

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 19, 2017

The regular meeting of the Frelinghuysen Township Committee was held in the Municipal Building, 210 Main Street, Johnsonburg, New Jersey on Wednesday, July 19, 2017 and was called to order at 7:30 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 David Boynton, Committeeman Charlie Marra, Committeeman Christopher Kuhn (7:37), Attorney Richard Beilin, and Acting Clerk Donna Zilberfarb.

MINUTES:

- 1. July 12, 2017 work session meeting minutes were approved as amended on a motion by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. Marra. All were in favor. Mr. Boynton abstained.

AGREEMENTS:

- 1. Municipal Alliance Agreement – Motion was made by Mr. Kuhn to authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement, seconded by Mr. Boynton. All were in favor.
- 2. Pittenger Farm Agreement – Motion was made by Mr. Stracco to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement, seconded by Mr. Boynton. All were in favor.

ORDINANCES:

#2017-10 ORDINANCE RELEASING, EXTINGUISHING AND VACATING THE RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC IN A STREET KNOWN AS WYLLY ROAD IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FRELINGHUYSEN, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND RESERVING ACCESS EASEMENTS. WHEREAS, a road known as Wyly Road, in the Township of Frelinghuysen, as fully described in the Schedule attached hereto (“Wyly Road”), is no longer needed for any public purpose; and WHEREAS, as such, Wyly Road should be vacated, except to retain an easement for utility access and an access easement, as described in the attached Schedule. NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen, Warren County, and State of New Jersey, as follows:1. Subject to the reservations and exceptions specified in this ordinance, the public rights and interests are hereby vacated with respect to a portion of Wyly Road, which portion is more specifically set forth in the metes and bounds description which is attached as a Schedule hereto and made a part hereof. 2. All the rights of any and all public utilities, as defined at N.J.S.A. 48:2-13 and cable television companies, as defined at N.J.S.A. 48:5A-1, et seq., to provide future utilities or to maintain, repair and replace their existing facilities in, adjacent to, over or under the street, or any part thereof, to be vacated are hereby expressly reserved and excepted from this vacation in perpetuity. 3. Upon final adoption, a copy of this Ordinance shall be transmitted to the Warren County Clerk for recording as required by law. 4. This Ordinance shall take effect according to law NOTICE: Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at the meeting of the Frelinghuysen Township Committee held on June 21, 2017 and will be considered for final reading and adoption at the meeting of the Frelinghuysen Township Committee to be held on July 19, 2017 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. Motion was made by Mr. Kuhn to open for second reading for adoption, seconded by Mr. Marra. All were in favor. Motion was made by Mr. Stracco to open to the public, seconded by Mr. Boynton. All were in favor. No public comment. Motion was made by Mr. Stracco to close to the public, seconded by Mr. Boynton. All were in favor. Motion was made by Mr. Stracco for adoption, seconded by Mr. Marra. Roll call vote: Mr. Boynton-No; Mr. Marra-Yes; Mr. Kuhn-Abstain; Mr. Desiderio-Yes; Mr. Stracco-Yes.

#2017-11 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURE FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES COST RECOVERY WHEREAS, response to and recovery from emergencies and disaster requires purchases to replace supplies, periodic and

