

FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

WORKSHOP MEETING

June 5, 2023

At 6:30 p.m., the Township Committee met in room 214 of the municipal building. Mayor Walker read the following statement:

“In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, this meeting was announced on January 9, 2023 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, Committeewoman Fasano, Committeeman Preston, Mayor Walker

Absent: None

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

Mr. Ball 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. Staffing Issues

2. ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE

2A. Redevelopment Agreements

2B. Planning Board Litigation

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. Ammiano

VOTE:

AYES: Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Cook, Mrs. Fasano, Mr. Preston, Mayor Walker

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

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

Executive Session adjourned at 6:58 pm.

At 7:00 p.m., the Workshop Meeting was called to order.

Mayor Walker re-read the following statement:

“In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, this meeting was announced on January 9, 2023 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”.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

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

Absent: None

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

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mr. Preston moved to approve the Workshop and Executive Meeting Minutes 5/9/2023 seconded by Mr. Cook

Vote:

AYES: Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Cook, Mrs. Fasano, Mr. Preston, Mayor Walker

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

NEW BUSINESS

R-23-127 – Resolution Approving Consolidated Bills List

Mr. Preston read R-23-127, the Consolidated Bills List in the amount of \$11,660, 23.01 and moved it for adoption, seconded by Mr. Ammiano

Vote:

AYES: Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Cook, Mrs. Fasano, Mr. Preston, Mayor Walker

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-23-128 – Resolution Cancelling Taxes and Disbursing Overpayment of Taxes Disabled Veteran

R-23-129 – Resolution Disbursing an Overpayment of Taxes

R-23-130 - Resolution Amending 2023 Budget (Chapter 159) to Insert a Modification to the Special Items of Revenue and Appropriations for the 2023 Clean Communities Grant

R-23-131 - Resolution Approving Fireworks Displays at the Freehold Township Day and Concert in the Park at Michael J. Tighe Park

R-23-132 – Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Municipal Building Lounge And Bathroom Interior Renovations

R-23-133 – Resolution Awarding a Contract for Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning Maintenance in Freehold Township

R-23-134 – Resolution Amending R-22-121 and Authorizing Change Order Number 1 for Contract 21-12; Gravel Hill Road Water Storage Tank Rebid

R-23-135 – Resolution to Cancel Unfunded Capital Appropriation Balances for Completed Utility Capital Projects

R-23-136 – R-23-150 - Resolution Renewing 2023-2024 Liquor Licenses for Freehold Township

Add-On

R-23-151- Resolution Granting an Additional Three (3) Month Unpaid Leave of Absence to Carston Rabb

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

Vote:

AYES: Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Cook, Mrs. Fasano, Mr. Preston, Mayor Walker

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

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

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

Mr. Ammiano congratulated Mrs. Deborah Preston on her successful fundraising efforts for the Municipal Alliance program.

Mrs. Fasano asked how much did they raise?

Mr. Preston responded that it fell within the range of \$27,000 to \$28,000 and Mrs. Preston was disappointed with the amount of money raised for this event particularly due to the lack of sponsors compared to previous years. However, she is determined to make the event more interesting and engaging in the future.

Mayor Walker wished Mr. Preston good luck for the Primary Election.

There being no further comments from the dais, Mayor Walker adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Sanabel Abouzeina, Township Clerk