

FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

WORKSHOP MEETING

February 11, 2020

At 7:10 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, Committeewoman Fasano, Committeeman Walker, Mayor Preston

Absent: None

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

Mr. Munoz, 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. **LITIGATION**
 - 1A. Eminent Domain
 2. **ATTORNEY- CLIENT PRIVILEGE**
 - 2A. Affordable Housing
 3. **PROPERTY ACQUISITION**
 - 3A. Farmland Preservation

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. Walker

VOTE:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

At 7:11 p.m. the Township Committee adjourned to executive session.

Executive Session adjourned at 8:10 pm.

At 8:11 p.m. the Workshop Meeting was called to order.

Mayor Preston re-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”.

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

In Attendance: Committeeman Ammiano, Committeeman Cook, Committeewoman Fasano, Committeeman Walker, Mayor Preston

Absent: None

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

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mr. Ammiano moved to approve the Regular Meeting and Executive Meeting Minutes for 1/14/2020, seconded by Mrs. Fasano

VOTE:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Mr. Walker, Mr. Cook abstained in the Workshop Meeting Minutes*

NEW BUSINESS

R-20-36- Resolution Approving Consolidated Bills List

Mr. Cook read Resolution R-20-36, the Consolidated Bills List in the amount of \$14,096,884.06 and moved it for adoption, seconded by Mr. Ammiano.

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

O-20-4 – Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Development Rights and Development Easement for Open Space and/or Farmland Preservation Purposes in the Township of Freehold by Installment Purchase; Authorizing the Issuance of Obligations of the Township to Finance such Acquisition; Authorizing the Township Mayor and Township Clerk to Execute the Installment Purchase Agreement; and Providing for Other Matters Relating Thereto

Mr. Ammiano moved Ordinance O-20-4 for Public Hearing at the Regular Meeting of February 25, 2020 seconded by Mrs. Fasano

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

O-20-5 – Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 190 (Land Use), Article II (Planning Board), Section 190-15 (Additional Voting Restrictions on Certain Members), of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Freehold, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey

Mr. Ammiano moved Ordinance O-20-5 for Public Hearing at the Regular Meeting of February 25, 2020 seconded by Mrs. Fasano

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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-20-37 – Resolution Joining with the Township of Manalapan in its Application for a Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP) Challenge Grant to Purchase an Animal Control Truck/Van

R-20-38 – Resolution Disbursing an Overpayment of Water/Sewer

R-20-39 - Resolution Extending the Contract for the Furnishing and Delivery of Automotive and Light Duty Truck Parts

R-20-40 – Resolution Extending Contract for the Freehold Township Municipal Alliance Golf Outing

R-20-41 – Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Developer’s Agreement for 75 Bannard Realty Corp. (Freehold Hyundai), Site Plan No. 793-3-17, Block 65.01, Lot 16

R-20-42 – Resolution – Transfer of Appropriation Reserves

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

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION

Mayor appointed Constance Roeder - Board of Parks and Recreation – Alternate 2 - through 12/31/22

Mr. Walker made a motion to appoint:

Shaun Reilly – Fire Prevention Board – Fire Official – through 12/31/20

George Baumann – Fire Prevention Board – Police Chief – through 12/31/20

Paul Vitale – Fire Prevention Board – Construction Official – through 12/31/20

Michael Murray – Fire Prevention Board – Member/Captain of Fire District #2 – through 12/31/21

Craig Haas – Fire Prevention Board – Member/Assistant Chief of Fire District #1 – through 12/31/22

Seconded by Mr. Ammiano.

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

J.J. Mistretta, 506 Harding Rd. inquired about the date for the golf outing?

- Mr. Valesi responded that the golf outing will be on May 18, 2020.

J.J. Mistretta also requested clarification of resolution R-20-41?

- Mr. Valesi said that the entire property is owned by Bannard Realty Corp. and they own both the Verizon and the Hyundai building. The Hyundai dealership will be extending into the Verizon building.

Mrs. Mistretta asked if she could form a green team to help the town get bonus points in the Sustainable NJ.

- The Township Committee agreed and had no objection.

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

Mayor Preston reminded everyone that the Fire Election is on Saturday 2/15/2020 at 2:00pm-9:00pm. The two locations for the events will be on Dutch Ln, and Stillwell Corner.

Fire District # 1

John Toutounichi- running for re-election

Andrew Story- running for re-election

Proposed Budget \$1,467,933.00 which \$178,000 less than last year.

Fire District # 2

Patrick Coburn- running for re-election

David Goldstein – running for re-election

Anthony Panzerino – new contestant

Proposed budget \$1,242,308.00 which is a \$353,000 increase compared to last year.

The actual budget expenditure is down by \$500,000 but the amount that they are proposing is going to raise taxes by \$350,000

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm

Sanabel Abouzeina, Township Clerk