

**FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**APRIL 26, 2016**

At 7:30 p.m. the Township Committee met in the Mayor's Caucus Room 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. Munoz, Esq., Township Attorney; Ms. Patino, Deputy Clerk and Ms. Warner, Township Clerk.

Mayor McMorrow gave out assignments.

Ms. Warner handed out revised/corrected resolutions and added Resolutions R-16-100 and R-16-65A.

Mayor McMorrow reviewed some up-coming dates of interest to the Committee.

At 8:00 pm the Regular Meeting was called to order.

Mayor McMorrow re-read the following statement:

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**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

Absent: None

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

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

Mr. Ammiano made a motion to approve the Township Committee Minutes of March 8, 2016, seconded by Mr. Cook.

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

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

Mr. Ammiano made a motion to approve the Township Committee Minutes of March 19, 2016, seconded by Mr. Salkin.

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

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

Mr. Ammiano made a motion to approve the Township Committee Minutes of March 22, 2016, seconded by Mr. Cook.

VOTE: AYES: Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Cook, Mr. Preston Mr. Salkin.

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: Mayor McMorrow

**REPORTS**

Ms. Warner read the Report of the Tax Collector for the Month of March 2016:

Net Receipts:	General Fund \$	758,098.58
	Water Account \$	473,923.29
	Sewer Account \$	860,921.16

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**PRESENTATIONS**

Proclamation - "In Honor of Veterans' Annual Sale of VFW Buddy Poppies" - May, 2016

Mayor McMorrow presented the proclamation to Ed Pajor, the Commander and other members from the VFW. They stated they will be at Sam's Club at the end of the month selling the poppies.

Proclamation - "Alcohol Awareness Month" - April, 2016

Mayor McMorrow presented the proclamation to Margy Jahn of the Municipal Alliance. Ms. Jahn thanked the Committee and Ms. Higley, the principal of the

Freehold Township High School. She said they have been working with both the Township and Borough High Schools and thanked them both. Mayor McMorrow said the Municipal Alliance Golf Outing is June 6<sup>th</sup> and it raises funds so they can continue to work on the programs with the students.

Proclamation - "Arbor Day" - April 29, 2016

Deputy Mayor Preston presented the proclamation to Thom Ritchie from the Shade Tree Commission. Mr. Ritchie gave out the dates of the program at Durand Park and the Applegate School for the planting of trees.

Certificate of Achievement - Eric Nussbaum, Athletic Trainer, Colts Neck High School

Mr. Nussbaum could not attend.

Certificate of Achievement - Jake Konig, Freehold Township High School Boys Track Team

Committeeman Salkin presented the certificate to Mr. Konig and congratulated him.

Certificate of Achievement - Ciara Roche, Freehold Township High School Girls Track Team

Mayor McMorrow presented the certificate to Ms. Roche and congratulated her.

Certificates of Achievement - Freehold Township High School Girls Soccer Team

Mayor McMorrow read the certificates and presented them to the students and coaches.

Mayor McMorrow called for a 5 minute recess in order to allow the students to leave the meeting if they would like.

**OLD BUSINESS**

O-16-3            Calendar Year 2016 An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and Establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

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

There being none, Mr. Ammiano made a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance O-16-3, seconded by Mr. Cook.

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

NAYS: None    ABSENT: None    ABSTAIN: None

Mr. Ammiano made a motion to adopt Ordinance O-16-3, seconded by Mr. Cook.

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

NAYS: None    ABSENT: None    ABSTAIN: None

### NEW BUSINESS

O-16-4            Ordinance Amending Chapter 150 (Fees), Section 150-63 (Water) of the  
Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Freehold, County of  
Monmouth, State of New Jersey

Mr. Ammiano moved Ordinance O-16-4 for public hearing at the  
Township Committee meeting of May 31, 2016, seconded by Mr. Salkin.