scheduled maintenance on apparatus, fuel purchases, staffing expenses, cleaning and repair and replacement of protective gear and equipment as required by law or to assure that responses are appropriate and adequate; and WHEREAS, the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen wish to authorize the fire departments and first aid squads servicing the Township to recover the actual costs incurred in the course of protecting life and property that exceed the usual and customary expenses anticipated; and WHEREAS, the Mayor and Committee believe that the Township's taxpayers should not be required to bear the extraordinary costs of responding to hazardous materials incidents, regardless of size, and that such extraordinary costs should be charged to the liable party and/or transporters and users of hazardous materials; and WHEREAS, the Mayor and Committee have determined that vehicle accidents frequently involve traffic control, scene safety, detours and other services necessary to reduce further liability, damage or injury to non-involved parties; and WHEREAS, standard responses to such events require placement of emergency flares, as well as dealing with spillage or leakage of liquids, such as oil, battery acid, fuel, antifreeze, brake fluid, transmission fluid, and other petroleum based products, all of which constitute hazardous materials; and WHEREAS, a cost recovery plan is necessary to assure that the responsible parties are held liable for these response costs; and WHEREAS, Section 2-64 of the Frelinghuysen Township Code provides for third-party billing for fire department and rescue services, and it is necessary and appropriate to revise that provision at this time. NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen, Warren County, and State of New Jersey, as follows: Section I Section 2-64 of the Frelinghuysen Township Code is repealed in its entirety and replaced with the following: § 2-64.1. Purpose. The purpose of this article is to provide authority, procedures and requirements to seek collection and reimbursement for the actual costs of responding to such incidents by the fire departments and first aid squads for fire service calls, hazardous material incidents, environmental incidents, and safety and rescue incidents coordinated via Warren County Dispatch and 911 responses, and those that use hazardous material abatement equipment and materials are also eligible for reimbursement. § 2-64.2. Authorization to recover costs and expenses. The governing body of the Township of Frelinghuysen authorizes the fire departments and first aid squads servicing the Township to recover the actual costs incurred for firefighting materials or equipment used and expended; the costs of the use of fire trucks, fire engines, rescue equipment, tankers and other vehicles; the costs of hazardous situation abatement materials involved in any fire, safety and rescue incident or operation, and hazardous abatement incident, including vehicular accidents or fires. The Township of Frelinghuysen and/or the fire departments and first aid squads servicing the Township may bill additionally for material and vehicle costs in the case of any major, extraordinary or unique incidents, including, but not limited to, hazardous material spills, fire emergency and rescue incidents that destroy or severely damage emergency services equipment. § 2-64.3. Policy for billing. A. The Township of Frelinghuysen recognizes the need for the fire departments and first aid squads servicing the Township to bill for volunteer fire, rescue and hazmat services to aid in the provision of emergency services. B. No person requiring emergency services shall be denied services due to lack of insurance or ability to pay. C. Any applicable charges for emergency services rendered shall be billed directly to the insurance company of the user of such services. § 2-64.4. Procedure for billing. A. Following the rendering of emergency services, the fire department and/or first aid squad rendering those services shall submit the Township Clerk 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. B. The Township of Frelinghuysen and/or the fire departments and first aid squads servicing the Township are hereby authorized to enter into a contract with a third-party billing agency and/or collection agency for the performance of emergency, rescue and hazmat services billing and/or collection services. **Section II**
1. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency. 2. If any word, phrase, clause, section or provision of this ordinance shall be found by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable, illegal or unconstitutional, such word, phrase, clause, section, or provision shall be severable from the balance of the ordinance and the remainder of the ordinance shall remain in full force and effect. 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law. NOTICE Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at the meeting of the Frelinghuysen Township Committee held on July 19, 2017 and will

be considered for final reading and adoption at the meeting of the Frelinghuysen Township Committee to be held on August 16, 2017 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. Motion was made by Mr. Kuhn to open for introduction, seconded by Mr. Boynton. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Boynton-Yes; Mr. Kuhn-Yes; Mr. Marra-Yes; Mr. Stracco-Yes; Mr. Desiderio-Yes. Second reading for adoption will be on August 16, 2017.

RESOLUTIONS:

#2017-52 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF RAFFLE LICENSES FOR FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP BOOSTER CLUB WHEREAS, the Frelinghuysen Township Booster Club has applied for a raffle license to conduct an On-premises 50/50 raffle for September 30, 2017 consisting of application #2017-02; and WHEREAS, the Findings and Determination by the Acting Municipal Clerk has determined that the organization is qualified to conduct such raffle. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the Frelinghuysen Township Booster Club raffle application #2017-02 is hereby approved. Motion was made for a consent agenda of 2017-52, 53, 56, and 57, seconded by Mr. Boynton. All were in favor.

