

## MINUTES OF BUDGET MEETING OF FEBRUARY 4, 2016

The budget meeting of the Frelinghuysen Township Committee was held in the Municipal Building, 210 Main Street, Johnsonburg, New Jersey on Thursday, February 4, 2016 and was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by 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, CFO Danette Dyer and Acting Clerk Donna Zilberfarb.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Bids for Kids Camp – Motion was made by Mr. Desiderio to accept the bid from Howard the House Doctor for the replacement of the double door, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis. All were in favor. A 50% deposit will need to be made.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Paul McNamara, and Laura & Scott Durl Lester of the Blairstown Ambulance Corp presented what their costs for 2016 would be and handed out what the call volume has been for covering towns. They explained what their budget would be for 2016 and discussed the breakdown of donation percentage. They are asking for 37% which is \$7,620.00 and last year it was \$8,500.00. They said that coverage would never cost residents anything as long as each town made yearly donations. They are also participating in the crash for cash ordinance and it seems to be working good for them. They have a separate unit under a different name for that purpose. After discussion it was decided to give a donation of \$8,500.00 for 2016.

Shannon Drylie, Land Use Board – Ms. Drylie submitted her resignation letter to Donna Eitner, LUB Chair, on February 4, 2016. After discussion amongst the Committeemen, Mr. DeCarolis made a motion to accept this letter of resignation with regrets, seconded by Kuhn. Roll call vote: Mr. Boynton-No; Mr. DeCarolis-Yes; Mr. Desiderio-No; Mr. Kuhn-Yes; Mr. Stracco-Yes. Mr. Kuhn will send a letter to Ms. Drylie thanking her for her service.

Marty Connor and Wendy Buttgereit presented the budget request for 2016 for Kids Camp. They explained the grant that has been applied for trails. It was discussed to perhaps purchase a mower to leave at site. After discussion it was determined that the mower would be taken by trailer each time for mowing. Mr. Conner was asked if he would mow and he did not want to commit to that at this time. Mr. Boynton will request an invoice from Scott Cooke for work that has been performed. After discussion, Kids Camp has \$13,800 in their budget for building work for 2016.

Ms. Zilberfarb explained that the rock/block wall located at 70 Camp Wasigan Road was clipped by the plow during storm Jonas. This is in the right of way of the township.

After discussion Mr. Kuhn made a motion to authorize the Clerk to send information to the attorney, Ed Wacks, so a letter can be sent out from the township, seconded by Mr. Desiderio. All were in favor.

## **SALARIES AND BUDGET**

### **Green Township Fire Department.**

\$5,000.00 for aid (OE) was granted.

Motion was made by Mr. Desiderio to approve \$9,800.00 for a cutter for the jaws of life purchase in capital, seconded by Mr. Boynton. All were in favor.

### **Allamuchy Emergency Services.**

There was no budget request made for 2016. After discussion it was determined that they would get the standard donation of \$8,500.00.

### **Budget for Admin/Clerk.**

Motion was made by Mr. Desiderio to approve \$5,500.00 for a new phone system purchase in capital, seconded by Mr. Boynton. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Mr. DeCarolis to approve \$1,000.00 for office furniture, seconded by Mr. Desiderio. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Mr. DeCarolis to approve OE budget at \$14,285.00 with \$3,000.00 codification included, seconded by Mr. Desiderio. All were in favor.

### **Buildings and Grounds.**

Motion was made by Mr. DeCarolis to move to \$15,000.00 for 2016 budget, seconded by Mr. Stracco. All were in favor.

### **Recreation.**

Motion was made by Mr. Kuhn to approve \$5,000.00 towards a new swing set and approve the \$8,000.00 OE request for 2016, seconded by Mr. Stracco. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Mr. Desiderio for \$1,000.00 for motorized capital, seconded by Mr. Stracco. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Mr. Desiderio for \$5,905.00 funding for field maintenance, seconded by Mr. Stracco. All were in favor.

### **Administration hours.**

Motion was made by Mr. DeCarolis to approve for coverage for the town hall for \$6,032.00, seconded by Mr. Desiderio. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Mr. Desiderio to move to a 40 hour work week, seconded by Mr. Kuhn. All in favor, opposed – Mr. DeCarolis. 4-1 vote.

After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Boynton to cancel the February 18, 2016 budget meeting, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis. All were in favor.

Mr. Ardito will be in attendance at the February 25, 2016 budget meeting.

**OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:**

Mr. Desiderio made a motion to open to the public, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis. Spoke were:

Ms. Eitner spoke in regards to her disappointment on the support she has been receiving for the Land Use Board. She would like to understand protocol better for incoming invoices and signature signoffs and stated her disappointment with the resignation of Ms. Drylie.

Mr. Conner spoke in regards to a debris pile of construction residue at Kids Camp. After discussion it was determined to take photos and address with Ms. Urgo at the land conservancy and copy the Mayor.

Mr. Desiderio made a motion to close to the public, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Zilberfarb, Acting Township Clerk