

# FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

## WORKSHOP MEETING

March 10, 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

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. **PERSONNEL**
    - 1A. Staffing Levels
  2. **ATTORNEY- CLIENT PRIVILEGE**
    - 2A. Shared Services Agreement
    - 2B. Affordable Housing
    - 2C. Eminent Domain
    - 2D. Zoning
    - 2E. Litigation

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. Walker and seconded by Mr. Cook

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:

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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.

**Minutes** None

**NEW BUSINESS**

O-20-7 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 190, Land Use, Article XI (Zones and Schedule of Requirements), Article XIII (Zone Regulations) and Article XX (Affordable Housing Regulations)

Mr. Cook moved Ordinance O-20-7 for Special Public Hearing at the Regular Meeting of April 27, 2020 seconded by Mrs. Walker

Vote:

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

Public Hearing on Amended Freehold Township Fire District No. 2 2020 Budget

Mayor Preston opened the Public Hearing on Amended Freehold Township Fire District No. 2 2020 Budget

There were no comment from the public; Mayor Preston moved to close the public hearing on Fire District No. 2 2020 Budget seconded by Mr. Cook.

Vote:

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

R-20-55 – Resolution to Amend the Freehold Township Fire District No. 2 2020 Budget

Mr. Ammiano read the Resolution R-20-55 in full and moved it for adoption seconded by Mr. Cook.

Vote:

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

R-20-56 – Resolution Approving Consolidated Bills List

Mr. Walker read the Resolution R-20-56, the Consolidated Bills List in the amount of \$13,059,856.60 and moved it for adoption seconded by Mr. Cook.

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-20-57 – Resolution Disbursing an Overpayment of Taxes

R-20-58 – Resolution Cancelling Taxes and Disbursing Overpayments of Taxes

R-20-59 - Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Purchase of One (1) 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV for the Police Department

R-20-60 – Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract with Six Flags Great Adventure for Theme Park Tickets for the Recreation Summer Camp Program

R-20-61 – Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Purchase of Distribution Supplies for the Utilities Department

R-20-62 – Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Installation of Playground Equipment and Park Maintenance at Michael J. Tighe Park

R-20-63 – Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Charter Bus Service for Parks and Recreation Programs

R-20-64 - Resolution – Renewal of 2019-2020 Liquor License for CS Freehold, LLC – License #1316-33-002-006 (Pocket License)

R-20-65 – Resolution Authorizing Execution of Developer’s Agreement for Freehold Equity Partners, LLC (LA-Z-BOY), Site Plan No. 703-2-18, Block 70, Lots 22 and 23

R-20-66 - Resolution Authorizing Release of Performance Guarantees for New Jersey Community Bank, Site Plan No. 765-06

R-20-67 – Resolution Amending R-19-258 Authorizing Application for the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Grant through the County of Monmouth – Fiscal Grant cycle July 2020 – June 2025

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

Vote:

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

## **MOTION**

2020 Campground License Renewal – Pine Cone Resort LLC

Mrs. Fasano made a motion to the Renewal of 2020 Campground License seconded by Mr. Cook

Vote:

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

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

J.J. Mistretta, 506 Harding Rd. asked about Resolution R-20-65 to verify the location of the property.

Mr. Valesi responded it is an empty lot on Rt 537.

Mrs. Mistretta introduced the volunteers who are interested in participating on the Green Team to help the town obtain bonus points for Sustainable NJ. In addition, Mrs. Mistretta introduced Joe Grillo, the Director of Development for Sustainable New Jersey.

Joe Grillo, Asbury Park, NJ, reviewed the Sustainable Jersey's framework for action. He stated that the organization coordinates priorities, resources, and policy among public and private, state and local actors to identify action to achieve their sustainability goals. He provided examples of Municipal Certification Actions: Arts & Creative Culture, Land Use & Transportation and Waste Management. In addition, Mr. Grillo talked about the total number of Municipal Grants Program was 636 grants since 2009. He said there are 455 Municipalities that are currently involved in the program.

Mayor Preston asked Mr. Grillo if the main goal of this program is to obtain grants. Mr. Grillo responded and said yes. Mr. Grillo explained that there are different levels of points system depending on the involvement of the towns. There are Bronze, and Silver Certifications that will provide the towns with different grants.

Mr. Ammaino asked about the base location for the Sustainable NJ?

Mr. Grillo said it is based at the College of New Jersey.

Mr. Ammiano asked where and when does the organization meet?

Mr. Grillo said the Monmouth Hub meets every other month on the last Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Walker asked, do we have to acquire the same level of point system every year?

Mr. Grillo responded and stated that the certification expires every three years.

James Franklin, 119 Lancaster Ln, asked for verification on Ordinance O-20-7 Mayor Preston said that the Township will have a special meeting on April 27, 2020 at 7:30pm in room 114 to explain the Affordable House obligations.

Mrs. Mistretta asked, are there any updates regarding the location of the Burlington Factory?

Mr. Valesi responded that the Township Committee has passed a resolution directing the Planning Board to study the area for redevelopment.

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

The Township Committee congratulated Mayor Preston on job well done on the Fire Budget.

Mr. Ammiano also congratulated the staff of Parks and Recreation Department, Ms. McGough, and Mr. Valesi for the \$198,000 grant that they received for Opatut Park.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm

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Sanabel Abouzeina, Township Clerk