

**SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
SEPTEMBER 3, 2014 MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Director Acton: Alaina and Ashley Murphy lead the National Anthem followed by Bruce Bobbitt, of Sharptown US Army 1967-69, led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance, and then led by prayer offered by Freeholder Vanderslice.

Director Acton stated that adequate notice pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has been given of this meeting.

On Roll Call, the following Freeholders were present: Deputy Director Cross, Freeholders Laury, Vanderslice, Bobbitt, Timberman, Ware, and Director Acton.

Motion was made by Deputy Director Cross to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the August 20, 2014 Workshop and Regular meetings. Minutes be received, approved and recorded in the Minute Book. As there was no discussion, the motion was seconded by Freeholder Laury and carried by hand vote of 7/0.

WAIVER OF THE RULES

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Recognizing Grant and Betsy Harris, 60th year anniversary of Cowtown

Recognizing September 7, 2014 as National Grandparents Day

CORRESPONDENCE

GENERAL

Motion was made by Deputy Director Cross to accept and file the correspondence reports and that they be made a part of the Minutes. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Laury. Motion carried a hand vote of 7/0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MINUTES

Salem County Improvement Authority Meeting Minutes – August 18, 2014

Office of Disability Services Advisory Meeting Minutes – July 1, 2014

Public Works Committee Meeting – August 5, 2014

Motion was made by Deputy Director Cross to accept and file the committee and commission reports and that they be made a part of the Minutes. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Laury. Motion carried a hand vote of 7/0.

PAYMENT OF BILLS & CLAIMS

Motion was made by Deputy Director Cross that all Bills and Claims, when properly signed and audited be paid and charged to their respective accounts. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Laury and carried by a hand vote of 7/0.

TREASURER’S REPORT

There was no Treasurer’s Report.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 2014-002

BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 2011-004 HERETOFORE FINALLY ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE “COUNTY”) ON DECEMBER 7, 2011, AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED HERETOFORE, TO AMEND THE DESCRIPTION THEREOF

1. Freeholder Laury made a motion to open the public hearing. Seconded by Freeholder Vanderslice the motion carried 7/0.
2. Freeholder Bobbitt made a motion to close the public hearing. Seconded by Freeholder Vanderslice the motion carried 7/0.
3. Freeholder Laury made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-002. Seconded by Freeholder Vanderslice the motion carried 7/0.
4. Roll Call Vote, 7/0: Freeholder Bobbitt- for, Freeholder Timberman- for, Freeholder Ware- for, Deputy Director Cross- for, Freeholder Vanderslice – for, Freeholder Laury- for, Director Acton - for

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE – Acton, Vanderslice, Cross

R. 2014-373

Resolution Authorizing Renewal Membership By The County Of Salem To The New Jersey Counties Excess Joint Insurance Fund

R. 2014-374

ADMINISTRATIVE

Resolution Awarding A Contract For An In-School Youth Program Under The Workforce Investment Act For The County Of Salem (\$30,515.000 – Resources for Independent Living, INC. and \$37,498.00 – Mid-Atlantic States Career and Education Center)

R. 2014-375

ADMINISTRATIVE

Resolution Awarding A Contract For An Out-School Youth Program Under The Workforce Investment Act For The County Of Salem (\$43,503.00 – Puerto Rican Action Committee of Southern New Jersey, INC.)

R. 2014-376

ADMINISTRATIVE

Resolution Of The Board Of Chosen Freeholder Of The County Of Salem, State Of New Jersey, Authorizing The Acquisition Of A Development Easement For The Preservation Of Farmland (Greco Farm) In The Townships Of Pittsgrove and Upper Pittsgrove And The Borough Of Elmer By Installment Purchase; Authorizing The Issuance Of Obligations Of The County To Finance Such Acquisition; Authorizing The County Treasurer And The Clerk Of The Board To Execute The Installment Purchase Agreement; And Providing For Other Matters Relating Thereto

R. 2014-377

ADMINISTRATIVE

Resolution Providing For The Insertion Of Any Special Item Of Revenue In The Budget Pursuant To NJSA 40A:4-87 Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 (\$500.00 – Seniors Farmers Market Nutrition, 7/1/14-9/30/14)

R. 2014-378

ADMINISTRATIVE

Resolution Providing For The Insertion Of Any Special Item Of Revenue In The Budget Pursuant To NJSA 40A:4-87 Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 (\$10,515.00 – 2014 Area Plan Grant)

R. 2014-379

ADMINISTRATIVE

Resolution Providing For The Insertion Of Any Special Item Of Revenue In The Budget Pursuant To NJSA 40A:4-87 Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 (\$245,589.00 – Federal Transit Administration and New Jersey Transit, Grant)

