

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 30, 2008

The budget meeting of the Frelinghuysen Township Committee was held at the Municipal Building, 210 Route 661, Johnsonburg, New Jersey on Wednesday, January 30, 2008.

SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT:

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided by posting notice on the Township bulletin board and by faxing notice to the Star Gazette and New Jersey Herald on January 11, 2008.

ROLL CALL:

Those present were: Mayor Thomas Charles, Committeeman Debra Natyzak-Osadca, Committeeman Alan DeCarolis, Committeeman Frank Desiderio, Committeeman Dale Durling, Sr.(arrived at 10:20), Chief Finance Officer Gene Marie McCartney and Clerk Brenda Kleber.

OLD BUSINESS:

Committeeman Alan DeCarolis reported on his conversation he had with Morris Land Conservancy on the lowering of their fees. MLC advised they could not lower their fee. It was decided that Committeeman DeCarolis would call again and try to negotiate a lower figure. Motion was made by Charles, seconded by Desiderio authorizing Committeeman DeCarolis to have MLC hold their same rate as 2007. Roll call vote: Natyzak-Osadca-no, DeCarolis-yes, Desiderio-yes, Durling-yes, Charles-yes.

The cost of the soft costs, such as appraisals, for property owners putting their property into Farmland Preservation was discussed. Some members felt that the property owners should pay these cost and not the township. It was decided that the township liaison would further discuss this at the Open Space and Farmland Preservation meetings.

Paul McNarama, treasurer of Blairstown Ambulance Corp appeared before the Committee asking for an annual donation of \$7,924.00 which is based on the number of calls in Frelinghuysen Township.

Note: At this point, Mayor Charles left the meeting due to fire calls.

Shannon Drylie appeared before the Committee explaining the Fire Inspection Officials position which has nothing to do with inspecting smoke detectors of which he has no problem handing this over to the State

Ms.Drylie related the findings of the computer ad-hoc committee meeting. Discussed was a mass mailing using e mail. There will be a flat cost of \$5.95 a month or \$19.95 a month for 10,000 mailings. The 160th anniversary of the Township was discussed at this meeting and a contest for a resident to design a seal was suggested.

The hiring of a 3rd road department worker was discussed next. It was decided to discuss this further during salary negotiations.

Another budget meeting will be on Thursday, February 7th at 12:00 noon.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, motion was made by DeCarolis, seconded by Desiderio to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda J. Kleber, RMC