

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2015  
(AMENDED)**

The regular meeting of the Frelinghuysen Township Committee was held in the Municipal Building, 210 Main Street, Johnsonburg, New Jersey on Wednesday, August 19, 2015 and was called to order at 7:30 p.m. 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 Alan DeCarolis, Committeeman David Boynton, Attorney Edward Wacks and Acting Clerk Donna Zilberfarb.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of the regular meeting of August 19, 2015 were approved as corrected on motion made by Mr. Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis. All were in favor.

The minutes of the executive session of August 19, 2015 were approved on a motion made by Mr. DeCarolis, seconded by Mr. Boynton. All were in favor.

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

PROCLAMATION OF CONGRATULATIONS TO SKYLAR GROTE FOR CAPTURING THE 2014 AND 2015 UWW JUNIOR PAN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND 2013 NEW JERSEY FEMALE WRESTLER OF THE YEAR AND 2015 FARGO WOMEN'S NATIONAL FREESTYLE CHAMPION AND 2014 AND 2015 ASICS GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL ALL-AMERICAN WRESTLER WHEREAS, Miss Grote is a resident of the Township of Frelinghuysen, Warren County, New Jersey; and WHEREAS, Miss Grote attends Blair Academy in Blairstown Township, Warren County, New Jersey, where she was awarded as the first New Jersey Female Wrestler of the Year; and WHEREAS, Miss Grote has earned All-Americans in both Cadet and Junior divisions at Fargo, held in July 2013 and 2014, Junior division All-American 2015; and WHEREAS, Miss Grote travelled to Havana, Cuba to represent Team USA at the 2015 UWW Junior Pan American Championships in May 2015, where she won gold after defeating a Cuban opponent and her individual win helped Team USA with the Female Wrestling Championship; and WHEREAS, in honor of Skylar's 2015 Pan Am Title and achievement of Female Wrestler of the Year and the first New Jersey Woman National Wrestling Champion at Fargo and 2 Time ASICS High School All-American; and WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Township Committee wishes to recognize this noteworthy achievement. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen, Warren County, New Jersey hereby extend their congratulations to Skylar Grote on her achievement of 2013 New Jersey Female Wrestler of the Year and Winner of the 2014 and 2015 UWW Junior Pan American Championship. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this proclamation be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and the Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a suitable copy thereof to Skylar Grote.

**ORDINANCES:**

**2015-15 ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF FEES AND COSTS INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH FIRE DEPARTMENT AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, Frelinghuysen Township, through its relationships with the fire departments and first aid squads of Green, Hope and Blairstown Townships (the "Fire Departments" and the "First Aid Squads") which have specialized fire, emergency, rescue and other training that provide valuable services to the public; and WHEREAS, Fire Department and First Aid Squad response to emergencies that involve or are caused by persons who are not residents of the Township impose a financial burden on the Township and on the Fire Departments and First Aid Squads; and WHEREAS, taxes are insufficient to provide for the continuously increasing cost of emergency services; and WHEREAS, it

is necessary and appropriate at this time to require and provide for reimbursement for the reasonable cost of providing emergency response services and the cost of supplies, replacement of equipment and other materials used in responding to emergencies; and WHEREAS, from time to time the Fire Departments and First Aid Squads are required to provide materials, supplies, emergency treatments and the like in responding to fires and emergencies which are not otherwise recoverable and become the responsibility of the taxpayers of Frelinghuysen. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen as follows: 1. The Code of the Township of Frelinghuysen is hereby amended by adding thereto a new Chapter 2, Article X, Section 2-62, to read as follows: **ARTICLE X Emergency Services Cost Reimbursement** § 2-62 Third-party billing for fire department rescue services.

