

FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

September 20 , 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

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mr. Preston moved to approve the Workshop and Executive Meeting Minutes 9/6/2022, and Regular Meeting Minutes for 7/26/2022 seconded by Mr. Cook

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

REPORTS

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

Net Receipt:	General Fund	\$ 26,793,250.97
	Water Account	\$ 665,310.90
	Sewer Account	\$ 675,647.85

PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation - "Red Ribbon Week" - October 23 - 31, 2022

Mayor Fasano presented the proclamation to Patricia Medley from the Municipal Alliance to prevent Substance Abuse

Certificates of Achievement- Freehold Lightning Track & Field Team

Team- each player received a day in his/her honor presented by Mayor Fasano

OLD BUSINESS

O-22-17 - Ordinance Amending Chapter 351 (Water), Section 351-13 (Rules for Installation and Maintenance of Service Line) of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Freehold, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey

Mayor Fasano opened Ordinance O-22-17 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. Cook made motion to adopt Ordinance O-22-17, seconded by Mr. Preston

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

O-22-18 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Block 112, Lot 1 Located at 55 Siloam Road and Block 91, Lot 45 Located at 120 Turkey Swamp Road Rear, in the Township of Freehold

Mayor Fasano opened Ordinance O-22-18 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. Walker

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-22-18 seconded by Mr. Cook

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

NEW BUSINESS

O-22-19 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Block 101, Lot 10 Located at 52 Siloam Road in the Township of Freehold

Mr. Preston moved ordinance O-22-19 for public hearing to the Township Committee meeting of October 11, 2022 seconded by Mr. Cook

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

R-22-215 - Resolution Authorizing Acceptance and Final Payment on Contract 19-17, Jackson Mills Road Water Treatment Plant Well Nos. 14 and 15 Improvements

Mr. Preston read Resolution R-22-215 and moved it for adoption, seconded by Mr. Cook

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

R-22-216 - Resolution Approving Consolidated Bills List

Mr. Cook read Resolution R-22-216, the Consolidated Bills List in the amount of \$3,419,889.95 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-22-217 - Resolution Combining Bonds Aggregating the Principal Sum of \$27,985,000 Authorized by Various Bond Ordinances Heretofore Adopted to Finance Part of the Cost of Various General Improvements in the Township of Freehold, County of Monmouth, New Jersey into One Consolidated Issue of Bonds and Providing for the Form, Maturities and Other Details of Said Consolidated Issue

R-22-218 - Resolution - Governing Body Certification of the Annual Audit for 2021

R-22-219 - Resolution Authorizing Electronic Tax Sale

R-22-220 - Resolution Authorizing Electronic Tax Sale in-Lieu of Costs

R-22-221 - Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Shared Services Agreement With Manalapan Township for Public Health Services

R-22-222 - Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Tinton Falls for Public Health Services

R-22-223 -Resolution to Approve Freehold Township to Enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Monmouth to Provide the ITax Map/Collaboration Center System (Tax Map Conversion and Maintenance Services)

R-22-224 - Resolution Cancelling Taxes and Disbursing Overpayment of Taxes - Disabled Veteran

R-22-225 - Resolution Awarding a Contract for 2022-2023 Pavement Preservation Program

R-22-226 - Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the 2022 Traffic Striping Program

R-22-227 - Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract with Selex ES, Inc./Elsag ALPR for the Purchase of a Proprietary License Plate Recognition System for the Police Department.

R-22-228 - Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Purchase of Leaf Machine Parts for the Department of Public Works

R-22-229 - Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Purchase of Proprietary Dump Truck Parts for the Department of Public Works

R-22-230 - Resolution Authorizing Execution of Developer's Agreement for Three Brooks Freehold, LLC, Subdivision No. 677-1-21, Block 72, Lot 88, Located at 161 Three Brooks Road

R-22-231 - Resolution Approving Wireless Communication Facilities Modification Application for T-Mobile Northeast, LLC, 823 Route 33 **(Approximately ¼ Mile West of the Kozloski Road and Business Route 33 Interchange Within the Rear of Freehold Cartage Inc.)**, Block 43, Lot 19, Application No. WCFMA

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, Mayor Fasano

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

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

Michael Celano, 346 Stevens Way, asked what is the purpose of purchasing two properties on Siloam Rd.

Mr. Valesi answered that these properties are essential to the County and the NJTPA when they start to design the new curb on Siloam Rd. for roadway improvements. It is much easier for the municipality to negotiate with the owners of the properties rather than negotiating with the State/County.

JJ Mistretta, 506-8 Harding Rd, said she is ashamed of all of the Township Committee because of the new development in Chesterfield and the effect on the Briarwood residents. She claimed that the Township was working behind doors and moved the project along without the residents being involved. She said the Planning Board has too much power and they prohibited her from talking and were very dismissive. She indicated that she was not allowed to repeat any statement from previous meetings and she felt censored. The Planning Board does not allow you to voice an opinion. She said she is disappointed with the Mayor, the Township Committee and the Planning Board Attorney. She said building 250 units and 250 parking spots is unhealthy and dangerous for the residents especially during the year of Covid.

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

Mr. Preston said school started and Mr. John Toutouchi send him Videos that shows the cars are running and passing the school bus stops. He said people have to be aware that they have to stop when the buses put their flashing lights. He saw a kid that was almost going to be hit. Mr. Preston asked Mr. Valesi to let the Chief of Police know and to increase police activity.

Mayor Fasano said we should also advertise and put awareness on Facebook.

Mr. Ammiano reminded everyone of the Golf outing on 9/22/2022.

Mr. Valesi responded to one of the residents that complained about the Planning Board's process in regards to the Chesterfield's apartment expansion. The Township provided the details regarding the increase density of Chesterfield and part of the detailed settlement with Fair Share housing who demanded yield on certain properties and the Township was forced into that deal. The Planning Board hearing was the opportunity for the residents to speak and voice their concerns or dissatisfaction. The Township has spent countless hours with residents from both Chesterfield and Briarwood developments discussing substantive changes to the application that became incorporated of the technical review committee meetings. Mr. Valesi stated that he met with Ms. Mistretta one of her neighbors, and Todd Brown (The Planner), for several hours in Rm 214. Mr. Valesi reiterated that it is a ridiculous to claim that any resident does not have the chance to be heard, this Town is more transparent than any other town, this particular application had more notice than ever before by request of those residents, and the residents were called into preview the plans and discuss changes to the plans. The Township reviewed those changes with the developer and some were incorporated into areas such as parking, landscaping, striping and the opportunity to make future improvements through the ordinance process.

Mr. Valesi also noted regarding the adoption of the audit today, he wanted to provide a "shout out" to every worker in the Township when it comes to processing \$170 million

through the coffers of the Township to the various agencies including the fire department, the school districts, and the county without any audit comment or any significant changes is incredible, the employees deserve all the credit.

Mayor Fasano acknowledged that she was fascinated to watch the Twin Lights Race, which is a 100-mile bicycle ride. Mayor Fasano mentioned the following upcoming events in the Township:

- Fire Truck Pull by the Fire Independent Company on 9/25/2022 and
 - Bows of hope on October 1, 2022 at the Freehold Township Town Hall Building,
- In addition, she wished Mrs. Avallone (former Mayor) a speedy recovery.

Mayor Fasano Adjourned the Meeting at 8:32 pm

Sanabel Abouzeina, Township Clerk