

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Myhre called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and stated that in compliance with the “Open Public Meetings Act” this Meeting was duly noticed to the Hunterdon County Democrat and the Express Times on January 9, 2020; the Agenda has been posted at Borough Hall and distributed to the newspapers.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Myhre asked everyone to stand for the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present for the Meeting:

Kandy Ferree

Liz Johnson

Michele Liebttag

Tami Peterson

Caroline Scutt

Absent from Meeting:

William Sullivan

Attorney Albert Cruz, and Borough Clerk, Brenda S. Shepherd, were present for the Meeting. 5 members of the public were also present.

PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance #844 - An Ordinance of the Borough of Frenchtown, County of Hunterdon, Authorizing the Vacation, Release and Extinguishment of the Public Rights-of-Way Identified as a Portion of Front and Lott Streets

Kandy Ferree stepped down on this agenda item due to conflict of interest.

The Council approved to open the public hearing on Ordinance #844. Having no comments, Council approved to close the public hearing on Ordinance #844. Kandy Ferree returned to the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Council approved to open the public comment session.

Holly Low of Eighth Street asked if there was an update on the PILOT agreement. Mayor Myhre responded that there is no public update. Council will discuss the PILOT in executive session.

Having no other comments, Mayor Myhre closed the public comment session.

CONSENT AGENDA – All matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Governing Body and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

On motion by Michele Liebttag, seconded by Tami Petersson and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Mayor and Common Council approved the consent agenda approving the bills

list of 4/1/20 as attached, the minutes of the Special Meeting of February 29, 2020, the Executive Session minutes of March 4, 2020, the Regular meeting minutes of March 4, 2020 and Resolution #2020-54 as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-54

TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Common Council of the Borough of Frenchtown, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey, that the 2020 Temporary Budget Appropriations be raised by the statutory one twelfth.

Brad Myhre, Mayor

Dated: 4-1-20

Attest:

Brenda S. Shepherd, RMC
Borough Clerk

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #2020-55 - Resolution authorizing reduction in letter of credit – Frenchtown Bridge Street LLC.

Attorney Cruz noted that there was a request from the developer to reduce the letter of credit for the landscaping plan. The Council has been reducing the letter of credit over a number of years. There is an engineering estimate in the amount of \$197,025.00 providing the details of the remaining items to be completed. As each building is constructed, the landscaping will be installed as well as the lighting. The developer will provide a new letter of credit. Mayor Myhre stated that he will need an approval from Council to allow the reduction in the letter of credit.

On motion by Michele Liebttag, seconded Tami Peterson and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Mayor and Common Council approved Resolution #2020-55 as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-55

WHEREAS, Frenchtown Bridge St., LLC, known as River Mills at Frenchtown, requested a reduction of its Performance Guarantee for Blocks 34, 35 and 36, Lot 1, Block 38, Lot 2 and Block 14, Lot 52; and

WHEREAS, Frenchtown Bridge St., LLC, originally posted a Letter of Credit as Performance Guarantee in the sum of

\$894,238.80; and

WHEREAS, Frenchtown at Bridge St., LLC was succeeded as the developer of River Mills by River Mills at Frenchtown, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Frenchtown approved a reduction of the Performance Guarantee to \$553,894.80 on March 18, 2014 as recommended by the Consulting Engineer, Robert J. Clerico, P.E., in his letter dated February 25, 2014 and revised March 6, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Frenchtown approved a second reduction of the Performance Guarantee to \$409,786.74 on December 2, 2015 as recommended by the Consulting Engineer, Robert J. Clerico, P.E., in his letter dated October 28, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Frenchtown approved a third reduction of the Performance Guarantee to \$343,703.94 on November 2, 2016 as recommended by the Consulting Engineer, Robert J. Clerico, P.E., in his letter dated October 13, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Frenchtown approved a fourth reduction of the Performance Guarantee to \$322,463.94 as recommended by the Consulting Engineer, Robert J. Clerico, P.E. in his letter, dated December 16, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Robert J. Clerico, P.E., prepared a new Engineer's Estimate, dated March 23, 2020, in response to the request of River Mills at Frenchtown, LLC and based upon the work completed, which Engineer's Estimate is attached; and