A. Purposes of this Article. From time to time the Fire Departments and First Aid Squads servicing Frelinghuysen Township are called out to respond to automotive incidents within Frelinghuysen Township, including responding to emergencies, along and upon Interstate 80. Such response requires the providing of fire, emergency medical and rescue services by members of the Fire Departments and First Aid Squads including providing supplies, material and other types of response expenses that are not otherwise recoverable by Frelinghuysen Township or by these departments, and therefore become a burden upon the taxpayers. If Frelinghuysen Township or the Fire Departments and First Aid Squads servicing Frelinghuysen Township did not provide such fire services and/or first aid squad services, persons who are affected by accidents occurring within Frelinghuysen Township would have to engage private companies to provide these services at the cost and expense of the owner of such vehicles involved in such incidents. Accordingly the Mayor and Township Committee of Frelinghuysen Township have determined to impose a reasonable cost upon the owners of vehicles involved in automobile incidents in and along and upon the roadways within the Township of Frelinghuysen in order to enable the Township and the Fire Departments and First Aid Squads servicing Frelinghuysen Township to continue to provide such vital and necessary services to the public. Accordingly the owner of any vehicle involved in an incident within the Township of Frelinghuysen requiring and/or necessitating a response by a Fire Department or First Aid Squad shall be required to pay a fee for such response services pursuant to a schedule of fees promulgated by a duly adopted resolution of the Mayor and Township Committee from time to time, which schedule of fees shall be published on the website maintained by the Township of Frelinghuysen and posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building. In addition to the fees to be charged, there shall also be charged the actual cost of supplies, equipment, treatments used in response to emergencies such as treatments for fuel spills and the like. In the event in the course of providing fire and first aid squad services any of the equipment utilized by a Fire Department or First Aid Squad is damaged, the cost of the repair and/or replacement of such equipment shall also be the obligation of the owner of the vehicle involved in the incident responded to by the Fire Department and/or First Aid Squad. The Fire Department and/or First Aid Squad shall submit the Township Clerk following the rendering of emergencies services to the owner of a vehicle involved in an automotive incident a certification of (1) the date, time and place that a response by the Fire Department and/or First Aid Squad was made; (2) the equipment, supplies, treatments, etc. used by the Fire Department and/or First Aid Squad in responding to such automotive incident, and (3) the cost of repair and/or replacement of equipment that was damaged or destroyed in responding to such automotive incident. The Municipal Clerk upon receipt of such certification shall forthwith send such certification to the owner of the vehicle involved in the incident and shall copy the insurance company insuring such vehicle if known by the Municipal Clerk. The owner of such automotive vehicle shall have thirty days from the time that the owner receives the certification and notice of the assessment of the fee pursuant to the resolution provided above to pay in full the amount requested or appeal same by forwarding a Notice of Appeal by certified mail, return receipt requested to the Mayor and Township Committee setting forth the reasons why the owner of such vehicle disputes any of the charges imposed for the response by the Fire Department and/or First Aid Squad. Should the owner of such vehicle fail to pay the amount certified to be due by the Municipal Clerk, the Municipal Clerk shall issue a certification to the Municipal Court having jurisdiction over Frelinghuysen Township, and such failure shall be deemed a violation of this ordinance which may be enforced in the Municipal Court in the same manner as any other violation under the Code of Ordinances of Frelinghuysen Township. B. The Township of Frelinghuysen is authorized to seek reimbursement for the cost of emergency response services, and to recover the cost of such services. For purposes of this Article, "emergency response services" shall include providing, sending and/or

