

MINUTES OF WORK MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2021

The regular meeting of the Frelinghuysen Township Committee was held at the Township Municipal Building, 210 Main Street, Johnsonburg, New Jersey on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 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, Township website and by e mailing notice to the New Jersey Herald and The Express-Times.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL:

Those present were: Mayor Chris Stracco, Deputy Mayor Keith Ramos, Committeeman David Boynton, Committeeman Frank Desiderio, Committeeman Todd McPeek, and Municipal Clerk Donna Zilberfarb.

MINUTES:

1. August 18, 2021 regular session meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Mr. McPeek. All were in favor.
2. September 1, 2021 special session meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Mr. Boynton. All were in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Mayor Chris Stracco asked the committee members to make their reports at work session meetings moving forward to keep the regular meetings for business. He had nothing further to report.
- Deputy Mayor Ramos – Nothing to report
- Committeeman David Boynton inquired about the well test that was completed and asked about next steps for rectifying the problems. Ms. Zilberfarb asked that they meet and discuss the next steps. Mr. Boynton also inquired as to no power at the rec center when the exercisers were there. It was due to storms.
- Committeeman Frank Desiderio – Nothing to report
- Committeeman Todd McPeek would like to get Keep out/Park is closed etc signs for the construction area.
- Municipal Clerk Donna Zilberfarb – Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS:

- Salt shed update – Mr. Ramos discussed the progress and discussed moving the porta john for easier cleaning. Mr. McPeek will have the dpw move it tomorrow. Mr. Ramos explained a change order for the project, adding \$26,600.00. Motion was made by Mr. Ramos to accept change order #1 for \$26,600.00, seconded by Mr. McPeek. All were in favor.
- Stand pipe on Ramsey Road – Mr. Desiderio discussed there was no longer anything for him to do and that in the attorney hands.
- Mr. Stracco heard back from Chief Slater on Hess Road vacation and it was determined that as long as it is occupied then the road needs to be usable.

He'd like to consider other options and this will be discussed at the next meeting with the attorney present.

- Mr. Ramos discussed time clocks and will get information to Ms. Dyer and explained it would start in January.
- Hope fire department was present. Mr. Koonz let the committee know that after discussion with his fire department board, they are good for a 5 year contract for \$23,000 each year. Mr. Stracco stated the allocation of \$9,600 and asked Ms. Dyer if there were any other monies available. Ms. Dyer explained reallocating monies within capital ordinances. Mr. Ramos asked if the town needed money that we've given up for Hope would the town then need to go out to bond. Ms. Dyer explained the reallocation of funding between ordinances. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Desiderio to allocate \$23,000 total through 12/31/2021, seconded by Mr. Ramos. All were in favor. Motion was made by Mr. Ramos to have council draw up a 5 year contract, seconded by Mr. McPeek. All were in favor. Mr. Koonz stated they would prefer o&e over capital. Mr. Ramos stated again that Hope was underpaying the fire department and Chief Marino said they would discuss that with them in the new year.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Motion was made by Mr. McPeek to authorize Mayor Stracco to sign copier agreement, seconded by Mr. Boynton. All were in favor.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

Motion was made by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. Ramos to open meeting to the public limited to 20 minutes with 3 minutes per member of the public. All were in favor. Spoke were:

- Marty Connor, Lincoln Laurel Road, asked about the water situation at the rec center and stated there was a water system purifier but it has been disconnected. Mr. Desiderio stated that it was broken and that bulb is bad.
- Dawn McPeek, Main Street, asked about new zoning officer being appointed and when she could get an update on her issues and also asked if there was any thoughts on having the Ordinances rewritten. Mr. Ramos explained that Andrew Melendez is the newly appointed zoning officer and that he would be in touch with her and follow up. He also explained that in the future the committee should look at the ordinances. Ms. McPeek felt they shouldn't have to pay financially because of someone else's bamboo and that it should be clarified further. Mr. Stracco will address with the counsel.
- Loren Greco, Greendell Road, asked about paying to have the paving done for the salt shed and asked why they ripped it up if they needed it. Mr. McPeek stated the engineer told them to remove it. Mr. Ramos stated this was a better question for the engineer when he is present.

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

Mr. Boynton publically announced that after 23 years of living on the farm, he has sold it and is residing at 67E Lanning Road.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no executive session

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. Ramos to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Zilberfarb, RMC