

FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

WORKSHOP MEETING

JANUARY 12, 2016

At 6:45 p.m. the Township Committee met in the Room 214 of the municipal building. Mayor McMorrow read the following statement:

“In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, (c. 231 P.L. 1975), this meeting was announced on January 6, 2016 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, Committeeman Cook, Committeeman Preston, Committeeman Salkin and Mayor McMorrow.

Absent: None

Also in attendance: Mr. Valesi, Township Administrator; Mr. Davison, Esq., Township Attorney; Ms. Mladinov, Executive Secretary; Ms. Patino, Deputy Clerk and Ms. Warner, Township Clerk.

Mr. Davison, Esq. read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-13 of the Open Public meetings Act permits the exclusion of the public from meetings of public bodies in certain circumstances which are set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b); and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Freehold is of the opinion that such circumstances currently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Freehold as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from the discussion of any action upon the hereinafter specified matters.

2. The nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

1. PERSONNEL

1A. Fee Accountant Interviews

1B. Personnel Policies

2. LITIGATION

2A. Verizon Wireless vs. Zoning Board of Adjustment

3. It is anticipated at this time the above-stated subject matter will be made public in approximately thirty (30) days or at such time as any litigation discussed is resolved.

The foregoing resolution was moved by Mr. Salkin and seconded by Mr. Cook.

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

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

At 6:47 pm the Township Committee adjourned to executive session.

At 8:00 pm the Executive Session ended.

At 8:04 pm the Workshop Meeting was called to order.

Mayor McMorrow re-read the following statement:

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Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance

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

Absent: None

Also in attendance: Mr. Valesi, Township Administrator; Mr. Davison Esq., Township Attorney; Ms. Mladinov, Executive Secretary; Ms. Patino, Deputy Clerk and Ms. Warner, Township Clerk.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mr. Salkin made a motion to approve the Township Committee Minutes of December 8, 2015 and December 22, 2015 as presented, seconded by Mr. Preston.

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

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: *Mr. Ammiano abstained on the Township Committee Minutes of December 22, 2015.

REPORTS

For Information Purposes - ABC Social Affair Permit - Silvermead Community Club - February 13, 2016

Ms. Warner stated Silvermead Community Club has applied through the ABC for a permit for February 13, 2016. The Chief of Police has approved the permit.

PRESENTATION

Tax Rebate Local Shopping Program

Mayor McMorrow introduced Mayor Hornick from Marlboro Township. He was invited by the Township Committee to come and explain the Shop Marlboro program that they have in place to see if it is a viable program for Freehold Township.

Mayor Hornik of Marlboro Twp., Deputy Mayor Rosen of Marlboro Twp. and Carmine DeFalco the vendor that runs the program, each spoke and gave background information and technical information on the program. They explained that they have set up an Economic Development Committee of volunteers to run this program. They explained that residents can shop at local shops and get a discount that is applied directly to their property tax payments. They said it is usually accepted by local stores as opposed to large corporate stores. The Township Committee asked various questions during the presentation.

At the end of the presentation, the Township Committee thanked them for attending the meeting and sharing their information.

Mayor McMorrow asked for a 5 minutes recess.

The meeting resumed at 8:50 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

R-16-20 Resolution Approving Consolidated Bills List

Mr. Salkin read Resolution R-16-20 the Consolidated Bills List in the amount of \$9,924,025.43 and moved it for adoption, seconded by Mr. Preston.

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

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

FORMAL ACTION - 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 one 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-16-21 Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with Aberdeen Township for Licensed Operational Services for Aberdeen Township Water-Sewer Utilities

R-16-22 Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Contract with The Galvin Law Firm as Special Counsel for Zoning Board of Adjustment Matters