#2017-53 RESOLUTION GRANTING THE APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF THE DEVELOPMENT EASEMENT ON DARK MOON FARM KNOWN AS BLOCK 1201 / LOT 34 & BLOCK 1301 / LOT 3, IN FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP WHEREAS, the Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen has determined that the property known as Dark Moon Farm, Block 1201 & 1301/Lots 34, 3 in Frelinghuysen Township, consisting of approximately 100.44 acres and is available for purchase of a development easement in accordance with the requirements of the farmland preservation programs; and **WHEREAS**, there will be two exceptions to the easement as follows: on B1201 / L34 there will be one 2 acre non-severable exception for an existing house; on B1301 / L3 there will be one, 1.6 are non-severable exception for a future home. **WHEREAS**, a net easement area of approximately 96.84 acres is anticipated and is to be confirmed by survey; and **WHEREAS**, preservation of this land would encourage the survivability of agricultural production in Frelinghuysen Township, and said tract falls within a predetermined Agricultural Development Area and is adjacent to other preserved farms; and **WHEREAS**, the pressures from development have significantly heightened the degree of imminence of change of land use from productive agriculture to nonagricultural uses; and **WHEREAS**, the State Agricultural Development Committee (SADC) has certified the fair market value of said farm; and **WHEREAS**, a contract for \$3,700 per acre with the landowners is anticipated with an estimated total value of \$358,308.00 the exact compensation to be determined by a final survey; and **WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council awarded a grant for the preservation of this farm as approved in Highlands Council Resolution #2017-5 dated March 16, 2017 and described in a letter to the Township dated April 6, 2017 in the amount of \$164,628.00 or \$1,700 per acre; and **WHEREAS**, this Development Easement qualifies for SADC funding of up to \$2,620 per acre, however only \$2,000 per acre will be needed and accessed from the Township's SADC Municipal Planning Incentive Grant (Muni-PIG) Program for this farm; and **WHEREAS**, as is standard in the Muni-PIG program, the easement will be assigned to the County of Warren at closing, for ownership and monitoring; and **WHEREAS**, the Township is authorized to provide 100% of due diligence funding to be paid from the Township's Open Space Trust, and will file for 50% reimbursement of the due diligence expenses from the SADC Muni-PIG. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen as follows: The Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen hereby supports the purchase of a development easement on Dark Moon Farm under the Township's Municipal Planning Incentive Grant Farmland Preservation program, in partnership with the New Jersey Highlands Council, the State Agriculture Development Committee, and the County of Warren. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Boynton-Yes; Mr. Kuhn-Yes; Mr. Marra-Yes; Mr. Desiderio-Yes; Mr. Stracco-Yes I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen on the date above-mentioned. On a motion made by Mr. Stracco and seconded by Mr. Boynton the following resolution was adopted by the Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen at a meeting held July 19, 2017.

#2017-54 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE PREPARATION OF A TITLE SEARCH REPORT

AND TITLE INSURANCE COMMITMENT FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 1201 / LOT 34 & BLOCK 1301 / LOT 3 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FRELINGHUYSEN

WHEREAS, there exists a need for title services to be rendered to the Township of Frelinghuysen in connection with the acquisition of a Development Easement on certain real property located within the Township of Frelinghuysen; and WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the title services must be completed in accordance with the specifications of the State Agriculture Development Committee; and **WHEREAS**, The Township wishes to retain the services of Heritage Abstract Company, in accordance with its proposal letter dated December 12, 2016 and; **WHEREAS**, the Committee wishes to award a contract in an amount not to exceed \$1,857.00 for Heritage Abstract Company and the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available for this purpose; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Township of Frelinghuysen hereby awards and authorizes Heritage Abstract Company to perform title services on the above-referenced property in accordance with SADC standards, for an amount not to exceed \$1,857.00.
2. The Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a copy of this resolution in the Township's official newspaper and to provide a copy of this resolution to the Chief Financial Officer and The Land Conservancy of New Jersey.

