

FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

July 26, 2022

At 8:00 p.m., the Township Committee met in room 114 of the municipal building. Mayor Fasano read the following statement:

“In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, 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; Mr. Ball Esq., Township Attorney; Mrs. Abouzeina, Municipal Clerk; Mrs. Bartolomeo, Deputy Clerk

Mayor Fasano requested a moment of silence for the passing of Assemblyman Ron Dancer

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

REPORTS

Mrs. Abouzeina read the report of the Tax Collector for the Month of June, 2022

Net Receipt: General Fund \$ 378,871.64
 Water Account \$ 476,900.74
 Sewer Account \$ 833,768.14

ABC Social Affair Permit - Silvermead Community Club - Country Jamboree - 8-20-2022 - 4pm until 10pm

Mrs. Abouzeina stated the Social Affair Permit was in order and approved by the Chief of Police

PRESENTATIONS

Certificate of Achievement - Alina Zaman - Girl Scout “Gold Award”
Mayor Fasano presented the Certificate of Achievement to Alina Zaman

Proclamation - “Park and Recreation Month” - July, 2022
Mayor Fasano presented the Proclamation to Sue McGough, Chairwoman Linda Jay Molee, John Cerrato, Todd Rowohlt and Connie Roeder

OLD BUSINESS

O-22-13 - Ordinance Authorizing Public Question to Increase the Annual

Collection Rate for Freehold Township Municipal Open Space,
Recreation, Floodplain Protection and Farmland and Historic
Preservation Trust Fund

Mayor Fasano opened Ordinance O-22-13 for public hearing and asked for any comments or questions.

There being no comments from the public.

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

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Mr. Ammiano made motion to adopt Ordinance O-22-13, seconded by Mr. Preston

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

O-22-14 - Bond Ordinance Authorizing Various Capital Improvements in and
for the Township of Freehold, in the County of Monmouth, New
Jersey, Appropriating \$3,123,796.57 Therefor and Authorizing the
Issuance of \$2,960,006.74 Bonds of Notes to Finance Part of the
Cost Thereof

Mayor Fasano opened Ordinance O-22-14 for public hearing and asked for any comments or questions.

There being no comments from the public.

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

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Mr. Preston made motion to adopt Ordinance O-22-14 seconded by Mr. Ammiano

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

O-22-15 - Bond Ordinance Authorizing Various Water/Sewer Capital
Improvements in and for the Township of Freehold, in the County of
Monmouth, New Jersey Appropriating \$1,362,000 Therefor and
Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,362,000 Bonds or Notes to Finance
the Cost Thereof

Mayor Fasano opened Ordinance O-22-15 for public hearing and asked for any comments or questions.

There being no comments from the public.

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

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Mr. Preston made motion to adopt Ordinance O-22-15 seconded by Mr. Ammiano

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

O-22-16 - Bond Ordinance Reappropriating \$1,597,003.43 Proceeds of Obligations not Needed for their Original Purposes and to be used for Various Improvements by The Township of Freehold

Mayor Fasano opened Ordinance O-22-16 for public hearing and asked for any comments or questions.

There being no comments from the public.

Mr. Cook moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Walker

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Mr. Ammiano made motion to adopt Ordinance O-22-16 seconded by Mr. Preston

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

NEW BUSINESS

R-22-178 - Resolution Approving Consolidated Bills List

Mr. Cook read Resolution R-22-178, the Consolidated Bills List in the amount of \$6,484,289.43 and moved it for adoption, seconded by Mr. Ammiano

Vote:

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

NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
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-22-179 - Resolution Extending Tax Payment Grace Period

R-22-180 - Resolution Disbursing Overpayments of Taxes

R-22-181 - Resolution Authorizing Added Tax Liens

R-22-182 - Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with Freehold Township Board of Education for Special Law Enforcement Officers II and III

R-22-183 - Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with Freehold Regional High School District for Special Law Enforcement Officers II and III

R-22-184 - Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract with the Visiting Nurse Association of Central New Jersey to Provide Public Health Services for COVID-19 Vaccinations and Other Services

R-22-185 - Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Crest Engineering Associates Inc. to Provide Professional Land Surveying

R-22-186 - Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Spam Filtering, Website Hosting and Government Cloud E-mail Hosting for the Township Offices

R-22-187 - Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Energy Generation Services for Public Use on an Online Auction Website for the Township of Freehold

R-22-188 - Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Energy Generation Services for Public Use on an Online Auction Website for the Township of Freehold Water and Sewer Department

R-22-189 - Resolution Approving Wireless Communication Facilities Modification Application for NB+C on Behalf of Dish Wireless, 823 Route 33 (Approximately ¼ Mile West of Kozloski Road and Route 33 Business) Block 43, Lot 19, Application No. WCFMA 10-22

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

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

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

John Santiago, 47 Siloam Road. Mr. Santiago expressed concerns about the bend in the road and asked that more be done with regard to trimming back the woods at the bend to improve safe travel at that area. He presented the Committee with a flyer from the Post Office requiring residents on that bend to move mailboxes for safety reasons.