utilizing of firefighting, emergency medical, and/or rescue services by the Township, or by a private individual or corporation operating at the request or direction of the Township. C. Fees for Fire Department and First Aid Squad rescue services, as described herein, shall be billed as follows: (1) Light rescue: battery/vehicle power control, fluid mitigation, vehicle stabilization. This entails operations such as vehicle stabilization, use of hand tools, hazard control and other on-scene related light rescue operations: \$200. (2) Medium rescue: This entails operations that include the use of power tools and hydraulic rescue tools to perform activities such as opening or removing doors to provide access to patients as well as stabilizing vehicles and performing hazard assessment: \$450. (3) Heavy rescue: This entails operations that include any technical rescue procedures, including without limitation water and ice rescue, rope rescue, confined space rescue high angle rescue, trench rescue or structural collapse rescue. This also includes motor vehicle rescue that requires the use of power tools and hydraulic tools to perform operations such as partial or full roof removal, front dashboard displacement, third door access and separating vehicles from one another: \$800. The said fees shall be due and payable from the recipient of Fire Department or First Aid Squad services, either requested by such recipient or requested on behalf of such recipient by any other person acting in good faith and in the interests of the health and safety of the recipient. These charges shall be billed to the insurance company of the individual or party receiving assistance from the Fire Department or First Aid Squad. The rates set herein shall be reviewed annually by the Mayor and Committee, with advice from the Director of Public Safety, EMS Chief and Fire Chief. The Director of Public Safety may thereafter recommend to the Township Mayor and Committee that the rate schedule be amended by ordinance of the Township Mayor and Committee to reflect the appropriate increase or decrease. 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance shall be repealed to the extent of such inconsistency. 3. If any section, subsection or paragraph of this ordinance shall be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or inoperative, in whole or in part, by a court of competent jurisdiction, such section, subsection or paragraph shall, to the extent that it is not unconstitutional, invalid or inoperative, remain in full force and effect, and no such determination shall be deemed to invalidate the remaining provisions of this ordinance. 4. This Ordinance shall take effect as provided by law. ATTEST: TOWNSHIP OF FRELINGHUYSEN DONNA ZILBERFARB, Acting Township Clerk, CHRISTOPHER KUHN, Mayor **NOTICE** Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at the regular meeting of the Frelinghuysen Township Committee held on September 16, 2015 and will be considered for final reading and adoption at the meeting of the Frelinghuysen Township Committee to be held on October 21, 2015 at the Municipal Building, 210 Main Street, Johnsonburg, New Jersey at which time and place all interested parties may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance. Roll Call vote: Boynton-Yes, DeCarolis-Yes, Desiderio-Yes, Kuhn-Yes, Stracco-Yes.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**#2015-86** WHEREAS, as resolution is required by the Tax Collector to cancel 2015 taxes (partial) deemed uncollectible, and WHEREAS, the following property owner has applied for (on March 12, 2015) and been granted a total tax exemption (widow of a 100% disabled veteran) by the Tax Assessor effective March 12, 2015, therefore the balance of 2015 taxes must be cancelled of record;

BLOCK	LOT	OWNER	AMOUNT
301	13.01	Parker, Barbara H.	\$7,654.58

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee that the above taxes be cancelled of record as they are uncollectible. Motion made by Mr. Boynton, Seconded by Mr. DeCarolis. All were in favor.

**2015-93** APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE MILL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WHEREAS, the NJDOT makes funds available to municipalities and counties for road improvement projects through the municipal aid portion of the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund; WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has recommended that the Township Committee apply to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for funds that are available under the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund Authority Act, Fiscal Year 2016 Municipal Aid Program for the purpose of constructing improvements to Mill Road between Main Street and Kerrs Corner Road; WHEREAS, the Township Committee has considered this recommendation; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township

Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen, formally approves the grant application for the above state project. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Engineer is hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2016-Frelinghuysen Township-00127 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of Frelinghuysen. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Frelinghuysen and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement. Motion made by Mr. DeCarolis seconded by Mr. Stracco. Roll call vote: Boynton – Yes, DeCarolis – Yes, Desiderio – Yes, Kuhn – Yes, Stracco – Yes.

**2015-94** RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2015 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 SEPTEMBER 2015; 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 made by Mr. Boynton seconded by Mr. DeCarolis. All were in favor.

**#2015-95** SETTING EXECUTIVE SESSION WHEREAS, it is necessary to discuss items dealing with possible 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 September 16, 2015 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 reasonable length of time. Motion made by Mr. Stracco seconded by Mr. DeCarolis. All were in favor.

**#2015-96** Whereas, \$597.20 revenue was generated through the salvaging and recycling of various items and scrap metal during the cleanup of the Kids Camp property, and WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Frelinghuysen Township Committee that the revenue generated be used for Open Space purposes, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Township Committee of Frelinghuysen Township, County of Warren hereby authorizes the transfer of \$597.20 from the Frelinghuysen General Account to the Frelinghuysen Open Space Trust Fund. Motion made by Mr. Desiderio seconded by Mr. DeCarolis. All were in favor.

