

FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

August 22, 2023

At 7:00 p.m., the Township Committee met in Mayor's Caucus Room 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".

In Attendance: Committeeman Ammiano, Committeeman Cook,
Committeeman Preston, Committeewoman Fasano,
Mayor Walker

Absent: None

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

Mr. Ball 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. Public Information
- 1B. Shared Services Negotiations
- 1C. Utility Agreements
- 1D. Affordable Housing
- 1E. Special Event Standards

2. PERSONNEL

- 2A. Grievance Status
- 2B. Disciplinary Actions
- 2C. Staffing- Police Department

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. Cook and seconded by Mr. Preston

VOTE:

AYES: Mr. Cook, Mrs. Fasano, Mr. Preston, and Mayor Walker
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

At 7:00 pm, the Township Committee adjourned to Executive Session.

Executive Session adjourned at 7:58pm.

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

Mayor Walker re-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, Committeewoman Fasano, Committeeman Preston and Mayor Walker

Absent: None

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

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mr. Preston moved to approve Workshop Meeting Minutes and Executive Minutes for 7/11/2023 the Regular Meeting Minutes and Executive Minutes from 7/25/2023, seconded by Mr. Cook.

VOTE:

AYES: Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Cook, Mrs. Fasano*, Mr. Preston, and Mayor Walker
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Mrs. Fasano abstained on 7/11/2023 Minutes

REPORTS

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

Net Receipt:	General Fund	\$	11,465,365.40
	Water Account	\$	356,283.88
	Sewer Account	\$	704,810.00

PRESENTATIONS

Civilian Service Award – Nancy Sabbagh

Mayor Walker presented the Civilian Service Award to Nancy Sabbagh for her life saving efforts on July 30, 2023

Proclamation - “Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disorder Awareness Month” – September, 2023

In Mr. Mark Willis’s absence, Mayor Walker presented the Proclamation on his behalf and gave a brief overview of the Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disorder

Proclamation – “Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month” – September, 2023

Mayor Walker presented the Proclamation to Patricia Medley

Proclamation- “Prostate Cancer Awareness Month” – September, 2023

Mayor Walker presented the Proclamation which is to be mailed to Washington DC

NEW BUSINESS

O-23-18 – Ordinance Accepting Scenic Corridor Buffer Easement for Block 72.06, Part of Lot 1

Mr. Cook moved Ordinance O-23-18 for public hearing to the Township Committee meeting of September 26, 2023, seconded by Mr. Preston

Vote:

AYES: Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Cook, Mrs. Fasano, Mr. Preston, Mayor Walker

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

R-23-187 – Resolution Authorizing Reduction Change Order Number 1, Declaring Acceptance and Final Payment of Contract 22-2, Jackson Mills Road Water Treatment Plant Repair and Redevelopment of Well No. 14

Mrs. Fasano read R-23-187 and moved it for adoption, seconded by Mr. Cook.

Vote:

AYES: Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Cook, Mrs. Fasano, Mr. Preston, Mayor Walker

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

R-23-188 – Resolution Authorizing Change Order Number 1, Declaring Acceptance and Final Payment of Contract 23-5, 2023 Michael J. Tighe Park Improvements Project – Splash Pad, Walkways, Pickleball Courts

Mr. Ammiano read R-23-188 and moved it for adoption, seconded by Mr. Preston

Vote:

AYES: Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Cook, Mrs. Fasano, Mr. Preston, Mayor Walker

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

R-23-189- Resolution Approving Consolidated Bills List

Mr. Preston read Resolution R-23-189, the Consolidated Bills List in the amount of \$6,652,490.37 and moved it for adoption, seconded by Mr. Cook

Vote:

AYES: Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Cook, Mrs. Fasano, Mr. Preston, Mayor Walker

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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-23-190 – Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Carteret for Licensed Operational Services for the Carteret Borough Wastewater System

R-23-191 – Resolution – Renewal of 2023-2024 Liquor License for Freehold Liquor, LLC –License #1316-33-020-002 (Pocket License)