Mr. Valesi acknowledged the residents present at the meeting from the Siloam Road area. He presented specific known problems with the roadways including accident history, geometry of the curve, sliding accidents at the curve. He discussed the County project with NJTPA to improve this area and further outlined the steps the Township is taking in the interim to address the safety concerns.

Mr. Valesi also mentioned that the Township is looking to acquire properties on the other side of Siloam Road to improve distance by which the Old Turkey Swamp Road intersection would meet Siloam Road, which would further increase site distances and improve access to Old Turkey Swamp Road and Siloam Road.

Steve Dumchus, 49 Siloam Road, asked how many pieces of property still need to be acquired and who owned property.

Mr. Valesi explained the process of an interim foreclosure and lien process that was used to acquire the property.

Mr. Dumchus asked which parcels the Township was still looking to acquire.

Mr. Valesi informed him that they are the triangular parcel at the intersection of Old Turkey Swamp Road and Siloam Road and the other is a property that is about 500 to 600 feet south of the Siloam Road Firehouse on the inside of the curve.

Krista Ribas, 130 Old Turkey Swamp Road. Ms. Ribas is requesting the Township's help with the safety of residents and children of Old Turkey Swamp Road and Siloam Road. She emphasized that when two cars are trying to travel in different directions on the road at the same time one car must pull over to allow the other one to pass safely. She would like Engineering to come and reevaluate the area.

Mr. Valesi explained that there are plans to address entering and exiting Old Turkey Swamp Road. Mr. Valesi further explained that there are several different types of roads in the Township including semi-improved and unimproved roads. Old Turkey Swamp Road is a semi-improved road, measuring 15 to 17 feet at its widest points. Mr. Valesi said that he wants to set expectations and informed Ms. Ribas that a semi-improved road is not designed to accommodate the same speeds and traffic as a standard roadway. He further said that there are things the residents can do, such as removing trees, to help make the area more drivable and safe.

A member of the public spoke but did not give his name or address. He mentioned that he pays taxes and would like to see pavement issues addressed on Old Turkey Swamp Road.

Mr. Valesi informed him pavement issues will be addressed and that the Township will revisit tree removal in the right of way areas. He further discussed the plans for the improvements.

Ms. Ribas provided the Committee with a letter from residents regarding the Turkey Swamp Road concerns.

Joan Ginsberg, 253 Tulip Lane, Raintree - Willowbend, questioned if there were plans to repave Wemrock Road between Gully Road and 537

Mr. Valesi acknowledged that there are issues with this roadway. The Township gets 2.7 million dollars a year for paving and that he would look into making improvements through the Roadway Preservation Plan.

Ms. Ginsberg additionally expressed concerns about engine revving and speeding on Gully Road. She is concerned about safety.

Mr. Valesi said that he will get enforcement out to that area and also place the speed trailer in an effective location.

Deirdre Przygoda, 60 Old Turkey Swamp Road, inquired about the plan for the curve that Mr. Valesi received.

Mr. Valesi explained the process through the County of NJTPA.

Roy Santos, 82 Siloam Road. He first thanked the Committee for putting up the radar signs. They have provided a noticeable difference in the speed the cars are traveling. He inquired about the zig-zag area on Siloam going toward Jackson. Committee confirmed it was Jackson property and recommended attending a Jackson Township meeting.

Mr. Valesi posed the possibility that the County may be looking at Siloam Road as a whole and that he would check with the County and follow up with Mr. Santos.

Jim Franklin, 119 Landcaster Road, spoke with Lieutenant Joseph Winowski and wanted to update the committee on the diversity efforts being made by the Township Police Department. The newest candidates include a woman and a few minorities.

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

Mr. Preston appreciates everyone coming out and stated that the Committee is aware of what is going on and are working hard to get the issues resolved. He acknowledged that most people don't come out to the meetings and he appreciates everyone for taking an interest and coming out.

Mr. Cook and Mr. Ammiano ditto Mr. Preston Comments.

Mayor Fasano agreed with what Committeeman Preston stated. It is important to the Committee that they are able to present the efforts they are making with regard to these matters. Mayor Fasano also reminded the audience about National Night Out at iPlay America on August 2, 2022.

Mayor Fasano Adjourned the Meeting at 9:05 pm

Sanabel Abouzeina, Township Clerk