

FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

WORKSHOP MEETING

April 7, 2020

At 8:00 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”.

The Mayor noted that pursuant to the Federal and State recommendations for the holding of public meetings, the meeting was open to the public via telephone call in. The Township Committee and staff were practicing “social distancing” at the meeting.

All three of these numbers will join the conference:

646-741-5292

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973-854-6173

Meeting ID: 1127896572

In Attendance: Via - Phone Conference [Committeeman Ammiano, Committeeman Cook]
Committeewoman Fasano, Committeeman Walker, Mayor Preston

Absent: None

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

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mr. Walker moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes and Executive Minutes for 2/25/2020, Workshop Meeting Minutes and Executive Minutes for 3/10/2020 and Regular Meeting Minutes for 3/24/2020 seconded by Mr. Cook

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Mr. Ammiano* on 2/25/2020

NEW BUSINESS

R-20-82 – Resolution Approving Consolidated Bills List

Mrs. Fasano read the Resolution R-20-82, the Consolidated Bills List in the amount of \$10,177,027.16 and moved it for adoption seconded by Mr. Walker.

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-20-83 – Resolution Disbursing an Overpayment of Taxes

R-20-84 – Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Agreement with CentraState Fitness & Wellness Center

R-20-85 - Resolution Authorizing Execution of Developer’s Agreement for Heritage 22 Properties, LLC, Robert Zupa and Kurt Wagner, Site Plan No. 672-1-16, Block 71.38, Lots 18 and 19

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

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.

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

Mrs. Fasano and Mr. Walker said to stay safe and healthy and follow the instructions of our Health Officer.

Mayor Preston read

Pursuant to Executive Order # 119, New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy announced today that he will be extending the state of emergency, which he declared on March 9, by an additional 30 days. This would put the state of emergency in place until at least early May. As he indicated on Monday, the state is starting to see positive signs that social distancing policies are helping to curb the spread of the coronavirus and that the next two weeks will be critical to ensure that we maintain that trajectory. With the Passover and Easter holidays upon us and the warm weather of the past few days, it is increasingly harder but more important than ever to adhere to the CDC guidelines and social distancing practices. It is critical that we all do our part to contain and eliminate the threat this virus poses.

It's also at times like this that bring out the very best in all of us. A special thank you to everyone that took time to sew masks, make phone calls and cards for our seniors, that sent food, supplies or personal protection equipment to our police, fire, ems and Centra State Medical Center personnel or drew an inspirational message in chalk in their neighborhood. Now more than ever, our local restaurants need our support. If you are able, please consider taking advantage of those offering take out / curbside pick up options to help them through this difficult time.

I'd like to say a special thank you to our Health Department who have been working tirelessly seven days a week to ensure the safety and well-being of our residents. With a total of 181 residents testing positive, to date they have made over 800 individual contacts documenting the flow of the virus through our community. Thank you for your hard work and dedication.

To our front line first responders and healthcare professionals, you go to work every day knowingly putting yourself at risk. Every one of you is making a difference and your service does not go unnoticed. Thank you does not adequately express our gratitude for your service.

On behalf of Freehold Township, we wish you and yours a happy and peaceful Passover and a blessed and joyful Easter season.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:07 pm

Sanabel Abouzeina, Township Clerk