

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF JULY 28, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Frelinghuysen Township Committee was held in the Municipal Building, 210 Main Street, Johnsonburg, New Jersey on Thursday, July 28, 2022 and was called to order at 5:00 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, Committeeman David Boynton via phone, Committeeman Todd McPeek, Committeeman Robert Stock via phone, and Municipal Clerk Donna Zilberfarb.

**ORDINANCES:**

**#2022-08 AMENDING ORDINANCE 2022-05 ESTABLISHING SALARY RANGES**

**WHEREAS**, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRELINGHUYSEN ESTABLISHING SALARY RANGES was adopted on March 16, 2022, and **WHEREAS**, the need exists to amend the ordinance, **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen, County of Warren and State of New Jersey, that the annual, monthly or hourly salary ranges of the following elected officials, appointees and employees of the Township of Frelinghuysen, effective January 1, 2022 shall be as follows:

<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>MINIMUM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>MAXIMUM</b>	
FIRE CHIEF	\$500.00		\$1,000.00	ANNUAL
FIRE DEPUTY CHIEF	\$400.00		\$600.00	ANNUAL
FIRE SECRETARY	\$200.00		\$400.00	ANNUAL
FIRE TREASURER	\$200.00		\$400.00	ANNUAL

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that all salaries shall be retroactive to each appointment date except as otherwise noted. **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that this Ordinance shall take effect upon publication and final adoption pursuant to law. Donna Zilberfarb, RMC Keith Ramos, Mayor **CERTIFICATION** Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at the regular meeting of the Township of Frelinghuysen Township Committee held on July 28, 2022 and will be considered for final reading and adoption at a meeting of the Township of Frelinghuysen Township Committee to be held on August 17, 2022 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. McPeek to open for first reading for introduction, seconded by Mr. Stock. Roll call vote: Mr. Boynton-yes; Mr. Mcpeek-yes; Mr. Ramos-yes; Mr. Stock-yes; Mr. Stracco-Absent. Second reading for adoption will be held on August 17, 2022 at 6 pm.

**#2022-09 ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$67,500.00 FOR VARIOUS FIRE DEPARTMENT IMPROVEMENTS**

**BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen, County of Warren, State of New Jersey as follows: **SECTION 1:** The sum of Sixty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$67,500.00) presently located in the General Capital Fund is hereby appropriated for Various Fire Department Improvements funded from the Reserve for Fire Department Equipment. **SECTION 2:** In connection with the amount authorized in Section 1 hereof, the Township makes the following determinations:

- 1) The purpose described in Section 1 hereof is not a Current Expense and is a purchase the Township of Frelinghuysen may lawfully make as a capital purchase.
- 2) The period of usefulness of the purpose described in Section 1 hereof is not in the limitation of said Local Bond law and according to the aggregate reasonable life thereof is five (5) years or longer.

**SECTION 3:** All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with the terms of this ordinance be and the same hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency. **SECTION 4:** This ordinance becomes effective upon publication after adoption according to law. Donna Zilberfarb, RMC Keith Ramos, Mayor **NOTICE** is hereby given that the above ordinance was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen, in the County of Warren, New Jersey, held on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022. It will be further considered for final passage after public hearing at a meeting of the Mayor and Committee to be held in the Municipal Building, 210 Main Street, in the Township of Frelinghuysen, on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:00 P.M., and during the preceding week copies of the ordinance will be made available at the Clerk's office in the Municipal Building to members of the general public. Motion was made by Mr. Mcpeek to open for 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-Absent. Second reading for adoption will be held on August 17, 2022 at 6 pm.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**#2022-72 RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOHN SHOEMAKER AS CHIEF OF THE FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY** **WHEREAS**, by Ordinance No. 2022-06, the Frelinghuysen Township Committee created the Frelinghuysen Township Volunteer Fire Company; and **WHEREAS**, pursuant to the said Ordinance, a Chief is to be appointed for the Frelinghuysen Township Volunteer Fire Company, to perform the duties specified in the Ordinance, at a salary to be determined

by the Township Committee; and WHEREAS, John Shoemaker has the requisite skills and experience to serve as the Chief of the Frelinghuysen Township Volunteer Fire Company. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, as follows: 1. John Shoemaker is hereby appointed as the Chief of the Frelinghuysen Township Volunteer Fire Company, at a salary to be determined by Ordinance of the Township Committee. 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately according to law. CERTIFICATION I, Donna Zilberfarb, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true, complete and accurate copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen at a meeting held on July 28, 2022.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:**

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

- Marty Connor, Lincoln Laurel Road, asked if this agenda was noticed on the website. Ms. Zilberfarb stated she thought but not positive but it was advertised as it needs to be legally.
- Marty Connor asked if this is a paid fire department. Mr. Ramos explained it is like Blairstown, although partially paid it is a volunteer fire department.
- Mr. Connor asked what his qualifications are and if he's ever served as a Chief. Mr. Ramos explained that he volunteers in Blairstown and was a past Chief in East Orange.
- Loren Greco, Greendell Road, asked if he lived locally and Mr. Ramos stated yes.
- Mr. Connor asked if he will be a member of both Blairstown and Frelinghuysen. Mr. Ramos stated no he will be on Frelinghuysen's fire department.
- Mr. Greco asked what the salary was or is it being determined. Mr. Ramos answered it was \$650.00 annually.
- Mr. Greco asked what was the rush for holding this meeting. Mr. Ramos explained that there are steps that need to be taken and the urgency is to get this moving forward. A chief needed to be in place to be able to move forward.
- Mr. Greco asked about the status of the fire truck purchase. Mr. Ramos explained that the letter of intent is still out there and the purchase will be determined by the Chief.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. Stock to adjourn the meeting at 6:09 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Zilberfarb, RMC