

# FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

## WORKSHOP MEETING

March 8, 2022

At 6:30 p.m., the Township Committee met in room 214 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 Cook, Committeeman Preston, Committeeman Walker, Mayor Fasano

**Absent:** None

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

Mr. Cook 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. Environmental Commission Membership Interview
- 1B. Staffing Levels
- 1C. Various Civil Service Matters

### 2. PROPERTY ACQUISITION

- 2A. Various Parcels
- 2B. Open Space Funding
- 2C. Redevelopment

### 3. ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE

- 3A. Shared Services Examination
- 3B. Affordable Housing
- 3C. Ordinance Issues for Code Compliance

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. Walker and Mayor Fasano

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

At 6:30 p.m. the Township Committee adjourned to executive session.

Executive Session adjourned at 8:02 pm.

At 8:03p.m. the Workshop Meeting was called to order.

Mayor Fasano re-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”.

Moment of silence for Ukrainian who have lost their lives during war

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

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

**Absent:** None

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

## **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Mr. Cook moved to approve the Workshop and Executive Meeting Minutes 2/8/2022, seconded by Mr. Walker

Vote:

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**Report** – ABC Social Affair Permit – Freehold Area Running Club –  
Michael J. Tighe Park – 3/13/22 – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Mrs. Abouzeina stated the social affair permit was in order and was approved by the Chief of Police

## **NEW BUISNESS**

R-22-60- Resolution Approving Consolidated Bills List

Mr. Cook read Resolution R-22-60, the Consolidated Bills List in the amount of \$12,559,181.84 and moved it for adoption, seconded by Mr. Preston

Vote:

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

## **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 is desired of any item, that item will be considered separately.”

R-22-61 – Resolution Authorizing the Award of Contracts for Motor Vehicle Repair Services

R-22-62 – Resolution Amending Resolution R-22-45, Adopted on February 8, 2022, Authorizing Execution of a Contract with Jobs4Blue for coordination of Off-Duty Employment of Police Officers

R-22-63 - Resolution Approving Wireless Communication Facilities Modification Application for Centerline Communications on Behalf of AT&T, 4340 Route 9 South, Block 4, Lot 42, Application No. WCFMA-03-22 (Cablevision)

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

Vote:

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

Mayor Fasano made a motion to appoint Linda Lopes as an Alternate 2 member for Environmental Commission

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

Kyle Schandall, 40 Dutch Ct, Freehold- from Freehold Boy's Scout -  
Chris Rebelo, 1 Morgan Ct, Freehold  
Anthony Ayoub, 236 Strip Dr. Freehold

Kyle Schandall asked what were the procedures that the Township followed during Covid?

Mayor Fasano answered, we followed all the executive orders from Governor Murphy and we had a mask mandate until May 2020. The Township Committee conducted our meetings in the Town Hall building and the public had to call-in to join the meetings for 1<sup>st</sup> three months. We also followed the travel restriction rules.

The Township Committee also asked our employees to make phone calls to the elderly to see if they needed any assistance. Many of the Freehold residents sent over 3000 cards to our seniors to make sure they didn't feel isolated or lonely. We also changed our zoning rules to accommodate the restaurants who wanted to expand their outdoor space to keep their doors open and support our local businesses.

Mr. Preston said when Covid-19 started he was the Mayor at the time. The Township placed protective barriers to protect our employees. The employees worked on a staggered schedule in order to keep the building open and to practice social distancing rules. We did public outreach through channel 77 to update our residents with the most current information provided by our Health Department and Centrastate Hospital. We also closed our parks to the public.

Mr. Ammiano said the Township Health Department did a great job on the tracing of the disease and calling and checking on the infected people. The Health Department was operating on a 7-day work week. While some towns were closed to the public for two years, our Township was open and conducted regular scheduled public meetings.

Mr. Walker said that Freehold Township was the only town that opened our summer camp and had sufficient supply of cleaning materials and sanitizing products to keep our residents safe.

In addition, Mr. Ammiano said we were also still able to celebrate Freehold Township Day.

Anthony Ayoub, 236 Strip Dr. Freehold asked how did the kids and teens help the Township during the pandemic?

Mayor Fasano said many kids provided several hours of community service and outreach to our seniors. There were also kids that were involved in producing masks for the community and Centrastate Hospital. The Mayor said it was

great to see residents and kids involved in helping other residents and being involved in the community.

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

There being no comments from the dais.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm

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Sanabel Abouzeina, Township Clerk