

FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

WORKSHOP MEETING

MARCH 8, 2016

At 7:30 p.m. the Township Committee met in the Room 214 of the municipal building. Deputy Mayor Preston 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, Deputy Mayor Preston.

Absent: Committeeman Salkin and Mayor McMorrow

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

Mr. Munoz 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. ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE
 - 1A. Insurance Broker Services
 - 1B. Sidewalk/Curb Replacement Contract Issues
 - 1C. Affordable Housing Case Progress
 - 1D. Union Contract Negotiation Discussion
 - 1E. Vendor Contract – Tax Rebates

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. Cook and seconded by Mr. Ammiano.

VOTE: AYES: Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Cook, Deputy Mayor Preston.

NAYS: None ABSENT: Mr. Salkin and Mayor McMorrow
ABSTAIN: None

At 7:33 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.

Deputy Mayor Preston re-read the following statement:

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Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance

In Attendance: Committeeman Ammiano, Committeeman Cook,
Deputy Mayor Preston.

Absent: Committeeman Salkin and Mayor McMorrow

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

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mr. Ammiano made a motion to approve the Township Committee Minutes of February 9, 2016 as presented, seconded by Mr. Cook.

VOTE: AYES: Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Cook, And Deputy Mayor Preston.

NAYS: None ABSENT: Mr. Salkin and Mayor McMorrow
ABSTAIN: None

REPORTS

- a. For Informational Purposes – Social Affairs Permit – American Heart Association - March 18, 2016 – iPlay America’s Event Center

Ms. Warner reported the permit was in order and the Chief of Police approved it.

SPECIAL GUESTS

District 11 Assembly Members, Joann Downey and Eric Houghtaling

Ms. Downey and Mr. Houghtaling introduced themselves and Mr. Libutto, their Chief of Staff. They spoke regarding some issues they feel they would like to work on for District 11, such as property taxes, energy receipt taxes, school funding, agriculture and helping the Freehold Racetrack. They said they would like to help municipalities succeed and would take any suggestions on what we feel Freehold Township needs.

The Township Committee brought up a few issues such as the school funding process and how much it hurts Freehold Township. The Energy taxes were discussed also.

Ms. Downey and Mr. Houghtaling said these are both major issues and it will take time to work on them. They told the Township Committee to call them with any issues.

The Township Committee thanked them for coming.

NEW BUSINESS

R-16-58 Resolution Authorizing an Affordability Assistance Loan
Repayment Agreement with the Buyer of an Affordable Housing
Unit at 24-10 Remington Drive

Mr. Cook read Resolution R-16-58 and moved it for adoption, seconded by Mr. Ammiano.

VOTE: AYES: Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Cook, Deputy Mayor Preston.

NAYS: None ABSENT: Mr. Salkin and Mayor McMorrow
ABSTAIN: None

R-16-59 Resolution Authorizing an Affordability Assistance Loan
Repayment Agreement with the Buyer of an Affordable Housing
Unit at 27 Haverford Court, Unit 3

Mr. Ammiano read Resolution R-16-59 and moved it for adoption, seconded by Mr. Cook.

VOTE: AYES: Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Cook, Deputy Mayor Preston.

NAYS: None ABSENT: Mr. Salkin and Mayor McMorrow
ABSTAIN: None

R-16-60 Resolution Approving Consolidated Bills List

Mr. Cook read Resolution R-16-60, the Consolidated Bills List in the amount of \$8,794,446.44 and moved it for adoption, seconded by Mr. Ammiano.

VOTE: AYES: Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Cook, Deputy Mayor Preston.

NAYS: None ABSENT: Mr. Salkin and Mayor McMorrow
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-16-61 – Resolution Disbursing Overpayment of Water/Sewer

R-16-62 - Resolution Authorizing Release of Performance Guarantees for Errol’s Nursery and Landscaping A/K/A Errol’s Lawn and Landscape, Inc., Site Plan No. 773-07

Mr. Ammiano read the Consent Agenda Resolutions and moved them for adoption, seconded by Mr. Cook.

VOTE: AYES: Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Cook, Deputy Mayor Preston.

NAYS: None ABSENT: Mr. Salkin and Mayor McMorrow
ABSTAIN: None

DISCUSSION

2016 – “National Volunteer Week”

This discussion was postponed until the next meeting.

Deputy Mayor Preston asked for any comments or questions from the public.

There being none, he asked for any comments from the dais.

There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Teresa Warner, Township Clerk