**TOWNSHIP OF FREDON**

**ORDINANCE 2023-01**

**CALENDAR YEAR 2023**

**ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS**

**AND ESTABLISH A CAP BANK**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 ey seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

**WHEREAS,** N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and

**WHEREAS,** the Township Committee of the Township of Fredon in the County of Sussex finds it advisable and necessary to increase its 2023 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and

**WHEREAS,** the Township Committee hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to $21,310.49 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

**WHEREAS,** the Township Committee hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Fredon, in the County of Sussex, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that in the CY2023 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Fredon shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45,14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to $74,586.72, and that the CY2023 Municipal Budget for the Township of Fredon be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance, and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years, and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, 101 South Broad Street, P.O. Box 800, Trenton, NJ 08625-0800, within 5 days of introduction; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with the Director within 5 days after such adoption.

NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE

The notice published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the Township of Fredon, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, held on February 9, 2023. It will be further considered for final passage after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held in the Township Committee Meeting Room, in the Fredon Township Municipal Building, on February 23, 2023 at 7:00 P.P. and during the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of said ordinance will be made available at the Township Clerk’s Office to members of the general public who shall request same.

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 Suzanne Boland, RMC

 Municipal Clerk

STATEMENT

 The ordinance published herewith has been finally adopted on February 23, 2023 and takes effect immediately.

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 Suzanne Boland, RMC

 Municipal Clerk