

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF JUNE 27, 2018

The regular meeting of the Frelinghuysen Township Committee was held in the Municipal Building, 210 Main Street, Johnsonburg, New Jersey on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 and was called to order at 7:32 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, Deputy Mayor Chris Stracco, Committeeman Charles Marra, Committeeman David Boynton, and Municipal Clerk Donna Zilberfarb.

RESOLUTIONS:

#2018-53 RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FRELINGHUYSEN, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2018-2019 WHEREAS, the following Plenary Retail Consumption Licensee has filed an application with the Municipal Clerk together with the necessary fees for the year 2018-2019
 2106-33-005-006 Plan B

WHEREAS, Clearance Certificates have been received from the New Jersey Division of Taxation, verifying compliance with Chapter 161, Laws of New Jersey by the above applicants. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen on this 27th day of June, 2018 that the renewal of the above mentioned Plenary Retail Consumption license is granted for the year 2018-2019. CERTIFICATION I, Donna Zilberfarb, Municipal Clerk of Frelinghuysen Township, Warren County do hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Frelinghuysen Township Committee at their meeting of June 27, 2018.

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Boynton	x		x			
Mr. Desiderio			x			
Mr. Kuhn						x
Mr. Marra		x	x			
Mr. Stracco			x			

#2018-54 RESOLUTION OF THE FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OPPOSING PROPOSED MERGERS OF MUNICIPALITIES WHEREAS, the State Economic and Fiscal Policy Working Group has issued a report suggesting that municipalities with a population of less than 5,000 merge with an adjacent municipality; and WHEREAS, it does not appear that the individuals who recommended this proposal have extensive experience in the governance of small municipalities, or the issues that such municipalities face; and WHEREAS, according to 2010 United States census population data, the proposal would force nearly 200 of the state’s 565 municipalities to merge; and WHEREAS, the proposal, if implemented, would require Frelinghuysen Township to merge with a neighboring municipality; and WHEREAS, the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen strongly oppose this proposal, which would effectively destroy the concept of home rule that is a vital and critical element of local government; and WHEREAS, the proposal, if implemented, would have a particularly profound impact on rural communities such as Frelinghuysen; and WHEREAS, there is no evidence that mergers of municipalities actually lead to less municipal spending, and in fact such mergers might actually increase the tax burden to Frelinghuysen Township’s residents. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen, Warren County, New Jersey that the Mayor and Committee oppose, in the strongest possible terms, the recommendation that municipalities with a population of under 5,000 be merged with an adjacent municipality; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Committee urge the New Jersey Legislature not to act upon or approve this proposal; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to State Senator Steven V. Oroho, State Assemblymen Parker Space and Harold J. Wirths, the New Jersey State League of Municipalities and the Office of the Governor. 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 June 27, 2018.

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Boynton	X		X			
Mr. Desiderio			X			
Mr. Kuhn						X
Mr. Marra		X	X			
Mr. Stracco			X			

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

Motion was made by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. Marra 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. Marra 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. Marra to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Zilberfarb, RMC