

## **MINUTES OF WORK MEETING OF MARCH 11, 2010**

The work meeting of the Frelinghuysen Township Committee was held in the Municipal Building, 210 Main Street, Johnsonburg, New Jersey on Thursday, March 11, 2010 and was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Mayor Durling.

### **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 Express Times and New Jersey Herald.

### **ROLL CALL:**

Those present were: Mayor Dale Durling, Committeeman Alan DeCarolis, Committeeman Frank Desiderio, Committeeman David Boynton and Clerk Brenda Kleber. Deputy Mayor Thomas Charles was absent.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The personnel policy was reviewed and since there are several items that need to be dealt with the policy will be held to the next work meeting. Motion was made by Desiderio, seconded by Boynton to add to the policy that newly hired road department workers will need 1 year experience, a clean driving record and must have a CDL. All in favor.

At a previous meeting the Clerk was asked to look into who maintains the fence along the property line as it needs to be kept up. It was reported that each owner (Barbour's & the township) are to maintain their side. Motion was made by Desiderio, seconded by DeCarolis to not do any maintenance on the fence this year due to the economy. All in favor.

Also at a previous meeting the Clerk was asked to check on how many years are left on the payment to the Green Township fire truck. She advised them that it will be paid off on April 2011. Mr. DeCarolis asked why we were donating to Green Township and not Hope and Blairstown. He was advised that the majority of the area that Green covers is in Frelinghuysen Township along with most of the member being from Frelinghuysen.

The outdoor sign was discussed. It was decided to order the sign as quoted and the road department will put it together. The cost will be \$1665.00 plus \$456.00 for the vandalism covers. Motion was made by Desiderio, seconded by Boynton to approve the purchase conditional upon it not costing more than \$2500.00. All in favor.

Two pictures from the fourth grade were selected and will be incorporated into one seal for the township seal. Mayor Durling will handle.

The Township engineer inspected the ballfield on Wednesday and stated that it was graded correctly. A softball field will be located in the SE corner of the property. Motion was made by Desiderio, seconded by Boynton to authorize Maser Consulting to re-design a drawing, not to exceed \$800.00, showing the location of the softball field and soccer field. All in favor.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The Clerk asked the Committee how they would like to handle the Clean up this year. Motion was made by Desiderio, seconded by Boynton to have it the middle of May for four days (Wednesday through Saturday).

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Mayor Durling reported on the meeting he had with the North Warren School Board and they need to cut \$1 million for the budget. They are looking into talking further with the

teachers about concessions, cutting programs and pay to play. Once the Governor gives the figures more will be known. The Mayor also reported that Blirstown Construction is being turned over to the State and Hardwick is keeping their department Committeeman DeCarolis asked about the South Street project and where are we going with the property owners. It was stated that this project was started by the previous Committee and costs will be given to the involved property owners. Mr. DeCarolis also had a problem with Boards not selecting a chairperson until months later. The Clerk was instructed to send a letter to each Board advising that they must reorganize within 10 days in January.

Committeeman Boynton reported that Casino Night will be held on March 27<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda J. Kleber, RMC