

FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

WORKSHOP MEETING

January 15, 2019

At 6:30 p.m. the Township Committee met in Room 214 of the municipal building. Mayor McMorrow read the following statement:

“In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, (c. 231 P.L. 1975), this meeting was announced on January 7, 2019 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, Committeeman Preston, Committeeman Salkin, Mayor McMorrow

Absent: Committeeman Ammiano (arrived at 7:05pm)

Also in attendance: Mr. Valesi, Township Administrator; Mr. Davison, Esq., Township Attorney; Ms. Mladinov, Executive Secretary, Mrs. Patino, Municipal Clerk and Ms. Abouzeina, Deputy Clerk.

Mr. Davison 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. Departmental Restructuring

2. ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE

2A. Affordable Housing

2B. Personnel Litigation

2C. IT Security

3. PROPERTY ACQUISITION

3A. Targeted Property Acquisitions

3B. In-Rem Foreclosure

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 Mr. Cook.

VOTE:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Ammiano (arrived at 7:05pm)

ABSTAIN: None

At 6:35 pm the Township Committee adjourned to executive session.

Executive Session adjourned at 8:10 pm.

At 8:15 pm the Workshop Meeting was called to order.

Mayor McMorrow re-read the following statement:

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Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

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

Absent: None

Also in attendance: Mr. Valesi, Township Administrator; Mr. Davison, Esq., Township Attorney; Ms. Mladinov, Executive Secretary, Mrs. Patino, Municipal Clerk and Ms. Abouzeina Deputy Clerk

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mr. Cook moved to approve the Executive Minutes for 9/11/2018, and Workshop Meeting Minutes for 11/7/2018 seconded by Mr. Preston

VOTE:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Mayor McMorrow introduced Mr. James Markey/ Area Manager - External Affairs Central NJ the replacement for Gerry Ricciard from JCP&L. He introduced himself to the Committee and gave updates on the new infrastructures plan that will enhance the reliability and resiliency of its distribution system against severe weather and reducing the frequency of power outages.

NEW BUSINESS

O-19-1 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 150 (Fees), Section 150-63 (Water) of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Freehold, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey

Mr. Preston moved Ordinance O-19-1 for public hearing at the Regular Meeting of January 29, 2019 seconded by Mr. Salkin

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

O-19-2 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 190 (Land Use), Article XIII, Zone Regulations, Section 190-150 (Professional Zone P-1) of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Freehold, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey

Mr. Ammiano moved Ordinance O-19-2 for public hearing at the Regular Committee Meeting of January 29, 2019 seconded by Mr. Cook.

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

O-19-3 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 190 (Land Use), Article XIII, (Zone Regulations), of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Freehold, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey

Mr. Preston moved Ordinance O-19-3 for public hearing at the Regular Committee Meeting of January 29, 2019 seconded by Mr. Ammiano

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

R-19-23- Resolution Approving Consolidated Bills List

Mr. Preston read Resolution R-19-23, the Consolidated Bills List in the amount of \$10,188,506.15 and moved it for adoption, seconded by Mr. Ammiano

Vote:

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

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-19-24 – Resolution Authorizing Application and Approving Participation with the State of New Jersey State Fiscal Year 2019 Safe and Secure Communities Program Administered by the Division of Criminal Justice, Department of Law and Public Safety
- R-19-25 – Resolution Disbursing Overpayments of Taxes
- R-19-26 – Resolution Authorizing Water Connection Fee Payment Plan
- R-19-27 - Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Updated Shared Services Agreement with Freehold Borough for Code Enforcement, Building Inspection and Plan Review Services
- R-19-28 – Resolution Approving Spring Spectrum, L.P. Facilities Modification Application for Block 43, Lot 19, 823 Route 33, Application WCFMA- 03-18
- R-19-29 - Resolution Authorizing a Contract for the Furnishing and Installation of a Sound and Video System for the Freehold Township Senior Center
- R-19-30 – Resolution Authorizing a Contract for Emergency Work to Clean-Up, Repair and Restore Damages to the Freehold Township Recreation Administrative Building due to Excessive Water Damage from a Flood in the Men’s Restroom

R-19-31 – Resolution Authorizing a Contract for an Emergency Notification System

R-19-32 - Resolution Amending Resolution No. R-18-313, Adopted on November 20, 2018, Denying Request for Release of Performance Guarantees and Reducing Performance Guarantees for Dancer Estates, Subdivision No. 858-04

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

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Mr. Cook made a motion for the renewal of the following Licenses:

License Renewal – Island Carousel, Inc. – Freehold Raceway Mall

Junk Dealer License Renewal – Freehold American, Inc.

Junk Dealer License Renewal – A&A Truck Parts, Inc.

Seconded by Mr. Preston.

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Mr. Ammaino made a motion clarifying the term of Apryl Kurtz's appointment to the Planning Board as expiring 12/31/19, seconded by Mr. Preston

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

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

JJ Mistretta, 506 Harding Rd, asked about the meaning of the two land use ordinances.

Mr. Valesi explained that the ordinance clarifies where public, private and parochial schools maybe located. He advised the ordinances are on the website for more details.

Mrs. Mistretta asked about the O-19-1. Mr. Valesi explained that the township changed the water meters and if anyone wants to dispute their water bill and thinks the water meter is faulty, the Utility Department will take the meter and send it to an independent lab to clarify if the meter is functional or not. This ordinance is to change the fees associated with sending the meter to an independent company.

Mrs. Mistretta asked about the dates for the Municipal Budget Workshop Meeting and Fire Budget Election.

The Committee responded that the Municipal Budget Workshop Meeting is on 3/23/2019 and the Fire Budget Election is on 2/16/2019.

Mrs. Mistretta asked if the water and sewer bills are going up in 2019.

Mr. Valesi said the recycling prices are going up 50% and that will be included in the property taxes. The sewer fees are also going up because of all the rain. We usually get \$750,000 credit instead this year will pay \$1,400,000.

There were no other comments from the public.

Mayor McMorrow asked for any comments from the dais.

The Committee wished Mr. Ammiano a Happy Birthday.

Mr. Ammiano mentioned that Dorothy Avallone, "former Mayor of Freehold Township" had an injury wanted to let everyone know that she left the hospital and is recovering at home.

Mayor McMorrow said that we lost one of our oldest members in the Senior Center, Peggy Cosgrove. She said she was a wonderful woman.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Theresa Patino, Township Clerk