WHEREAS, Item 8 on the March 23, 2020 Engineer's Estimate is to be installed as each building is completed but prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for each of the remaining buildings; and

WHEREAS, Items 9 and 10 on the March 23, 2020 Engineer's Estimate have been completed; and

WHEREAS, based upon the installation of Item 8 as each building is completed but prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for each of the remaining buildings and based upon Items 9 and 10 of the March 23, 2020 Engineer's Estimate being completed, the Letter of Credit may be reduced to \$197,025.60 for Items 1 to 7.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Frenchtown, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the reduction of the Performance Guarantee will be as follows:

1. The Letter of Credit is reduced to \$197,025.60.
2. All other Performance Guarantees remain in effect.

- 3. The letter of credit may be reduced further in the future as work is completed and request for reductions are received but in no event less than \$94,029.60.
- 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Brad Myhre, Mayor

Attest:

April 1, 2020

Brenda S. Shepherd, RMC
Borough Clerk

Resolution #2020-52B – Resolution to apply for library grant funds

Mayor Myhre noted that this is the Schedule B for the library grant approval.

On motion by Liz Johnson, seconded by Kandy Ferree and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Mayor and Common Council approved Resolution #2020-452B as follows:

EXHIBIT B

RESOLUTION II Resolution to Apply for Funds: Two copies of this resolution must be included in the completed application. Each of the municipality and the library/nonprofit agency/association library must certify that they are authorizing their governing bodies to submit this grant application. This resolution may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which together shall be one instrument. The

Borough of Frenchtown, municipality, and the Frenchtown Public Library, Library/Nonprofit Agency, hereby certify that permission has been given to apply for the project entitled the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act, in the amount of:
\$70,000.00.

The filing of this application was authorized at the official meeting of the governing body of the Municipality/Library/Nonprofit Agency held on: April 15, 2020.

For the Municipality: _____

Signature _____ Signature Certification _____

Typed Name and Title

Typed Name and Title

Date

Date

ORDINANCES

Ordinance #844 - An Ordinance of the Borough of Frenchtown, County of Hunterdon, Authorizing the Vacation, Release and Extinguishment of the Public Rights-of-Way Identified as a Portion of Front and Lott Streets (Adoption of Amendment)

Kandy Ferree stepped down on this item due to conflict of interest.

On motion by Michele Liebttag, seconded by Liz Johnson and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Mayor and Common Council approved the adoption of the amendment to Ordinance #844 as follows:

(Revised February 13, 2020)

**BOROUGH OF FRENCHTOWN
ORDINANCE #844**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FRENCHTOWN, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, AUTHORIZING THE VACATION, RELEASE AND EXTINGUISHMENT OF THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY IDENTIFIED AS A PORTION OF FRONT AND LOTT STREETS AND ADJOINING PROPERTY

WHEREAS, there exists in the Borough of Frenchtown a public right-of-way identified as a portion of Front, Kerr and Lott Streets, which was dedicated to the Borough by Deed of Dedication from Eugene Albert and Gail Albert, dated December 28, 2011, and recorded in the Hunterdon County Clerk's Office on February 15, 2012, in Deed Book 2283, beginning at page 532; and

WHEREAS, that Deed of Dedication, with the "Description for Right-of-Way Dedication", is attached as Exhibit A, and shows that the area of dedication was a total of 9,121 square feet or 0.209 acres of land more or less ("Original Dedication"); and

WHEREAS, the Borough accepted the Original Dedication for use as a public right-of-way by Ordinance #698; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 67-1(b) and N.J.S.A. 40:67-19 authorize a municipality, by ordinance, to vacate, release and extinguish the public's rights in any portion of a public street, highway, lane or alley, and any portion of property dedicated as a public street, where the public interest will be better served by releasing those lands or any part thereof from such dedication; and

WHEREAS, ArtYard was granted approval by the Borough Planning Board to construct a theater and gallery space ("ArtYard Development") at the intersection of Front and Lott Streets; and

WHEREAS, ArtYard, as part of the ArtYard Development, will realign Front and Lott Streets and construct a theater drop-off area on a portion of the Original Dedication; and

WHEREAS, in order for ArtYard to accomplish the realignment and construct the drop-off area, a portion of the Original Dedication has to be vacated, released or extinguished by the Borough consisting of 1,670 square feet of land more or less ("Vacation Area"); and

