

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 19, 2023
Amended**

The regular meeting of the Frelinghuysen Township Committee was held in the Municipal Building, 210 Main Street, Johnsonburg, New Jersey on Wednesday, July 19, 2023 and was called to order at 6:00 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 Stracco, Committeeman Boynton, Committeeman McPeek, Committeeman Stock, Attorney Rich Beilin, and Municipal Clerk Donna Zilberfarb.

MINUTES:

- Minutes of the June 21, 2023, regular meeting were approved on a Motion by Mr. Stock, seconded by Mr. McPeek. All were in favor. Mr. Boynton and Mr. Stracco abstained
- Minutes of the July 5, 2023, special meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Stock, seconded by Mr. Stracco. All were in favor. Mr. Boynton abstained.

RESOLUTIONS:

#2023-52 RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FRELINGHUYSEN, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2023-2024 WHEREAS, the following Plenary Retail Consumption Licensee has filed an application with the Municipal Clerk together with the necessary fees for the year 2023-2024 2106-33-001-005 Joseph C McEvoy Johnsonburg Inn WHEREAS, Clearance Certificates have been received from the New Jersey Division of Taxation, verifying compliance with Chapter 161, Laws of New Jersey by the above applicants. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen on this 19th day of July, 2023 that the renewal of the above mentioned Plenary Retail Consumption and Plenary Retail Distribution license is granted for the year 2023-2024. CERTIFICATION I, Donna Zilberfarb, Municipal Clerk of Frelinghuysen Township, Warren County do hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Frelinghuysen Township Committee at their meeting of July 19, 2023. Donna Zilberfarb, Municipal Clerk SEAL

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

#2023-59 Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Lincoln Laurel Road Improvement project. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council of Frelinghuysen Township formally approves the grant application for the above stated project. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the (mayor/council) and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2024-Lincoln Laurel Road Improvement Project-00303 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of Frelinghuysen. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that (mayor/council) and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Frelinghuysen and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement. Certified as a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Council on this 19th day of July, 2023. Clerk. My signature and the Clerk's seal serve to acknowledge the above resolution and constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approve the execution of the grant agreement as authorized by the resolution above. ATTEST and AFFIX SEAL Clerk and Presiding Officer.

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

#2023-60 RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 2023 WHEREAS, the Finance Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen have reviewed the bills submitted by the Municipal Clerk to the Frelinghuysen Township Committee for the MONTH OF JULY; and WHEREAS, the Finance Committee find the bills to be in order and recommend to the Township Committee that they be paid by the Chief Finance Officer. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Frelinghuysen Township Committee that all bills submitted for the above named date are reasonable and proper and are to be paid from their appropriate account. Donna M. Zilberfarb, RMC

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

ORDINANCES:

#2023-14 AMENDING THE FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP CODE BY ADDING THERETO A NEW ARTICLE I TO CHAPTER 19, TO BE ENTITLED “RENTAL PROPERTY” AND ARTICLE II, TO BE ENTITLED “PUBLIC HEALTH NUISANCE CODE WHEREAS, there exists a need in the Township of Frelinghuysen to promulgate standards for the maintenance and upkeep of residential rental properties, to assure the health, safety and welfare of tenants residing within the Township. NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen as follows: **Section I** Chapter 19 of the Frelinghuysen Township Code, “Health and Safety,” is hereby amended by adding thereto a new Article I, “Rental Property” and Article II, “Public Health Nuisance Code,” to read as follows: **CHAPTER 19 ARTICLE I RENTAL PROPERTY § 19-1. Purpose.** The purpose of this article is to ensure the health, safety and welfare of all tenants residing in rental properties, as well as all other residents of the Township of Frelinghuysen. **§ 19-2. Definitions.** For use in this article only, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section: **LANDLORD AND OWNER** Any person who owns any legally cognizable interest in any rental property, including, but not limited to, outright ownership or ownership through a partnership, corporation or limited liability company. **OWNER-OCCUPIED** The primary residential living unit of the owner is located within the rental property. **PROPERTY MAINTENANCE** The cleanliness and proper working order and upkeep of all areas and facilities of the rental units other than owner-occupied houses, structures or buildings. **RENTAL PROPERTY** Any house, structure, building or structure rented or offered for rent, for living and dwelling purposes to individuals or family units. **RENTAL UNIT** Any individual unit located within a rental property, and which is rented or offered for rent for living and dwelling purposes to individuals or family units. **RESIDE** To live or dwell permanently or continuously at for more than 14 days. Said days need not be consecutive, but must occur within a reasonably short period of time to evidence an intent to utilize the rental unit as the person's primary place of residence. **TENANTS** Those persons who have leased the rental unit from the owner, regardless of the type of tenancy under which they occupy the rental unit. **§ 19-3. Housing excepted from coverage.** The provisions of this article shall not apply to owner-occupied units located within a rental property. The provisions of this article shall not apply to rental properties under the supervision of a public housing authority or that exclusively provide restricted housing for the developmentally disabled. **§ 19-4. Rental property registration.** A. On or before January 1 of each year, the owner of every rental property in the Township of Frelinghuysen and regulated by this article shall file a rental property registration statement with the Municipal Clerk. Forms for said filing can be obtained from the Municipal Clerk or from the Municipal website. The Municipal Clerk shall provide copies of all rental property registration statements to all applicable local agencies. Said information will be kept confidential, and any personal identifying information will not be distributed or utilized in any manner not set forth herein unless required by law. B. The rental property registration statement form shall require the submission of the following information: (i) The name, address and telephone number of the record owner or owners of the rental property. In the case of a partnership, the names of all general partners shall be provided. If the record owner is a corporation or limited liability company, the name and address of the registered agent and corporate officers or principals of said corporation or limited liability company; (ii) If the address of any record owner is not located in the county in which the rental property is located, the name, address and telephone number of a person who resides in the county in which the rental property is located and is authorized to accept notices from a tenant and to issue receipts therefor and to accept service of process on behalf of the record owner; (iii) The name, address and telephone number of the managing agent of the rental property, if any; (iv) The name, address and telephone number, including the dwelling unit, apartment or room number, of the superintendent, janitor, custodian or other individual employed by the record owner or managing agent to provide regular maintenance service, if any; (v) The name, address and telephone number of an individual representative of the record owner or managing agent who may be reached or contacted at any time in the event of an emergency affecting the rental property or any unit of dwelling space therein, including such emergencies as the failure of any essential service or system, and who has the authority to make emergency decisions concerning the building, any repair thereto, disruption of utilities or expenditures in connection therewith and shall, at all times, have access to a current list of building tenants that shall be made available to emergency personnel as required in the event of an emergency; (vi) The name and address of every holder of a recorded mortgage on the rental property; (vii) If fuel is used to heat the building and the landlord furnishes the heat in the building, the name and address of the fuel dealer servicing the building and the type of fuel used; (viii) The number of tenants over the age of two years authorized to reside in each unit, including the number of tenants over the age of two years but under the age of 19 years (school age children); the information contained in the rental property registration statement must set forth information for each unit within the rental property and must include the number of tenants actually residing in each rental unit; (ix) As to each rental unit, the owner shall provide a floor plan of the rental unit, which shall depict the number of rooms and the dimensions and location of each room in the rental unit. No space shall be used for sleeping purposes which has not been deemed so designated as a sleeping area on the floor plan provided by the owner and approved by the local enforcing agency, which shall be on file with the Construction Official; (x) Such other information as may be deemed necessary to enforce this article. C. In the event the tenancy of a rental unit changes during the year, the owner or managing agent shall, within 30 days of the change in tenancy, provide an amendment to the rental property registration. The amendment form can be obtained from the Municipal Clerk or from the Municipal website. A "change in tenancy" shall mean the addition of any person not included in the annual statement, or a deletion on the annual statement. Failure to provide the required information shall be deemed a violation of this article, and owners, managing agents and tenants may be held accountable for inaccurate rental property registrations statements. **§ 19-5. Maximum number of occupants.** The owner shall post the maximum authorized number of occupants in a conspicuous area within the rental unit. It shall be unlawful for any person, including the owner, managing agent and/or tenants, to allow greater number of persons than the posted maximum number of occupants to reside in the rental unit. This provision may be enforced against the owner, managing agent and/or tenants as well as against the unauthorized persons residing in the rental unit under this article or any other applicable local, state or federal law, regulation, ordinance or code. **§ 19-6. Nuisances.** No rental property or unit shall be conducted or maintained in a manner that constitutes a nuisance. The owner and the tenants will be held responsible for any such conditions and/or activities, and such conditions and/or activities shall constitute a violation of this article as well as violations of any other applicable local, state or federal laws, regulations, ordinances and/or codes. **§ 19-7. Rental unit license fee schedule.** The following is the rental unit license fee schedule:

<u>Number of Units</u>	<u>Annual License Fee</u>
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2 or fewer	\$25
3 or more	\$10 per unit

The annual rental unit license registration and fee are due and payable to the Township of Frelinghuysen on January 1 of each year with a thirty-day grace period for same. Failure to register as of February 1 will be considered in violation of this article and a late fee of \$5 per month, per unit, will be assessed. **§ 19-8. Specific Requirements for Rental Properties.** A. Heat. (i) Every owner of a rental property who permits the rental property or a unit therein to be occupied under any agreement, express or implied, to supply or furnish heat to the occupant thereof shall supply heat adequate to maintain therein a minimum inside temperature in all habitable rooms, including bathrooms, of 68 degrees Fahrenheit between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m., and 65 degrees Fahrenheit between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. from October 1 of each year to the next succeeding May 15. (ii). In the absence of a contract or agreement to the contrary, an owner shall be obligated to provide heat in accordance with the standards set forth at subsection A hereof whenever heating facilities are under the control of the owner or whenever two or more dwelling units or lodging units are heated by a common facility. B. Enforcement. The provisions of this section may be enforced by the Warren County Board of Health or the Frelinghuysen Township Zoning Officer, or by such other Frelinghuysen Township official as may be designated by the Township Committee.

§ 19-9. Violations and penalties. A. Any person who violates any provision of Section 19-8 shall, upon conviction thereof, be liable for a penalty of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or both, for each violation. Each day that said violation continues shall be deemed a separate and distinct violation. B. Any person violating any of the other provisions of this article, upon conviction thereof, shall be liable to a penalty of not less than \$50 nor more than \$500 for each violation. In addition, the owner will be subject to the increased license fees established in §19-7 for failure to timely register the rental unit. **ARTICLE II PUBLIC HEALTH NUISANCE CODE**

§ 19-10. Definitions. A. As used in this chapter, the Public Health Nuisance Code of New Jersey (1953) means and refers to that certain Code approved by the State Department of Health on September 16, 1953, for adoption by reference, as may be amended from time to time. In accordance with law, which Code defines and prohibits certain matters, things, conditions or acts, and each of them as a nuisance, prohibits certain noises or sounds, requires proper heating of apartments, prohibits the leasing or renting of certain buildings, prohibits spitting in or upon public buildings, conveyances or sidewalks, authorizes the inspection of premises by an enforcing official, and provides for the removal or abatement of certain nuisances and the recovery of expenses incurred by a municipality in removing or abating said nuisances. B. Whenever the following words, terms or phrases are used in the Public Health Nuisance Code of New Jersey (1953), they shall have the following meanings herein given: (i) "Board of Health" means and refers to the Warren County Health Department. (ii) "Municipality" means and refers to the Township of Frelinghuysen. **§ 19-11. Adoption of Public Health Nuisance Code of New Jersey; Exceptions.**

A. Pursuant to and in accordance with the Public Health and Sanitation Codes Adoption by Reference Act (N.J.S.A. 26:3—69.1 to 26:3—69.6), there is hereby established and adopted as the Public Health Nuisance Code of the Township of Frelinghuysen, the whole of the Public Health Nuisance Code of New Jersey (1953), except that Sections 2.1(a) and 2.1(b) are specifically excluded from this adoption. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that the provisions of the Frelinghuysen Township Code are more stringent those of the Public Health Nuisance Code of the State of New Jersey, then the provisions of the Frelinghuysen Township Code shall take precedence. B. A copy of the Public Health Nuisance Code of New Jersey, as adopted by the Township of Frelinghuysen, is annexed hereto and made a part hereof as fully and with the same effect as though it had been set forth at length herein. C. Three (3) copies of the Public Health Nuisance Code of New Jersey (1953) have been placed on file in the Office of the Township Clerk and the Warren County Health Department, and shall remain on file there for the use and examination of the public. **§ 19-12. Penalty.** Any person who violates any provision of this article shall, upon conviction thereof, be liable for a penalty of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or both, for each violation. Each day that said violation continues shall be deemed a separate and distinct violation.

