

FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

OCTOBER 27, 2015

At 7:30 p.m. the Township Committee met in the Mayor's Caucus Room of the municipal building. Mayor Cook read the following statement:

"In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, (c. 231 P.L. 1975), this meeting was announced on January 5, 2015 by: 1.) posting a notice on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building reserved for that purpose, 2.) by mailing such notice to the offices of the official newspapers of the Township and 3.) by filing such notice with the Township Clerk"

In Attendance: Committeeman Ammiano, Committeewoman McMorrow, Committeeman Preston, Committeeman Salkin and Mayor Cook.

Absent: None

Also in attendance: Mr. Valesi, Township Administrator; Mr. Munoz, Esq., Township Attorney; Ms. Patino, Deputy Clerk and Ms. Warner, Township Clerk.

Mayor Cook handed out the assignments for the meeting.

Mr. Valesi explained that Encore Banquet Center LLC has submitted applications for a Place to Place Transfer (Expansion of Premises) and that it would be acted upon at a future meeting.

Mr. Valesi reviewed the preliminary data from the new assessment program. He said the sales data is on an annual basis and development by development basis. There have been issues with the program. There are 11,000 line items. The 20% inspections happen every 5 years. That program is separate from the new assessment program. They are looking for the layout of the floor plan to be sure it is correct, confirm the model is correct, how many years has it been since the kitchen and bathrooms have been done. There are a lot of highs and lows in Freehold Township. One house went up 29% last year and this year it went down 20.4% because of the sales data. The real estate market is not a liquid market. 801 went up more than 5%, 451 went down more than 5%. The Township Committee asked various questions. They thought this was supposed to be bad the first year and then even out from then on. Mr. Valesi said the program is supposed to end the 10 year revaluations and make all towns more even. It is working but it causes more problems for taxpayers. The Committee discussed and felt a resolution should be done to ask for a hold on the program. Mr. Valesi said he will get figures together for the Committee and will put together a draft resolution.

At 8:00 P.M. the Township Committee reconvened the meeting in Room 114.

Mayor Cook re-read the following statement:

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Salute to Flag and Pledge of Allegiance

In Attendance: Committeeman Ammiano, Committeewoman McMorrow, Committeeman Preston, Committeeman Salkin and Mayor Cook.

Absent: None

Also in attendance: Mr. Valesi, Township Administrator; Mr. Munoz, Esq., Township Attorney; Ms. Patino, Deputy Clerk and Ms. Warner, Township Clerk.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mr. Ammiano moved to approve the Township Committee Minutes of September 8, 2015, seconded by Mr. Preston.

VOTE: AYES: Mr. Ammiano, Mrs. McMorrow, Mr. Preston, Mr. Salkin and Mayor Cook

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

REPORTS

Ms. Warner read the Report of the Tax Collector for the Month of September 2015:

Net Receipts:	General Fund \$	695,534.22
	Water Account \$	646,439.42
	Sewer Account \$	859,866.53

PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation – “Red Ribbon Week” – October 23 - 31, 2015

Mayor Cook presented the Proclamation to Mr. McGheehan of CentraState Medical Center. He thanked the Township Committee for their support of the 30th Anniversary of Red Ribbon Week.

Proclamation – “World Pancreatic Cancer Day” – November 13, 2015

Mayor Cook presented the Proclamation to Jill Rothstein. She thanked the Committee and gave some statistics of pancreatic cancer. She reminded everyone to wear purple on November 13, 2015.

Architectural Achievement Award – 303 West Main Street – This was pulled from the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

O-15-18 Ordinance Authorizing the Exchange of Easement Interests on Block 88, Lot 3.05 in the Township of Freehold, Monmouth County, New Jersey

Mayor Cook asked for any comments or question from the public. There being none, Mr. Ammiano moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Salkin.

VOTE: AYES: Mr. Ammiano, Mrs. McMorrow, Mr. Preston, Mr. Salkin and Mayor Cook

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

Mr. Ammiano moved to adopt Ordinance O-15-18, seconded by Mr. Salkin.

VOTE: AYES: Mr. Ammiano, Mrs. McMorrow, Mr. Preston, Mr. Salkin and Mayor Cook

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

NEW BUSINESS

O-15-19 Ordinance Vacating a Portion of a Utility Easement on Block 72.01, Lot 9

Mr. Salkin moved Ordinance O-15-19 for public hearing at the Township Committee meeting of November 24, 2015, seconded by Mr. Ammiano.

VOTE: AYES: Mr. Ammiano, Mrs. McMorrow, Mr. Preston, Mr. Salkin and Mayor Cook

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

O-15-20 An Ordinance Amending Salary and Compensation of Certain Offices, Positions and Employees in the Township of Freehold, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, for the Year 2015 and Thereafter Known by its Short Term as: "The 2015 Salary Ordinance"

Mr. Preston moved Ordinance O-15-20 for public hearing at the Township Committee meeting of November 10, 2015, seconded by Mr. Salkin.