WHEREAS, the Vacation Area is described in a metes and bounds description prepared by Vincent J. Rigelon, Jr., of Goldenbaum Baill Engineering, Inc., dated February 3, 2020, attached as Exhibit B and depicted on that Easement Plan attached as Exhibit C; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the Borough of Frenchtown does hereby determine that a portion of the Original Dedication is no longer needed for public purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the Borough of Frenchtown does hereby determine that the vacation, release and extinguishment of the public rights-of-way to the Vacation Area will better serve the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the Borough of Frenchtown, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Subject to the conditions set forth herein, the right of the public in and to the Vacation Area is hereby released, extinguished and vacated.

2. The Vacation Area shall be conveyed to the owners of, and shall merge, consolidate with, and become a part of the adjacent property identified as Block 57, Lot 1, as more particularly shown on the Tax Map of the Borough of Frenchtown, as set forth below; and

3. Title to the lands vacated hereby shall revert to the fee simple property owners of the adjacent properties as follows:

A. Except as provided in Section 3B below, the public rights in and to that portion of the Original Dedication shown as the Vacation Area on Exhibits B and C shall be extinguished, released and vacated, and that portion shall be conveyed to the owners of Block 57, Lot 1.

B. Expressly reserved and excepted from this Ordinance is pedestrian ingress and egress across the Vacation Area to the towpath along the Delaware River.

4. Expressly reserved and excepted from this Ordinance are all rights and privileges heretofore possessed by public utilities as defined in N.J.S.A. 48:2-13, and any cable television company as defined in the "Cable Television Act," N.J.S.A. 48:5A-1, et seq., to maintain, repair or replace existing utility facilities, if any, in, adjacent to, over or under the street, highway, lane, alley, square, place or park, or any part thereof, to be vacated.

5. Expressly reserved and excepted from this Ordinance are all rights and privileges heretofore possessed by the Borough of Frenchtown to own, maintain, repair or replace any sanitary sewer line in the Vacation Area.

6. At least seven (7) days prior to the time fixed for consideration of this Ordinance for final passage, a copy of this Ordinance, together with a notice of its introduction and the time and place when and where the Ordinance shall be considered for final passage, shall be given by the Borough Clerk by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the owners of all real property located within 200 feet in all directions of the subject property, as shown on the current Borough Tax Map.

7. At least ten (10) days prior to the time fixed for final passage of this Ordinance, a copy of this Ordinance, together with a notice of its introduction and the time and place when it shall be further considered for final passage, shall be published at least once in a newspaper published and circulated in the Borough, or printed in the county and circulating in the Borough as required by N.J.S.A. 40:49-6.

8. The Borough Clerk shall, within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this Ordinance, file a copy of this Ordinance, certified under the seal of the Borough to be a true copy thereof, together with proof of publication thereof, with the office of the Clerk of the County of Hunterdon to be recorded in the book of vacations in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:67-1.
9. Prior to adoption of this Ordinance, notice shall be given to the County of Hunterdon as required by N.J.S.A. 3:4-8.
10. After passage and final adoption, the Borough Clerk shall send a copy of this Ordinance to the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation as required by N.J.S.A. 3-4:8.
11. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage, adoption and publication according to law, and the recording of this Ordinance in the Office of the Hunterdon County Clerk.
12. If any section or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the other sections or provisions of this Ordinance, except so far as the section or provision so declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remainder or any portion thereof.

ATTEST: BOROUGH OF FRENCHTOWN

Brenda Shepherd, RMC, Brad Myhre, Mayor
Borough Clerk

Ordinance #845 - An ordinance of the Borough of Frenchtown, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey authorizing filming within the Borough of Frenchtown limits (Introduction)

Caroline Scutt noted that the ordinance was simplified and includes the items the Council discussed. She thanked Attorney Cruz for drafting the ordinance and capturing the Council's requests.

On motion by Caroline Scutt, seconded by Liz Johnson and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Mayor and Common Council approved the introduction of Ordinance #845 as follows:

ORDINANCE #845

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FRENCHTOWN,
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
AUTHORIZING FILMING WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF
FRENCHTOWN LIMITS**

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the Borough of Frenchtown, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey desires to promote film making within the Borough and to establish a procedure for permits to be issued.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Borough of Frenchtown, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey as follows:

FILMING

Section 1. Definitions. As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

Filming

The taking of still or motion pictures either on film or videotape or similar recording medium, for commercial or educational purposes intended for viewing on television, internet sites or channels, in theaters or for institutional uses. This chapter shall not be deemed to include the "filming" of news stories within the Borough of Frenchtown.

