

FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

WORKSHOP MEETING

OCTOBER 4, 2016

At 7:00 p.m. the Township Committee met in 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. Munoz, Esq., Township Attorney; Ms. Mladinov, Executive Secretary; 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. **PERSONNEL**

1A. Employment Practices

1B. Contract Negotiations

1C. Healthcare

2. **PROPERTY SALE/ACQUISITION**

2A. Two Residential Properties

3. **ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE**

3A. Land Use Settlement Agreement

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 7:03 pm the Township Committee adjourned to executive session.

Executive Session adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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. Munoz Esq., Township Attorney; Ms. Mladinov, Executive Secretary; Ms. Patino, Deputy Clerk and Ms. Warner, Township Clerk.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

None

REPORTS

None

PRESENTATION

Mayor's Wellness Campaign - "Historic Safe Streets Connection"

Linda Brown with the Mayor's Wellness Campaign, gave a PowerPoint presentation on a project they would like to do, partnered with the Historic Society. It would be a 7 mile loop in Freehold Township that you could walk on sidewalks or bike on bike lanes to see different historic sites. It would include County Route 537, County Route 522, Wemrock Road and Stillwells Corner Road. They are suggesting sidewalks and bike lanes be installed.

Right now they would like to go to a training event for this project and would like someone from our Engineering Department to go with them as they would have a better understanding of what would be needed. Dr. Molee asked if the County road could cause an issue, Mr. Ammiano said two of the roads are owned by them and you should give the presentation to them also. He also said the County has a traffic study going on Route 537. After a discussion on safety issues and expense of such a project, it was decided Mr. Valesi would look at the curriculum of the training meeting to see who would be the appropriate person from Engineering to go.

The Township Committee thanked them for coming and for the presentation.

NEW BUSINESS

R-16-220 – Resolution Approving Consolidated Bills List

Mr. Preston read Resolution R-16-220, the Consolidated Bills List in the amount of \$10,111,232.26 and moved it for adoption, seconded by Mr. Cook.

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-16-221 – Resolution Disbursing Overpayments and Cancelling Taxes

R-16-222 – Resolution Authorizing Two-Year Contracts for Snow Removal and Ice Control Services

R-16-223 – Resolution Authorizing a Contract for Turf Improvements for Fields 5, 8 and 11 at Michael J. Tighe Park

R-16-224 – Resolution Authorizing a Contract for 2016 Leaf Recycling/Disposal with Gibson Farms

R-16-225 – Resolution Authorizing a Contract for 2016 Leaf Recycling/Disposal with Sigismondi Brothers Farms

R-16-226 – Resolution Amending Resolution R-16-201 Constituting an Agreement with Certain State Contract Vendors

R-16-227 - Resolution Denying Request for Release of Performance Guarantees for D&L Realty Associates, Site Plan No. 679-1-13

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 and Mayor McMorrow

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

DISCUSSION

Water Quality

Mr. Valesi said the Asbury Park Press had an article on Chromium – 6 in the water levels. He said we fielded over 100 calls on this. He said all water has trace elements. He said our water is safe and Ms. Jahn, the Health Officer, put together a great e-mail in answer to one of our residents.

Best Practices re: Authorities

- A. Fire Districts 1 & 2
- B. MRRSA

Mr. Valesi said in response to the best practices, he is reporting on our three government entities we created.

He supplied a 2016 Revenue Schedule for MRRSA, which we are a voting member on.

He gave the tax levies on Fire District 1 & 2. He said we have their budgets. He asked if anyone had any questions on the levies or budgets, please let him know.

There being no further business, Mayor McMorrow opened the meeting to the public and asked for any comments or questions.

Shawn Triggs from the American Cancer Society introduced himself and gave some information on the Relay for Life event. He would like to help grow this event in Freehold Township at the Freehold Raceway Mall. He is looking for involvement and connections. There are 7 events planned for Monmouth County. He said Josephine Rammo will be the head of the event here.

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

Mr. Preston said the Bows for Hope event on Saturday was great. He congratulated all the volunteers.

Mr. Ammiano said to contact your Legislators. They are voting Thursday on the 23 cents increase in gas tax.

Mr. Cook stated FoodStock will be at the Municipal Building complex on October 15, 2016.

Mayor McMorrow stated Fright Fest will also be on October 15, 2016. They are expecting between 13,000 to 15,000 people. She attended a seminar for courts and learned we should do a resolution for whoever covers for our Prosecutor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Teresa Warner, Township Clerk