**#2015-97** WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen entered into the Municipal Shared Services Defense Agreement (“MSSDA”) for the purpose as set forth therein, which included retaining a common expert in the Declaratory Judgment action (“Litigation”) that was filed in accordance with In the Matter of the Adoption of N.J.A.C. 5:96 and 5:97 by the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing, 221 N.J. 1 (2015) (“Decision”); and WHEREAS, the MSSDA identified Dr. Robert Burchell, a distinguished professor at Rutgers University, as the expert to be retained; and WHEREAS, Dr. Burchell became ill and has been unable to complete the obligations under the Research Agreement as set forth in the MSSDA; and WHEREAS, as a result, Rutgers University has exercised its right to terminate the Research Agreement as permitted under its terms; and WHEREAS, the MSSDA requires modification to allow the members to retain one or more alternative experts consultants and/or other professionals for the Litigation; and WHEREAS, an Amendment to the MSSDA (“Amendment”) has been prepared to effectuate the modification; and WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen recognizes that the Litigation requires immediate action and may require further expedited actions by its counsel determined to be necessary and appropriate; and WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen has determined that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the Township of Frelinghuysen to approve the Amendment, and/or to affirm and ratify the Amendment, and to authorize their designated counsel to take actions on behalf of the municipality with regard to the multiplicity of issues raised and associated with the continued implementation of the MSSDA. NOW,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen, as follows:

1. The terms and conditions of the Amendment to MSSDA attached hereto are hereby approved, and/or ratified and confirmed.
2. The Mayor and Township Clerk or Deputy Clerk, be and are hereby authorized to execute the aforesaid Amendment.
3. The Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen hereby authorizes Jeffrey R. Surenian, Esq., to execute an agreement on behalf of the Township of Frelinghuysen with Econsult Solutions, Inc.  
The Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen hereby authorizes Jeffrey R. Surenian, Esq., to execute on behalf of Frelinghuysen Township with the approval of Frelinghuysen's designated counsel such other agreement(s) as are advisable to effectuate the purpose of the MSSDA as amended.
4. The Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen further authorizes its designated counsel to approve such other changes to the MSSDA as may be necessary to effectuate its purposes, and to take action on behalf of the municipality with regard to the multiplicity of issues raised and associated with the implementation of the MSSDA provided that the action will not require the municipality to appropriate and commit additional funding for the MSSDA. In the event such changes and actions require the municipality to appropriate and commit any additional funding for the MSSDA, Township of Frelinghuysen shall only be responsible for such funding if it authorizes same.
5. If additional monies are needed to effectuate the intent and purpose of the MSSDA, no such services shall be authorized by designated counsel without further action from the Township.
6. The Resolution shall take effect immediately. Motion made by Mr. Desiderio seconded by Mr. Boynton. All were in favor.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Road status – Mr. Sterbenz submitted resolution to put in application for DOT grant work for Mill Road for 2016. Discussion was had looking at Kerrs Corner section to be done in 2017 rather than 2016 and have Mill Road done 2016. After discussion, the resolution was passed all in favor to proceed with the DOT grant application for Mill Road for 2016.

Finished Kerrs Corner and Stillwater Roads. Guiderail work still needs to be complete. Guiderail work has been completed on State Park Road. Mr. Boynton mentioned a wash out on the side of State Park Road on the top. DPW will be sent out to look at it. Mr. DeCarolis mentioned that the striping needs to be done and Mr. Kuhn said after the grant is completed a single line will be placed on that road. Mr. Desiderio would like a copy of the email from Mr. Sterbenz regarding the striping of State Park Road.

- Salt Shed – should have something next meeting.
- Bush hog – no longer available

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- COAH update – Mr. Wacks handed a new resolution to change the consultant as the first one named had illness and needs to change to a new group. Mr. Desiderio made the motion to accept the change of group and hire new, seconded by Mr. Boynton, all in favor – aye.

Need to put funds in place for filing COAH as it is due November 8th per Mr. Wacks. Mr. Stracco inquired if we could just have them start and pay later.

