

MINUTES OF WORK MEETING OF MARCH 8, 2017

The work meeting of the Frelinghuysen Township Committee was held in the Municipal Building, 210 Main Street, Johnsonburg, New Jersey on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 and was called to order at 7:00 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 Christopher Stracco, Committeeman David Boynton, Committeeman Christopher Kuhn, Committeeman Charles Marra, CFO Danette Dyer, and Acting Clerk Donna Zilberfarb.

MINUTES:

1. February 15, 2017 regular meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Stracco, seconded by Mr. Boynton. All were in favor. Mr. Kuhn abstained.
2. February 15, 2017 executive session meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Stracco, seconded by Mr. Boynton. All were in favor. Mr. Kuhn abstained.

PROCLAMATIONS:

AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH 2017 A PROCLAMATION WHEREAS, in Frelinghuysen Township, we have a long history of helping our neighbors in need. American Red Cross Month is a special time to recognize and thank our heroes – those Red Cross volunteers and donors who give of their time and resources to help community members and; WHEREAS, these heroes help families find shelter after a home fire. They give blood to help trauma victims and cancer patients. They deliver comfort items to military members in the hospital. They use their lifesaving skills to save someone from a heart attack, drowning or choking. They enable children around the globe to be vaccinated against measles and rubella and; WHEREAS, The American Red Cross depends on local heroes to deliver help and hope during a disaster. We applaud our heroes here in Frelinghuysen Township, who give of themselves to assist their neighbors when they need a helping hand. WHEREAS, across the country and around the world, the American Red Cross responds to disasters big and small. In fact, every eight minutes the organization responds to a community disaster, providing shelter, food, emotional support and other necessities to those affected. It collects nearly 40 percent of the nation's blood supply; provides 24-hour support to military members, veterans and their families; teaches millions lifesaving skills, such as lifeguarding and CPR; and through its Restoring Family Links program, connects family members separated by crisis, conflict or migration and; WHEREAS, we dedicate the month of March to all those who support the American Red Cross mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies. Our community depends on the American Red Cross, which relies on donations of time, money and blood to fulfill its humanitarian mission. NOW, THEREFORE, I, Frank Desiderio, Mayor of Frelinghuysen Township, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of Frelinghuysen Township and New Jersey, do hereby proclaim March 2017 as American Red Cross Month. I encourage all Americans to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 8 day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen, and of the Frelinghuysen Township, New Jersey. Motion was made by Mr. Kuhn, seconded by Mr. Stracco. All were in favor.

PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL POISON PREVENTION WEEK WHEREAS, Congress designated the third full week in March to be National Poison Prevention Week (NPPW) in 1961 and since then this week has helped to raise national awareness of the dangers of potentially poisonous medicines, household chemicals, and other substances; and WHEREAS, poison centers across the country will focus the public's attention on identifying poisoning hazards at home as well as learning ways to prevent poisoning emergencies; and WHEREAS, unintentional poisoning is the leading cause of unintentional injury death in New Jersey; and WHEREAS, drug overdose deaths including prescription pain medicine and heroin remain at epidemic proportions for both

New Jersey and the United States. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the majority of drug overdose deaths (more than six out of ten) involve an opioid; and WHEREAS, a poison is defined as anything that is taken in the wrong amount, in the wrong way or by the wrong person; and WHEREAS, every poisoning is preventable! From the youngest to the oldest, all people and even pets are at risk; and WHEREAS, although the majority of reported poison exposures involve children five (5) years old and younger; the majority of poisoning deaths occur in adults aged 20 to 59; and WHEREAS, the New Jersey Poison Information and Education System (NJPIES), a division of the Department of Emergency Medicine of the New Jersey Medical School of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, provides expert advice, drug information, and poison prevention education to NJ residents through the 800-222-1222 Poison Help Hotline; and WHEREAS, all services are free, confidential, multilingual and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year even during bouts of Mother Nature; and WHEREAS, the public can contact a poison expert by calling (1-800-222-1222), chatting (www.njpies.org), or texting (8002221222@njpies.org); and WHEREAS, consumers must be aware that e-cigarette devices, hookah pipes and liquid nicotine may contain very high doses of nicotine in enticing colors, aromas, and flavors – increasing the likelihood that small children and pets will focus their attention on them. These products pose serious risk of poisoning; and WHEREAS, poison experts urge residents to use our services as a resource for poison and drug information instead of consulting the internet for information that may not be accurate; and WHEREAS, we encourage all residents to program the Poison Help Line 800-222-1222 into home, office, and cell phones because a rapid response can make a difference in preventing serious injury and saving lives; and WHEREAS, the use of poison centers services saves residents both time and money. Most cases are managed in the convenience of the caller's home, requiring no hospital visit; and WHEREAS, NJPIES is also involved with the state's efforts in homeland defense, counter-terrorism, emergency preparedness and response, bio surveillance, and surveillance for clusters of poisonings and their sources (products, food and beverages, chemicals in the workplace and at home, environmental toxins, drugs and medicine, and animal and insect bites and stings); NOW, THEREFORE, I, Frank D. Desiderio, Jr., Mayor, of the Township of Frelinghuysen do hereby proclaim the week of March 19-25, 2017 as National Poison Prevention Week in New Jersey and encourage all citizens to pledge their commitment to ensuring the safety of themselves, their families, and their community. Motion was made by Mr. Kuhn, seconded by Mr. Stracco. All were in favor.

