

FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

June 25, 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. Abouzeina, Municipal Clerk and Mrs. Bartolomeo, 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. ATTORNEY – CLIENT PRIVILEGE
 - 1A. Affordable Housing
 - 1B. Township Prosecutor

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. 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 8:02pm, the Regular Meeting was called to order.

Mayor McMorrow re-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”

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. Abouzeina, Municipal Clerk, and Mrs. Bartolomeo Deputy Clerk

Absent: None

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mr. Ammiano moved to approve the Township Committee Regular Minutes for 4/29/2019, 5/28/2019 and Workshop and Executive Minutes for 6/11/2019 meeting seconded by Mr. Preston

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 May 2019:

Net Receipt:	General Fund	\$ 10,705,026.83
	Water Account	\$ 174,445.35
	Sewer Account	\$ 392,742.64

OLD BUSINESS

O-19-9 – An Ordinance Amending Salaries and Compensation of Certain Offices, Positions and Employees in the Township of Freehold, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, for the Year 2019 and Thereafter Known by its Short Term as: “The 2019 Salary Ordinance”

Mayor McMorrow opened Ordinance O-19-9 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. Ammiano made a motion to adopt Ordinance O-19-9, seconded by Mr. Salkin

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

O-19-10 – Bond Ordinance Authorizing Various Capital Improvements in and For the Township of Freehold, in the County of Monmouth, New Jersey, Appropriating \$8,470,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$7,682,500 Bonds or Notes to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof

Mayor McMorrow opened Ordinance O-19-10 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-19-10, seconded by Mr. Preston

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

O-19-11 – Bond Ordinance Authorizing Various Water/Sewer Capital Improvements in and for the Township of Freehold, in the County of Monmouth, New Jersey Appropriating \$2,676,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$2,676,000 Bonds or Notes to Finance the Cost Thereof

Mayor McMorrow opened Ordinance O-19-11 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. Ammiano made a motion to adopt Ordinance O-19-11, seconded by Mr. Cook

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

NEW BUSINESS

O-19-12 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 190 (Land Use), Article XII, (General Zoning Provisions) by Adding Section 190-124.4 (Emergency Standby Generators for Filling Stations) of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Freehold, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey

Mr. Ammiano moved Ordinance O-19-12 for public hearing at the Township Committee meeting of 7/23/2019 seconded by Mr. Preston.

VOTE:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

O-19-13 – An Ordinance Appropriating the Sum of \$80,000 Currently Located within the Water and Sewer Utility Capital Improvement Fund of the Township of Freehold for Improvements to the Joysan Pump Station and Gully Road Pump Station within the Water and Sewer Utility Department

Mr. Preston moved Ordinance O-19-13 for public hearing at the Township Committee meeting of 7/23/2019 seconded by Mr. Ammiano.

VOTE:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

R-19-142 – Resolution Approving Consolidated Bills List

Mr. Preston read Resolution R-19-142, the Consolidated Bills List in the amount of \$2,550,248.39 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

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-19-143 – Resolution Amending Resolution R-19-15 Setting Salaries in Accordance with the 2019 Salary Ordinance

R-19-144 – Resolution Renewing Shared Services Agreement with Freehold Regional High School District for Licensed Water Treatment Plant Operations for Colts Neck High School

R-19-145 – Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 1, Contract 19-8, Rehabilitation of Wells No. 7 & 10

R-19-146 – Resolution Amending 2019 Budget (Chapter 159) to Insert a Modification to the 2019 Special Item of Revenue and Appropriation for Shared Services Agreement – Borough of Highlands Licensed Operational Services

R-19-147 – Resolution Amending 2019 Budget (Chapter 159) to Insert a Modification to the 2019 Special Item of Revenue and Appropriation for Shared Services Agreement – The Visiting Nurses Association Group – Lead Inspector Risk Assessor

R-19-148 – Resolution Authorizing TWA-1 Sewer Extension Application – BPI-Freehold, LLC (Brielle Orthopedics, PA) – Preliminary & Final Major Site Plan #770-1-18 (Variance#015-18)

R-19-149 – Resolution Approving Crown Castle USA, Inc. (Verizon Wireless) Facilities Modification Application for Block 80, Lot 8, 3417 Highway 9, Application WCFMA-05-19

R-19-150 - Resolution Authorizing Reduction of the Performance Guarantees for Regency at Freehold (F.K.A. Parkside at Freehold), Phase I, Subdivision No. 895-1-18

R-19-151 – Resolution Authorizing Reduction of the Performance Guarantees for Regency at Freehold (F.K.A. Parkside at Freehold), Phase 2, Subdivision No. 895-1-18

R-19-152 – R-19-167 – Resolutions Renewing 2019-2020 Liquor Licenses for Freehold Township

R-19-168 – Resolution – Renewal of 2019-2020 Liquor License for Freehold Liquor, LLC – License #1316-33-020-002 (Pocket License)

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

MOTION

Township Committee Appointment of Kristin Clyne to Municipal Alliance to Prevent Substance Abuse Committee – Unexpired Term through December 31, 2021

Mr. Cook read the Township Committee motion 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

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

Kevin Robinson, Lake Hawatha NJ, Lefty Grimes, Bayonne NJ, and Leo Banghole, Point Pleasant NJ, asked the Committee to amend the Freehold Township Ordinance that was adopted on October 9, 2018 to allow medicinal Marijuana distribution. They said their sick family members need to have access to medicinal Marijuana, rather than resorting to opioids as an alternative pain reliever. The Mayor said that pending approval by the State Legislation's decision on this matter, the Township would be able to take further action to allow medicinal marijuana in the appropriate zone.

Mr. Valesi also responded and stated that any applicant could apply to the Planning Board for use variance, and be granted the permission to sell marijuana if the Board felt compelled to grant the Use Variance

James Markey from JCP&L came to update the Committee on their services. Mayor McMorrow commented that it is very useful for the residents to receive the emergency notifications regarding the power outages.

Mr. Ammiano also commented and stated that the emergency notifications are also informative specifically in telling the residents the location of the power outage and the anticipated time for restoration.

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

Mr. Preston congratulated all the students that graduated, he wished them luck.

Mr. Salkin said there are two of our police officers, John Tacopino and Jimmy Santiago are serving in Afghanistan. He wished them well and a safe trip home.

Mr. Cook concurred with all the comments from everyone.

Mayor McMorrow and Mr. Ammiano congratulated Mr. Valesi and Mrs. Campbell on the result of the Township Audit also reminded everyone of Freehold Day July 13, 2019, and wished everyone happy and safe 4th of July.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Sanabel Abouzeina, Township Clerk