R-23-192 – Resolution Authorizing Added Tax Lien

R-23-193 – Resolution Cancelling Taxes and Disbursing Overpayment of Taxes Disabled Veteran

R-23-194 – Resolution Cancelling Taxes

R-23-195 – Resolution Disbursing Overpayments of Taxes

- R-23-196 - Resolution Amending 2023 Budget (Chapter 159) to Insert Modification to the Special Item of Revenue and Appropriations for the 2023 DMHAS Youth Leadership Grant
- R-23-197 – Resolution Amending 2023 Budget (Chapter 159) to Insert Modification to the Special Item of Revenue and Appropriations for the National Opioid Settlement
- R-23-198 – Resolution Amending 2023 Budget (Chapter 159) to Insert Modification to the Special Item of Revenue and Appropriations for the 2023 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Grant
- R-23-199 – Resolution Amending 2023 Budget (Chapter 159) to Insert Modification to the Special Item of Revenue and Appropriations for Spotted Lanternfly Reimbursement
- R-23-200 – Resolution Amending 2023 Budget (Chapter 159) to Insert Modification to the Special Item of Revenue and Appropriations for the 2023-2024 Year 3 Vaccine Supplemental Funding Grant
- R-23-201 - Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Commodity Resale Agreement with the County of Monmouth
- R-23-202 – Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Furnishing and Delivery of Police Department Uniforms
- R-23-203 – Resolution Awarding a Two-Year Contract for As-Needed Repairs and Installation of Water and Sewer Components and Emergency Services
- R-23-204 – Resolution Authorizing the Township’s Participation in the Sourcewell Co-Op for Contract Number 060920-KTC with Gabrielli Truck Sales to Purchase a 2025 Kenworth T880 Tandem Axle Chassis with Related Equipment
- R-23-205 – Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Purchase of a Lead Pain Analyzer for the Health Department
- R-23-206 – Resolution Amending R-23-116, Adopted on May 23, 2023, Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Burke Road Landfill Closure
- R-23-207 – Resolution Authorizing TWA-1 Sewer Extension Application – A & B Associates, LLC – Golden Meadows Estates – Subdivision No. 904-22
- R-23-208 – Resolution Approving Wireless Communication Facilities Modification Application for Dish Wireless on Behalf of AT&T at Block 69.01, Lot 53.01, Application No. WCFMA-02-23

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

Vote:

AYES: Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Cook, Mrs. Fasano, Mr. Preston, Mayor Walker

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

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

Jim Franklin, 119 Lancaster Road. Mr. Franklin requested additional information regarding R-23-204. Mr. Valesi explained that the current roll off dumpster truck used to move dumpsters from the landfill to Freehold Cartage has reached the end of its useful life and is being replaced.

Mr. Franklin requested more information on R-23-206, Burke Road Landfill Closure. Mr. Valesi explained that the resolution is an amendment to a previously awarded contract. He informed the public as to the history of the landfill and explained the lengthy process required by the DEP before closing it. He relayed that the Township has finally received a permit to close up the landfill.

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

Ms. Bartolomeo expressed condolences to the Ammiano family.

Mr. Valesi expressed discontent with the bureaucracy that exists within State agencies and specifically as it relates to the Burke Road Land Fill. He informed the public that the Township spent millions of dollars over the last 20 years to follow proper protocol for closing the landfill, which was not even contaminated.

Mr. Cook congratulated Nancy Sabagg for her heroic efforts on the day of July 30th and reminded the public about similar good stories that we have heard about within the Township. He also expressed condolences to the Ammiano family.

Mr. Preston also congratulated Nancy Sabagg for her willingness to become CPR certified and in turn save a life. He also expressed condolences to the Ammiano family.

Mr. Ammiano thanked the Committee, Employees, Administration and Police Department for all the cards and blessings. He talked about the special person his father-in-law was.

Mayor Walker thanked the Police Department for recognizing the actions of Nancy Sabagg. He also expressed condolences to the Ammiano family during this difficult time.

Mayor Walker Adjourned the Meeting at 8:26pm

Sanabel Abouzeina, Township Clerk