Section II 1. Each clause, section or subsection of this ordinance shall be deemed a separate provision to the intent that if any such clause, section or subsection should be declared invalid, the remainder of the ordinance shall not be affected. 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinance inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed as to the extent of such inconsistency. 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and publication according to law. ATTEST: TOWNSHIP OF FRELINGHUYSEN DONNA ZILBERFARB, Clerk KEITH RAMOS, Mayor **NOTICE** Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at the regular meeting of the Frelinghuysen Township Committee held on July 19 2023 and will be considered for final reading and adoption at the meeting of the Frelinghuysen Township Committee to be held on August 16, 2023 at the Municipal Building, 210 Main Street, Johnsonburg, New Jersey at which time and place all interested parties may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Stracco to open to first reading for introduction, seconded by Mr. Boynton. Roll call vote: Mr. Boynton-yes; Mr. McPeek-yes; Mr. Ramos-yes; Mr. Stock-yes; Mr. Stracco-yes. Second reading for adoption will be held on August 16, 2023.

#2023-15 AMENDING THE FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP CODE BY ADDING THERETO A NEW ARTICLE III TO CHAPTER 19, TO BE ENTITLED "PLAINLY AUDIBLE NOISE" WHEREAS, excessive noise is a detriment to the public health, safety and welfare of the Township and its residents; and WHEREAS, in order to ensure that the residents of Frelinghuysen Township may live in an environment free of excessive noise, it is necessary and appropriate to the public health, safety and welfare to regulate noise as a nuisance where appropriate. NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen as follows: **Section I** Chapter 19 of the Frelinghuysen Township Code, "Health and Safety," is hereby amended by adding thereto a new Article III, "Plainly Audible Noise," to read as follows: **CHAPTER 19 ARTICLE III PLAINLY AUDIBLE NOISE § 19-13. Applicability.** This article shall cover any noise from any source location which is plainly audible in violation of the provisions of this article. **§ 19-14. Prohibited acts.** It shall be unlawful for any individual or entity to make, continue or cause to be made or continued any loud, unnecessary or unusual noise or any noise which does or is likely to annoy, disturb, injure or endanger the quiet enjoyment, comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of others. **§ 19-15. Loud, disturbing and unnecessary noise.** A. Without intending to limit the generality of §19-14, the following acts are hereby declared to be