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

NAYS: None    ABSENT: None    ABSTAIN: None

O-16-5            Ordinance Amending Chapter 195 (Licensing, Article 1 (General  
Licensing Requirements), of the Revised General Ordinances of the  
Township of Freehold, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey

Mr. Ammiano moved Ordinance O-16-5 for public hearing at the  
Township Committee meeting of May 31, 2016, seconded by Mr. Cook.

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

NAYS: None    ABSENT: None    ABSTAIN: None

### Public Hearing on Introduced 2016 Municipal Budget

Mr. Valesi gave a Power Point presentation on the 2016 Municipal Budget. He  
stated the budget can be adopted tonight, as we have received approval from the State  
today.

Mr. Franklin, 199 Lancaster Rd. asked questions regarding the surplus, the water  
surplus, and the water/sewer utility budget and long term plans for a water plant.

Mr. Valesi answered each question and said the water/sewer utility budget is a  
separate budget and we have not raised our rates in two years.

Mr. Franklin than asked what O-16-5 is all about.

Mr. Valesi said it pertains to when businesses are behind in their taxes, we  
withhold their food handler's license and then they can't continue to operate. This  
would allow the business to continue to operate and just pay their taxes late, which we  
charge an 18% interest rate on. This will not hurt the taxpayers and it will help the  
businesses a little.

Mr. Franklin asked regarding the resolution to cancel taxes. He did not understand why it is done.

Mr. Valesi said these are State judgments and exemptions. There are different reasons each time the Tax Collector has to do this.

Mr. Franklin asked how we anticipate fees in the Budget and what the Budget CAP ordinance is.

Mr. Valesi said we are fiscally conservative in anticipating fees and how the Budget CAP works.

Mrs. Franklin, 119 Lancaster Road, asked what happened with the 2015 Budget that had an error on the water tank last year. Was it corrected?

Ms. Campbell said it was a projected figure that is a 2015 project and does not show up this year. It was just a projection and exhibit.

Mrs. Franklin asked what the expense for a generator is in the budget.

Mr. Valesi said it is for Town Hall and the Senior Center. We have an old army supply one and we are getting a new one.

She asked if we supply generators to officials.

Mr. Valesi said no.

JJ Mistretta, Harding Road, asked how the Police negotiations were going.

Mr. Valesi said we have not started yet. The contract is good through December 2016.

Ms. Mistretta said the \$9 million salaries is not sustainable. There should be a cap on the police salaries.

Mr. Valesi explained the Chapter 78 pension reform.

Mr. Hessler asked about the budget calendar and how it works.

Mr. Valesi explained how it works.

Mr. Hessler asked about short term and long term bonds and interest rates.

Mr. Valesi explained how we handle the process.

Ms. Martino, 10 Caufield Court, said our tax burden is 70% because of the schools. This has to be restructured. There should be a special consideration for senior communities. She also felt they should consolidate schools because there is too much administration.

Mayor McMorrow said that change would have to come from the Legislature and that there is a senior freeze she can sign up for.

There being no further comments or questions, Mr. Ammiano moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Cook.

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

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

R-16-65A Resolution – Adoption of 2016 Municipal Budget

Mr. Preston read R-16-65A, the resolution adopting the 2016 Municipal Budget, seconded by Mr. Salkin.

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

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

R-16-87 Resolution Approving Consolidated Bills List

Mr. Ammiano read Resolution R-16-87, the Consolidated Bills List in the amount of \$2,467,991.16 and moved it for adoption, seconded by Mr. Salkin.

