

FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

WORKSHOP MEETING

APRIL 4, 2017

8:00 P.M.

At 7:30 p.m. the Township Committee met in Room 214 of the municipal building. 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 9, 2017 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 Salkin and Mayor Preston

Absent: Committeewoman McMorrow

Also in attendance: Mr. Valesi, Township Administrator; Mr. Munoz, Esq., Township Attorney; Ms. Mladinov, Executive Secretary; and Ms. Patino, Deputy 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. Health Department Staffing

1B. PBA/SOA

1C. CWA

2. **ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE**

2A. Eminent Domain

2B. Roofing Contract

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. Ammiano and seconded by Mr. Cook.

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

NAYS: None ABSENT: Mrs. McMorrow ABSTAIN: None

At 7:31 pm the Township Committee adjourned to executive session.

Executive Session adjourned at 8:00 pm.

At 8:01 pm the Workshop Meeting was called to order.

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, Committeeman Salkin and Mayor Preston.

Absent: Committeewoman McMorrow

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

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mr. Salkin moved to approve the Township Committee Workshop and Executive Minutes of February 7, 2017 and the Township Committee Minutes and Executive Minutes of February 21, 2017, seconded by Mr. Ammiano.

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

NAYS: None ABSENT: Mrs. McMorrow ABSTAIN: None

OLD BUSINESS

O-17-4 – Ordinance Amending Chapter XI (Traffic), Section 11-11.1 (No Left Turns), Schedule XA (No Left Turns) of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Freehold, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey

Mayor Preston opened Ordinance O-17-4 for public hearing and asked for any comments or questions.

The following people commented in opposition of the ordinance:

Edward DeGross, of 40 Moreau Ave. handed the Township Committee a petition signed by 86 people against the no left turn sign that was posted. He said this is an inconvenience to all the people living in this neighborhood. We are looking for an alternate solution for this problem. Also, putting a no left turn does not alleviate the problem, it only moves the traffic. South Gate Manor has on their directions to make the U-turns onto Moreau Ave.

Committeeman Salkin said we can ask South Gate to change that.

John Thompson, 20 Eureka Ave. said on South Street there are two lanes going into one, which he feels is very dangerous and could cause an accident.

Milly Irizarry, 72 Moreau Ave. said we were not notified about this sign. She said she was told by her neighbors.

Mr. Valesi said when we do ordinances we are required by law to publish the public hearing. We do not have to notify all parties.

Committeeman Salkin said only Planning Board notifies people within 200 ft. on their developer applications, but not for traffic issues.

Committeeman Ammiano said this was published in the newspaper.

Mayor Preston said this is not in effect yet. We don't have the ability to enforce it. That is the reason for this hearing tonight. If the ordinance passes, then it becomes enforceable.

Committeeman Salkin said he thought this occurred because we had a petition that everyone wanted this no left turn sign.

He asked for a show of hands how many were for the no left turn and who were against it. The majority of the people were against it and only three people were for it.

Mayor Preston explained that what prompted this ordinance is that residents came in to complain that cars were coming off the Rt. 33 Bypass and making U-turns and left hand turns into their development.

Committeeman Salkin said the issue is that cars are making illegal u-turns on Moreau Ave. He stated that other than putting a sign for no left turn on Moreau Ave., what else can be done?

Ed DeGroti, 40 Moreau Ave. had an idea to reroute the ramp off Rt. 33 to Rt. 79 and have it open up again on Daniels Way going back to Rt. 9.

Committeeman Salkin commented we do not have jurisdiction over Rt. 33. The State has control of that.

Carly Sanchez, 27 Moreau Ave. feels there are safety issues coming off the Rt. 33 bypass making a left into Shoprite.

Committeeman Salkin said we did this to help your community, but it seems the majority of you are not in agreement. He felt we should table the ordinance for now.

Mr. Valesi said we did this research already with DOT and there was not enough room to fix the ramp and we do not own the property. It is also a very expensive proposition. This problem has been going on since 2013, and it has been studied .

Committeeman Ammiano said there has to be a solution to the problem. He did agree with Committeeman Salkin that we should table the ordinance tonight.

Patricia Cirencione, 15 Patten Street asked about using eminent domain for that land by the jug handle.

Mr. Munoz, Township Attorney said you can always take the land by eminent domain. However, Mr. Valesi commented, it is not free when you do that.

Eleanor Alonso, 70 Moreau Ave. agreed that cars doing U-turns from South Gate Manor is causing safety issues.

Rick Mallow, 59 Moreau Ave. agreed that when South Gate Manor has events, That is when there is a problem with cars making U-turns.

Samantha Sanchez, 27 Moreau Ave. stated she is home all day and the traffic is not the bad on Moreau Ave.

Kim, 63 Moreau Ave. said the problem are the directions on GPS. A sign should put on Rt. 33 stating there is no access to South Gate Manor from Rt. 33.

Judy Carter, 52 Moreau Ave. asked what is the reason for the sign no left turns?

Mr. Valesi answered this is to limit the traffic on Moreau Ave. of cars making U-turns that do not live in that development.

Bob Sanchez, 27 Moreau Ave., agreed that South Gate Manor directions are a problem but we it can't be changed because of Google maps.

Mr. Valesi said with the eventual re-development of Shoprite they would like to move the traffic light to better align with the center and eliminate those u-turns, but they will need to negotiate that with the NJDOT. When they change this area, this might help with the traffic.

Committee Salkin commented that we should have the DOT pull the no left turn sign.

Mr. Valesi suggested leaving the sign up for a couple of weeks until they rescind the TRO, Traffic Regulation Order from the DOT. The police are not going to enforce this. Mr. Munoz said tickets cannot be given until this ordinance is adopted.