On a motion by Mr. Stracco, seconded by Mr. Boynton the aforementioned Resolution Number 2017-54 be adopted as read. Roll Call Vote 5 – Yes 0 - No 0 - Absent/Abstained

Dated: July 19, 2017 CERTIFICATION I, Donna Zilberfarb, Acting Municipal Clerk of the Township of Frelinghuysen, County of Warren, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted by the Frelinghuysen Township Committee on July 19, 2017.

#2017-55 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE PREPARATION OF A SURVEY TO SADC STANDARDS OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 1201 / LOT 34 & BLOCK 1301, LOT 3 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FRELINGHUYSEN WHEREAS, there exists a need for survey services to be rendered to the Township of Frelinghuysen in preparation for acquisition of a Farmland Easement on certain real property located within the Township of Frelinghuysen; and WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose; and WHEREAS, the survey must be completed in accordance with the specifications of the State Agriculture Development Committee; and WHEREAS, The Township wishes to retain the services of L.J. Brill & Associates, P.A., in accordance with its proposal letter dated December 9, 2016, and; WHEREAS, the Committee wishes to award a contract in an amount not to exceed \$8,750.00 for L.J. Brill & Associates, P.A., and the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available for this purpose; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Township of Frelinghuysen hereby awards and authorizes L.J. Brill Associates, P.A. to complete a survey of the above-referenced property in accordance with SADC standards, for an amount not to exceed \$8,750.00.
2. The Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a copy of this resolution in the Township's official newspaper and to provide a copy of this resolution to the Chief Financial Officer and The Land Conservancy of New Jersey.

On a motion by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. Stracco the aforementioned Resolution Number 2017-55 be adopted as read. Roll Call Vote 5 - Yes 0 – No 0 - Absent/Abstained Dated: July 19, 2017 CERTIFICATION I, Donna Zilberfarb, Acting Municipal Clerk of the Township of Frelinghuysen, County of Warren, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted by the Frelinghuysen Township Committee on July 19, 2017.

#2017-56 RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2017 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 JULY 2017; 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 was made for a consent agenda of 2017-52, 53, 56, and 57, seconded by Mr. Boynton. All were in favor.

#2017-57 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF RAFFLE LICENSES FOR FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP BOOSTER CLUB WHEREAS, the Frelinghuysen Township Booster Club has applied for a raffle license to conduct a tricky tray for September 30, 2017 consisting of application #2017-03; and WHEREAS, the Findings and Determination by the Acting Municipal Clerk has determined that the organization is qualified to conduct such raffle. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the Frelinghuysen Township Booster Club raffle application #2017-03 is hereby approved. Motion was made for a consent agenda of 2017-52, 53, 56, and 57, seconded by Mr. Boynton. All were in favor.

QUOTES:

1. Air conditioning for the meeting room – 1 quote is in and waiting on 2 others. One is coming in on Friday, July 21st and the 2nd will be done on Monday, July 24th. Will have all quotes for the work session in August.
2. Deck at town hall – After speaking with Mr. O'Connor, the Construction Official, it was determined that architectural plans are needed. Motion was made by Mr. Boynton for the Clerk to obtain architectural plans from Charlie Schaffer, seconded by Mr. Marra. All were in favor. Mr. Stracco abstained.

OLD BUSINESS:

Energy Aggregate program – This morning Concord Energy went out to bid for the supplier rate for the Sussex-Warren Area Energy Cooperative. The estimated savings for the program is about 10% and will be for 13 months. After the 13 months Frelinghuysen will be placed in the larger cooperative, if that rate is still favorable. After discussion a motion was made by Mr. Kuhn to accept the quote comparison and enter into agreement, seconded by Mr. Stracco. Roll call vote: Mr. Boynton-No; Mr. Kuhn-Yes; Mr. Marra-No; Mr. Stracco-Yes; Mr. Desiderio-Yes. The next steps will be out reach mailings and a public meeting for residents on August 15, 2017 at the town hall.

Verizon enhancing network – There has been no feedback or communication from Verizon after submitting the Resolution to allow them to conduct the field study. After discussion, the Clerk will reach out to see how this is progressing.

