

MINUTES OF WORK MEETING OF MARCH 11, 2015

The work meeting of the Frelinghuysen Township Committee was held in the Municipal Building, 210 Main Street, Johnsonburg, New Jersey on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 and was called to order at 7:30 by Mayor Christopher Kuhn.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

The hiring committee consisting of Mr. Stracco and Mr. DeCarolis recommended that Pamela Brady become the Board secretary for the Open Space, Farmland and Environmental Commission. See resolution #2015-28

The changes to the boiler ordinance have been approved by the Land Use Board. After discussion, the Committee decided to eliminate section II of the draft ordinance pertaining to compliance. Motion was made by Mr. Desiderio, seconded by Mr. Stracco to introduce the ordinance excluding section II at next week's meeting. Roll call vote: Mr. Boynton-abstain, Mr. DeCarolis-no, Mr. Kuhn-yes, Mr. Stracco-yes, Mr. Desiderio-yes.

Open Space ordinance will be introduced at the March 18, 2015 meeting.

The driveway bond releases are on hold

The ordinance adopting, name and logo of Frelinghuysen Forest Preserve, and Frelinghuysen Forest Preserve Stewardship assessment report as to Frelinghuysen Forest Preserve South will be introduced at the March 18, 2015 on motion made by Mr. Stracco, seconded by Mr. Desiderio. All were in favor.

The Mayor reported that he will be walking with the seniors on June 6th for the Mayors Wellness Campaign.

NEW BUSINESS:

The ordinance creating a historic preservation committee was discussed and opened to the public on motion made by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis. All were in favor. Spoke were:

Drew Lerz who expressed his concerns that this committee would not become a regulatory board and wouldn't have any powers.

Michael Tudor who wasn't clear on the number of members and do all the nine members have to vote for a grant to proceed. He was told they do not.

Jean Smolha asked if we have a grant writer. She was told that we are looking for one.

Motion was made by Mr. Stracco, seconded by Mr. Desiderio to close to the public. All were in favor. Motion was made by Mr. Stracco, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis to bring the ordinance before the Committee for introduction. All were in favor.

The contract for the sale of the Municipal Farm easement was approved for the Mayor and Clerk to sign on motion made by Mr. Desiderio, seconded by Mr. Boynton. All were in favor.

An email received from Meg Gesuale asking for a reference for her to nominate Cathy Bao Bean for the 6th annual Warren County Hall of Fame. Motion was made by Mr. Stracco, seconded by Mr. Desiderio to give the towns reference. All were in favor.

The Clerk brought to the attention of the Committee that the clean up vouchers list that 2 can be given and asked if that is what they want to do. Only one voucher will be given to the resident.

An email from Brian and Jenna Gajdek was read where they want to bring to the attention of the committee the drainage around their house. Due to the recent snow melt and rain their driveway has become quite a mess due to the runoff that works its way down from the neighbor across the street who has a steep driveway. Motion was made by Mr. Desiderio, seconded by Mr. Stracco to have the road department look at this the next time it rains. All were in favor.

The Clerk reported that she will be retiring at the end of the month and will submit a letter of resignation at the next meeting. (Note: This was later changed to June 30th).

RESOLUTIONS:

#2015-28 (Appoint board secretary)

WHEREAS, the Frelinghuysen Township Mayor and Committee have determined that it is necessary and appropriate to hire a secretary to the Open Space Advisory Committee, Farmland Preservation Advisory Committee and Environmental Commission; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that Pamela Brady has the requisite qualifications, and should serve in these positions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen that Pamela Brady is hereby hired as the secretary to the Open Space Advisory Committee, Farmland Preservation Advisory Committee and Environmental Commission.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that subject to a proper and valid appropriation of the funds for same, the salaries for these positions shall be as follows:

| <u>Position</u> | <u>Salary</u> |
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| Open Space Advisory Committee Secretary | \$275.00 per year |
| Farmland Preservation Advisory Committee Secretary | \$275.00 per year |
| Environmental Commission Secretary | \$1,010 per year |

This Resolution shall take effect according to law.

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

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

Motion was made by Mr. DeCarolis, seconded by Mr. Boynton to open the meeting to the public. All were in favor. Spoke was:

Michael Tudor who corrected his earlier statement when he referred to Sandy Urgo and not Barbara Davis and advised that he supports Mr. Boynton and Mr. DeCarolis on the outdoor broilers.

Motion was made by Mr. Stracco, seconded by Mr. Boynton to close the meeting to the public. All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, motion was made at 8:55 p.m. by Mr. DeCarolis, seconded by Mr. Boynton to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda J. Kleber, RMC