

FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

November 20, 2018

At 6:30 p.m. the Township Committee met in room 214 of the municipal building. Mr. Cook read the following statement:

“In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, (c. 231 P.L. 1975), this meeting was announced on January 8, 2018 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, Committeewoman McMorrow, Committeeman Preston, Committeeman Salkin,

Absent: Mayor Ammiano (arrived at 6:55pm)

Also in attendance: Mr. Valesi, Township Administrator; Mr. Munoz, Esq., Township Attorney; Mrs. Patino, Municipal Clerk

Ms. Abouzeina, Deputy Clerk (arrived 6:50pm)

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

3. It is anticipated at this time the above-stated subject matter will be made public 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 Mrs. McMorrow

VOTE:

AYES: Mr. Cook, Mrs. McMorrow, Mr. Preston, Mr. Salkin,

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mayor Ammiano

ABSTAIN: None

At 6:30 pm the Township Committee adjourned to Executive Session.

Executive Session adjourned at 7:50 pm.

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

Mayor Ammiano read the following statement:

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Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance

In Attendance: Committeeman Cook, Committeeman Preston, Committeewoman McMorrow, Committeeman Salkin and Mayor Ammiano

Absent: None

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

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

None

REPORTS

Mrs. Patino read the report of the Tax Collector for the Month of October 2018:

Net Receipt:	General Fund	\$ 13,732,521.11
	Water Account	\$ 527,160.18
	Sewer Account	\$ 781,459.26

ABC Social Affair Permit – Silvermead Community Club- December 31, 2018 - 6:00pm until 12:00 Midnight

Mrs. Patino stated the Social Affair Permit was in order and was approved by the Chief of Police

PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation – “National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month” – December 2018

Mayor Ammiano presented the proclamation to Lt. Thomas McGowan.

Historic Preservation Commission’s Architectural Achievement Award – Roger Mumford Homes - 3 Gully Road

Mrs. Cheryl Polverino, Local Historian presented the award to Mr. Mumford.

OLD BUSINESS

O-18-15 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 150 (Fees), Section 150-56 (Municipal Parking Lots and Drives) of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Freehold, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey

Mayor Ammiano opened Ordinance O-18-15 for public hearing and asked for any comments or questions.

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

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Mrs. McMorrow made a motion to adopt Ordinance O-18-15, seconded by Mr. Preston.

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Mr. Cook

NEW BUSINESS

O-18-16 – An Ordinance Setting Salaries and Compensation of Certain Offices, Positions and Employees in the Township of Freehold, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, for the Year 2019 and Thereafter Known by its Short Term as: “The 2019 Salary Ordinance”

Mrs. McMorrow moved Ordinance O-18-16 for public hearing at the Township Committee meeting of December 18, 2018 seconded by Mr. Cook

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

O-18-17 – 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

Mr. Salkin moved Ordinance O-18-17 for public hearing at the Township Committee meeting of December 18, 2018 seconded by Mrs. McMorrow

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

R-18-289 – Resolution Approving Consolidated Bills List

Mr. Cook read Resolution R-18-289, the Consolidated Bills List in the amount of \$4,244,193.42 and moved it for adoption, seconded by Mr. Salkin

Vote:

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

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-18-290 – Resolution Amending Salaries in Accordance with the 2018 Salary Ordinance

R-18-291 - Resolution Authorizing the Township of Freehold to Renew its Membership in the Somerset County Pricing System

R-18-292 - Resolution Authorizing Shared Services Agreements with Boards of Fire Commissioners-Districts 1 and 2 for the Hiring of four Part-Time Fire Prevention Training Specialists

R-18-293 – Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with Freehold Borough Regarding the Sale of Parking Spaces at Schibanoff Commuter Lot

R-18-294 – Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with Manalapan Township for Information Technology Services

R-18-295 – Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with Freehold Borough for Information Technology Services

- R-18-296 – Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with Borough of Keyport for Information Technology Services
- R-18-297 – Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with Borough of Bay Head for Information Technology Services
- R-18-298 – Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with Manasquan River Regional Sewerage Authority for Information Technology Services
- R-18-299 – Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with Borough of Freehold for Licensed Treatment Plant Operational Services for Freehold Borough Water-Sewer Utilities
- R-18-300 – Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with Aberdeen Township for Licensed Operational Services for Aberdeen Township Water-Sewer Utilities
- R-18-301 – Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with Borough of Keyport for Licensed Operational Services for Keyport Water-Sewer Utilities
- R-18-302 – Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with Farmingdale Borough for Licensed Operational Services for Farmingdale Borough Water-Sewer Utilities
- R-18-303 – Resolution Authorizing a Contract for Traffic Signal Maintenance
- R-18-304 – Resolution Authorizing a Contract for the Purchase of Other Equipment for Instrumentation Used in the SCADA System for the Utilities Department
- R-18-305 – Resolution Authorizing a Contract for Charter Bus Service for Parks and Recreation Programs
- R-18-306 – Resolution Amending Resolution R-18-83 Adopted on March 26, 2018 Authorizing Contracts for Sports Camp Director Services as an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service
- R-18-307 – Resolution Cancelling Taxes and Disbursing Overpayments of Taxes and Water/Sewer
- R-18-308 – Resolution Authorizing Added Tax Liens
- R-18-309 – Resolution Authorizing 2018 Budget Transfers

