

MINUTES OF BUDGET/WORK MEETING OF FEBRUARY 9, 2022 AS AMENDED

The budget/work meeting of the Frelinghuysen Township Committee was held in the Municipal Building, 210 Main Street, Johnsonburg, New Jersey on Wednesday, February 9, 2022 and was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Keith 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 e mailing notice to the New Jersey Herald and The Express-Times.

ROLL CALL:

Those present were: Mayor Keith Ramos, Deputy Mayor Chris Stracco, Committeeman David Boynton, Committeeman Todd McPeek, Committeeman Robert Stock, CFO Danette Dyer, and Municipal Clerk Donna Zilberfarb.

MINUTES:

- Minutes of January 19, 2022 regular session meeting were approved as amended on a motion by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. Stracco. All were in favor.
- Minutes of January 19, 2022 executive session meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. McPeek. All were in favor.
- Minutes of February 2, 2022 budget meeting were approved as amended on a motion by Mr. Stracco, seconded by Mr. McPeek. All were in favor.
- Minutes of February 2, 2022 executive meeting were approved as amended on a motion by Mr. Stracco, seconded by Mr. McPeek. All were in favor.

RESOLUTIONS:

#2022-27 SETTING EXECUTIVE SESSION WHEREAS, it is necessary to discuss items dealing with contract negotiations. WHEREAS, under the Open Public Meetings Act (number 7 of the permitted exceptions to the requirements that a public body hold its meetings in public) it is permissible that such matters be discussed in executive or private session. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on February 9, 2022 that the Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen will adjourn to private or executive session to discuss the above mentioned and results or portions of that discussion will be made known in reasonable length of time.

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Boynton	x		x			
Mr. McPeek			x			
Mr. Ramos			x			
Mr. Stock			x			
Mr. Stracco		x	x			

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Mayor Ramos spoke with Jim Burns, OEM Coordinator, and the FFP has been designated as a shelter in place. 2 handicap spots will need to be designated in the parking lot that the dpw can take care of. The Red Cross will give cots, supplies etc.
- Deputy Mayor Stracco – Nothing to report
- Committeeman Boynton – Nothing to report
- Committeeman McPeek – Nothing to report
- Committeeman Stock discussed having consistent township emails for all employees and committeemen. Mr. Ramos explained that with the server we utilize currently, there are capacity issues and there would be costs involved. The committee can use any email platform they prefer and reminded everyone of OPRA and email. Mr. Stracco also discussed his email account and prefers to use his current one that he’s been using since he started.
- Municipal Clerk – Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS:

- *There was no old business discussed*

NEW BUSINESS:

- The amendment for the Risk Management Consultant agreement was per the MEL to show the payment of the consultant through them. Motion was made by Mr. Stracco to approve and authorize Mayor to sign, seconded by Mr. Boynton. All were in favor. Ms. Zilberfarb will have the amended agreement signed and forward to the MEL.
- Mr. Ramos discussed Ms. Dyers resignation and appreciates all the work she has done for this town. Motion was made by Mr. Stracco to accept with regrets effective February 16, 2022, seconded by Mr. McPeek. All were in favor.
- Ms. Dyer discussed the budget requests and let the committee know that as of now the town is over CAP by approximately \$39,169.00. The auditors were in on February 2nd and she did not receive the financials back, as of the meeting. She discussed introduction for the budget and felt that this may be a good year to introduce in March/April time frame.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

Motion was made by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. Stracco limiting it to 20 minutes to open meeting to the public. All were in favor. Spoke were:

- No public comment

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Mr. Boynton to enter into executive session, seconded by Mr. McPeek. All were in favor.

No action was taken.

Motion was made by Mr. Boynton to exit executive session, seconded by Mr. McPeek. All were in favor.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING:

Mr. Ramos explained that the executive session was conducted for matters of ongoing contract negotiations and litigation matters.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. McPeek to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Zilberfarb, RMC