

## MINUTES OF BUDGET MEETING OF FEBRUARY 6, 2020

The regular meeting of the Frelinghuysen Township Committee was held in the Municipal Building, 210 Main Street, Johnsonburg, New Jersey on Wednesday, February 6, 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 McPeck, and Municipal Clerk Donna Zilberfarb.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- Mark Slater and George Curreri of the Blairstown Hose Company presented to the committee their budget request for 2020. They are asking for \$25,000 for capital expenses to include extrication equipment and SCBA equipment. They are requesting capital only and no donation. They had the following calls for 2019:
  - 319 Calls
  - 21 Frelinghuysen
  - 52 Hardwick
  - 246 BlairstownMr. Slater also discussed that they have a 3 year contract with Hardwick and asked if we would be interested in something as well. He also stated that they will come to our monthly meetings and report if the township would like that. Mr. Stracco asked for a copy of the contract with Hardwick. Mr. Stracco also thanked them and let them know that we would be back in touch with what has been decided.
- Mr. Stracco discussed with the committee that he would like to increase the stipend for the Recreation Coordinator for Stacy Gallante by \$200.00. He also discussed the legal fees on the sale of the property and they can be rolled into the sale by taking them out of the proceeds, legal will need to be asked if that is ok with them and if ok then we will not need to increase the budget for that. He also would like to increase the budget for legal for \$8,000 - \$12,000 for service electric issues. This will be discussed further at the meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Mike Marino and Chad Koonz presented the budget request for Hope Township Fire Department. They would like the same as last year with no increases. Mr. Koonz will get a list of capital expenditures to Ms. Zilberfarb and Ms. Dyer by next week. He did say they needed tires but the tires only have a certified life span of 4 years, they can not be paid with capital. They had the following calls for 2019:
  - 209 Calls
  - 62 Frelinghuysen (false alarms have decreased at Forest Manor)
  - 147 HopeMr. Stracco thanked them, asked them to get the capital to us as soon as they can and let them know that we would be back in touch with what has been decided.
- Bob Schiabe, Treasurer, Green Township Fire Department presented the budget for Green Township as Mike Rose was in Wisconsin at the new truck build meeting. They are asking for \$7,500 in donation and \$25,000 in capital to include portable radios, gear, airbags, hose and electrical fan. Mr. Schiabe will get back to us on exact numbers for calls in 2019 but said we are 1/3 of the calls. Mr. Ramos asked to have 2017, 2018 and 2019 numbers. Mr. Schiabe will forward all the information asked to Ms. Zilberfarb. Mr. Stracco also thanked them and let them know that we would be back in touch with what has been decided.
- Committeeman Bob McNinch from Knowlton Township handed everyone a packet on the shared court services and discussed the raising costs and asked for \$23,000 for 2020. Mr. Desiderio asked where the court fees go for any municipal violations go. (ie zoning). Mr. McNinch was not positive and will get back to us on that. Mr. Desiderio also said that he'd like to see where we will be going in 3 years before committing to more funding. After discussion, Mr. Stracco asked him to get all the numbers for the

other towns for the past 3 years to Ms. Zilberfarb and let him know that we will discuss and get back to him.

- Mr. Boynton would like to see salaries and wages broken out to 1%, 1.5% and 2% for the next meeting. He would also like to see the inflation rate.

**OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:**

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

There was no public comment

Motion was made by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. Ramos 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. Boynton, seconded by Mr. McPeek to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Zilberfarb, RMC