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FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

WORKSHOP MEETING

June 9, 2020

At 7:00 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”.

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

Absent: None

Also in attendance: Mr. Valesi, Township Administrator; Mrs. Mladinov Executive Secretary, Mr. Munoz, Esq. Township Attorney; 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. Staff Reduction
- 1B. Leave of Absence Policies

2. **ATTORNEY- CLIENT PRIVILEGE**

- 2A. Affordable Housing
- 2B. Health Care Contracts
- 2C. Public Safety Policies
- 2D. Zoning Emergency Approvals

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 Mr. Cook

VOTE:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

At 7:00 p.m. the Township Committee adjourned to executive session.

Executive Session adjourned at 7:58 pm.

At 8:00 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; Mrs. Mladinov Executive Secretary; Mr. Munoz, Esq., Township Attorney; Mrs. Abouzeina, Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mr. Ammiano moved to approve the Workshop Meeting Minutes and Executive Minutes for May/12/2020 and Regular Meeting Minutes and Executive Minutes for May 26, 2020 Seconded by Mr. Cook.

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

OLD BUSINESS

R-20-123 – Resolution Acknowledging Receipt and Review of Planning Board Report Re: Ordinance No. O-20-9 and Ordinance No. O-20-12

Mr. Ammiano read Resolution R-20-123, 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

O-20-9 – Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 190 (Land Use), Article XII (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

Mayor Preston opened Ordinance O-20-9 for public hearing and asked for any comments or questions.

There being none, Mr. Ammiano moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Cook

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Mr. Ammiano made a motion to adopt Ordinance O-20-9, seconded by Mr. Cook.

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

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

Mayor Preston opened Ordinance O-20-12 for public hearing and asked for any comments or questions.

There being none, Mr. Ammiano moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Cook

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Mr. Ammiano made a motion to adopt Ordinance O-20-12, seconded by Mr. Cook.

Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

R-20-124 – Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 1, Declaring Acceptance and Final Payment of Contract 19-5, Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation

Mrs. Fasano read Resolution R-20-124, 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-20-125 – Resolution Approving Consolidated Bills List

Mr. Cook read the Resolution R-20-125, the Consolidated Bills List in the amount of \$9,867,618.18 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

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 is desired of any item, that item will be considered separately.”

R-20-126 – Resolution Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with Manalapan Township for Health Services

R-20-127 – Resolution Authorizing Execution of Developer’s Agreement for CentraState Medical Center, Inc., (Cardiac Cath/IR Expansion), Site Plan No. 748-7-19 Block 86, Lots 8 and 8.03

R-20-128 – Resolution Amending Resolution R-20-98 Authorizing the Tax Collector to Issue Estimated Tax Bills in Accordance with P.L. 1994, C 72

R-20-129 - Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Energy Generation Services for Public Use on An Online Auction Website (Auction is the day of the Meeting; Resolution will be distributed at Meeting)

Mr. Walker 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

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

JJ Mistretta, 506-Harding Rd, asked about the public hearing for the Land use ordinance.

Mayor Preston said at the June 16, 2020 meeting will carry the meeting to June 30, 2020 at 7:30pm at the Freehold Township Senior Center in order to keep social distancing rules.

Michael Suppa, 18 Cornwall Rd, thanked the Mayor and the Township Committee for their leadership on the quick response to the Covid pandemic. In addition, he asked if the Township of Freehold can challenge Governor Murphy’s lack of plan and clarity regarding the openings for small businesses?

Mayor Preston said the Township is in constant contact with Senator Vin Gopal, County of Freeholders, and the State of NJ. We are doing our best to ensure that our voices and concerns reach the Governor’s office.

Mr. Suppa, asked if the Municipality can override the Governor’s decisions?

Mayor Preston said the Municipality cannot override the Executive Order, the way the executive order is written does not allow the Municipality to supersede the Governor's Executive Order.

Mrs. Mistretta commented that the State of New Jersey has the 2nd highest cases of Covid-19 after New York, and the governor has to follow the guidelines and data.

Mr. Ammiano said Senator Gopal has been great and he assisted the Township in the opening of Freehold Township summer camp.

There being no more comments from the public. Mayor Preston asked for any comments from the dais.

Mr. Ammiano wanted to remind everyone that the Freehold Township day will be rescheduled on October 3, 2020.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm

Sanabel Abouzeina, Township Clerk