

# FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

## REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 24, 2017

At 7:30 p.m. the Township Committee met in the Mayor's Caucus Room 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,  
Committeewoman McMorrow, Committeeman Salkin and  
Mayor Preston

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

### **ATTORNEY -CLIENT PRIVILEGE**

#### 1. EMINENT DOMAIN

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, Mrs. McMorrow, Mr. Salkin  
and Mayor Preston

NAYS: None    ABSENT: None    ABSTAIN: None

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

Executive Session adjourned at 7:59 pm.

At 8:00 pm the Regular 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  
Committeewoman McMorrow, Committeeman Salkin and Mayor Preston

Absent: None

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

#### **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Mr. Salkin made a motion to approve the Township Committee Minutes of August 15, 2017, Executive and Regular Meeting seconded by Mrs. McMorrow.

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

NAYS: None    ABSENT: None    ABSTAIN: Mr. Ammiano and Mr. Cook

#### **REPORTS**

Ms. Patino read the Report of the Tax Collector for the Month of September 2017:

Net Receipts:	General Fund	\$968,539.37
	Water Account	\$617,385.65
	Sewer Account	\$834,578.21

Proclamation for Red Ribbon Week was not presented. No one was present to accept the proclamation. Mayor Preston did explain that Oct 23-31, 2017 was Red Ribbon Week.

**OLD BUSINESS**

O-17-13 – Ordinance Authorizing Sale of an Undersized Parcel of Real Property (Block 43, Lot 37) to Contiguous Property Owners Pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:12-13(b) (5)

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

There being no comments, Mr. Ammiano moved to close the public hearing on the ordinance, seconded by Mrs. McMorrow.

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

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

Mr. Salkin moved to adopt Ordinance O-17-13, second by Mrs. McMorrow.

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

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

O-17-14 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 150, Section 150-54, Fire Prevention, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Freehold, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey

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

There being no comments, Mr. Ammiano moved to close the public hearing on the ordinance, seconded by Mrs. McMorrow.

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

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

Mr. Ammiano moved to adopt Ordinance O-17-14, second by Mr. Cook.

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

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

**NEW BUSINESS**

R-17-236 – Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 1 and Declaring Acceptance of the Contract for the 2017 Basketball and Tennis Court Improvements (Various Park Locations)

Mr. Cook read Resolution R-17-236, and moved it for adoption, seconded by Mr. Ammiano.

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

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

R-17-237 - Resolution Approving Consolidated Bills List

Mrs. McMorrow read Resolution R-17-237, the Consolidated Bills List in the amount of \$3,012,114.77 and moved it for adoption, seconded by Mr. Salkin.

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

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

R-17-238 – Resolution Authorizing Annual Waiver of Water and Sewer Service Fee Increase for 2018, Authorizing Water and Sewer Rate Freeze for Calendar Year 2018

Mr. Ammiano read Resolution R-17-238, and moved it for adoption, seconded by Mr. Salkin.

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

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

Mayor Preston stated that this was the 4<sup>th</sup> year that we had not had a raise in water fees.

### **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-17-239 – Resolution Approving the Submission of a Grant Application and Execution of a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for Roadway Preservation Projects: MA-2018 – Iron Bridge Road – Phase I-00681

R-17-240 – Resolution – Renewal of 2017-2018 Liquor License for BK Thick Shake, LLC License #1316-33-002-005 (Pocket License)

R-17-241 - Resolution Amending 2017 Budget (Chapter 159) to Insert a Modification to the Special Item of Revenue and Appropriations for the 2017 State Body Armor Replacement Fund Grant

R-17-242 - Resolution Certifying Tax Liens for Sidewalk Repair

R-17-243 – Resolution Authorizing a Contract for Uniform Dry Cleaning and Alterations for the Police Department

R-17-244 – Resolution Authorizing a Contract for the Purchase of Sodium Chloride (Rock Salt) Through the Monmouth County Cooperative Pricing System

R-17-245 – Resolution Declaring Acceptance of Contract 17-11 for Pavilion Installation at Michael J. Tighe Park

R-17-246 – Resolution Amending Resolution R-17-173 and Authorizing Additional Funds to the Contract for As-Needed Repairs and Installation of Water and Sewer System Components and Emergency Service

R-17-247 - Resolution Authorizing Execution of Developer’s Agreement for First Hartford Realty Corporation (CVS Pharmacy), Site Plan No. 852-14, Block 85.12, Lots 22 and 24

Resolution R-17-248 was removed from the Agenda.

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

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

NAYS: None    ABSENT: None    ABSTAIN: None

There being no further business, Mayor Preston asked for any comments from the public. There being none he closed the public portion.

Mayor Preston asked for any comments from the dais.

Mr. Cook congratulated the staff on a great job on the Food Stock Event. They collected 54,000 lbs of food.

Mr. Salkin said never underestimate what one person can do. Bob Fisher and his family started the Food Stock event as a middle school project and it has evolved into such a great thing.

He also commented that we had no increase in our water rates in the last 4 years. We have control over this because we own our water plant. Bob Koches runs a great water department. Our residents know they have clean safe water.

Mr. Salkin also reminded everyone about the Veteran Day Event on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am.

Mr. Ammiano agreed with what Mr. Salkin said, and also commented about the Veteran Community Alliance giving a check for \$15,000 to help a veteran for purchase of a vehicle that was needed.

Mrs. McMorrow spoke about the Little League dinner last night that the players, coaches and parents have such good sportsmanship.

She also commented on:

- Friday at 4:00 pm being Safe Candy Day at the township
- People from all over the State, came to our Food Stock Event, the Mayor of East Orange was there.
- Vote on November 7<sup>th</sup>

Mayor Preston commented that Freehold Township was a wonderful town and the people make this a great place to live. He spoke about:

- Saturday night is a Comedy Night fundraiser for Special Olympics at the Senior Center at 6:30pm
- Flea Market at St. Roberts for the victims of the hurricane in Puerto Rico
- A Food Truck Festival at Iplay America the proceeds will be going this year to the Gram Preston Foundation.

He asked that everyone would support these programs.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm

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Township Clerk