Service Electric Cable – Mr. Beilin explained that Service Electric Cable would like to attend the August meeting in an executive session starting at 6:30 pm to discuss contract negotiations. Mr. Beilin will reach out and confirm with Ms. Zilberfarb and she will advertise the executive session time.

Pedestrian walkway – there is no update.

WC MCCTFC membership – Mayor Desiderio will attend the next meeting until someone is appointed. Ms. Zilberfarb will find out the date of meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jim Gilmore, Arthur J. Gallagher insurance rep, discussed the renewal process for the Township as the renewal is due this year. He will have the renewal paperwork to the Clerk by August 1st. The renewal quote will be given at the December meeting. There were no questions for Mr. Gilmore.

George Stafford, NJ Highlands Coalition, spoke to the Committee in regards to the Township passing a resolution for water supply/quality and open space. He handed a copies to the Clerk for everyone. After discussion, the Mayor asked that all members review this and be prepared to proceed at the meeting in August.

George Boesze, Zoning Official, sent a memo to all Committeemen and Land Use Board members. Mr. Desiderio explained that he met with Mr. Boesze in regards to the solar and wind ordinance and also let the Committee know that it will be on the agenda for September at the Land Use Board meeting. The committee will wait for the Land Use Board recommendations.

Shared service for Animal Control Officer – The Mayor asked for the committee members thoughts on a shared service for this position. Mr. Stracco discussed that the people like who is in the position and having a familiar person. Mr. Kuhn asked Mr. Boynton if the committee tried to do a shared service prior and Mr. Boynton did not

recall. The Mayor explained he would like to save the township money and would like to pursue if committee was interested. Mr. Boynton made a motion for the Mayor to look into a shared service for the animal control officer position, seconded by Mr. Marra. All were in favor. Mr. Stracco and Mr. Kuhn abstained.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

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

Shannon Drylie spoke in regards to the shared service for the animal control position. She mentioned that shared services would be better for a position of tax assessor/collector if the township is looking to save money. Ms. Drylie also said that residents like that they can call at 1 or 2 am and have the animal control officer respond.

Tom Altonji asked if the committee could explain the Verizon enhancing network, and apologized for not attending previously. Mayor Desiderio explained what this is about and Mr. Stracco explained the difference between Verizon wireless and Verizon. Mr. Altonji also inquired about internet throughout the township and what was being done. The Mayor explained what has been happening with service electric cable and century link and explained that it is happening in other surrounding towns as well, but the Committee is working on it.

Mr. Altonji also mentioned that a while ago, behind his property on Saddle Ridge Road, a riding stable was built and they had made promises of trees and shrubs planted and wanted to know where that stood. The Mayor told him to meet with George Boesze our Zoning Official on Tuesday night and he could help him with that.

Jean Smolha inquired about the trees that were to be taken down and asked why take down beautiful healthy trees. It was explained that the trees were in the way for the parking area and a hazard for the building. After discussion, Ms. Smolha wanted it noted that she objects that the maple tree is being taken down with her tax dollars.

Marty Connor inquired about the Environmental Assessment Report from February 2015 and where he can get a copy of it. Legal will look into this and get back to the Clerk.

Mr. Connor also asked where the town stood in regards to a resolution setting pricing for the rental of the recreation center. Mr. Desiderio explained that it was not a resolution but can be found in the agreement.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no executive session

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Motion made by Mr. Kuhn for consent agenda items 1-10 seconded by Mr. Boynton. All were in favor.

Legal Report – Nothing to report

DPW Report – Ms. Zilberfarb discussed tar and chip for Mill, Mott and South town roads and this work will begin in August. She also asked for authorization to speak with the engineer in regards to paving or overlaying of Stone Bridge Road. Mr. Kuhn made a motion to authorize Ms. Zilberfarb to speak with Mr. Sterbenz, seconded by Mr. Stracco. All were in favor.

Ms. Zilberfarb let the committee know that the truck has not been returned from Hoover to date. She had spoke with Karl Hipp and he explained that they needed to order additional parts and should have the truck back soon. The only concern to that is that it could potentially push the other changes back a month depending on the return.