- R-16-23 Resolution Authorizing Defense of Litigation – New York SMSA Limited Partnership D/B/A Verizon Wireless v. Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Freehold
- R-16-24 Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 3, Contract 14-16, for the Department of Public Works Fueling System Upgrades
- R-16-25 Resolution Authorizing Release of Performance Guarantees for DCH Investments, Inc. – Freehold Nissan, Site Plan No. 771-07
- R-16-26 Resolution Authorizing Release of Performance Guarantees for Olive Garden, Site Plan No. 806-09
- R-16-27 Resolution Authorizing Release of Performance Guarantees for Longo and Appignani (Lortech), Site Plan No. 632-97
- R-16-28 Resolution Authorizing Release of Performance Guarantees for Hough Petroleum, Site Plan No. 597-2-14
- R-16-29 Resolution Denying Request for Release of Performance Guarantees for Longhorn Steakhouse, Site Plan No. 761-06
- R-16-30 Resolution Denying Request for Release of Performance Guarantees for Ray Catena Motors of Freehold – Audi, Site Plan No. 845-13
- (added)
R-16-31 Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Contract with William E. Antonides LLC as Fee Account

Mr. Ammiano read the Consent Agenda resolutions and moved them for adoption, seconded by Mr. Salkin.

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

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

DISCUSSION

Junk Dealer's License Renewal – Best Buy Mobile

Junk Dealer's License Renewal – A & A Truck Parts

Junk Dealer's License Renewal – Sam's Club #6671

Junk Dealer's License Renewal – EcoATM, Inc.

Junk Dealer's License Status/Delay - Freehold American Inc.

Theatre License - AMC Theatre

Merry Go Round License - Island Carousel Inc.

Ms. Warner reported that all these licenses, except for Freehold American Inc., will be available for renewal on the next meeting. All the proper departments have reviewed them and given their approvals. She said there was a zoning issue that needs to be cleared up for Freehold American Inc. before it can be approved.

The Committee agreed to them being on the next agenda.

Mayor McMorrow opened the meeting to the public and asked for any comments or questions.

JJ Mistretta, 506-8 Harding Road, said she wholly supports the Shop Marlboro program for Freehold Township. She said it would be great for our residents and it looks like Marlboro has worked out all the kinks.

Mr. Franklin, 119 Lancaster Road, asked if the resolutions and agenda are on line.

Mayor McMorrow said yes they are all listed on the website.

Mr. Ferdinando, 128 Robertsville Road, thanked the Township Committee and congratulated Mayor McMorrow. He reviewed his ideas on the new Tax Assessment Pilot program. He reviewed the pilot program in Gloucester County and how it is different. He asked if the Township Committee had decided to opt out of the Monmouth County program yet.

The Committee responded they had not opted out yet. The deadline is April 2016. The Committee said we are waiting to see what the County has to say before we make a formal decision. We have to do our due diligence.

Mr. Ferdinando reviewed figures from the Gloucester County program and asked if the Township Committee would consider being open to looking into this program.

The Committee explained they are open to looking at any new programs. They were mandated to use the Monmouth County Tax Assessment program. They asked him to e-mail them the data he is referring to.

Mr. Valesi stated the Gloucester County program moves all assessing to the County instead of individual towns.

Mr. Ferdinando said 35 states have county assessing programs.

Mr. Salkin said it is not about politics. The Monmouth County program was not optional, we had to use it and it did not stabilize assessments.

JJ Mistretta, said she feels one of the problems with the Monmouth County program is the calendar for appeals, which are set around Thanksgiving and Christmas. She said this is not good for the residents. She doesn't like the program.

Mr. Franklin, 119 Lancaster Road, said he felt there should be a survey on line or form as a mechanism to make a complaint about an employee in the municipal offices/police department.

The Committee stated that any e-mail, call or letter that is sent to Administration with a complaint is looked into and answered.

Mrs. Franklin, 119 Lancaster Road, explained that she was given a ticket for handing out leaflets at the Commuter lot and had to go to Court twice. She went to the Police Department to file a complaint against the officer and it was not very structured. She would like a vehicle also to make complaints.

Mr. Valesi said when you make a complaint in the Police Department it is handled by Internal Affairs. Mr. Valesi explained that when an officer sees someone parking outside of the yellow lines and then goes to the bus shelter, it is considered a long term parking ticket.

The Committee explained that many people come from other towns and want to park in our lots and they can't so they park outside the yellow lines and get on the bus anyway.

Mrs. Franklin said she did not break the law and would like a vehicle to lodge a complaint easier.

There being no further comments or questions, Mayor McMorrow asked for any comments from the dais.

There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 pm.

Teresa Warner, Township Clerk