

# FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

## WORKSHOP MEETING

October 11, 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, 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, Deputy Mayor 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, Ms. 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. Historic Preservation Commission
    - 1B. Disciplinary Matters
  - 2. ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE**
    - 2A. Affordable Housing
    - 2B. Land Use- Potential Litigation
    - 2C. Hiring Practices
  - 3. PROPERTY ACQUISITION**
    - 3A. Various Parcels
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, Deputy Mayor Walker and Mayor Fasano

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

At 7:03 p.m., the Township Committee adjourned to executive session.

Executive Session adjourned at 8:00 pm.

At 8:02 p.m., the Workshop Meeting was called to order.

Mayor Fasano read the following statement:

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Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

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

**Absent:** None

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

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Mr. Preston moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes 9/20/2022, seconded by Mr. Cook

Vote:

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

## **REPORTS**

ABC Social Affair Permits

VFW Post 4374 Freehold – Bike Night – October 22, 2022 – From 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Silvermead Community Club – Halloween Dance – October 22, 2022 – From 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Mrs. Abouzeina stated that the Social Affair permits were in order and approved by the Chief of Police.

## **PRESENTATION**

NJ Legislative Proclamation – Rebecca-Julianne Lopes – Miss New Jersey Teen Senator Vin Gopal presented the Proclamation.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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

Mayor Fasano opened Ordinance O-22-19 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. 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-22-19, seconded by Mr. Walker

Vote:

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

R-22-232 - Resolution Approving Consolidated Bills List

Mr. Cook read Resolution R-22-232, the Consolidated Bills List in the amount of \$13,811,657.31 and moved it for adoption, seconded by Mr. Walker

Vote:

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

R-22-233 – Resolution Appointing Sophia Shalaby, Esq. as Municipal Court Public Defender

Mr. Ammiano read Resolution R-22-233 and moved it for adoption, seconded by Mr. Walker

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-22-234 – Resolution Authorizing Application for a Historical Preservation Grant from the Monmouth County Historical Commission

R-22-235 – Resolution Cancelling Taxes and Disbursing Overpayment of Taxes Disabled Veteran

R-22-236 - Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Furnishing of T-Shirts, Jackets, and Various Items for Freehold Township Departments

R-22-237 – Resolution Awarding Contracts for the Disposal of Leaves

R-22-238 - Resolution Rejecting Bids for the Hampton Drive Culvert Replacement

R-22-239 – Resolution Authorizing Reduction of Performance Guarantees for M&M Realty Partners of Freehold, LLC, Site Plan No. 886-16, Block 80, Lot 3

R-22-240 – Resolution Authorizing Reduction of Performance Guarantees for Regency at Freehold Clubhouse, Site Plan No. 884-16, Block 67, Lot 21

Mr. Walker read the Consent Agenda resolutions and moved them for adoption, Seconded by Mr. Ammiano

Vote:

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

## **MOTION**

Mayoral Appointments to Historic Preservation Commission

Mayor Fasano made a motion to appoint:

Meg Thorman – Moved from Alternate 1 to Class A Member thru  
12/31/22

David Seme – Moved from Alternate 2 to Class B Member thru 12/31/22

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

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

Ms. Bartolomeo shared condolences with the Fasano and Ammiano families.

Mr. Preston shared condolences with both families and acknowledged the many ways Mr. Flood contributed to the community and to his family.

Mr. Cook thanked everyone who helped recruit volunteers for Foodstock and acknowledged that they had 87 volunteers. He reminded everyone that between Foodstock and Fright Fest there would be many additional cars in the Township and to drive carefully.

Mr. Walker shared his condolences and mentioned the impact Mr. Flood had on the community.

Mayor Fasano thanked everyone who came out and supported the family. She thanked the fire department and mentioned how important the brotherhood is to her family.

Condolences were echoed by the dais.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:17 pm

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Sanabel Abouzeina, Township Clerk