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Dear Frelinghuysen Residents:

I wanted to wish all members of the Frelinghuysen Township Community Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah to those who celebrate those holidays, and a Happy and Healthy New Year. I also wanted to thank the Township Committee for placing your trust in me as Mayor for the last two years.

I wish to thank every member of the Township Committee for all of the hard work and dedication they have shown over the last two years in connection with what is a very significant time commitment by every one of them. I also wish to thank every volunteer member of each of each of our Township's various Boards, Committees, or Commissions for their dedication to the Township, as well as our Land Managers, our Clerk, DPW and other employees.

The Committee's accomplishments over the last two years have been several. As many of you are aware, the Township has aggressively been involved in efforts to have high speed internet/broadband service extended to all of the areas of the Township which were underserved. At the beginning of 2020 only about 5% of the Township was served by high speed internet, and since then approximately 36% is so served. This is a major accomplishment. The Township has appropriated monies to assist in the build-out this important service within the next few years.

Other improvements over the last two years include a new and improved website, the demolition of the of unsightly storage building at the FFP, the construction of dug-outs at the recreation fields, the construction of the long stalled salt-shed, met our master plan for significant farmland preservation, and the implementation of a municipal court agreement with Belvidere. We've also been able to hold the line on taxes in both 2020 and 2021. There were many other accomplishments which the Township Committee has achieved, when working as a team.

Once again, I would like to encourage residents to attend Township Committee meetings. For the reasons set forth in my letter of April 7, 2021, I do not believe in discourse on Facebook or social media, because, among other things, it is not a best practice.

I hope I have contributed adequately to the Township as Mayor during the last two years.

Best regards,

Christopher Straceo, Mayor