After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Stracco to accept the quote from Maser Consulting subject to the funding of the proposal later this year, seconded by Mr. Desiderio. All in favor – aye.

- Maintenance of swale on South Street – complaints were made regarding the mowing and maintenance of the swale. Mr. Desiderio mentioned that the rock section needs to be weed wacked and asked if we could have someone take care of that and mowing it. The DPW will be sent out.
- Innovation in Governance Aware – Mr. Kuhn explained to all present what it is and asked for a motion to proceed with submitting the application.

A motion was made by Mr. DeCarolis to allow Ms. Mowbray to submit the application, seconded by Mr. Desiderio. All in favor – aye.

- Kids Camp Demo project – JJ Rich completed the job and would like payment. The Land Conservancy will be paying \$50,000 of this bill bringing our total owed to \$81,730.00. We will need something in writing from the Land conservancy stating they are paying that amount.

A motion was made by Mr. Desiderio to pay the amount of \$81,730.00 to JJ Rich for completion of job, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis. Roll call vote: Boynton-Yes, DeCarolis-Yes, Desiderio-Yes, Kuhn-Yes, Stracco-Yes.

- Mr. Kuhn presented a presentation on where your tax dollars go in Frelinghuysen Township. Explained that the Township gets only a small portion of taxes and explained what they were spent on. Thanked Ms. Mowbray, Township intern, for putting this together.
- Historical Committee – Mr. Kuhn stated that 2 people had removed themselves from the committee due to conflicts and the alternates moved into those spots leaving 2 alternate seats open. Asked for a motion to appoint Sarah Kapitko to one of those seats.

A motion was made by Mr. Desiderio, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis to appoint Sarah Kapitko as an alternate to the historical committee. All in favor –aye.

- Propane tanks for Kids Camp – Mr. DeCarolis and Mr. Desiderio would like to put on hold for the work session meeting on October 14. All were in favor.
- Draft FFP Rules and Regulations – Ms. Buttgerreit discussed the draft rules and regulations with everyone and after discussion Mr. Wacks suggested that these be adopted now and will have an Ordinance for the October meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Boynton to adopt as the official FFP Rules and Regulations, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis. All were in favor. Ms. Buttgerreit may put on the website.

#### **OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:**

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

- Loren Greco inquired about the stripping on State Park Road and asked what the reason was for it not to be stripped. Concerned that in bad weather someone would not be able to see. Mr. Kuhn responded that according to Mr. Sterbenz the state requires a double line and stated that the committee made the decision to close out the grant and then put a single line on State Park. Mr. Desiderio stated that it needs to be stripped as soon as grant is closed out not something that should be left. Mr. Kuhn stated that need to figure out the money situation and then will put the single line down. Mr. Desiderio suggested that we go with the county for stripping.
- Dan Kohuth spoke about the cost of demolition at Kids Camp. Discussed taking down of the house, and closing of the pool. Stated it was shocking to cost \$170,000 to remediate a property when we have no money for road repair. Mr. Kuhn stated that only a small portion is owned by the town.
- Dan Kohuth spoke regarding after looking at the tax maps, he asked if Mr. Kuhn voted on this as your property abuts up to this. Stated that in the past if property was close or next to Mr. Charles he always abstained. Mr. Kohuth stated it is an ethical question. Mr. Wacks stated in the appearance of this the vote is to everyone's benefit and with respect to direct conflict there is no direct benefit to Mr.

Kuhn's property. Mr. Wacks stated he should go on the basis of his own conscience if you think he did something wrong then Mr. Kohuth may have recourse. Mr. Kohuth stated he did not agree and someone else could ask other questions.

- Ms. Natyzak inquired where all the funding is coming from for all the demolition – from the town? Mr. Kuhn responded about getting funding from the county and that Mr. Boynton had received funding directly into the fund toward the acquisition. Ms. Natyzak asked if the \$200,000 was to be used towards work on the property and not for the purchase. Mr. Kuhn explained how we received the \$200,000 from Warren County that was transferred into the open space trust fund account. The County fronted the monies for the demolition. The town will now have to look at how much we want to pay back with grant monies or take out a low interest open space notes to pay back.
- Marty Conner inquired what is the town's responsibility regarding dead deer. Mr. DeCarolis explained that on township roads we call Space Farms and they remove them for a price.