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

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-16-88 Resolution Authorizing Grant Application and Agreement with State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection State Forest Service for Community Forestry Program Community Stewardship Incentive Program

R-16-89 Resolution Extending Agreement with State of New Jersey, Division of Purchase and Property for New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission – Police Officer Services for MVC Agency at 811 Okerson Road, Freehold

- R-16-90            Resolution Cancelling Taxes
  
- R-16-91            Resolution Awarding a Contract for Sports Officials Services - Softball
  
- R-16-92            Resolution Authorizing Contracts for Sports Camp Director Services as an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service
  
- R-16-93            Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Technology Supplies Through the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Cooperative Pricing System
  
- R-16-94            Resolution Authorizing Execution of Developer's Agreement for The Edge at Freehold (JSM at Eaton, LLC), Amended Site Plan No. 824-1-15, Block 83, Lot 1.01
  
- R-16-95            Resolution Authorizing Execution of Developer's Agreement for Gremms-Kirk Railway, LLC, Site Plan No. 867-15, Block 43, Lot 21
  
- R-16-96            Resolution Authorizing Execution of Developer's Agreement for 1151 West Main Street (Nursing Home and Rehabilitation), Site Plan No. 850-14, Block 86, Lot 2.08
  
- R-16-97            Resolution Authorizing Release of Performance Guarantees for Silver Shore Land, Site Plan No. 754-06
  
- R-16-98            Resolution Authorizing Release of Performance Guarantees for (Sunpower) Verizon Freehold Data Center, Site Plan No. 847-13
  
- R-16-99            Resolution Authorizing Release of Performance Guarantees for (Sunpower) Verizon Freehold Data Center, Site Plan No. 847-1-14
  
- R-16-100           Resolution Authorizing Shared Services Agreement with Township Of Manalapan for Emergent Needs Assessing Services

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

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

NAYS: None    ABSENT: None    ABSTAIN: None

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

Haven Franklin, 119 Lancaster Rd., asked about the polling location changes. She asked why they were being moved, who pays for the polling locations and why use a private building.

Ms. Warner explained that 6 districts are being moved. Five will be moved to the iPlay America event center and the other district will be moved to the Monmouth County Agricultural Building. She said the County contacted her regarding moving the one district and after a discussion, it was decided to move the other five that had various issues, such as not enough parking, polling area in lobby or hallway where the election is held is very small, handicapped accessible spaces, etc. She said Monmouth County pays for polling locations, but the location only receives \$200 per election, whether they have one district or five districts. She responded that we use other private buildings also for polling locations.

Julie Dinkle, Silvermead Dr., complained that the streets in Silvermead are in bad shape. She spoke with Paul Vital the Construction Official and said he is not responsible for assessing them. She also said residents are complaining about the shaking of their homes and big dirt mounds at the development behind them, The Edge.

Mr. Valesi said he will reach out to Mr. Vital and get back to Ms. Dinkle regarding the streets. He will also set up a meeting at Silvermead to go with the residents that have complaints to see what is happening there.

Donna Lombardi, 30 Yearling Place, asked what the strategy is of the COAH law suit.

Mr. Valesi reviewed what the law suit is about and how it could affect each town in New Jersey. He explained we have joined other municipalities in the suit. If we had to build 10,000 units, there is no property left in the town to do that.

Mr. Salkin explained what the town has done in the past to fulfill our obligations in Round 1 and 2 of COAH.

Mayor McMorrow said we were fully compliant in our first two rounds.

Ms. Lombardi then asked regarding our self-insurance. She knows that without a step loss this could bankrupt a town.

Mr. Valesi said the aggregate is set at 4.9 million and we use our trust to put a cushion on it.

Mr. Hessler, 174 Farm Road said the project, The Edge, behind them who receives notification from the Planning Board. He felt cutting down the older trees was not a good idea. They need a buffer.

Mr. Valesi said property owners within 200 feet. The owner of Silvermead would have been notified.

Mr. Ammiano explained why older trees with root systems that will get run over by equipment need to be removed. He said they will plant a buffer when done. Shade Tree Commission is involved and reports on all Planning Board projects.

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

The Township Committee congratulated Mr. Valesi and Ms. Campbell on a job well done with the budget.



Mr. Cook also complimented the audience. The budget is a difficult process and kudos to all.

Mayor McMorrow also complimented the staff and audience. She said we have a good team and it is not easy to do the budget.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 pm.

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Teresa Warner, Township Clerk