

MINUTES OF BUDGET MEETING OF FEBRUARY 6, 2018

The budget meeting of the Frelinghuysen Township Committee was held in the Municipal Building, 210 Main Street, Johnsonburg, New Jersey on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 and was called to order at 7:21 p.m. by Mayor, Frank Desiderio.

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 Frank Desiderio, Committeeman Christopher Kuhn, Committeeman Charles Marra, CFO Danette Dyer and Municipal Clerk Donna Zilberfarb.

NEW BUSINESS:

Check approvals for 2 held checks for Maser Consulting were discussed. Motion was made by Mr. Kuhn to approve the 2 held checks for Maser Consulting, seconded by Mr. Marra. All were in favor. Ms. Zilberfarb will mail out the checks.

Mr. Desiderio discussed the letter that Statewide Insurance sent to the committee regarding coverage for 2018. The township attorney will send a letter to statewide insurance and this will be discussed at the regular meeting on February 21, 2018.

Motion was made by Mr. Kuhn to accept the OEM budget for \$2,500.00 for 2018, seconded by Mr. Marra. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Mr. Kuhn to accept the Admin budget for \$16,500.00 for 2018, seconded by Mr. Marra. All were in favor.

After discussion on capital needs for Admin, motion was made by Mr. Kuhn to accept capital needs of \$2,800.00 (\$1,300 – desktop clerk, \$1,000 - desk and chair building dept and \$500 – file cabinet tax dept) and to hold the server for \$6,795.00 for 2018, seconded by Mr. Marra. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Mr. Kuhn to accept the tax assessor budget for \$4,200.00 for 2018 (same as 2017), seconded by Mr. Marra. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Mr. Marra to accept the buildings and grounds budget for \$11,000.00 for 2018 (same as 2017), seconded by Mr. Kuhn. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Mr. Marra to accept the DPW budget for \$129,110.00 for 2018, seconded by Mr. Kuhn. All were in favor.

After discussion on capital needs for the DPW for \$95,000.00, a motion was made by Mr. Kuhn to accept \$250,300 for capital improvements, listed below, seconded by Mr. Marra. All were in favor.

- \$65,000.00 Green Township Fire Truck
- \$2,800.00 Admin
- \$20,000.00 Blairstown Fire Department
- \$17,500.00 Green Township Fire Department
- \$16,000.00 Hope Township Fire Department
- \$10,000.00 FFP recreation center
- \$24,000.00 Kerrs Corner Road improvements
- \$95,000.00 DPW

Ms. Dyer handed to all members present a breakdown of the municipal debt portion and the payment information over the next 10 years. Mr. Desiderio discussed selling of the township owned properties on Route 94 and to use those monies to pay the debt down. The committee was in agreement. It was also discussed that the capital expenditures should be targeted to \$250,000.00 barring exceptional events over the next few years.

Salaries and Wages were held until the next meeting with Anthony Ardito, auditor, on February 14, 2018.

The budget meeting for February 8, 2018 was cancelled on a motion by Mr. Kuhn, seconded by Mr. Marra. All were in favor.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

Motion was made by Mr. Kuhn, seconded by Mr. Marra to open meeting to the public. All were in favor. Spoke were:

No public comment

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

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Kuhn, seconded by Mr. Marra to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Zilberfarb, Township Clerk