

MINUTES OF BUDGET MEETING OF JANUARY 30, 2020

The regular meeting of the Frelinghuysen Township Committee was held in the Municipal Building, 210 Main Street, Johnsonburg, New Jersey on Wednesday, January 30, 2020 and as called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor, Chris Stracco.

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 Chris Stracco, Deputy Mayor Keith Ramos, Committeeman David Boynton, Committeeman Frank Desiderio, Committeeman Todd McPeek, CFO Danette Dyer, and Municipal Clerk Donna Zilberfarb.

AGREEMENTS:

- The 2020 Morris County Cooperative Pricing membership was approved for 2020 on a motion by Mr. Desiderio, seconded by Mr. McPeek. All were in favor.

RESOLUTIONS:

#2020-20 RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR THE DATE OF JANUARY 30, 2020 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 date of January 30, 2020; 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.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. O'Connor presented his budget request to the committee. Building brought in \$158,922.00 in 2019 which was up from 2018. The shared services agreement was discussed and Mr. O'Connor was happy with it and felt that Green Township is as well, there have been no complaints. Motion was made by Mr. Desiderio, seconded by Mr. Boynton to accept the building department budget. All were in favor.
- Marty Connor presented the Land Manager's budget to the committee. The request was for \$5,000.00 for the pond treatment, brochures, excavator rental for removal of invasives, rehab for the spring house, and monies needed for the FFP stewardship agreement. Motion was made by Mr. Ramos to approve \$4,670 for the 2020 budget, seconded by Mr. Boynton. All were in favor. Mr. Connor also commented on the mower that was purchased last year and let the committee know that he felt it was a worth while investment and thanked them again.
- Mr. Stracco nominated Heather Hassleman for the appointment as a recreation member. Motion was made by Mr. Desiderio to concur with appointment, seconded by Mr. Boynton. All were in favor.
- All Municipal Budgets were discussed and decisions are as follows:
 - Administration budget – Motion was made by Mr. Desiderio to approve \$16,840.00 for 2020, seconded by Mr. Ramos. All were in favor. Capital needs were discussed and asked for 2 new desks for construction and zoning departments and replacing the tiles and repairing some of the slats in the ceiling in the meeting room. Ms. Zilberfarb believes she will need approximately \$1,318.00 and it can be reallocated from a previous bond ordinance.
 - Mayor and Council budget – Motion was made by Mr. Desiderio to approve \$1,550.00 for 2020, seconded by Mr. Boynton. All were in favor.
 - Finance Budget – Motion was made by Mr. Ramos to approve \$2,500.00 for 2020, seconded by Mr. Boynton. All were in favor.
 - Tax Collector budget – Motion was made by Mr. Boynton to approve \$3,000.00 for 2020, seconded by Mr. Stracco. All were in favor. Mr. Ramos opposed.
 - Legal Budget – was held
 - Land Use Board budget – Motion was made by Mr. Ramos to approve \$2,000.00 modified from original request, seconded by Mr. Mcpeek. All were in favor.
 - Historic Preservation Committee budget – Motion was made by Mr. Ramos to approve \$300.00 modified from the original request, seconded by Mr. Boynton. All were in favor.

- Zoning department budget – Motion was made to approve \$400.00 for O/E, seconded by Mr. Boynton. All were in favor.
- Office of Emergency Management budget – was held and committee asked for more clarification.
- Roads/DPW budget – was discussed but held until next meeting.
- Solid Waste budget – Motion was made by Mr. Desiderio to approve \$8,000.00 for 2020, seconded by Mr. Boynton. All were in favor.
- Buildings and Grounds budget – Motion was made by Mr. Boynton to approve \$12,000.00 for 2020, seconded by Mr. McPeek. All were in favor. Mr. Ramos opposed.
- Board of Health budget – Motion was made by Mr. Desiderio to approve \$250.00 for 2020, seconded by Mr. Boynton. All were in favor.
- Environmental Commission budget – Motion was made by Mr. Ramos to approve \$1,000.00 for 2020 seconded by Mr. McPeek. All were in favor.
- Frelinghuysen Senior Group budget – Motion was made by Mr. McPeek to approve \$2,500.00 for 2020, seconded by Mr. Boynton. All were in favor.
- Recreation committee budget – Motion was made by Mr. Desiderio to approve \$6,500.00 increased by \$2,000.00 for 2020, seconded by Mr. Boynton. All were in favor.
- Municipal court costs were discussed and we pay \$6,900.00 and are expected to absorb \$130,000. The budget for courts will be discussed when Knowlton township Committee persons are at meeting. Ms. Zilberfarb will reach out to them and see if they can attend the February 6th meeting. Mr. Stracco also discussed next year and will call around to other courts and let the committee know that looking to the future the costs will increase to around \$40,000.00
- Mr. Stracco will reach out to Paul Sterbenz and Mr. Wacks regarding selling the property on Route 94.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

Motion was made by Mr. Desideiro, seconded by Mr. Boynton limiting it to 15 minutes to open meeting to the public. All were in favor. Spoke were:

There was no public present

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no executive session

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Desiderio, seconded by Mr. Boynton to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Zilberfarb, RMC