Independent Film

Independent film, independent movie, indie film or indie movie is defined as a feature film or short film that is produced outside the major motion picture studio system, in addition to being produced and distributed by independent entertainment companies. This does not include "pop up" or "shoot on a dime" films.

Major Motion Picture

Any film which is financed and/or distributed by a major motion picture studio, including but not limited to the following:

- A. Universal Pictures.
- B. Warner Brothers, including New Line Cinema, Castle Rock Cinema, Village Road Show and Bel-Aire.
- C. Paramount, including MTV Films and Nickelodeon Movie.
- D. 20th Century Fox, including Fox Searchlight.
- E. Sony/Columbia.
- F. Disney/Miramax.
- G. MGM United Artists.
- H. Dreamworks.
- I. Any film for which the budget is at least \$5,000,000.
- J. Recurrent weekly television series programming.

Public Lands

Any and every public street, highway, sidewalk, square, public park or playground or any other public place within the Borough which is within the jurisdiction and control of the Borough of Frenchtown.

Section 2. Permit required.

A. No person or organization shall film or permit filming on public or private land within the Borough without first having obtained a permit from the Borough Common Council, which permit shall set forth the approved location of such filming and the approved duration of such filming by specific reference to day or dates. No permit shall authorize filming for more than three

consecutive days in any one location and in no event shall filming at one location within the Borough exceed a total of six days in any one calendar year, regardless of the number of permits utilized in reaching this six-day maximum. Either or both of the three-consecutive-day and the six-day limitations may be extended only if the filming requested constitutes a major motion picture as defined by Section 1 of this chapter. Said permit must be readily available for inspection by Borough officials at all times at the site of the filming.

B. All permits shall be issued by the Municipal Clerk after approval by the Common Council. Permits shall be issued during normal business hours. Applications for such permits shall be in a form approved by the Municipal Clerk and be accompanied by a permit fee in the amount established by Section 12 of this chapter.

C. If a permit is issued and, due to inclement weather or other good cause, filming does not in fact take place on the dates specified, the Municipal Clerk may, at the request of the applicant, issue a new permit for filming on other dates subject to full compliance with all other provisions of this chapter. No additional fee shall be paid for this permit.

Section 3. Issuance of permits.

A. No permits will be considered by the Common Council unless applied for 5 days before the next regularly scheduled Common Council meeting.

B. No permit shall be issued for filming upon public lands unless the applicant shall provide the Borough with satisfactory proof of the following:

- (1) Proof of insurance coverage as follows:
 - (a) For bodily injury to anyone person in the amount of \$500,000 and any occurrence in the aggregate amount of \$1,000,000.
 - (b) For property damage for each occurrence in the aggregate amount of \$300,000.
- (2) An agreement, in writing, whereby the applicant agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Borough from any and all liability, expense, claim or damages resulting from the use of public lands.
- (3) The posting of cash of \$500 or a maintenance bond of \$500 running in favor of the Borough and protecting and insuring that the location utilized will be left after filming, in a satisfactory condition, free of debris, rubbish and equipment, and that due observance of all Borough ordinances, laws and regulations will

be followed. Within 21 days of the completion of the filming, the Borough will return the bond if there has been no damage to public property or public expense caused by the filming.

- (4) If deemed necessary by the Common Council, the hiring of an off-duty Borough Police Officer for the times indicated on the permit.

C. The holder of the permit shall take all reasonable steps to minimize interference with the free passage of pedestrians and traffic over public lands and shall comply with all lawful directives issued by the Borough Police Department.

Section 4. Interference with public activity; notice of filming.

A. The holder of a permit shall conduct filming in such a manner as to minimize the inconvenience or discomfort to adjoining property owners attributable to such filming and shall, to the extent practicable, abate noise and park vehicles associated with such filming off the public streets.