The following people spoke in favor of the ordinance:

Leah Viera, 31 Pittenger Ave. commented that she spoke with 3 or 4 people before the meeting and they did not have all the facts before they signed the petition and stated they would not have signed the petition. She also commented that there is more traffic because of the Avalon Development, not from the Rt. 33 bypass issue.

Mike Cunha, 44 Moreau Ave. said he was one of the people who asked the Township Committee to put up the no left turn sign. He said the problem has gotten worse and that it has been going on for years. Maybe there is another solution.

Mr. Ammiano moved to close the public hearing on O-17-4, seconded by Mr. Salkin.

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

NAYS: None ABSENT: Mrs. McMorrow ABSTAIN: None

Mr. Ammiano moved to table Ordinance O-17-4 indefinitely, seconded by Mr. Cook.

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

NAYS: None ABSENT: Mrs. McMorrow ABSTAIN: None

At 9:10 pm, there was a 5 minute recess.

Meeting continued at 9:15 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing – Freehold Township Fire District No. 1 Budget Amendments

Mayor Preston opened the public hearing and asked for any comments or questions.

There being none, Mr. Ammiano moved to close the public hearing on the Fire District No. 1 Budget Amendments seconded by Mr. Salkin.

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

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: None ABSENT: Mrs. McMorrow

R-17-78 – Resolution to Amend the Freehold Township Fire District No. 1 2017 Budget in accordance with Resolution R-17-70

WHEREAS, the Freehold Township Fire District No.1 2017 Fiscal Budget was rejected by the voters of the District in a duly held election on February 18, 2017; and,

WHEREAS, the Public Hearing on said budget has been held as advertised on March 20, 2017 within thirty (30) days of the Fire District Election; and,

WHEREAS, Resolution R-17-70 detailed the budget cuts ordered by the Township Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Division of Local Government Services requires that a budget amendment be submitted to them;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Freehold, in the County of Monmouth, that the amendments to the rejected budget of 2017, are hereby made:

	FROM	TO
Revenues and Fund Balance Utilized		
Total Fund Balance Utilized	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 115,000.00
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Amount to be Raised by Taxation to Support the Budget	1,136,000.00	896,500.00
Total Anticipated Revenues	\$ 1,171,000.00	\$ 1,011,500.00
Appropriations		
Administration - Other		
Other Admin Expense #1	\$ 89,000.00	\$ 84,500.00
Total Administration	155,200.00	150,700.00
Cost of Operations and Maintenance - Personnel		
Salary and Wages	90,000.00	.00
Fringe Benefits	9,000.00	.00
Total Operations and Maintenance - Personnel	99,000.00	.00
Cost of Operations and Maintenance - Other		
Utilities	40,000.00	35,000.00
Cell	17,000.00	12,000.00
Other - Non-Bondable	121,000.00	100,000.00
Computer Expense	20,000.00	10,000.00
Education and Training	50,000.00	35,000.00
Total Operations and Maintenance - Other	816,800.00	760,800.00
Total Operations and Maintenance	915,800.00	760,800.00
Total Appropriations	\$ 1,171,000.00	\$ 1,011,500.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that two (2) certified copies of this Resolution be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for certification of the 2017 Freehold Township Fire District No. 1 Budget, so amended.

It is hereby certified that this is a true copy of a resolution amending the budget, adopted by the Governing Body on the 4th day of April, 2017.

Mr. Cook read resolution R-17-78 in full and moved it for adoption, seconded by Mr. Salkin.

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

NAYS: None ABSENT: Mrs. McMorrow ABSTAIN: None

R-17-79 - Resolution Approving Consolidated Bills List

Mr. Ammiano read resolution R-17-79, the Consolidated Bills List in the amount of \$9,204,422.34 and moved it for adoption, seconded by Mr. Salkin.

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

NAYS: None ABSENT: Mrs. 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:

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-17-80 – Resolution Disbursing Overpayments and Cancelling Taxes

R-17-81 - Resolution Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with Marlboro Township for Municipal Court Administration Services

R-17-82 – Resolution Approving Overnight Play at iPlay America

R-17-83 – Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Membership in the Western Monmouth Purchasing Group Cooperative Pricing System

R-17-84 – Resolution Extending Contract for Vending Machine Services

R-17-85 – Resolution Awarding Two 2-Year Contracts for the Furnishing and Delivery of T- Shirts, Jerseys and Jackets for Various Departments in Freehold Township

R-17-86 – Resolution Awarding a Contract for 2017 Pavement Overlay Program

R-17-87 – Resolution Awarding a Contract for Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning Maintenance in Freehold Township

R-17-88 – Resolution Rejecting Bids for Roofing Replacements for Multiple Buildings at Freehold Township

R-17-89 – Resolution Authorizing Release of Performance Guarantees for Briad Restaurant Group, LLC (TGI Friday's), Site Plan No. 609-95

R-17-90 – Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Replacement Performance Bond for JSM at Eaton, LLC, Site Plan No. 824-10

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

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

NAYS: None ABSENT: Mrs. McMorrow ABSTAIN: None

There being no further business, Mayor Preston asked for any comments from the public.

Paul Hessler, 174 Farm Road, said the problem is what to do with the traffic. He was glad for the action the Township took tonight.

Mayor Preston asked for any comments from the dais.

Committeeman Salkin commented that with this big crowd tonight everyone was very respectful and that is why he is pleased to service this community.

Committeeman Ammiano said that April 22, 2014 at 8 pm will be the Little League Parade at Michael J. Tighe Park.

Mayor Preston adjourned the meeting at 9:25 pm.

Theresa Patino, Deputy Township Clerk