

FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION MEETING-REORGANIZATION JANUARY 23, 2023

ROLL CALL: CHERYL POLVERINO, MICHAEL BERMAN, TODD CAISIE, DAVID SIEME, MEG THOMANN, STEPHEN DOWNEY, KEVIN MARSHALL

ABSENT: NEIL GARGIULO, MAUREEN FASANO

MINUTES APPROVED AS WRITTEN

TODD CAISSIE WAS APPOINTED TEMPORARY CHAIR, VOTING FOR CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN WAS SUCCESSFULLY EXECUTED..

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MEETING TURNED OVER TO CHERYL POLVERINO.

OATHS OF OFFICE WERE SIGNED FOR MEMBERS RENEWING THEIR TERMS.

HERITAGE SOCIETY:

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED BY SHELDON FALLON, PRES. OF CENTER PLAYERS AND CHERYL POLVERINO AS LIAISON TO FTHS. THEY WILL PAY \$250 PER YEAR FOR USE OF THE HORSE BARN ON OAKLEY PROPERTY AS STORAGE FACILITY FOR COSTUMES AND PROPS. THE PLAYERS ARE PLANNING A COOPERATIVE FUNDRAISER WITH FTHS AT OAKLEY FARM. THEY WILL BE REPRODUCING THEIR VIRTUAL PROGRAM OF 'MEET THE OAKLEYS' MORE INFO TO COME. THE FEE WAS ARRIVED AT AS WE RENT SPACE TO THE 4TH NJ CIVIL WAR REENACTORS AS WELL IN THE TENANT HOUSE AND THAT IS WHAT THEY HAVE PAID IN THE PAST. SUE LAMSON POSTED THE "FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP 1ST 300 YEARS" ON FACEBOOK. WE WILL BE SELLING AND MAILED OUT TO PEOPLE WHO WANT IT.

VERTICAL FILE SCANNING PROJECT HAS RESUMED AT OAKLEY FARM. SUE LAMSON A MEMBER OF THE FTHS IS HELPING CHERYL POLVERINO WITH SCANNING ALL FILES IN VERTICAL FILE TO A PROGRAM THAT WILL BE IN GOOGLE DRIVE AND NAME 'HISTORICAL TRIVIA OF FREEHOLD'. EVENTUALLY THIS WILL BE POSTED TO THE PUBLIC AS AN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE. THIS IS AN INCLUSIVE PROGRAM FOR FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP HISTORY AS WELL AS SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES.

HISTORIC RESOURCES REPORT-MICHAEL IS FINALIZING THE PHOTOS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT. DAVID SIEME ALSO HAS PHOTOS TO BE INCLUDED. MICHAEL WILL BRING THE PHOTOS ON THUMB DRIVE SO CHERYL CAN SIT DOWN WITH I.T. DEPT. TO ADD TO THE HISTORIC RESOURCES REPORT DONE BY GAIL HUNTON IN 1984. CHERYL ALSO IS UPDATING LIST OF BUILDINGS AND SITES IN THE REPORT. WAITING ON PLANNING BOARD TO GET BLOCK AND LOT # AND ORDINANCE # FOR CINCINNATI HALL LOCATED IN FREEHOLD MARKETPLACE . ALL SITES IN MONMOUTH COUNTY ARE LISTED IN THESE REPORTS. WE WILL BE ADDING CURRENT PHOTOS OF EACH PROPERTY AS OF 2022/23.

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HOWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY GAVE US NEW INFORMATION ON HALLS MILL. IT INCLUDED MORE PICTURES OF THE MILL HOUSE BUT STILL NEED PICS OF THE MILLSTONE AND WATER WHEEL THEMSELVES. THE MILL WAS USED AS A LUNCH SPOT AND GATHERING PLACE AFTER THE MILL STOPPED FUNCTIONING. THE MILL WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE IN 1939. GOOGLE MAPS AND AERIAL PHOTOS SHOW THE MILL UNTIL THE FIRE. THE MILL POND WAS DRAINED IN 1922.

WIKOFF HILL RESIDENTS BIOGRAPHIES ARE BEING WRITTEN UP BY MEG THOMANN AND NEIL GARGIULO.

GRUBB AND ASSOCIATES WILL BE BRINGING 15 MORE BOXES OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDS FROM RT. 537 PROJECT. DAVID SIEME, TODD CAISSIE AND CHERYL P. WILL BE GOING THRU THE NEW BOXES TO DETERMINE WHAT WE WILL BE HOUSED IN A NEW MUSEUM AT OAKLEY FARM FOR THIS PROJECT. THEY'LL BE STORED IN OAKLEY IN THE ATTIC AFTER WE GO THROUGH THEM. THE FIRST 19 BOXES ARE NOW IN THE CLOSET OF OAKLEY FARMHOUSE IN CHILDREN'S ROOM. ONCE WE DO THE 15 ADDITIONAL BOXES THEY WILL BE MOVED TO THE SPARE ROOM IN THE ATTIC.

NMONMOUTH COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION STARTING UP THEIR 'LECTURE SERIES' – 'HISTORICALLY SPEAKING' FOR 2023. VERY INTERESTING STORIES-INCLUDING 'N.J. PRINCESSES' REGARDING BUYING A TITLE FOR MONEY BY EUROPEAN GENTRY.

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