

## MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF AUGUST 7, 2023

The special meeting of the Frelinghuysen Township Committee was held in the Municipal Building, 210 Main Street, Johnsonburg, New Jersey on Monday, August 7, 2023 and was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Ramos.

### 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 emailing notice to the New Jersey Herald and The Express-Times.

### ROLL CALL:

Those present were: Mayor Keith Ramos, Deputy Mayor Chris Stracco, Committeeman McPeek, Committeeman Stock, and Municipal Clerk Donna Zilberfarb.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- Motion was made by Mr. Stracco to accept Fire Chief Shoemaker's resignation effective 8/1/2023 with regrets, seconded by Mr. Stock. All were in favor.
- Motion was made by Mr. McPeek to appoint Angel Ortiz to Fire Chief effective 8/1/2023, seconded by Mr. Stock. All were in favor.
- Motion was made by Mr. McPeek to appoint Jose Jaime to Deputy Fire Chief effective 8/1/2023, seconded by Mr. Stock. All were in favor
- Motion was made by Mr. McPeek to appoint Dave Possehl to Training Officer for the FTVFC effective 8/7/2023, seconded by Mr. Stock. All were in favor.
- Motion was made by Mr. McPeek to approve letter for holding tank to be sent to Warren County Health Department, seconded by Mr. Stock. All were in favor.
- Motion was made by Mr. McPeek to authorize the Mayor to sign 2 contracts for the pumping of holding tank, seconded by Mr. Stracco. All were in favor.
- Motion was by Mr. Stock to accept Marty Connor's resignation letter with regrets from the Environmental Commission, seconded by Mr. McPeek. All were in favor.
- Motion was made by Mr. Stock to accept Kodi Rasimowicz' resignation with regrets from the dpw as a seasonal worker, seconded by Mr. McPeek. All were in favor.
- Mr. Ramos swore in Angel Ortiz as Fire Chief COR and swore in Jose Jaime as Deputy Fire Chief COR.

**OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:** Motion was made by Mr. Stock, seconded by Mr. McPeek limiting it to 20 minutes to open meeting to the public. All were in favor. Spoke were:

- Loren Greco asked why Chief Shoemaker resigned so soon and asked if the town would get back monies paid to him and any equipment/uniforms that were for him. Mr. Ramos commented that Mr. Shoemaker received a \$600.00 stipend. He also commented that he couldn't speak for Mr. Shoemaker as to why he resigned but Mr. Ramos wishes him the best and thanked him for all he did for the fire department.
- Shannon Drylie asked when the meeting was published and if just on the bulletin board. Mr. Ramos stated it was published in the paper. Ms. Zilberfarb stated last week it was published and that the it was published in the NJ herald. She explained that the NJ Herald only publishes a couple times a week now but believed it was in the Sunday's paper.

Motion was made by Mr. Stracco to close to the public, seconded by Mr. McPeek. All were in favor.

### ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Stock, seconded by Mr. McPeek to adjourn the meeting at 5:29 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Zilberfarb, RMC