

**MINUTES OF BUDGET MEETING OF FEBRUARY 2, 2022
AS AMENDED**

The budget meeting of the Frelinghuysen Township Committee was held in the Municipal Building, 210 Main Street, Johnsonburg, New Jersey on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 and was called to order at 7:00 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, Attorney Rich Beilin, and Municipal Clerk Donna Zilberfarb.

MINUTES:

- Amended Minutes of November 10, 2021 regular session meeting were approved on a motion as amended by Mr. Stracco, seconded by Mr. Boynton. All were in favor. Mr. Stock abstained.

RESOLUTIONS:

#2022-25 A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT DEPUTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

COORDINATORS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF FRELINGHUYSEN WHEREAS, pursuant to New Jersey Emergency Management Directive #102 and Section 2-61.2 of the Frelinghuysen Township Code, the Township of Frelinghuysen seeks to appoint a Deputy Emergency Coordinator; and WHEREAS, the Mayor has appointed James Winfield and Christian Ventura to the positions of Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator for a term commencing on February 2, 2022 and ending on August 10, 2024, concurrent with the term of the Emergency Management Coordinator, and the Township Committee has consented to that appointment. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the appointment of James Winfield and Christian Ventura to serve as Deputy Emergency Coordinators for the Township of Frelinghuysen is hereby confirmed by the Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen, Warren County, State of New Jersey. CERTIFICATION I, Donna Zilberfarb, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Frelinghuysen do hereby certify the above to be a true copy adopted by the Mayor and Township Committee on February 2, 2022.

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

#2022-26 SETTING EXECUTIVE SESSION WHEREAS, it is necessary to discuss items dealing with contract negotiations and potential litigation. 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 2, 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			

OLD BUSINESS:

- There was no old business discussed*

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. O'Connor presented his budget for the construction/building department and asked if anyone had any questions. No one on the committee had any questions. He also submitted his resignation effective May 1, 2022 as he will be retiring after 27 years. Motion was made by Mr. Boynton to accept Richard O'Connor's resignation with regrets effective May 1, 2022, seconded by Mr. Stracco. All were in favor.
- Mr. Connor presented the budget for the land managers. He discussed his projects and what was needed for 2022. After discussion, Mr. Ramos thanked him for all he does.
- Motion was made by Mr. Boynton to accept Waclaw Hein's resignation with regrets, seconded by Mr. Stracco. All were in favor.
- Consent agenda motion was made by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. Stracco for the appointments of Amanda Schmidt to Environmental Chair, Farmland Preservation committee alternate #1, Recreation liaison for Open Space committee, and Alternate #4 for the Land Use

Board, appointment of alternate #2 for Environmental Commission to Deseray Ramsey and the resignation of Donna Zilberfarb, secretary for Farmland and Open space committees. All were in favor.

- Appointment of the Farmland Open Space Secretary was made on a motion by Mr. Boynton to appoint Susan Rapolla at \$14.50 per hour effective 3/1/2022, seconded by Mr. Stracco. All were in favor.

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 let the committee know that the Open Space and Recreation Plan is due for an update and is due by 12/31/22. He will speak with Barbara Davis again. The cost could be about \$10,000-12,000.00. He will ask if it is required to update.
- Jim Burns, OEM, let the committee know that the plan has been approved through the State and County. He has the Red Cross coming to look at the rec center with intentions of being a shelter in place. Mr. Burns will look into grants for funding.

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

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING:

Mr. Ramos explained that executive session was conducted for matters of contractual agreements.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. McPeek, seconded by Mr. Boynton to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Zilberfarb, RMC