

MINUTES OF MEETING OF NOVEMBER 23, 2015

The work meeting of the Frelinghuysen Township Committee was held in the Municipal Building, 210 Main Street, Johnsonburg, New Jersey on Wednesday, November 23, 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, and Acting Clerk Donna Zilberfarb.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Payment of bills – A motion was made by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis to pay the bills with the exception of The Land Conservancy in the amount of \$1,750.00 and David Gill's invoice which is being held for backup documentation. All were in favor.
- Season of Hope – Mr. Kuhn attended an event at Project Self Sufficiency with Senator Steven Oroho. Project Self Sufficiency is looking for donations of new, unwrapped gifts from now through December 16, 2015.
- Transportation Trust Fund – At the same meeting, Senator Oroho addressed the concerns with the Transportation Trust Fund. This is a fund that is approximately \$1.6 billion in federal funding for the funding of road work. If this fund runs out then there will be no more federal funded grants. Due to the fact that Frelinghuysen Township is a smaller municipality, we will be one of the first towns to be cut funding. Senator Oroho suggested that a solution to this could be raising the gas tax and cut taxes somewhere else. After discussion by the Committee, Mr. Kuhn will send a letter to Senator Oroho to ask for more information on his ideas. Mr. Boynton will also reach out to Senator Doherty as well.
- Mr. Boynton stated that the answering machine message needs to be changed. Ms. Zilberfarb is still trying to find a manual to be able to get into the system to change it. She also let the Committee know that she met with some phone companies at the league and will be setting up meetings to discuss the Townships needs.
- Mr. Boynton stated that there is a driveway on Golden Chain that appears to have a rather wide opening and asked if there has been approval for this

driveway from the Planning Board. Mr. Desiderio believed that this driveway was approved prior. He stated that the only thing we look at for a driveway is the sight distance, which he has, and that the apron has to be paved. Mr. Kuhn mentioned sending Mr. Sterbenz out to look at it next time he is in the area. Mr. Boynton agreed if there was no cost. Mr. DeCarolis mentioned an escrow account but Mr. Desiderio believed there was not one as this was an old driveway application.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

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

- Marty Conner spoke regarding propane and fuel oil cost possibly being cheaper using Fairclough. He asked which company we use for fuel oil and propane. Fuel Rite is the contractor for fuel oil. Propane is Johnson Oil and we just received 15 gallons at \$4.05 per gallon. Mr. DeCarolis suggested that Mr. Boynton reach out to Fairclough to see what their charge would be to fill up tank when needed. This tank is at the Townhall for the generator. Mr. Desiderio stated that we own the tank so we can use any propane company. Mr. Boynton will look into.
- Marty Conner spoke regarding the heating at the lodge. Mr. Boynton stated that he spoke with Scotty Cook and he assured Mr. Boynton that it was up and running and Mr. Cook will tweek it when he gets back into town. Mr. Boynton let everyone know that we have still not received a bill from Mr. Cook for all the work that he has been doing at Kids Camp.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Zilberfarb, Acting Township Clerk