

FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING**

**May 23, 2023**

At 8:00 p.m., the Township Committee met in room 114 of the Municipal Building. Mayor Walker read the following statement:

“In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, this meeting was announced on January 9, 2023 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”.

Pledge of Allegiance

**In Attendance:** Committeeman Ammiano, Committeeman Cook, Committeeman Preston, Mayor Walker

**Absent:** Committeewoman Fasano

**Also in attendance:** Mr. Valesi, Township Administrator; Mr. Ball Esq. Township Attorney; Mrs. Abouzeina, Municipal Clerk, Ms. Bartolomeo, Deputy Clerk

**MINUTES**

None

**REPORTS**

Mrs. Abouzeina read the report of the Tax Collector for the Month of April 2023:

Net Receipt:	General Fund	\$23,362,870.27
	Water Account	\$ 195,031.89
	Sewer Account	\$ 601,809.17

ABC Social Affair Permit – Olde Freehold Day – Lake Topanemus Park – 252 Pond Road 8/5/23 – 11am to 6pm

Mrs. Abouzeina stated that the social affair permit was in order and approved by the chief of police

## **PRESENTATIONS**

**NJ Assembly Proclamation** – Anthony J. Ammiano – NJ State League of Municipalities Elected Officials Hall of Fame

Assemblywomen Kim Eulner and Marilyn Piperno presented the Proclamation to Committeeman Anthony Ammiano

**Monmouth County Board of Commissioners Proclamation** - Anthony J. Ammiano – NJ State League of Municipalities Elected Officials Hall of Fame

County Commissioner Director Thomas Arnone presented the Proclamation to Committeeman Anthony Ammiano

**Proclamation** – “Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day” – June 4, 2023

Mayor Walker presented the Proclamation to Viannie Glick

**Proclamation** – “Freehold First Aid & Emergency Squad Volunteers Month” June, 2023

Mayor Walker presented the Proclamation to Steve Morley

### **Police Department Citations:**

Unit Citation – Officers Joseph Crono Jr., Kevin Skievaski, Zackery Pittius, Nickolas Madore

Star of Life – Officers Austin Payne, Louis Toscani and Richard Gregg

Letter of Commendation – Officer Adam Nimick

Crime Stopper of the Year – Officer Louis Toscani

DWI Enforcement Officer of the Year – Officer Justin Nunno

Traffic Safety Officer of the Year – Officer Thomas Monahan

Professional Excellence in Policing – Officer Sean Foley

Mayor Walker presented the various citations to members of the Freehold Township Police Department. Chief George Baumann expanded on the accomplishments of the recognized officers and offered his congratulations.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

O-23-9 – Ordinance Accepting Right-of-Way Dedication for Block 87.01, Part of Lots 9QFarm, 9.01 and 9.01QFarm

Mayor Walker opened Ordinance O-23-9 for public hearing and asked for any comments or questions.

There being no comments from the public, Mr. Ammiano moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Cook.

Vote:

**AYES:** Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Cook, Mr. Preston, Mayor Walker

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Mrs. Fasano

**ABSTAIN:** None

Mr. Preston moved the Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Cook

Vote:

**AYES:** Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Cook, Mr. Preston, Mayor Walker

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Mrs. Fasano

**ABSTAIN:** None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

R-23-109 -Resolution Approving Consolidated Bills List

Mr. Ammiano read Resolution R-23-109, the Consolidated Bills List, in the amount of 23,362,870.27 and moved it for adoption, seconded by Mr. Cook

Vote:

**AYES:** Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Cook, Mr. Preston, Mayor Walker

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Mrs. Fasano

**ABSTAIN:** None

### **FORMAL ACTION – CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS**

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 of any item is desired, that item will be considered separately.

- R-23-110 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to Execute the FY2024-FY2026 Revised Amendment Agreement with Monmouth County for Cooperative Participation in the Community Development Program Pursuant to the Interlocal Services Act
- R-23-111 Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with Englishtown Borough for Information Technology Services
- R-23-112 Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with Board of Fire Commissioners, Freehold Township Fire District 1 for Automotive Services
- R-23-113 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Shared Services Agreement for the Western Monmouth Active Shooter Training Group
- R-23-114 Resolution Disbursing Overpayments of Taxes
- R-23-115 Resolution Amending 2023 Budget (Chapter 159) to insert a Modification to the Special Items of Revenue and Appropriations for the 2023 Click It or Ticket Grant
- R-23-116 Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Burke Road Landfill Closure

- R-23-117 Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Purchase of Diesel Truck Parts for Department of Public Works
- R-23-118 Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Purchase and Installation of Shutters for the Historic Georgia Road Schoolhouse
- R-23-119 Resolution Extending Contract 22-8 for One (1) Additional Year for Various Streets Road Materials – Western Monmouth Purchasing Group
- R-23-120 Resolution Consenting to Pirhl Wemrock Senior Living LLC’s Transfer of its 0.01% Membership and Management Member Interests in Wemrock Senior Living LLC to Conifer Wemrock Managing Member, LLC
- R-23-121 Resolution to Affirm the Freehold Township Civil Rights Policy with Respect to all Officials, Appointees, Employees, Prospective Employees, Volunteers, Independent Contractors and Members of the Public that Come into Contact with Municipal Employees, Officials and Volunteers
- R-23-122 Resolution Authorizing Temporary Parking Restrictions during the Monmouth County Fair – July 26, 2023 – July 30, 2023
- R-23-123 Resolution Approving Amusement Games for the Monmouth County Fair – July 26, 2023 – July 30, 2023
- R-23-124 Resolution Authorizing Execution of Developer’s Agreement with County of Monmouth and Township of Freehold for the Maintenance of Detention Basin Located at 161 Three Brooks Road, Block 72, Lot 88
- R-23-125 Resolution Authorizing Execution of Developer’s Agreement with County of Monmouth and Township of Freehold for the Maintenance of Detention Basin Located at 183 Three Brooks Road, Block 72.06, Lot 1
- R-23-126 Resolution Authorizing Added Tax Lien

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

Vote:

**AYES:** Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Cook, Mr. Preston, Mayor Walker

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Mrs. Fasano

**ABSTAIN:** None

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

Mr. Michael Murphy, 31 Schaeffer Lane, began by congratulating Committeeman Ammiano on his induction into the Elected Officials Hall of Fame. He continued by expressing his concerns regarding the Pagan Motorcycle Club, specifically members that are living in his neighborhood and causing problems. He discussed specific incidents and requested an increased police presence in the neighborhood to assist with the issues.

The Committee thanked Mr. Murphy for his comments.

There being no further comments from the public, Mr. Ammiano moved to close the public portion, seconded by Mr. Preston.  
Mayor Walker asked for any comments from the dais.

Mr. Cook commended the Township Officers for their actions, specifically those who had saved lives over the past year.

Mr. Preston congratulated the Officers. He acknowledged that the Township Committee is aware of things that going on within the Freehold Township. He assured the residents that all concerns are heard and addressed appropriately and that no one should live in fear in Freehold Township.

Mr. Ammiano echoed the comments shared by Mr. Preston and Mr. Cook and thanked Mr. Murphy for coming out and sharing his concerns. He further thanked everyone on the Dias for the comments shared regarding his induction into the Elected Officials Hall of Fame.

Mayor Walker echoed sentiments shared by Committee regarding the Township Police Department. He congratulated Mr. Ammiano again on his achievements.

Mayor Walker Adjourned the Meeting at 8:47pm

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Sanabel Abouzeina, Township Clerk