

## **MINUTES OF MEETING OF FEBRUARY 20, 2014**

The budget meeting of the Frelinghuysen Township Committee was held in the Municipal Building, 210 Main Street, Johnsonburg, New Jersey on Thursday, February 20, 2014 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, CFO Amy Maronpot, Auditor Anthony Ardito and Clerk Brenda Kleber.

### **MINUTES:**

The minutes of the regular meeting of January 15, 2014 were approved on motion made by Mr. Kuhn, seconded by Mr. Desiderio. All were in favor, the two executive sessions of January 15, 2014 were approved on motion made by Mr. Kuhn, seconded by Mr. Desiderio. All were in favor. The minutes of the budget meeting were approved on motion made by Mr. Kuhn, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis. All were in favor. The minutes of the budget meeting of January 22, 2014 were approved on motion made by Mr. Kuhn, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis. All were in favor. The minutes of the budget meeting of January 30, 2014 were approved on motion made by Mr. Kuhn, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis. All were in favor. The minutes of the special meeting of February 9, 2014 were approved on motion made by Mr. Kuhn, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis. All were in favor.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Due to several unshoveled sidewalks, Mr. DeCarolis was appointed as temporary acting director of public works through March 1, 2014 on motion made by Mr. Kuhn, seconded by Mr. Desiderio. All in favor. He will talk to the homeowners and if needed a summons will be filed.

### **RESOLUTIONS:**

#2014-26 (Payment 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 February; 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.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Frelinghuysen Township Committee that all bills submitted for the above named month are reasonable and proper and are to be paid from their appropriate account.

Motion was made by Mr. Kuhn, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis to adopt subject to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor reviewing the bills. All were in favor.

#2014-27:

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

WHEREAS, under the Open Public Meetings Act (number 5 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014 that the Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen will adjourn to private or executive session to discuss the above mentioned and 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. Stracco-yes, Mr. Kuhn-yes, Mr. DeCarolis-yes, Mr. Desiderio-yes.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion was made by Mr. Kuhn, seconded by Mr. Desiderio to enter into executive session with regard to land acquisition. All were in favor. Motion was made by Mr. Desiderio, seconded by Mr. Kuhn to return to public session. All were in favor. Upon returning, motion was made by Mr. Kuhn, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis authorizing Sandy Uργο of The Land Conservancy to move forward on Block 104, Lot 10 with Open Space and to report to the Township Committee. All were in favor.

**BUDGET:**

The Auditor stated that the 2014 budget was in good financial shape. After scrutinizing the budget further, motion was made by Mr. Kuhn, seconded by Mr. Desiderio to accept with an estimated \$100.00 increase on a \$350,000.00 home. All were in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 on motion made by Mr. DeCarolis, seconded by Mr. Stracco. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda J. Kleber, RMC