R-18-310 – Resolution Amending 2018 Budget (Chapter 159) to Insert a Modification to the Special Item of Revenue and Appropriations for the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2018 Year End Holiday Crackdown Grant

R-18-311 – Resolution Opposing the Inclusion of Block 42, Lot 4 as Shown on the Official Tax Map of the Township of Colts Neck for Inclusion of Franchise Area of the Suez Water New Jersey, Inc.

R-18-312 – Resolution Opposing the Inclusion of Block 42, Lot 4 as Shown on the Official Tax Map of the Township of Colts Neck in the Sewer Service Area Element of the Monmouth County Wastewater Management Plan

R-18-313 – Resolution Denying Request for Release of Performance Guarantees and Reducing Performance Guarantees for Dancer Estates, Subdivision No. 858-04

R-18-314 – Resolution of Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Iron Bridge Road Phase 1 Project

R-18-315 – Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Energy Generation Services for Public Use on an Online Auction

R-18-316 – Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Energy Generation Services for Public Use on an Online Auction Website for the Township of Freehold Water and Sewer Department

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

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

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

Jim Franklin, 119 Lancaster Rd, asked if the parking ordinance was advertised in the newspaper?

Mr. Valesi answered that O-18-15 was introduced at the Workshop Meeting of 11/7/2018 and was advertised.

Mr. Franklin had a question on the salary ordinance. He asked about the lacrosse instructor and referee salaries, why we have minimum and maximum salary and if they can be payed the maximum amount?

Mr. Valesi explained that the law dictates that we create a position and provide a minimum and a maximum amount of salary in the ordinance annually, the salary resolution, which was passed at reorganization, sets the exact amount for each employee. The Committee has to approve each employee's salaries, and they have the power to approve the maximum salary.

Mr. Franklin also asked about Recreation programs, if the town pays for their salary?

Mr. Valesi explained that all recreation programs have fees associated with the program. The fees go onto a recreation trust account that pays for the expenses for salaries or any other equipment that is needed for the programs. He said the recreation programs are self-supported.

JJ Mistretta, 506 Harding Rd, asked about the police salaries? How many years for new police officers need to work to get paid the maximum amount? Also she asked about their pension and longevity payout?

Mr. Valesi said it will take them 15 years to get the maximum salary amount. The pension benefits come from the State. Check the State Division Pension Benefit website to understand the different tiers for public and police employees. He explained that police officer's longevity is the smallest amount comparing to the other towns.

Mrs. Mistretta asked about the Township Committee salaries with comparison to the other towns in Monmouth County.

Mr. Valesi answered it is probably at the higher end.

She was concerned about raising the Commuter Parking fees for the new year.

Mayor Ammiano said the Freehold Township fees are the lowest comparing to the neighboring towns.

Jamison Vawter, 51 Adams Place, said he was not happy about the decision the Committee made in passing the ordinance prohibiting marijuana. He explained that medical marijuana helped his son. He said if we legalize it, it will prohibit the drug dealers from selling it on the street.

Mr. Salkin agreed with him on the benefit of medicinal marijuana. He explained that the Committee didn't pass a zoning ordinance because they are waiting for the State decision. They want to make sure to have the right zoning places for medicinal marijuana. They don't want it to be sold next to schools or residential area. He also stated there is a lot of problems associated with the use of marijuana.

Mrs. McMorrow invited Mr. Vawter to attend one of the Municipal Alliance to Prevent Substance Abuse meeting to educate and inform the members and students.

Mr. Preston said the decision that we made for prohibiting marijuana has no impact on the State decision. The State is the one delaying the adoption of this law until they figure the tax percentage that they need to implement.

Mr. Munoz said we don't know what the legislature is going to do or what the law will be. He suggested to Mr. Vawter to go to the State and raise his voice and concerns there.

Mayor Ammiano stated that he knows a lot of family and friends that was affected by drug tragedies in their lives. He said it all started with the use of marijuana.

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

The Committee congratulated the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for winning the election, also they wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Theresa Patino, Township Clerk