B. The holder shall avoid any interference with previously scheduled activities upon public lands and limit, to the extent possible, any interference with normal public activity on such public lands. Where the applicant's production activity, by reason of location or otherwise, will directly involve and/or affect any businesses, merchants or residents, these parties shall be given written notice of the filming at least 3 days prior to the requested shooting date and be informed that objections may be filed with the Municipal Clerk, said objections to form a part of applicant's application and be considered in the review of the same. Proof of service of notification to adjacent owners shall be submitted to the Municipal Clerk within 2 days of the Common Council meeting at which the permit application will be considered.

Section 5. Filming within Borough limits.

Filming within the Borough limits shall be permitted Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., provided that all requests for night scenes shall be approved in the permit to be granted in accordance with Section 2 of this chapter. The setup, production and breakdown required by all filming shall be included in the hours as set forth herein.

Section 6. Refusal to issue permit; use of Police Officer and electrician.

A. The Common Council may refuse to issue a permit whenever it determines, after a review of the application and a report thereon by the Police Department and by other Borough Departments involved with the proposed filming site, that

filming at the location and/or the time set forth in the application would violate any law or ordinance or would unreasonably interfere with the use and enjoyment of adjoining properties, unreasonably impede the free flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic or otherwise endanger the public's health, safety or welfare.

B. Further, the Borough reserves the right to require one or more on-site or off-site Police Officer in situations where the proposed production may impede the proper flow of traffic, the cost of said Police Officer to be borne by the applicant as a cost of production.

C. Where existing electrical power lines are to be utilized by the production, an on-site licensed electrician may be similarly required if the production company does not have a licensed electrician on staff.

D. The applicant shall post an escrow with the Borough Clerk for off-duty Police Officer services consistent with the Borough policy and Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Section 7. Appeals.

A. Any person aggrieved by a decision of the Common Council denying or revoking a permit or a person requesting relief pursuant to Section 6 of this chapter may request that the Common Council reconsider its decision based upon new evidence or circumstances. A written request for reconsideration setting forth the reasons for reconsideration shall be filed with the Clerk.

B. A request for reconsideration of the decision of the Common Council shall be filed within 10 days of the Common Council's decision. The Common Council shall set the matter down for reconsideration at the next Common Council meeting. The decision of the Common Council shall be in the form of a Resolution at the next meeting of the Common Council after the hearing on the appeal, unless the appellant agrees in writing to a later date for the decision.

Section 8. Waiver of requirements of chapter by Common Council.

The Common Council may authorize filming other than during the hours herein described. In determining whether to allow an extension of hours under this Section, the Common Council shall consider the following factors:

A. Traffic congestion at the location caused by vehicles to be parked on the public street.

B. Applicant's ability to remove film-related vehicles off the public streets.

C. When the applicant is requesting restrictions on the use of public streets or public parking during the course of the filming.

D. Nature of the film shoot itself; e.g., indoor or outdoors; day or night; on public or private lands.

E. Prior experience of the film company/applicant with the Borough, if any.

Section 9. Copies of permit; inspections.

Copies of the approved permit will be sent to the Police and Fire Departments before filming takes place and to the New Jersey Film Commission. The applicant shall permit the Fire Prevention Bureau or other Borough inspectors to inspect the site and the equipment to be used. The applicant shall comply with all safety instruction issued by the Fire Prevention Bureau or other Borough inspectors.

Section 10. Reimbursement of certain costs.

In addition to any other fees or costs mentioned in this chapter, the applicant shall reimburse the Borough for any lost revenue, such as parking meter revenue, repairs to public property or other revenues that the Borough was prevented from earning because of filming.

Section 11. Special regulations for major motion pictures.

A. When filming is requested with respect to a major motion picture, the approved location of such filming and approved duration of such filming by specific reference to day or dates may exceed three consecutive days and/or may exceed six days in duration if approved by the Common Council following a favorable review of the factors set forth in Section 4 of this chapter.

B. Any days necessary to be used for setup and preparation for a major motion picture filming may, in the discretion of the Common Council, be counted as a filming day where such setup is anticipated to involve one or more of the factors set forth in Section 4 of this chapter.

Section 12. Fees.

The schedule of fees for the issuance of permits authorized by this chapter are as follows:

A. Basic filming permit: \$50.

B. Daily filming fee payable in addition to the basic filming permit for major motion picture: \$1,500 per day.

C. Daily filming permit fees do not apply to independent

films, nonprofit and student applicants.