VOTE: AYES: Mr. Ammiano, Mrs. McMorrow, Mr. Preston, Mr. Salkin and Mayor Cook

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

O-15-21 Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 (Administration of Government), Article VI (Administrative Organization) Section 2-25 (Department, Boards and Commissions), Article IX (Department of Engineering and Planning), Article XIV (Department of Code Enforcement) and Creating a New Article XIV (A) (Department of Zoning and Housing Enforcement) of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Freehold, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey

Mr. Ammiano moved Ordinance O-15-21 for public hearing at the Township Committee meeting of November 10, 2015, seconded by Mr. Salkin.

VOTE: AYES: Mr. Ammiano, Mrs. McMorrow, Mr. Preston, Mr. Salkin and Mayor Cook

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

R-15-241 Resolution Authorizing Added Tax Liens

Mr. Salkin read R-15-241 and moved to adopt it, seconded by Mr. Preston.

VOTE: AYES: Mr. Ammiano, Mrs. McMorrow, Mr. Preston, Mr. Salkin and Mayor Cook

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

R-15-242 Resolution Approving Consolidated Bills List

Mr. Preston read R-15-242, the Consolidated Bills List in the amount of \$2,180,143.58 and moved it for adoption, seconded by Mr. Ammiano.

VOTE: AYES: Mr. Ammiano, Mrs. McMorrow, Mr. Preston, Mr. Salkin and Mayor Cook

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

The "Consent Agenda" section of the meeting agenda shall be preceded by an explanatory note substantially set forth as follows:

"All matters listed under item "Consent Agenda" are considered routine by the Township Committee and will be enacted by (1) motion in the form listed below.

There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired of any item, that item will be considered separately."

R-15-243 Renewal of 2015-2016 Liquor License for Andrew C. Befumo Inc. – License #1316-36-001-010 (Inactive License)

R-15-244 Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Amendment to Developer’s Agreement and Sewer Fair Share Agreement for Paul and Kathleen Branning, Block 44, Lot 8

R-15-245 Resolution Exercising Annual Waiver of Water and Sewer Service Fee Increase for 2016, Authorizing Water and Sewer Rate Freeze for Calendar Year

R-15-246 Resolution Authorizing a Contract for the Purchase of Snow Removal Equipment Parts for the Department of Public Works

R-15-247 Resolution Authorizing a Contract for the Purchase of MDS Radios for the SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) Upgrade in the Utilities Department

R-15-248 Resolution Authorizing TWA-1 Sewer Extension Application – JSM at Eaton, LLC/The Edge at Freehold – Site Plan No. 824-1-15

R-15-249 Resolution Authorizing Application for a New Jersey Department of Transportation Highway Safety Fund Grant –Safe Corridors – and Amending the 2015 Budget (Chapter 159) to Insert Modification to 2015 Special Item of Revenue and Appropriations for Highway Safety Fund Grant Program

Mrs. McMorrow read the Consent Agenda Resolutions and moved them for adoption, seconded by Mr. Salkin.

VOTE: AYES: Mr. Ammiano, Mrs. McMorrow, Mr. Preston, Mr. Salkin and Mayor Cook

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

MOTIONS

Township Committee Appointment of Ken Lucas to Emergency Management Council

Township Committee Appointment of Ken Lucas to Fire Prevention Board

Mr. Salkin made a motion to approve the two appointments of Mr. Lucas, seconded by Mr. Preston.

VOTE: AYES: Mr. Ammiano, Mrs. McMorrow, Mr. Preston, Mr. Salkin and Mayor Cook

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

ABD Petition to Extend Licensed Premises – Encore Banquet Center LLC – November 13, 2015

Mr. Ammiano made a motion to approve the ABC Petition to Extend Licensed Premises for November 13, 2015, seconded by Mr. Salkin.

VOTE: AYES: Mr. Ammiano, Mrs. McMorrow, Mr. Preston, Mr. Salkin and Mayor Cook

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

There being no further business, Mayor Cook asked for any comments or questions from the public.

Bill Nordahl, 488 Rosalind Rd., Silvermead, said he is still concerned about the rent control ordinance. He recently went to a conference on manufactured homes and learned: 1. Owning a home on rented land is a precarious situation and you don't have control of your home. 2. Manufactured homes do appreciate in value with long term security. You need land control, financial and titling. He said Jackson Twp. has an ordinance on rent control with some restrictions. He would like the Committee to give that some thought.

There being no further comments, Mayor Cook asked for comments from the dais.

Mr. Preston congratulated the Freehold Soccer League on their event. There were 216 teams that attended. He cautioned everyone to please drive carefully on Halloween.

Mr. Salkin stated Veterans Day ceremony will be held on November 11th at 11:00 am. He congratulated the Board of Health on the their annual report which was very well done.

Mr. Ammiano also stated Fright Fest was a wonderful event. He wished Mrs. McMorrow was feeling better. He reminded everyone to get out and vote on Election Day, November 3rd.

Mrs. McMorrow echoed everyone's comments.

Mayor Cook complimented Parks and Recreation on the fields. He also thanked the Fire Commissioners for sending a truck to Colts Neck to help out with a truck that was stuck.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Teresa Warner, Township Clerk