

FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

WORKSHOP MEETING

January 14, 2020

At 5:30 p.m. the Township Committee met in Room 214 of the municipal building. Mayor Preston read the following statement:

“In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, (c. 231 P.L. 1975), this meeting was announced on January 6, 2020 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, Via-Phone Call, Committeewoman Fasano, Mayor Preston

Absent: None

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

Mr. Valesi 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. Promotional Interviews
 - 1B. Personnel Departments
 2. **ATTORNEY- CLIENT PRIVILEGE**
 - 2A. Affordable Housing
 - 2B. Assess Property
 - 2C. Eminent Domain
 - 2D. Special Project
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. Ammiano and seconded by Mrs. Fasano

VOTE:

AYES: Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Cook- Via Phone, Mrs. Fasano, and Mayor Preston

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

At 5:35 p.m. the Township Committee adjourned to executive session.

Executive Session adjourned at 8:00 pm.

At 8:03 p.m. the Workshop Meeting was called to order.

Mayor Preston re-read the following statement:

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Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

In Attendance: Committeeman Ammiano, Committeewoman Fasano, Mayor Preston

Absent: Committeeman Cook

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

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mr. Ammiano moved to approve the Regular Meeting and Executive Meeting Minutes for 12/17/2019, seconded by Mayor Preston

VOTE:

AYES: Mr. Ammiano, Mayor Preston

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Cook

ABSTAIN: Mrs. Fasano

NEW BUSINESS

R-20-22- Resolution Approving Consolidated Bills List

Mrs. Fasano read Resolution R-20-22, the Consolidated Bills List in the amount of \$12,619,580.01 and moved it for adoption, seconded by Mr. Ammiano.

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Cook

ABSTAIN: None

O-20-1 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 190 (Land Use), Article VII (Land Subdivision Procedures), Section 190-52 (Performance Guarantees as Condition to Final Approval) of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Freehold, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey

Mr. Ammiano moved Ordinance O-20-1 for Public Hearing at the Regular Meeting of January 28, 2020 seconded by Mrs. Fasano

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Cook

ABSTAIN: None

O-20-2 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 97 (Campgrounds) of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Freehold, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey

Mr. Ammiano moved Ordinance O-20-2 for Public Hearing at the Regular Meeting of January 28, 2020 seconded by Mrs. Fasano

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Cook

ABSTAIN: None

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

The “Consent Agenda” section of the Meeting Agenda shall be preceded by an explanatory note substantially set forth as follows:

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-20-23 – Resolution Reappointing Andrea DiGiovanni as Qualified Purchasing Agent

R-20-24 - Resolution Authorizing a Contract for an Emergency Notification System

R-20-25 – Resolution Authorizing Release of Performance Guarantees for Meridian Health Realty Corp., Site Plan No. 882-16

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

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Cook

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION

Mrs. Fasano made a motion -Township Committee Appointment of Anthony J. Ammiano to Planning Board (Class III Member/Township Committee Member) seconded by Mr. Ammiano

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Cook

ABSTAIN: None

DISCUSSION

AMC Theater - License Renewal

Island Carousel, Inc. (Freehold Raceway Mall) – License Renewal

Freehold American, Inc. - Junk License Renewal

A&A Truck Parts, Inc. - Junk License Renewal

Ms. Abouzeina reported that all the license renewals are in order and approved by the various departments. The renewals will be placed on the next agenda for approval by the Committee.

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

Jim Franklyn, 119 Lancaster Rd, asked about Resolution R-20-24, he requested clarification about the company and the specific types of emergencies they process?

Mr. Valesi responded and stated it is an existing contract where we have a shared service agreement with Freehold Borough and Allentown Borough. The Township will use it in case of emergency like heavy snow, and the Township has to close or has a delayed opening.

JJ Mistretta 506 Harding Rd, inquired about the Township Committee member vacancy.

Mayor Preston said the County Committee is supposed to send three names to the Township Committee and the Township Committee will choose one. Thus far, the Township Committee has received the list and with only one candidate. The new Township Committee member will be sworn in on the January 28, 2020 meeting and his term will expire at 12/31/2020.

Mrs. Mistretta also asked if there was any progress with the Affordable Housing Settlement agreements.

Mr. Valesi said the Settlement Agreements are complete and ready for public review at the Clerk's Office. He reported that the compliance hearing will be held in June or July 2020.

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

Mrs. Fasano commented that this was her first official meeting and that she was excited to serve on the Freehold Township Committee.

The Township Committee members, Mayor Preston Mr. Valesi and Mr. Munoz wished Mr. Ammiano and the Township Clerk Happy Birthday.

Mayor Preston welcomed Mrs. Fasano to her first meeting and wished everyone happy new year.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:11 pm

Sanabel Abouzeina, Township Clerk