

FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING**

**January 25, 2022**

At 7:00 p.m. the Township Committee met in Mayor's caucus of the municipal building. Mayor Fasano read the following statement:

"In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, (c. 231 P.L. 1975), this meeting was announced on January 10, 2022 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 Preston, Committeeman Walker, Mayor Fasano

**Absent:** Committeeman Cook

**Also in attendance:** Mr. Valesi, Township Administrator; Mr. Ball Esq. Township Attorney; Mrs. Abouzeina, Municipal Clerk, Mrs. Bartolomeo, Deputy Clerk

Mr. Walker 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. Shade Tree Commission Membership Interview
- 1B. Police Department Employees

**2. ATTORNEY- CLIENT PRIVILEGE**

- 2A. Centrastate Tax Appeal
- 2B. Grass Cutting
- 2C. Lake Topanemus
- 2D. Open Space
- 2E. Labor Agreements

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. Walker and seconded by Mr. Ammiano

VOTE:

**AYES:** Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Preston, Mr. Walker and Mayor Fasano

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Mr. Cook

**ABSTAIN:** None

At 7:02 pm the Township Committee adjourned to Executive Session.

Executive Session adjourned at 7:59 pm.

At 8:00pm the Regular Meeting was called to order.

Mayor Fasano re-read the following statement:

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Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance

**In Attendance:** Committeeman Ammiano, Committeeman Preston, Committeeman Walker and Mayor Fasano

**Absent:** Mr. Cook

**Also in attendance:** Mr. Valesi, Township Administrator; Mr. Ball Esq., Township Attorney; Mrs. Abouzeina, Municipal Clerk and Mrs. Bartolomeo, Deputy Clerk

**Absent:** None

REPORTS

Mrs. Abouzeina read the report of the Tax Collector for the Month of December 2021:

Net Receipt:	General Fund	\$ 1,060,046.73
	Water Account	\$ 750,978.78
	Sewer Account	\$ 799,442.18

## **OLD BUSINESS**

O-22-1 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 51 (Police Department), Section 51-6 (Qualifications of Applicants for Membership) of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Freehold, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey

Mayor Fasano opened Ordinance O-22-1 for public hearing and asked for any comments or questions.

Jim Franklin, 119 Lancaster Rd, asked what the purpose of this ordinance is.

Mr. Valesi said the State of NJ passed a law that allows Municipalities to engage into hiring entry-level positions outside of the civil service list.

Mr. Franklin asked Mr. Preston if this is related to our previous discussion in regards to improving diversity?

Mr. Preston responded agreed and said that this would improve our diversity in the police department. We can hire nonresidents qualified police officers that finished the academy which will open the opportunity for women or persons of color to apply.

Mr. Franklin asked how many officers you are planning to hire?

Mr. Valesi said between 8 to 10 police officers.

There being no further comments from the public.

Mr. Preston moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Ammiano

Vote:

**AYES:** Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Preston, Mr. Walker, and Mayor Fasano

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Mr. Cook

**ABSTAIN:** None

Mr. Ammiano made motion to adopt Ordinance O-22-1 seconded by Mr. Preston

Vote:

**AYES:** Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Preston, Mr. Walker, and Mayor Fasano

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Mr. Cook

**ABSTAIN:** None

O-22-2 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Block 72, Lot 89.01, 117 Three Brooks Road, in the Township of Freehold

Mayor Fasano opened Ordinance O-22-2 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. Preston, Mr. Walker, and Mayor Fasano

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Mr. Cook

**ABSTAIN:** None

Mr. Ammiano made motion to adopt Ordinance O-22-2 seconded by Mr. Preston

Vote:

**AYES:** Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Preston, Mr. Walker, and Mayor Fasano

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Mr. Cook

**ABSTAIN:** None

### NEW BUSINESS

O-22-3 - Ordinance Amending Chapter XI (Traffic), Section 11-4 (Parking), Schedule I, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Freehold, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey

Mr. Walker moved ordinance O-22-3 for public hearing to the Township Committee meeting of February 22, 2022 seconded by Mr. Ammiano

Vote:

**AYES:** Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Preston, Mr. Walker and Mayor Fasano

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Mr. Cook

**ABSTAIN:** None

R-22-29 – Resolution Authorizing Reduction Change Order No. 1, Declaring Acceptance and Final Payment of Contract 21-10; 2021 Fall Pavement Overlay Program and FY 2021 Municipal Aid Program (MA-2021-Iron Bridge Road Phase II-00688)

Mr. Preston read resolution R-22-29 and moved it for adoption, seconded by Mr. Ammiano

Vote:

**AYES:** Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Preston, Mr. Walker and Mayor Fasano

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Mr. Cook

**ABSTAIN:** None

R-22-30 – Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 1, Declaring Acceptance and Final Payment of Contract 20-14; 2020-2021 Pavement Preservation Program

Mr. Preston read resolution R-22-30 and moved it for adoption, seconded by Mr. Walker

Vote:

**AYES:** Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Preston, Mr. Walker and Mayor Fasano

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Mr. Cook

**ABSTAIN:** None

R-22-31 - Resolution Approving Consolidated Bills List

Mr. Ammiano read Resolution R-22-31, the Consolidated Bills List in the amount of \$13,046,484.90 and moved it for adoption, seconded by Mr. Walker

Vote:

**AYES:** Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Preston, Mr. Walker and Mayor Fasano

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Mr. Cook

**ABSTAIN:** None

**FORMAL ACTION – CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS**

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 of any item is desired, that item will be considered separately

R-22-32 – Resolution Reappointing Michael D. Imbriaco as Township Tax Assessor

R-22-33 – Resolution Cancelling Taxes and Disbursing Overpayments of Taxes

R-22-34 – Resolution Disbursing Overpayments of Taxes

R-22-35 - Resolution Authorizing Execution of Community Service Contribution Agreement with CentraState Medical Center

R-22-36 – Resolution Declaring Former Lone Pine Landfill (Block 91, Lots 51-54; Block 92, Lots 25 & 41) as a Condemnation Redevelopment Area

R-22-37 – Resolution Authorizing Acceptance and Execution of Agreement with CWA Local 1075

R-22-38 - Resolution Authorizing Acceptance and Execution of Agreement with Freehold Township PBA Local 209

R-22-39 – Resolution Authorizing the Use of Competitive Contracting Process Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.3 et. seq. to Secure Proposals for Grass Cutting and Related Maintenance

R-22-40 – Resolution Amending Resolution R-21-229 Adopted on October 12, 2021 Authorizing a Contract for Leaf Recycling/Disposal with Gibson Farms

R-22-41 – Resolution Authorizing Acceptance and Execution of Agreement with Freehold Township SOA Local 209

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

Vote:

**AYES:** Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Preston, Mr. Walker and Mayor Fasano

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Mr. Cook

**ABSTAIN:** None

#### **BOARD APPOINTMENT BY TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

Jason Levy – Street Name Review Committee – Reappointment – Member/PB –  
thru 12/31/22

Mr. Ammiano made a motion to reappoint Jason Levy as a member of Street Name Review Committee and seconded by Mr. Walker

Vote:

**AYES:** Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Preston, Mr. Walker and Mayor Fasano

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Mr. Cook

**ABSTAIN:** None

Mr. Preston made a motion to appoint Mark Taylor as an Alternate 1 to the Shade Tree Committee, seconded by Mr. Walker

Vote:

**AYES:** Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Preston, Mr. Walker and Mayor Fasano

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Mr. Cook

**ABSTAIN:** None

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

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

Mr. Ammiano said we should have a moment of silence to the police officers that lost their life on the line of duty.

Mayor Fasano Adjourned the Meeting at 8:16pm

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Sanabel Abouzeina, Township Clerk