

MINUTES OF WORK MEETING OF JULY 12, 2017

The work meeting of the Frelinghuysen Township Committee was held in the Municipal Building, 210 Main Street, Johnsonburg, New Jersey on Wednesday, July 12, 2017 and was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor, Frank Desiderio.

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 Frank Desiderio, Deputy Mayor Chris Stracco, Committeeman Charlie Marra, Committeeman Christopher Kuhn, and Acting Clerk Donna Zilberfarb.

MINUTES:

1. June 21, 2017 regular session meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Stracco, seconded by Mr. Marra. All were in favor. After discussion a minor word change was made and the regular session meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Stracco, seconded by Mr. Kuhn. All were in favor.
2. June 21, 2017 executive session meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Marra, seconded by Mr. Desiderio. All were in favor.

QUOTES:

Mayor Desiderio discussed the removal of 4 pine trees and 2 maples at the Rec Center. Ms. Beckenthal from the Environmental Commission inquired if advice from a tree expert was obtained or if they just got quotes to remove them. Mr. Desiderio explained that the pine trees are close to the building and for safety reasons for the building and the maintenance of the gutters it was determined to remove those trees. The maple trees are in the middle of where the parking lot will be. Ms. Beckenthal also asked if volunteers could plant more trees in the area to replenish those removed. The Committee was acceptable to that. Mr. Desiderio received a quote from Aspen Tree Services in the amount of \$2,000.00 to remove and chip the above trees. The logs will remain at the site. This quote is lower than the coop pricing on the Morris County Coop.

Motion was made by Mr. Kuhn to authorize 4 pine trees and 2 maple trees at the recreation center to be removed by Aspen Tree Services not to exceed \$2,000.00, seconded by Mr. Marra. All were in favor.

It was also asked by the Environmental Commission to please notify them of any proposed changes to Township properties that may impact the environment.

OLD BUSINESS:

Energy Aggregate Program update – Ms. Zilberfarb reminded the committee that Concord Energy will be going out to bid on July 18th for energy pricing and will be communicating with the township for the meeting on the 19th.

Service electric cable update – There will be a representative present at the July 19, 2017 regular meeting.

Reimbursement for Emergency and Fire Services ordinance will be ready for the introduction at the July 19, 2017 meeting.

Pedestrian crosswalk – There is no update at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hiring of summer part time help for mowing the fields and misc help within the dpw was discussed. After discussion it was determined that Edmund Rosenbergh will be hired for this position.

Motion was made to hire Edmund Rosenbergh for part time summer help within the dpw at \$13.00 per hour, not to exceed 25 hours per week, by Mr. Stracco, seconded by Mr. Kuhn. All were in favor. Ms. Zilberfarb will contact Mr. Rosenbergh and extend an offer to him.

Mr. Desiderio attended the Warren County Association of Elected Officials and explained what they do. The cost to be in the association is \$6,300.00 divided amongst the municipalities. After discussion, Mr. Kuhn is going to look into the Sussex county league of municipalities and will get back to the committee. Mr. Desiderio is waiting to hear back from the Warren County association and will update the committee when he hears from them.

Mr. Desiderio asked the committee to think about a possible shared service that Frelinghuysen would lead for the Animal control officer. He asked for committee members to get back to him with thoughts/concerns at the next meeting on July 19, 2017.

Ms. Zilberfarb read to the committee a document from VITAL, the tax company used by the township, dated July 10, 2017 that discusses issues that are happening with the taxes (school budgets) throughout the state and that a tax rate has not been set causing the tax bills to not go out yet. The state has issued a stop work order on all tax production/update and modifications of any materials or databases until further notice. Mr. Gill and Ms. VanTassel will keep the committee updated.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

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

Loren Greco asked about the new hire having a CDL and why that salary wasn't given. Ms. Zilberfarb explained that at this moment he is being hired to mow the fields at the town hall and recreation center and helping as needed within the dpw. If he plows for the town in the winter then he will be paid the hourly rate with the CDL license.

Mr. Connor asked if the erosion issue has been looked into yet at the entrance to Robin's Trail at the FFP. Ms. Zilberfarb explained that Mr. Harman was sent out but with vacations she does not have any answers and when he returns on the 19th of July she will discuss and get back to Mr. Connor.

Mr. Connor asked what would be done with the tree logs since Aspen will be leaving them. Mr. Desiderio explained that he would move them and they could be used for habitat or in the parking areas etc. Mr. Kuhn suggested fire wood for the scouts for camping.

Mr. Connor also inquired about the Warren County Association of Elected Officials and asked if the Mayor was attending the monthly Mayor meetings. Mr. Desiderio was unaware of them and asked Mr. Kuhn if he went to any last year. Mr. Kuhn clarified to Mr. Connor that they are no longer monthly meetings and they normally only meet if there are issues.

Mr. Greco asked if there were any plans to pave or patch Greendell Road this year. Ms. Zilberfarb let him know that potholes and patching will be done but that road will not be paved this year.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no executive session

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Kuhn, seconded by Mr. Stracco to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Zilberfarb, Acting Township Clerk