

FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

February 26, 2019

At 7:30 p.m. the Township Committee met in Mayor's caucus 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 Ammiano, Committeeman Cook, Committeeman Preston, Committeeman Salkin, and Mayor McMorrow

Absent: None

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

1. Personnel

1A. Township Clerk's Office

2. ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE

2A. 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 Mr. Cook

VOTE:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

At 7:30 pm the Township Committee adjourned to Executive Session.

Executive Session adjourned at 8:00 pm.

At 8:05pm the Regular Meeting was called to order.

Mayor McMorrow re-read the following statement:

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Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance

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

Absent: None

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

Absent: None

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mr. Ammiano moved to approve the Executive Minutes for 11/20/2018, and Reorganization meeting 1/4/2019 seconded by Mr. Preston

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Mr. Salkin abstained on 1/4/2019

REPORTS

Mrs. Abouzeina read the report of the Tax Collector for the Month of January 2019:

Net Receipt:	General Fund	\$ 13,569,452.74
	Water Account	\$ 264,537.95
	Sewer Account	\$ 664,375.77

ABC Social Affair Permit- Silvermead Community Club – March 9, 2019-
5:00pm until 10:00pm

ABC Social Affair Permit Freehold Area Running Club- Michael J. Tighe Park-
March 17, 2019- 10:00am until 2:00pm

Ms. Abouzeina stated the Social Affair Permits were in order and were approved
by the Chief of Police

OLD BUSINESS

O-19-4 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 245 (Property Maintenance), Article II
(Property Maintenance Code) of the Revised General Ordinances of the
Township of Freehold, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey

Mayor McMorrow opened Ordinance O-19-4 for public hearing and asked for any
comments or questions.

There being none, Mr. Preston moved to close the public hearing, seconded by
Mr. Ammiano

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Mr. Salkin made a motion to adopt Ordinance O-19-4, seconded by Mr. Cook

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

NEW BUISNESS

O-19-5 – An Ordinance Appropriating the Sum of \$55,000 Currently Located
within the General Capital Improvement Fund of the Township of
Freehold for Sidewalks at Opatut Park Project within the Township of
Freehold

Mr. Preston moved Ordinance O-19-5 for public hearing at the Township
Committee meeting of 3/26/2019 seconded by Mr. Ammiano

VOTE:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

R-19-55 – Resolution Approving Consolidated Bills List

Mr. Ammiano read Resolution R-19-55, the Consolidated Bills List in the
amount of \$4,301,242.51 and moved it for adoption, seconded by Mr. Preston

Vote:

AYES: Mr. Ammaino, 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-19-56 - Resolution Authorizing Application for a Historical Preservation Grant from The Historic Preservation Office of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

- R-19-57 - Resolution Disbursing Overpayment of Taxes

- R-19-58 - Resolution Awarding a Contract for Grass Cutting and Related Maintenance

- R-19-59 - Resolution Authorizing a Contract for the Purchase of Promotional Items for Freehold Township Recreation Events

- R-19-60 - Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Distribution Supplies for the Utilities Department

- R-19-61 - Resolution Extending the Contract for Banquet and Catering Facility Rental for Parks and Recreation

- R-19-62 - Resolution Extending the Contract for As-Needed Electrical Services within the Township

- R-19-63 - Resolution Authorizing Release of Performance Guarantees for Freehold DCH Investments, Inc. (DCH Nissan/Volkswagen), Site Plan No. 771-1-16, Block 65.01, Lot 15

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

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

Maria Saputo, 104 Leah Ct, read a statement regarding the T-Mobile cell tower proposal on 169 Robertsville Rd.

She wanted to put on record the objection from the concerned citizens of Freehold Township regarding the cell tower being built on 169 Robertsville. She explained the harm of having the cell tower in a residential area. It will be affecting the environment. It will increase the water pollution and air quality and sediment and soil erosion. She talked about recent court cases in different towns. She requested that the Committee should negotiate with T-Mobile and offer them another location.

Mayor said we are not going to comment on this because we are in litigation with this.

JJ Mistretta, 506-8 Harding Rd, said we should think out of the box, she suggested that our attorneys should talk to other attorneys from different towns that won on similar litigation.

Dawn Spira, 20 Birch Hill Rd, said that Freehold Township is a beautiful town and the cell tower will destroy the appearance of the town. She suggested we all have to unite to stop T-Mobile.

Marsha Besmanoff, 27 Esther Drive, said the Robertsville Road is very small narrow road. There are a lot of school buses going on that street. Ms. Besmanoff stated that Brad Moini, has a lot of trucks and he uses the property as landscaping business and therefore the street can't handle big trucks.

Diana Russ, 20 Nottingham Way, stated that studies shows that electromagnetic radiation destroys children brains. T-Mobile cell tower will affect the children within a quarter mile from the cell tower. Ms. Russ asked the committee to work hard to stop T-Mobile from having the cell tower in this particular location and please save our children and fight for us.

Howard Besmanoff, 27 Esther Drive, had some concerns about the power that will be needed for the cell tower.

Alan Zeithin, 31 Shady Lane, said if the Township Committee can't stop T-Mobile from putting the cell tower in residential area, he will be voting for other candidates in the next election if you can't do anything about this.

Mayor McMorrow asked for comments from the dais.

Mr. Cook thanked the Police Department for a great job checking on his elderly aunt.

The Committee thanked the audiences for coming, and supporting the town. They assured them that they are working hard in solving the problem with T-Mobile. The Committee said the Township is in litigation with T-Mobile, and they cannot make any comments on the case.

The Committee also congratulated Mr. Cook on being a grandfather.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm.

Sanabel Abouzeina, Deputy Township Clerk