

FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

April 29, 2019

At 8:00 p.m. the Township Committee met in room 114 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 March 13, 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. Davison, Esq., Township Attorney; Ms. Abouzeina, Deputy Clerk.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mr. Cook moved to approve the Executive Minutes for 1/15/2019, *2/12/2019 and 3/12/2019, Workshop Meeting Minutes * 2/12/2019 seconded by Mr. Preston.

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Mr. Ammiano abstained on The Workshop and Executive Meetings of 2/12/2019.

REPORTS

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

Net Receipt:	General Fund	\$ 630,388.95
	Water Account	\$ 428,326.75
	Sewer Account	\$ 809,447.58

PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation – – “In Honor of Veterans’ Annual Sale of VFW Buddy Poppies” – May, 2019

Mayor McMorrow read the proclamation and presented it to Mr. John Olenczak and thanked the members for all their services to our country. Mr. Ammiano collected donation from the audience.

Proclamation – Freehold Township Honors James Grimes

Mayor McMorrow read the proclamation and presented it to Mr. James Grims Also attending Monmouth County Freeholder Director Tom Arnon & Assemblywomen Joann Downey.

Certificate of Achievement – Ilana Sharon – Girl Scout Silver Award

Presented by Mayor McMorrow

Certificates of Achievement – Freehold Township High School Boys Varsity

Basketball Team- each basketball player received a day named in his Honor Presented by Mayor McMorrow

Certificates of Achievement – Freehold Township High School Girls Bowling

Team- each bowling player received a day in her honor presented by Mayor McMorrow

Mayor McMorrow called for five-minute recess at 8:40pm.
8:45pm meeting was called to order

OLD BUSINESS

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)

Mayor McMorrow opened Ordinance O-19-6 for public hearing and asked for any comments or questions.

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

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Mr. Ammiano made a motion to adopt Ordinance O-19-6, seconded by Mr. Salkin

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

NEW BUSINESS

R-19-102 – Resolution to Read Budget by Title Only

Mr. Ammiano read the Resolution R-19-102 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

Presentation & Public Hearing – Introduced 2019 Municipal Budget

Mr. Valesi gave a power point presentation on the 2019 Municipal Budget. He explained that the Municipal Government have the authority to control 16% of the real property tax imposed and the rest of the tax will go to the Schools and County. The 16% will cover the infrastructure, public safety, health and many essential and quality of living.

Mayor McMorrow opened the meeting to the public and asked for any comments or questions on the 2019 Municipal Budget.

There being none, Mr. Ammiano made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Salkin.

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

R-19-103 – Resolution to Amend the Introduced 2019 Municipal Budget

Mr. Ammiano read the Resolution R-19-102 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

R-19-76A – Adoption of 2019 Municipal Budget

Mr. Ammiano read the Resolution R-19-76A 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

R-19-104 – Resolution Authorizing Change Order Number 1, Declaring Accepting and Final Payment of Contract 18-11 Emergency Interconnection Meter Upgrades

Mr. Ammiano read the Resolution R-19-104 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

R-19-105 – Resolution Approving Consolidated Bills List

Mr. Preston read Resolution R-19-105, the Consolidated Bills List in the amount of \$2,759,383.30 and moved it for adoption, seconded by Mr. Cook

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: * Mayor McMorrow abstained on items related to Enclave at Freehold

O-19-7 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 257 (Rental Property Registration), Section 257-2 (Definitions), Section 257-6 (Amended Registration Form) and Section 257-12 (Fees) of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Freehold, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey

Mr. Preston moved ordinance O-19-7 for public hearing to the Township Committee meeting of May 28, 2019, seconded by Mr. Cook.

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

O-19-8 – Ordinance Amending Article I (General), Chapter 319 (Telecommunications Licensing), Article II (Licensing Procedure and Requirements), and Creating Article VI (Small Wireless Facilities Procedure and Requirements) of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Freehold, County of Monmouth State of New Jersey

Mr. Preston moved ordinance O-19-8 for public hearing to the Township Committee meeting of May 28, 2019, seconded by Mr. Salkin.

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-19-106 – Resolution Disbursing Overpayment of Taxes

R-19-107 – Resolution Amending Health Care Benefits Buy Outs Pursuant to Chapter 47, Subsection 47-26 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Freehold

R-19-108 - Resolution Awarding a Contract for Ices/Ice Cream Vending Services

R-19-109 – Resolution Awarding a Contract for Vending Machine Services

R-19-110 – Resolution Authorizing a Contract for the Installation of Playground Equipment at Michael J. Tighe Park

R-19-111 – Resolution Authorizing a Contract for Maintenance and Repair Supplies for Underground Utilities for the Utility Department

R-19-112 – Resolution Extending Contract for Indoor Theme Park Packages for Parks and Recreation

R-19-113 – Resolution Extending Contract for Sports Officials Services-Softball

R-19-114 – Resolution Authorizing Release of Performance Guarantees for AAA Club Alliance, Site Plan No. 883-16

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.

JJ Mistretta, 506-8 Harding Rd, questions regarding ordinance O-19-8.

Mr. Davison explained that this ordinance regarding small wireless facilities generally attached to the telephone poles, and FCC adopted rules these will become effective in few weeks and have an impact on the municipality. The ordinance provides the municipality with the ability to control the placement to the wireless facilities.

Jillian Ruggiero, 28 Tuscan Dr., asked how is farm land assessment affect the budget?

Mr. Valesi explained that farmland assessment affects the budget due to the fact that there is a large amount of land that is not assessed to the fullest amount. There are strict requirements to be designated as farmland, including a minimum requirement of acreage, an annual assessment, and they must sell at least \$500- \$2000 worth of products.

Mr. Salkin also reported that a study was done several years ago that assessed the different types of land and the impact on the Township. He reported that the residential zones would require the Township to provide increased public's services, utilities, streets and police whereas the farm land zone require a minimal public services.

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

Mr. Preston said it was great to see Mr. Grims, and he congratulated everyone that was recognized tonight.

Mr. Valesi thanked Mrs. Campbell for an outstanding job in preparing the budget for this year.

Mr. Ammiano thanked Mr. Valesi and Mrs. Campbell for doing an excellent job at the budget.

Mr. Salkin wanted to highlight the key parts of the Freehold Township budget. He said that we have achieved AA+ bond rating that will provide saving on interest payments and show that our municipality has a stable economy. Mr. Salkin stated also that we lead all municipalities in the State that have shared services agreements. The Township decided years ago to become "self-insured" which saved the taxpayers almost \$6,000,000 in taxes. This budget also includes \$4,000,000 to fix our roads and infrastructure. Finally, Mr. Salkin wished Mr. Davison a happy 43th anniversary.

Mayor McMorrow congratulated Mr. Salkin for being elected as an official Hall of Fame at the NJ State League of Municipalities. She also wanted to remind everyone about the golf outing May 20, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Sanabel Abouzeina, Deputy Township Clerk