examples of loud, disturbing and unnecessary noise in violation of this article. (1) Radios; televisions; sound amplifiers. The playing, use or operation of any radio receiving set, television, musical instrument, loudspeaker, amplifier or other machine or device for the producing or reproducing of sound in such manner as to disturb the peace, quiet and comfort of neighboring inhabitants or with louder volume than is necessary for convenient hearing for persons who are in the room or building in which the machine or device is operated and who are voluntary listeners. The operation of such a set, instrument, machine or device between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. so that it is clearly audible at a distance of 50 feet from the building, structure or vehicle in which it is located shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this article. (2) Yelling; shouting. Yelling, shouting, hooting, whistling or singing on the public streets, particularly between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., or at any time or place, which annoys or disturbs the quiet, comfort or repose of persons in any office, dwelling, hotel, motel or other type of residence or of any persons in the vicinity. (3) Animals; birds. The keeping of animals or birds which, by causing frequent or long-continued noise, disturb the comfort or repose of any person in the vicinity, but nothing herein contained is intended to apply to a licensed dog pound or kennel, or to farming, when practiced according to customary farming practices. (4) Horns. The sounding of a horn or warning device on an automobile, motorcycle, bus or other vehicle except when required by law, or when necessary to give timely warning of the approach of the vehicle, or as a warning of impending danger to persons driving other vehicles or to persons on the street. No person shall sound a horn or warning device on an automobile, motorcycle, bus or other vehicle which emits an unreasonably loud or harsh sound or for an unnecessary or unreasonable period of time. (5) Exhaust. The discharge into the open air of the exhaust of a steam engine, stationary internal combustion engine or motor vehicle, except through a muffler or other device which will effectively prevent loud or explosive noises. (6) Defect in vehicle or load. The use of an automobile, motorcycle or vehicle so out of repair or so loaded that it creates loud and unnecessary grating, grinding, rattling or other noise. (7) Construction or repair. The carrying on of excavation, demolition, construction, repair or alteration work other than between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., and the carrying on of construction, repair or alteration work by a homeowner on his own dwelling or property other than between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. All motorized equipment used in construction and demolition activity shall be operated with a muffler. (8) Schools; courts; houses of worship; hospitals. The creation of excessive noise on a street adjacent to a school, institution of learning or house of worship while in use or adjacent to a medical facility which unreasonably interferes with the working of the institution or which disturbs or unduly annoys patients or residents of a medical facility, provided that conspicuous signs are displayed in such a street indicating that it is a school or medical facility. (9) Drums. The use of any drum or other instrument or device for the purpose of attracting attention by creation of noise to any performance, show or sale. (10) Pile drivers, hammers, etc. The operation, other than between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on weekdays, of any pile driver, steam shovel, bulldozer or other earthmoving machinery, pneumatic hammer, derrick, steam or electric hoist or other appliance, the use of which is attended by loud or unusual noise. (11) Blowers. The operation of any noise-creating blower or power fan or any internal combustion engine, the operation of which causes noise due to the explosion of operating gases or fluids, unless the noise from such blower or fan is muffled and such engine is equipped with a muffler device sufficient to deaden such noises. (12) Lawn mowers, snow blowers/throwers. The operation of any internal combustion engine lawn mower, or electric power lawn mower or of any snow blower or snow thrower before 7:00 a.m. or after 10:00 p.m. (13) Electric generators. The residential use of any fuel-powered device that produces electricity and produces sound that is clearly audible from a distance of 50 feet from the device except at times when electric power is interrupted for reasons beyond the control of the property owner or occupant or for the maintenance or testing of the generator unit for a period not to exceed 30 minutes. Such maintenance and testing shall only be conducted between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. (14) Any noise that violates the provisions of the Public Health Nuisance Code of New Jersey, as adopted pursuant to Chapter 19, Article II of the Frelinghuysen Township Code. B. The above are intended to give typical illustrations of prohibited noise and shall not be construed as exclusive. **§ 19-16. Exceptions.** Nothing herein contained shall be construed to apply to: A. The use of bells, chimes or sound amplifiers by houses of worship engaged in house of worship activities. B. Activities of municipal departments in the performance of their duties, drills or public demonstrations. C. Police, fire, ambulance, air raid or other sirens which may be operated by the Township or civil defense or other governmental authorities, or any other emergency services responding to emergencies. D. Activities in public parks, playgrounds or public buildings under permission or authority of municipal officials. E. The playing by a band or orchestra in a hall or building or in the open air, where duly authorized. F. Activities of municipal or public utilities or municipal public works to respond to emergencies, public health or safety issues or to repair critical infrastructure. G. Construction activities carried out within reasonable daytime hours, subject to any additional restrictions imposed by the Township. H. Farming, when practiced according to customary farming practices. **§ 19-17. Enforcement; violations and penalties.** A. The provisions of this article shall be enforced by the State Police or the Warren County Board of Health. B. Any person or entity violating any provision of this article shall upon conviction be subject to a fine not exceeding \$2,000 or the maximum allowable under N.J.S.A. 40:49-5, a term of imprisonment not exceeding 90 days or a period of community service not exceeding 90 days or any combination thereof. If the violation is of a continuing nature, each day during which it occurs shall constitute an additional, separate and distinct offense. **Section II** 1. Each clause, section or subsection of this ordinance shall be deemed a separate provision to the intent that if any such clause, section or subsection should be declared invalid, the remainder of the ordinance shall not be affected. 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinance inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed as to the extent of such inconsistency. 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and publication according to law. **NOTICE** Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at the regular meeting of the Frelinghuysen Township Committee held on July 19, 2023 and will be considered for final reading and adoption at the meeting of the Frelinghuysen Township Committee to be held on August 16, 2023 at the Municipal Building, 210 Main Street, Johnsonburg, New Jersey at which time and place all interested parties may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Stracco to open to first reading for introduction, seconded by Mr. Boynton. Roll call vote: Mr. Boynton-yes; Mr. McPeck-yes; Mr. Ramos-yes; Mr. Stock-yes; Mr. Stracco-yes. Second reading for adoption will be held on August 16, 2023.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Mayor Ramos – nothing to report