Section 13. Violations and penalties.

Any person who violates any provision of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not exceeding \$2,000, imprisonment in the county jail for a term not exceeding 90 days, or a period of community service not exceeding 90 days, or any combination thereof as determined by the Municipal Court Judge. Each day on which a violation of this chapter exists shall be considered a separate and distinct violation and shall be subject to imposition of a separate penalty for each day of the violation as the Municipal Court Judge may determine.

Section 14. Severability.

If any portion, paragraph, clause, sentence or phrase of this Ordinance is determined to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 15. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately in the manner provided by law.

ATTEST: BOROUGH OF FRENCHTOWN

Brenda Shepherd, RMC,
Borough Clerk

Brad Myhre, Mayor

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Liz Johnson reported the following:

1. She has a septage program ordinance for Attorney Cruz to review.

Caroline Scutt reported the following:

1. She thanked everyone for everything the Borough did in the last month. She heard how Frenchtown is leading the way with communications on what to expect and do with the current pandemic. The Mayor and Artyard are constantly posting updates and updates for business participation with the County Chamber of Commerce and League of Municipalities on what the communities are sharing. The food pantry is getting food. There will be a longer term concern from a County perspective. There is a tremendous support and the Business Association is working with the businesses with online hands on workshops indicating what options they have. She is humbled and grateful and proud of the community for taking the lead.

Tami Peterson reported the following:

1. She echoed what Caroline Scutt said. Frenchtown is responding in ways that other communities are trying to do. Council staff is working shifts. She appreciates Brenda Shepherd keeping things moving. The education has been great. She thanked Kandy Ferry for dealing with the park closing. She thanked everyone for all the work.

Michele Liebttag reported the following:

1. She echos the sentiments of Caroline Scutt and Tami Peterson. She thanked the Police, OEM, Fire and Eric Ferrito, Kandy Ferree and the Mayor for all the communication to

the community. We are doing our best to get the message out. We are working with Representative Malinowski to get the forms and information to the businesses, having access to programs from the federal level as well as the state level. We do not want the small businesses to suffer.

2. She also thanked the DPW for helping on Sunday to rope of the play equipment at the park to comply with the executive order.
3. As to the recycling pickup, Republic Services is still in full operation. They will notify us of any changes and we will notify the residents.

Kandy Ferree reported the following:

1. She dittoed everyone's sentiments and noted that she is reminded everyday how much work it takes to keep the town running. There is contact every day.
2. There was concerns about congregating at the park. We put out information for kids and parents. We will offer a friendly reminder if we see kids congregating. We need the parents help as well.
3. We have to postpone the clean up at the park.

Mayor Myhre reported the following:

1. He thanked everyone for all the hard work.
2. He noted that the website has been updated with the latest Country Classics documents. Council thanked Brenda Shepherd for getting that posted.
3. There will be a special meeting on April 15th at 7:00 pm to introduce the budget and a few ordinances.

CORRESPONDENCE

None discussed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Council approved to open the public comment session. Having no comments, Mayor Myhre closed the public comment session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Myhre noted that there is a need for the Council to go into executive session to discuss the following:

1. Contract Negotiations – Country Classics at Frenchtown LLC
2. Personnel

On motion by Tami Peterson, seconded by Caroline Scutt and carried by favorable voice vote, the Mayor and Common Council approved to go into executive session at 8:17 pm and the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2020-56 EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b) (1-9), Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council is of the opinion that such circumstances exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Frenchtown in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of the hereinafter specified subject matters.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
 1. Contract Negotiations – Country Classics at Frenchtown LLC
 2. Personnel
3. The Borough Council may take official action on those items discussed in Executive Session upon completion of the Executive Session.
 4. The minutes of the discussions shall be made available to the public as soon as the matters under discussion are no longer of a confidential or sensitive nature.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

I, Brenda S. Shepherd, Borough Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Common Council of the Borough of Frenchtown at a meeting held on April 1 2020.

Brenda S. Shepherd, RMC
Borough Clerk

Mayor Myhre noted that no action will be taken.

The Council came out of executive session at 9:25 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm on motion by Michele Liebttag, seconded by Liz Johnson and carried by favorable voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Shepherd, RMC
Borough Clerk