

FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

October 25, 2022

At 7:59 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, Mayor Fasano

Absent: Committeeman Walker

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

MINUTES

None

REPORTS

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

Net Receipt:	General Fund	\$ 1,034,158.10
	Water Account	\$ 734,620.35
	Sewer Account	\$ 885,841.23

NEW BUSINESS

R-22-241 – Resolution Approving Consolidated Bills List

Mr. Preston read Resolution R-22-241, the Consolidated Bills List in the amount of \$4,672,735.60 and moved it for adoption, seconded by Mr. Cook

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Walker

ABSTAIN: None

O-22-20 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 51 (Police Department), Section 51-6 (Qualifications of Applicants for Membership) of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Freehold, County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey

Mr. Preston moved ordinance O-22-20 for public hearing to the Township Committee meeting of November 7, 2022 seconded by Mr. Cook

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Walker

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-22-242 – Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for GEO3.0 Municipal Software Implementation and Maintenance for Various Township Departments

R-22-243 – Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Maintenance and Repair Supplies for Underground Utilities for the Utilities Department

R-22-244 – Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Proprietary Purchase of Chemical Equipment and Supplies for the Utilities Department

R-22-245 – Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Conversion of the Public Works Building Fire Sprinkler System

R-22-246 – Resolution Authorizing the Use of Competitive Contracting for Soliciting Proposals for Reassessment Related Home and Property Inspections

R-22-247 - Resolution Approving Compensation for Members of the Board of Fire Commissioners District 2

R-22-248 – Resolution Amending 2022 Budget (Chapter 159) to Insert Modification to the Special Item of Revenue and Appropriations for the 2022 Childhood Lead Education Program Grant

R-22-249 - Resolution Approving Wireless Communication Facilities Modification Application for AT&T c/o SBC Tower Holdings, 98 Crow Hill Road (within the rear of Branning Collision Centers), Block 44, Lot 8, Application No. WCFMA 14-22

R-22-250 – Resolution Designating Lone Pine RE Urban Renewal, LLC as the Redeveloper for Property Known as Lone Pine Landfill Site, 1091 Burke Road, Block 91, Lots 51-54 and Block 92, Lots 25 and 41

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

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Walker

ABSTAIN: None

DISCUSSION

2022 Best Practices Inventory

Mr. Valesi stated that the State of NJ requires the Township to perform a survey of best practices to receive State funding. He noted that the Township did very well on the survey and we only had two answers as “no” on the survey. The questions that we answered “no”, were regarding if whether the Township has vehicle-charging stations, whether the Township has a formal policy to purchase hybrid and electric vehicles. At this point in time, we do not have the charging station nor the formal policy, our mechanics and Public Work’s staff recommended not implementing the new policy from a cost perspective. Overall, the Township practices place it in a good position; it was the results of the survey was sufficient to receive its financial aid for the year.

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

Mayor Fasano addressed two children from the Boy Scouts that were sitting in the audience and educated them regarding the process of having this meeting and the public hearing. The public will always have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss their concerns.

A member of the public spoke and did not provide his name or address. He asked, why the Township did not implement the new policy regarding electric vehicles.

Mr. Valesi explained that when the town decides to buy electric vehicles, the mechanics must be trained to repair and service the electric vehicles. At this point in time, the Township is not prepared to implement this policy. In the future, the State will likely make this a requirement. The Township anticipates the State will provide some grant funding to train its mechanics and build the infrastructure related to this policy to avoid additional costs to our taxpayers. Mr. Valesi agrees that the percentage of electric vehicles is growing and eventually the Township will need to implement this policy.

Mayor Fasano commented that there are two charging station at Freehold Race Way Mall and new parking lots are required to install charging stations pursuant to State requirements.

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

Mr. Preston said he attended the Municipal Alliance meeting last week and Ed Parze, the father of Stephany Nicole Parze, included a presentation on Domestic and Sexual abuse. Mr. Parze committed himself to share his personal story and share it with several schools and colleges to educate the students. Mr. Preston stated that Mr. Parze's presentation included an amazing speech and it was an "eye opening" experience for the families who attended. Mr. Preston recommended that all parents should attend one of Mr. Parze's presentations. Mr. Parze is scheduled to present tomorrow on 10/26/2022 at Siloam Fire Department.

Mr. Cook said last week we had successful a Foodstock Day, which exceeded 1 million, pounds of donations. He said the event started with 20 volunteers and when the Committee reached out to the residents for assistance, the total was 178 volunteers. He thanked everyone in the community for their support and help.

Mr. Ammiano ditto Mr. Cook comments.

Mayor Fasano reminded everyone that "Trunk or Treat" day is tomorrow 10/26/2022 at 3:30pm at the Michael J. Tighe Park.

Mayor Fasano Adjourned the Meeting at 8:13 pm

Sanabel Abouzeina, Township Clerk