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

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion to enter executive session for possible litigation was made by Mr. Stracco, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis.

Motion to exit executive session was made by Mr. DeCarolis, seconded by Mr. Boynton.

Mr. Wacks - Executive session was taken for possible litigation matters with respect to a property owner that is improperly using their property. Once we have final information we will pursue final legal remedies available to us. The minutes from the executive session will be made available to the public at such time as the matters have been taken care of.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

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

Environmental-No meetings during the summer will resume in September. Stillwater did fishing line collectors and would like to have our committee build them.

Farmland/Open Space-Farmland moving forward on a piece of property – getting 2 appraisals.

Mayor Christopher Kuhn-Hope Township Fire Department had never claimed \$4000.00 from 2012. Talked to them and asked for quote and we would cut check for bunker gear.

Deputy Mayor Christopher Stracco-The carbonate rock ordinance is being considered by the subcommittee and confident that they will have it for the October LUB meeting. If there is no meeting then he recommends the township committee moving forward with it.

Committeeman Alan DeCarolis-Discussed throughout the meeting.

Committeeman Frank Desiderio-Recreation-Hayride on Halloween from town hall – times 4-8pm. Also bringing back the house decorating contest and the winner will receive 2 tickets to casino night. The categories are spookiest and most original. Soccer is going well. Waiting on sign for the John Lotz memorial field and for the benches. Would like to have a dedication ceremony done when the memorial sign goes up for the field.

Committeeman David Boynton-questioned if the parking lot for FFP North got finalized. Per Wendy, waiting on a grant and for aggregate. Concerned that there will not be enough, as the material on Route 94 is for Kerr Road. Would also like email to painting

contractors sent and to on hold until spring. Plumber resolved the ongoing issues at lodge.

Attorney Edward Wacks-discussed throughout the meeting

Clerk-Asked what members will be attending the League of Municipalities in November. Boynton – No, DeCarolis-Yes, Desiderio-Yes, Kuhn-Yes, Stracco-Yes, Zilberfarb-Yes. Wendy Buttgerit and Marty Conner were also asked and were No.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**DEP News Release Re:**

1. DEP Commissioner to discuss NJ water and wastewater infrastructure storm resiliency efforts
2. Division of fish and wildlife experts successfully remove arrow from muzzle of deer in Marlboro
3. Christie Administration seeks administrative stay and reconsideration of EPA's clean power plan
4. DEP's wild outdoor expo scheduled September 12 & 13 in Jackson Township
5. Island Beach State Park Annual Beach Plum Festival September 13, 2015

**Local Government Services – Best practices inventory request**

**US Department of Homeland Security FEMA**

1. Next FEMA National Advisory Council Public Meeting
2. Fire Management Assistance Grant Program and the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Pilot
3. America's prepareAthon and National Preparedness Month
4. NFIP Transformation Task Force Update

**Warren County Department of Land Preservation – Annual PIG Submission**

**NJ Department of Treasury**

1. PERS Notification of Election
2. SHBP Open Enrollment for Plan Year 2016

**Office of the County Engineer County of Warren – 2014 Warren County Traffic**

Accident Summary Report – Book is in Clerk's office

**County of Warren Economic Development Advisory Council – Meeting Agenda 9-10-15 (emailed to everyone)**

**State of NJ Department of Agriculture – Gypsy moth egg mass survey inspections**

**New Jersey Legislature re: Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) and Open Public Records Act (OPRA) update**

**New Jersey Central Power and Light:** In the matter of the provision of basic generation service for the period beginning June 1, 2016 BPU Docket No. ER15040482

**NJ DEP:** Public Notice regarding the FFY16 Clean Water Financing Program

**New Jersey State League of Municipalities Re:**

1. Conference Registration
2. Annual Business Meeting – November 19, 2015
3. Webinar – Attorney Generals Directive on Body Worn Cameras. September 25, 2015.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Zilberfarb, Acting Township Clerk