

## **MINUTES OF WORK MEETING OF DECEMBER 11, 2013**

The meeting of the Frelinghuysen Township Committee was held in the Municipal Building, 210 Main Street, Johnsonburg, New Jersey on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 and was called to order at 6:00 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.

### **ROLL CALL:**

Those present were: Mayor David Boynton, Deputy Mayor Christopher Kuhn, Committeeman Frank Desiderio, Committeeman Alan DeCarolis, Committeeman Christopher Stracco and Clerk Brenda Kleber.

### **BILLS:**

Motion was made by Mr. Kuhn, seconded by Mr. Desiderio to pay the invoices for Tilcon New York in the amount of \$95,491.84 and The Inn at Millrace Pond in the amount of \$844.00. All were in favor.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Kevin Brennan advised the Committee that he had done research on the school formula and in order for a change a study would have to be done at a cost of approximately \$10,000.00. All four sending towns would have to agree for this to be put on as a ballot question. It was decided to further discuss this with the attorney and was carried to next week's meeting.

Karl Hipp of Daimler Truck Financial discussed the financing of a new truck to replace the '97 Ford for the DPW. It was decided that Mr. Desiderio and the road foreman will put together some specs and options for the Committee.

The criteria for the Charles E. Rydell scholarship will be handled by a sub committee consisting of Mr. Kuhn and Mr. Stracco. Since this information is needed by the school now, the Clerk will be given the criteria by Friday.

The Mayor asked the Committee what they would like to do about a resident reporting a zoning issue but did not want to file a complaint against on his neighbor. The Committee decided that the policy would be followed where a complaint has to be signed and followed.

The reorganization meeting for the Committee was changed to January 2, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. It was decided to not do an ordinance to change dates.

The Committee asked about a small piece of property consisting of .22 acres and located on Spring Valley Road that is costing the town a little over \$100.00 in taxes and is owned by the township. The Clerk informed the Committee that it was offered to the adjoining property owner in 2003 but the offer was not taken. Mr. Stracco will talk to the tax collector about this property along with the tax owned liens.

Mr. DeCarolis asked for another committee member to meet with him and the Green Township Fire company as the fire department believes that we should pay 1/3 of the fire house costs. Mr. Desiderio volunteered to attend the meeting along with Mr. DeCarolis. Mr. DeCarolis will also check with Allamuchy and Blairstown to see if they would take over the services.

It was discovered that State Park Road has never been speed zoned and therefore needs to be done. Approval was given for an ordinance to be prepared by the attorney and an engineer's certificate to be prepared.

The decision of shared services for Municipal Alliance was discussed. The Committee thought that if we could save the share the town has to kick in we could use those funds to make up to the seniors and recreation committee the funds they would lose. It was decided that the Clerk would contact Hope Township about the way the split would be.

The issue of who maintains the outdoor sign was brought up. The Clerk and Deputy Clerk have been putting up the lettering but the Mayor feels the DPW should do this. The road supervisor said they were much too busy to do this. Mr. DeCarolis will check around for a volunteer.

With the Land Use Board adopting the Comprehensive Farmland Preservation Plan amendment on December 2, 2013 this needs to be incorporated into the Master Plan. Mr. Stracco would like a cost from Maser Consulting so that this can be included in the 2014 budget.

The roads that will need to be included in the 2014 capital account are as follows: Heller Road (to be finished) and Southtown Road (whole road) are to be tarred and chipped, Lanning Road will be overlaid from Kaleda's property to the top of the hill, Camp Wasigan Road will be crack filled from the culvert to Silver Lake Road, Kerrs Corner Road will need to have the center cracks repaired, and Saddle Ridge Road and Homestead Road will have one mile tarred and chipped. Mr. Desiderio will have the costs next week.

Mayor Boynton brought up the issue of purchasing the property that the yellow house is on the corner of Route 612 and Main Street to turn into a parking lot. This will be further discussed.

The issue of tax abatement for homes that need repair was also discussed, this will be further discussed.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

#2013-66 (Enter into Executive Session)

WHEREAS, it is necessary to discuss items dealing with potential litigation in private or executive session; and

WHEREAS, under the Open Public Meetings Act (number 7) of the permitted exceptions to the requirements that a public body hold its meetings in public it is permissible that such matters be discussed in executive or private session.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 2013 that the Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen will adjourn to private or executive session to discuss the above mentioned. Results or portions of that discussion will be made known in a reasonable length of time.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion was made by Mr. DeCarolis, seconded by Mr. Desiderio to return to public session. All were in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, motion was made at 9:15 p.m. by Mr. DeCarolis, seconded by Mr. Desiderio. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda J. Kleber, RMC