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2017-28 FORM 1B WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey. WHEREAS, The Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen, County of Warren, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and, WHEREAS, the Frelinghuysen Township Committee further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and, WHEREAS, the Frelinghuysen Township Committee has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Warren; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen, County of Warren, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Frelinghuysen Township Committee does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Frelinghuysen Township Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2018 in the amount of:

DEDR \$ 3,536.00
Cash Match \$ 1,061.00
In-Kind \$ 2,652.00

2. The Frelinghuysen Township Committee acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

CERTIFICATION I, Donna Zilberfarb, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Frelinghuysen, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of a resolution duly authorized by the Township Committee on this 23rd day of February, 2017. Due to time constraints and dates, this resolution was signed on February 23rd via an email vote of township committee members. Motion to adopt was made by Mr. Stracco, seconded by Mr. Boynton. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Dyer explained the changes within the budget for the introduction at the next meeting.

The capital ordinance was reviewed and was determined that the backhoe will cost \$83,538.68 which includes a \$13,000 trade in for the old machine and that leaves some extra for a generator. Ms. Dyer explained that there are monies set aside for the parking lot for the recreation center. She explained that it would be better to cancel that Ordinance and put monies into the new one (\$21,000) rather than pay to amend the old Ordinance. The bond ordinance will now be for \$290,000.

Mr. Desiderio asked about the field groomer that will be purchased for the ball fields and if they can lease to buy the machine. Ms. Dyer explained that there was \$14,000 for a new one and can take the extra \$2,000 from the savings of the backhoe. Purchase will be ready for June. Questions were asked if recreation could pay for it and then the town buy it from them. The monies will need to come from the bond ordinance and paid directly to the company being purchased from. The bond ordinance will be introduced in April and set for adoption in May.

The salt shed was held to March 15th regular meeting.

No update from service electric cable.

911 and Green Township Fire Department update. The questionnaire was completed and returned to the 911 center. We are waiting to hear back from them.

Mr. Sterbenz sent the committee the study that was conducted by him in regards to the stop signs on State Park and Shiloh Road. Mr. Desiderio forwarded the information to legal counsel and will have an Ordinance for the March 15, 2017 meeting.

The Recreation Center rental agreement was discussed and suggested by Mr. Kuhn to add the address to the form. Motion was made by Mr. Stracco to approve the recreation form, subject to the amendments of Committeeman Kuhn, seconded by Mr. Boynton. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Turf Pros sent in their annual contract agreement for the ball fields at townhall. Motion was made by Mr. Kuhn, seconded by Mr. Boynton to approve the contract at \$6,040.00 per year. All were in favor.

The license agreement for Kerr Road is being held until discussion with the homeowners on Kerr Road and Old State Coach road has taken place with the road supervisor. Motion was made by Mr. Desiderio to hold, seconded by Mr. Kuhn. All were in favor.

Mr. Desiderio discussed 2 complaints regarding trash on State Park Road and Camp Wasigan Road. He asked if we should send a letter or hire a code enforcement officer. After discussion, a Motion was made by Mr. Kuhn to appoint George Boesze as the code enforcement official, seconded by Mr. Boynton. All were in favor. Motion was made by Mr. Kuhn to set the hourly rate for the code enforcement official at \$30.00 per hour, seconded by Mr. Boynton. All were in favor.

Mr. Desiderio discussed the drain on Main Street and asked if we could send Mr. Sterbenz back out to look into this again. Motion was made by Mr. Kuhn to send Mr. Sterbenz out to determine the result of the Main Street drain by the garage, seconded by Mr. Desiderio. All were in favor.

Mr. Desiderio discussed the campsite that the boy scouts will be creating at the FFP and reminded everyone it will be done free of charge. He also discussed moving the green house and having silver lake farms help with that.

Mr. Desiderio let the committee and public know that Recreation will be holding the Easter Egg Hunt at the elementary school this year on the Saturday before Easter.

Mr. Desiderio asked Marty Connor about the electric going back to the boat house and when that would be happening. Mr. Connor suggested that Mr. Desiderio coordinate this as he knows what is needed.

Ms. Zilberfarb asked about propane at the recreation center and if needed to be filled as it was at 40-45%. Motion was made by Mr. Boynton to fill propane but not go over \$1,000.00, seconded by Mr. Marra. All were in favor.

Ms. Zilberfarb inquired about the township dinner and funds available. Mr. Desiderio suggested a beefsteak dinner. There is \$1,800.00 allocated for the dinner. Recreation booster club will possibly pay for the tips. Dinner will be moved to May 6th. Motion was made by Mr. Stracco to move the township dinner to May 6th at 6 pm, seconded by Mr. Desiderio. All were in favor.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

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

Mr. Connor spoke in regards to the garbage that was discussed earlier and asked if they had a signed complaint? The Mayor responded that he would sign the complaint. Mr. Connor asked if the same would happen regarding Lincoln Laurel Road? He read the Ordinance/Code for the township and after discussion it was determined that the township will send out the code enforcement officer to look into.

Mr. Connor asked if OEM is involved with making the recreation center a shelter? Mr. Desiderio explained that they are doing this step by step and starting with the generator and he will be in touch with Mr. Pachnos.

Mr. Greco spoke in regards to the Turf Pro contract and asked what the amount was. Mr. Desiderio stated the price was \$6,040.00. He also asked what the \$16,000 for a groomer was. Mr. Desiderio explained it was a machine for the ball fields.

Mr. Greco also stated that the spending at the recreation center seems to be out of control. Mr. Desiderio stated that he appreciated his opinion.

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.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. Stracco to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Zilberfarb, Acting Township Clerk