

MEETING OF MAY 31, 2011

The Special meeting of the Frelinghuysen Township Committee was held in the Municipal Building, 210 Main Street, Johnsonburg, New Jersey on Tuesday, May 31, 2011 and was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Mayor Charles.

SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT:

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 Express Times. The purpose of the meeting was to meet with the several South Street residents regarding drainage problems.

ROLL CALL:

Those present were: Mayor Thomas Charles, Deputy Mayor David Boynton, Committeeman Frank Desiderio, Committeeman Alan DeCarolis, Committeeman Dale Durling, Attorney Edward Wacks (arriving at 7:20 p.m.), Engineer Paul Niehoff and Clerk Brenda Kleber.

Mayor Charles opened the meeting which is to address concerns on South Street drainage where eight (8) residents are having flooding problems in their basements due to heavy rains. He stated that this has been a long and ongoing problem and had the engineer draft a mitigation plan. There will be no guarantees that this plan will work but the engineer needs to apply to the DEP for various permits and in order to do that permission is needed to access the affected properties. Mayor Charles explained that there was a \$250,000.00 loan at 2% interest for which is available for as low as 05%.

Mr. Niehoff went over the concept plan where the water can start to move over these areas. This plan is a rough plan to move the water through confined areas through a channel instead of spreading out. With the DEP involved endangered species, wildlife habitat, natural features and downstream analysis will be taken into consideration.

Mr. Wacks explained the agreement the property owners were sent and that the property owners need to sign in order to go forward and allow Maser Consulting to do the necessary studies to see if this plan would work. If all the property owners do not sign off then the project ends. He further explained that if the loan that the township has may not cover the entire cost and therefore there may be a requirement that the property owners be assessed over a 10 year period.

Dan Kohuth asked if the affected property owner's assessment would then go back to full assessment to which the Mayor replied he hoped it would but this may not happen for over a year.

The next step would be a resolution at the June meeting authorizing Maser Consulting to go forward. The property owners were told that they would be kept up to date.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 on motion made by Boynton, seconded by Desiderio. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda J. Kleber, RMC