 9:27 p.m. by Mr. Kuhn, seconded by Mr. Desiderio. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda J. Kleber