

MINUTES OF WORK MEETING OF JUNE 9, 2011

The work meeting of the Frelinghuysen Township Committee was held in the Municipal Building, 210 Main Street, Johnsonburg, New Jersey on Thursday, June 9, 2011 and was called to order at 3:00 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.

ROLL CALL:

Those present were: Mayor Thomas Charles, Deputy Mayor David Boynton (arriving at 3:30) Committeemen Desiderio, Durling and DeCarolus and Clerk Brenda Kleber.

RESOLUTIONS:

Motion was made to open the meeting to the public by Durling, seconded by Desiderio. There being no public participation, motion was made by Durling, seconded by Desiderio to close the public portion. All in favor.

#2011-44(Support application to Warren County)

WHEREAS, the Open Space Advisory Commission was created by passage of Ordinance 2006-12 on July 19, 2006 to carry out the approved Open Space and Recreation Element of the Frelinghuysen Master Plan, and;

WHEREAS, the Open Space Advisory Commission's Site Committee viewed the 22.4 acre property located at 900 Route 94, known as Block 201, Lot 16, in Frelinghuysen Township (the "Property") to ascertain its possible open space and recreation uses, and;

WHEREAS, the Open Space Advisory Commission determined that the Property is suitable for fulfilling passive and active open space and recreation needs in the community, and;

WHEREAS, the Frelinghuysen Open Space and Recreation Plan recommends the Township actively pursue acquisition of land to conserve forested and wetland areas and protect the communities watershed; and

WHEREAS, the preservation of the property will help retain its natural resource values and protect the rural character of Frelinghuysen Township, and;

WHEREAS, the Open Space Advisory Commission requests that the Township Committee support the Application to the Warren County Municipal and Charitable Conservancy Trust Fund Committee (MCCT) for matching funds to purchase the Property for open space preservation; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Frelinghuysen Township Committee supports the Open Space Advisory Commission's application to Warren County for matching funds through the Warren County Open Space Farmland and Historic

Preservation Trust to acquire the Property for the purpose of providing active and passive recreation and open space for the residents of Frelinghuysen Township. Motion was made by Durling seconded by Desiderio to adopt said resolution. Roll call vote: Durling-yes, Charles-yes, Desiderio-yes, DeCarolis-yes.

#2011-45 (Professional Service agreement:

WHEREAS, there exists a need for appraisal services to be rendered to the Township of Frelinghuysen in the possible acquisition of certain real property located within the Township of Frelinghuysen; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, The Land Conservancy of New Jersey has recommended to conduct the appraisals in accordance with the specifications of Green Acres; and

WHEREAS, The Township wishes to retain the services of Landmark I Appraisal, LLC in accordance with its proposal letter dated May 13, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Committee wishes to award a contract in an amount not to exceed \$1,750.00 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 Landmark I Appraisal, LLC, a certified Green Acres appraiser, to perform the appraisal report on the above-referenced property in accordance with Green Acres standards, for an amount not to exceed \$1,750.00.
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.

Motion was made by Durling, seconded by Desiderio to adopt said resolution. Roll call vote: Desiderio-yes, Durling-yes, Charles-yes, DeCarolis-yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Revisions to agenda were discussed as the Committee did not like the two open discussions. Mayor Charles reported that he had instructed the Clerk to survey the surrounding townships. Hardwick and Blairstown have time limits; Hope and Knowlton Townships do not have time limits. Motion was made by Durling, seconded by DeCarolis to revise the agenda and put the open discussions (audience participation) at the end of agenda and not limit the time. After further discussion, the motion was amended on motion made by Durling, seconded by DeCarolis to open the meeting to the public after new business for 15 minutes with the motion including the time the 15 minutes start and end. All in favor.

With regard to the grant consultant quotes, Mayor Charles reported that he has spoken to a new company who would like to come before the Committee. Mayor Charles will set up an interview at the next work meeting.

Two applications were received for the opening on the Planning Board. The Mayor appointed Bob Vollender as alternate #2 with the Committee concurring with the Mayor.

The Clerk asked the Committee where they would like the funds donated from the North Warren Regional Interact Club. It was decided on motion made by Desiderio, seconded by Durling to dedicate towards the Charles E. Rydell scholarship. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

A letter from the Warren County Purchasing Department asking if the township is interested in bidding for propane and lumber was read. It was decided that these items are not needed. Also, in the letter was the annual county auction scheduled for September 10th. The Committee decided they had nothing to auction off.

The low budget balance for the Planning Board was discussed. During this discussion, the site visit for Genesis Farm ensued. Motion was made by Boynton, seconded by Durling to send a letter to the Planning Board stating the Committee would like Genesis Farm to go through the proper channels for their permits. The motion was amended to have the attorney review the letter, the motion was rescinded. Motion was then made by Durling seconded by Desiderio directing the Zoning Officer to do a field visit for compliance. Roll call vote: Boynton-yes, Durling-yes, DeCarolis-yes, Charles-yes, Desiderio-abstain.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda J. Kleber, RMC