She also let the committee know that the backhoe is ordered and they now assemble in one factory so the turnaround time is longer than the 60-90 days and we are now

looking at November for delivery. Dave Smith, the sales representative, will work with us if something happens to the existing backhoe.

Land Managers – Mr. Connor discussed that they had a work session for clearing trails. 2 kiosks were built and have maps and dog waste bags attached to it, along with other misc. information. He is considering contracting out a brush hog for Robin's Trail and would like to pursue looking into that. The Mayor suggested renting a brush hog and he will work with Marty on that.

Mr. Connor also discussed his conversation with the Hackettstown Fish Hatchery representative. The gentleman looked at the pond and he felt that if you want to fish in this pond, the weeds need to be cleared out and mowing the brush around the pond is also needed. Mr. Desiderio explained that Mr. Harman mowed today and is working on getting the power back to get the pond cleaned out.

Mr. Connor also let the committee know that the Eagle Scout project has been completed and asked the Committee if they could do a Resolution for him. The Mayor explained that they would do a Proclamation and that he should get all information to the Clerk prior to the next meeting.

The Mayor also asked that Mr. Connor give a land manager report to the Clerk by the Thursday prior to the regular session each month. Ms. Zilberfarb will send a memo to all departments reminding them of departmental reports and timing due.

Recreation Committee – Mr. Marrra let the committee know that a movie night under the stars will be held on August 18th or the 19th as a rain date, behind the town hall. They are borrowing the projector from Knowlton.

Mr. Desiderio let everyone know that the locks and keys will be changed soon at the rec center and will communicate when they are completed.

Mr. Desiderio explained that it had been discussed prior that the girl scouts would make some sound boards for the rec center, but after looking into it, these sound boards can be purchased for \$1,400.00. After discussion, a motion was made to approve the purchase of sound boards in the amount of \$1,400.00 paid from the recreation account, seconded by Mr. Boynton. All were in favor.

Environmental Commission – No meeting

Farmland Preservation Committee –No meeting

Open Space Advisory Committee – No meeting

Mayor report – Stated that he would like to put on the ballot the location of the salt shed. Mr. Kuhn felt that the bond for the cost of the salt shed should also go on the ballot for the tax payers vote. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Kuhn to authorize the attorney to see if this can be done for this election in November, seconded by Mr. Stracco. All were in favor.

Deputy Mayor report – Nothing to report.

Committeeman Boynton – Discussed that Municipal Alliance is doing great. He also mentioned some washout on State Park Road and Mr. Desiderio explained that he and Mr. Harman took care of this.

Committeeman Kuhn – Nothing to report

Committeeman Marra – Nothing to report

Clerk report – Will be attending a free OPRA seminar in Trenton on August 8th.

CORRESPONDENCE:

State of New Jersey Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council – Release of draft Highlands Regional Master Plan **State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Program** – Open Space and Rec Plan funding **State of New Jersey Department of Transportation** – Kerrs Corner road

phase 4 Municipal Aid program **US Department of Agriculture** – Solicitation of applications for the section 533 housing preservation grants 2017 **Warren County Purchasing Department** – Annual Auction – September 9, 2017. **County of Warren Board of Chosen Freeholders** – “Grow Warren” kickoff meeting July 27, 2017 **Montague Township** – Resolutions passed supporting Assembly Bill No. 4532 and Senate Bill No. 3049 Amending the Open Public Records Law. **JCP&L** – Installation of temporary decorative lighting within municipalities. **New Jersey Society of Municipal Engineers** – 2017 Municipal Engineering Project of the year awards program. **NJ spotlight** – Supreme court rules OPRA applies to email, other electronic data. **New Jersey Transit** – Fiscal year 2017 request for federal financial assistance. **The Land Conservancy of New Jersey** – Outdoor issues (see page 5 Post Farm)

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Stracco, seconded by Mr. Marra to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Zilberfarb, Acting Township Clerk