

FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 20, 2016

At 7:00 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 Cook, Committeeman Preston,
Committeeman Salkin and Mayor McMorrow

Absent: Committeeman Ammiano (arrived at 7:08 pm)

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. Affordable Housing

1B. Potential Acquisition of Block 50, Lot 25

PERSONNEL

2A. Health Insurance

2B. Labor Contracts

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. Preston.

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

NAYS: None ABSENT: Mr. Ammiano ABSTAIN: None

At 7:02 pm the Township Committee adjourned to executive session.

Executive Session adjourned at 8:01 pm.

At 8:02 pm the Regular Meeting was called to order.

Mayor McMorrow re-read the following statement:

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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, Ms. Warner, Township Clerk.

SALUTE TO FLAG

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Ammiano moved to approve the Township Committee Minutes of November 1, 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 November 2016:

Net Receipts:	General Fund \$	25,599,965.37
	Water Account \$	530,515.92
	Sewer Account \$	462,672.52

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS

O-16-16 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 150, Section 150-59, Subsection C, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Freehold, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey

Mayor McMorrow opened Ordinance O-16-16 to the public and asked for any comments or questions.

There being none, Mr. Ammiano moved to close the public hearing, 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 adopt Ordinance O-16-16, seconded by Mr. Salkin.

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

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

O-16-17 – 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 2017 and Thereafter Known by its Short Term as: “The 2017 Salary Ordinance”

Mayor McMorrow opened Ordinance O-16-17 to the public and asked for any comments or questions.

There being none, 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

Mr. Ammiano made a motion to adopt Ordinance O-16-17, seconded by Mr. Cook.

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

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

O-16-18 – Ordinance Amending Ordinance O-16-9 Finally Adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Freehold, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey on June 28, 2016 in Order to Amend the Description of Capital Purposes Therein

Mayor McMorrow opened Ordinance O-16-18 to the public and asked for any comments or questions.

There being none, Mr. Salkin moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Preston.

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

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

Mr. Salkin made a motion to adopt Ordinance O-16-18, seconded by Mr. Cook.

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

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

NEW BUSINESS

R-16-295- Resolution Approving Consolidated Bills List

Mr. Preston read R-16-295, the Consolidated Bills List in the amount of \$1,598,021.83 and moved it for adoption, seconded by Mr. Ammiano.

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:

Matters listed under the items of “Consent Agenda” are required to conduct the day to day operations of the Township, and will be enacted by one (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-16-296 – Resolution Disbursing Overpayments of Taxes

R-16-297 – Resolution Authorizing 2016 Budget Transfers

R-16-298 – Resolution Authorizing a Contract for the Purchase of Three (3) 3-4 Yard Stainless Steel Dump Bodies for the Department of Public Works

R-16-299 – Resolution Authorizing a Contract for Equipment Maintenance and Repair for the SCADA System MDS Radios for the Utilities Department

R-16-300 – Resolution Authorizing Release of Performance Guarantees for Freemall Associates (Lifestyle Center), Site Plan No. 758-06

R-16 -301 – Resolution Authorizing Application for a New Jersey Department of Transportation Highway Safety Fund Grant – Safe Corridors – and Amending the 2016 Budget (Chapter 159) to Insert Modifications to 2016 Special Item of Revenue and Appropriations for Highway Safety Fund Grant Program

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

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

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

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

Robert Leone, 272 Tulip Lane, said has come to the Committee to see if they can help him with a problem he has with the Fire Company, whom he has been with for 23 years. He gave an explanation of his issues and the background with the Company and asked for any advice he can be given.

Mr. Preston asked various questions about the decisions and who they came from. Asked about probation period.

Mayor McMorrow asked if there was an appeal process.

Mr. Valesi asked Mr. Leone to contact him tomorrow and he will speak with our attorney and will see if there is some direction that can be given.

The Committee thanked him for all his years of service to the town.

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

Mr. Cook thanked the Fire Company for their response to the fire at Circle Terrace. Kudos to all. He also thanked the DPW department for their response to the snow fall on Saturday.

Mr. Valesi congratulated the Mayor on a successful year.

Mr. Ammiano also congratulated Mayor McMorrow. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukah. He asked that we keep Mr. Golub in our prayers.

Mr. Salkin commended Mayor McMorrow on an outstanding year. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday. And said to remember those that are not with their families.

Mr. Preston said it has been a pleasure to serve with Mayor McMorrow. He said he had the pleasure to help at the Robert Wood Johnson kid's holiday party with children with cancer and don't have a lot of hope and are less fortunate than many. He wished everyone a happy holiday.

Mayor McMorrow thanked everyone for their support and said we really are a family town. She wished everyone a happy holiday and peach on earth.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Teresa Warner, Township Clerk