

FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

May 26, 2020

At 7:45 p.m., the Township Committee met in Room 214 of the municipal building. Meeting started at 8:00p.m. 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: 112 796 1387

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

Absent: None

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

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mr. Ammiano moved to approve the Special Meeting Minutes for 4/27/2020 and Regular Meeting Minutes 4/28/2020 Seconded by Mr. Cook.

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

REPORTS

The Report of the Tax Collector for the Month of April 2020:

Net Receipt:	General Fund	\$	20,424,820.04
	Water Account	\$	323,844.11
	Sewer Account	\$	717,983.97

Police Promotion – Police Officer Frank Mount promoted to Sergeant

Mrs. Abouzeina, the Township Clerk administrated the Oath outside the Township Hall Building.

Certificates of Achievement – Freehold Township High School Girls Varsity Bowling Team

Mayor Preston read the certifications.

Proclamation – “Autism Awareness Month” – April 2020

Mayor Preston read the proclamation.

OLD BUSINESS

O-20-9 –Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 190 (Land Use), Article XIII (Zone Regulations), Section 190-153 (Light Industrial Zone LI-3), of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Freehold, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey

Mr. Cook moved ordinance O-20-9 for public hearing to the Township Committee meeting of June 9, 2020, seconded by Mr. Ammiano.

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

NEW BUSINESS

R-20-116 - Resolution Approving Consolidated Bills List

Mr. Ammiano read the Resolution R-20-116, the Consolidated Bills List in the amount of \$4,211,410.25 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

O-20-10 – Bond Ordinance Authorizing Various Capital Improvements in and for the Township of Freehold, in the Township of Freehold, in the County of Monmouth, New Jersey, Appropriating \$5,043,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$4,791,800 Bonds or Notes to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof

Mr. Cook moved ordinance O-20-10 for public hearing to the Township Committee meeting of June 23, 2020, seconded by Mr. Walker

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

O-20-11 – Bond Ordinance Authorizing Various Water/Sewer Capital Improvements in and for the Township of Freehold, in the County of Monmouth, New Jersey, Appropriating \$1,706,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,706,000 Bonds or Notes to Finance the Cost Thereof

Mr. Ammiano moved ordinance O-20-11 for public hearing to the Township Committee meeting of June 23, 2020, seconded by Mr. Cook.

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Add On

O-20-12- Ordinance Amending Chapter 265 (Right to Farm) of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Freehold, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey

Mr. Ammiano moved ordinance O-20-12 for public hearing to the Township Committee meeting of June 9, 2020, seconded by Mr. Cook.

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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-20-117 – Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Shared Services Agreements for the Western Monmouth Active Shooter Training Group

R-20-118 – Resolution Approving the Amended Application for New York SMSA, D/B/A Verizon Wireless Facilities Modification for Block 28, Lot 19.02, 115 Dutch Lane Road, Original Application WCFMA-09-19

R-20-119 – Resolution Approving Crown Castle USA, Inc. (Verizon Wireless) Facilities Modification Application for Block 97.01, Lot 17, 61 Stone Hill Road, Application WCFMA-02-20

R-20-120 – Resolution Authorizing a Contract for the Purchase of One (1) Caterpillar 926M Wheel Loader Through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ)

R-20-121 – Resolution Disbursing an Overpayment of Taxes

Add- On

R-20-122- Resolution Approving the Creation and Administration of an Emergency Temporary Approval Process for Outdoor Dining and/or/ Business Operations Due to the Covid -19 Pandemic

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

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

JJ Mistretta, 506-8 Harding Rd, asked to clarify resolution R-20-119.

Mr. Valesi explained that this resolution is for a standard permit application for Verizon to update their antennas on an existing tower.

Mrs. Mistretta asked to clarify resolution R-20-117.

Mr. Valesi explained that this resolution is for a renewal of the shared services agreement for the Police Departments in Western Monmouth County Active Shooter Training Group. The police officers from Monmouth County meet at different locations and practice shooting drills.

Mrs. Mistretta asked when will the public hearing for the land use ordinance O-20-7 be held?

Mr. Valesi responded - 6/16/2020 at 7:30 pm; we are still working on the logistics.

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

Mr. Cook wanted to thank Mrs. Fasano for her great job working with the owner of Sea Glass Quilting, Ms. Sherre MacClellan in producing masks for residents and police officers.

Mr. Ammiano Congratulated Mrs. Fasano for her great work.

Mayor Preston thanked the Freehold Township residents for following the rules by social distancing and wearing face masks to control the virus and minimize the impact of Covid-19 pandemic. Mayor Preston said the number of cases are improving daily. Mayor Preston is hopeful that within the next 30 days, the Township will start opening more business.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:31 pm

Sanabel Abouzeina, Township Clerk