- Deputy Mayor Stracco – nothing to report
- Committeeman Boynton – nothing to report
- Committeeman McPeek – nothing to report
- Committeeman Stock – Mr. Stock reported that he heard back from the Governors office and there are 2 opportunities for grants.
- Municipal Clerk Zilberfarb – nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- Dr. Dutt, Superintendent from NWRHS spoke about budgeting and losing state aid and the community volunteering to help fix up the school. She mentioned needing a few repairs and costs totalling about 2.8 mil. She explained having volunteers helping to update the auditorium, the flooring in the main foyer has been updated. She discussed asking for donations for landscaping, which would be good for community service. Certain sports teams are doing different projects to help fix the concession stand and senior area. She spoke about the budget cuts from the State. 2023 was a loss of approximately \$750,000.00 and 2024 will be about \$200,000.00 in loss. The Mayor thanked her for coming to speak with the committee and public. He commended her on what has been done over the last few years and feels they are financially fiscally responsible and thanked her for that. The public spoke: Dan Kohuth asked what the budget was. Ms. Dutt stated \$16,000,000.00. She also discussed the enrollment changes since 2017-18 to present where enrollment is down to about 600 students. There were no more questions asked.
- Barbara Davis from the Land Conservancy discussed the open space/rec plan update for the Master Plan and explained that this would be on the agenda for adoption at the Land Use Board in August. She explained how the plan was created in 2006 and updated in 2012 with the 10 year update being 2023. Mr. Ramos asked if the public had any questions for Ms. Davis. Marty Connor thanked Ms. Davis and her team for all their work putting together and that he was very impressed with the plan that they produced.
- Alan DeCarolis discussed amending the ordinance and having a dog limit. He mentioned Hope and Knowlton having an ordinance with limitations. He would like to have some type of cap on dogs and if anything over that amount then they would need to apply for a kennel license. Mr. DeCarolis would also like to look at the fee schedule for the court fees.
- Motion was made by Mr. McPeek to accept the change order for Camp Wasigan for South State, seconded by Mr. Stock. All were in favor. This change order was a reduction in cost.
- Motion was made by Mr. McPeek to authorize Colliers Engineering for Greendell Road Improvement project proposal, seconded by Mr. Boynton. All were in favor.
- The proposal for South State paving for Kerrs Corner Road was not approved. They lost the paving contract through the Coop the township was working with.
- Motion was made by Mr. Boynton to authorize the Mayor to sign the Zook Construction contract for work on the Fire Department building, seconded by Mr. McPeek. All were in favor.
- Motion was made by Mr. McPeek to appoint Jose Jaime to the fire department, seconded by Mr. Stock. All were in favor.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Motion was made by Mr. McPeek for a consent agenda for department reports 1-16, seconded by Mr. Boynton. All present were in favor.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

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

- Marty Connor asked if there would be deer hunting this year and stated if they were planning on one it has to be done prior to August 1st per the Ordinance. There will be no deer hunting this year.
- Loren Greco asked about the bill for Precision Tree and Land and was told it was for tree removal by the dpw building/fire department.
- Dan Kohuth asked about the bill for B&R Uniform and was told it was for the fire department uniforms.
- Mr. Kohuth asked about funding for the fire department in the budget for 2023. Mr. Ramos explained that there is \$20,000 allocating from the town. He explained that ARP funding has paid for everything thus far. He explained that the town and the fire department are two different entities and that not all will come from the township.
- Mr. Kohuth also asked about trees being damaged that are dead along the roads and who is responsible for those. He stated he has stopped on Greendell Road and picked up limbs and branches. Mr. Ramos explained that JCP&L is responsive but these smaller roads are responsive enough for them to take care of and that they are working more on the larger roads. Mr. Ramos will discuss with the rep and see if they can get them down.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- There was no Executive Session

CORRESPONDENCE:

- State of New Jersey – NJDOT fiscal year 2024 State Aid Programs.
- NJLM – Legislative Bulletin No 1
- Blairstown Hose Company – June monthly
- Hope Township fire Department – June monthly
- Green Township Fire Department – May monthly

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. McPeck, seconded by Mr. Boynton to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Zilberfarb, RMC