

FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

March 26, 2019

At 7:15 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 Cook, Committeeman Preston, Committeeman Salkin, and Mayor McMorrow

Absent: Mr. Ammiano (arrived 7:20pm)

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

- 1A. Zoning Lawsuit
- 1B. Redevelopment

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, Mr. Preston, Mr. Salkin, and Mayor McMorrow

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Ammiano

ABSTAIN: None

At 7:15 pm the Township Committee adjourned to Executive Session.

Executive Session adjourned at 7:45 pm.

At 8:00pm 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 and Ms. Abouzeina, Deputy Clerk

Absent: None

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mr. Ammiano moved to approve the Executive and Regular Minutes for 12/18/2018 meeting seconded by Mr. Salkin

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

REPORTS

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

Net Receipt:	General Fund	\$ 21,194,069.43
	Water Account	\$ 181,988.80
	Sewer Account	\$ 407,572.52

ABC Social Affair Permit- Silvermead Community Club – April 27, 2019
5:00 pm until 10:00 pm

Ms. Abouzeina stated the Social Affair Permit was in order and was approved by the Chief of Police

Proclamation – “National Volunteer Week” – Honoring Thomas Ritchie –
April 7 – 13, 2019
Presented by Mayor McMorrow

Proclamation - “Autism Awareness Month” – April, 2019
Presented by Mayor McMorrow to Michaela Lamp, and Robyn
Klim

Proclamation – “Alcohol Awareness Month” – April, 2019
Presented by Mayor McMorrow to Jay Robinson

Proclamation – “Arbor Day” – April 26, 2019
Presented by Mr. Preston to Thomas Ritchie

Proclamation – Freehold Township Honors John McGeehan
Presented by Mayor McMorrow

Certificate of Appreciation - Kathleen Andrejko – Municipal Alliance to Prevent
Substance Abuse Committee
Presented by Mayor McMorrow

8:35 pm- Mayor McMorrow called for 5-minute recess

8:40 pm- meeting resumed

OLD BUSINESS

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

Mayor McMorrow opened Ordinance O-19-5 for public hearing and asked for
any comments or questions.

There being none, Mr. Salkin 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-19-5, seconded by Mr.
Ammiano

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Add-On

R-19-73B – Resolution Opposing Polices to Make New Jersey a Sanctuary State for Illegal Immigrants

Mr. Salkin read resolution R-19-73B in full 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

NEW BUISNESS

O-19-6 – Calendar Year 2019 An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

Mr. Preston moved Ordinance O-19-6 for public hearing at the Township Committee meeting of 4/29/2019 seconded by Mr. Cook.

VOTE:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

R-19-74 – Resolution Approving Consolidated Bills List

Mr. Preston read Resolution R-19-74, the Consolidated Bills List in the amount of \$5,285,564.93 and moved it for adoption, seconded by Mr. Cook

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

R-19-75 – Resolution of the Governing Body Certification of Compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s “Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decision Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964”

Mr. Ammiano read Resolution R-19-75, and moved it 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

R-19-76 – Introduction of the 2019 Municipal Budget

Mr. Preston read Resolution R-19-76 in full and moved it for adoption, seconded by Mr. Salkin

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-19-77 – Resolution Appointing Jeremy Jeffries as Class II Special Officer through 2019

R-19-78 - Resolution Authorizing Application for a New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Highway Traffic Safety – 2019 Distracted Driving Crackdown Grant, U Drive. U Text. U Pay.

R-19-79 – Resolution Providing for Emergency Temporary Appropriations Pending State Approval for 2019 Municipal Budget

R-19-80 – Resolution Authorizing a 2019 Professional Architectural Services Contract with Netta Architects, LLC

R-19-81 – Resolution Authorizing a Contract for Third Party Payroll Disbursement

R-19-82 – Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Furnishing and Delivery of One (1) New Twenty Passenger Mini Bus

R-19-83 - Resolution Authorizing a Contract for the Township of Freehold Historic Commission Henderson Park Preservation Plan

R-19-84 – Resolution Authorizing Contracts for Sports Camp Director Services as an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service

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

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.

Diana Russ, 20 Nottingham Way, requested for consideration that the Freehold Township proactively consider the amendment of Freehold Township's Land Use ordinance to reflect the roll-out of 5G technology with emerging small cell facilities. She submitted a copy of ordinance amending Little Silver, NJ Land Use and Development Ordinance. She explained that this ordinance is a local effort to buffer residents from 5G transmission.

Jim Franklin, 119 Lancaster Rd, asked about the resolution R-19-73B, if it is posted on the website?

Mr. Salkin said he was working on the resolution and it was added on the agenda for today's meeting. It will be posted on the website tomorrow 3/27/2019.

Mr. Franklin asked when will the budget be posted on the website?

Mr. Valesi said the budget will be posted on the website within 48 hours.

Mr. Franklin requested an explanation of Ordinance O-19-6.

Mr. Valesi responded that by State Law, we have to raise the appropriation Cap Bank from 2.5 % -3.5%-by ordinance and bank it.

Mr. Franklin asked about the School Police Officers. How many police officers were hired? Did they start working already? How many hours do they work? What is their hourly rate? Do they get any benefits? How many vehicles were purchased? Where will these vehicles be parked? How much does their uniforms cost?

Mr. Valesi answered, we hired 4 police officers, they started work already, and they are working the same as school hours. They get paid \$30 per hour, without health insurance benefits. The Township purchased four vehicles, the price for each vehicle is approximately \$24,000 to \$27,000, the vehicles will be parked at the Municipal Building.

Mr. Valesi said he will email Mr. Franklin the exact amount for the cost of the uniforms.

Tom McNamara, 46 Georgia Rd, raised concerns about a promotion to Captain George Baumann to become the Chief of Police. He submitted documents detailing incidents with George Baumann.

Mr. Munoz, Township Attorney, explained to Mr. McNamara that we can't discuss an employee personnel performance to an employee without serving the employee a Rice notice. Also our employees are protected under Collected Bargaining agreements and Civil Service. Police Officers are governed by the rules of the Attorney General and Monmouth County Prosecutor Office. He stated any internal affairs investigation also can't be discussed in public.

George Burdge III, 205 Ely Harmony Rd, prepared documents to the Committee to review before they make any decision in promoting Captain Baumann to Chief of Police.

There were no further comments from the public, Mayor McMorrow asked for any comments from the dais.

The Committee congratulated Mayor McMorrow on her recognition as Distinguished 2019 Public Servant award in honor of Women's History Month also they congratulated all the volunteers at tonight's meeting in the different Committees.

Mayor McMorrow thanked everyone for recognizing her award, and thanked all the volunteers and employees for working hard.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Sanabel Abouzeina, Deputy Township Clerk