R. 2014-380

ADMINISTRATIVE

Resolution Providing For The Insertion Of Any Special Item Of Revenue In The Budget Pursuant To NJSA 40A:4-87 Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 (\$19,500.00-Seniors Farmers Market Nutrition, 4/1/14 – 3/31/15)

R. 2014-381

ADMINISTRATIVE

Resolution Authorizing Execution Of Memorandum Of Understanding With The New Jersey Department Of Agriculture For Administration Of A Crop Insurance Grant (Reimbursement to County not to exceed \$178,665.20)

Freeholder Vanderslice moved for the adoption of these (9) nine resolutions, with Deputy Director Cross seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a hand vote of 7/0.

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE – Bobbitt, Vanderslice, Acton

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE – Vanderslice, Timberman, Bobbitt

R. 2014-382

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Resolution Adopting An Agreement With The Salem Health And Wellness Foundation For “It’s All About You” Health and Exercise Program

Freeholder Vanderslice moved for the adoption of this (1) one resolutions, with Freeholder Bobbitt seconding his motion.

Sherrri Hinchman stated users of this program had to go out and purchase their own workbooks and equipment, and that with this resolution, it will allow the Office on Aging to be able to purchase these for the user. This program includes several types of exercise plans, and helps every single person with or without a disability. It's molded to help everyone produce healthy bones and a healthier lifestyle.

As there was no further discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a hand vote of 7/0.

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – Timberman, Bobbitt, Laury

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Cross, Laury, Ware

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Laury, Ware, Acton

R. 2014-383

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution Authorizing Master Service Agreements With The State Of New Jersey For Provision Of Mailroom And Telephone Services

R. 2014-384

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution To Approve Application For Motorist Solicitation Pursuant To Resolution No. 98-115 (NewLife Worship Center)

R. 2014-385

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution Awarding A Contract For The Avis Mill Pond Sediment Excavation Project, Portions Of Block: 81, Lot: 14, Pilesgrove Township, Salem County, New Jersey

R. 2014-386

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution Approving Plans And Specifications For The Rehabilitation Of Willow Grove Dam, NJDEP Dam #31 -23 in Pittsgrove Township For The County Of Salem

Freeholder Laury moved for the adoption of these (4) four resolutions, with Freeholder Ware seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a hand vote of 7/0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Director Acton asked a question to County Counsel Michael Mulligan that the Sunset Challenge Triathlon has been canceled, and since a resolution to close the road was done last meeting, if we had to do another resolution?

County Counsel Michael Mulligan stated no.

NEW BUSINESS

Freeholder Vanderslice mentioned that he was sent the Freeholder Packet electronically by the Clerk of the Board. He has an Ipad, and found it very easy to navigate through the packet back and forth from the resolutions to the agenda and looks forward to eventually being able to have paperless meetings.

Director Acton thanked Kevin Crouch, Clerk of the Board for all his hard work on this topic.

Freeholder Bobbitt stated he had a question concerning Green Technologies, and wanted to know if the IT Department is secure.

Director Acton stated yes they are secure.

Freeholder Bobbitt stated that it was brought to his attention that passwords, which access the County's systems, have not been changed since Green Technologies took over the IT Department 2 months ago.

Gary Green stated that all passwords were changed that day of separation.

Freeholder Bobbitt stated that as of 2pm today, a previous employee of the IT Department was able to log on and to access the County system.

Director Acton stated that the situation will be looked into and thank you for the note.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Acton announced that the Veterans Picnic will be held September 13, 2014 from 12pm to 4pm. This is a completely free and sponsored event. All accommodations will be made for individuals with special needs.

Director Acton also stated that memorial bricks, which will be placed at the Veterans Cemetery are still for sale, \$100.00 a brick.

Deputy Director Cross announced that the 9/11 ceremony will be held at 6pm at the O.E.M. Always a nice memorial service.

Freeholder Vanderslice announced that the Flu Clinics that were to be held September 16th and 23rd, are now canceled due to the FDA not approving the shot yet. The drive-thru clinic being held at the Salem County Fairgrounds is still on.

Freeholder Vanderslice also announced that there will be a formal dedication ribbon cutting of the new Oldmans Township walking path on September 24, 2014 from 5 – 6:30pm. There will be flu shots, health screening, information booth, pumpkin painting, yoga, exercise classes, seed plantings to grow at home, and a lot more to do.

Director Acton thanked Cordy Taylor, Mayor McKelvie, Mr. Merriel Patrick, and Mayor Kevin Eachus for attending the meeting tonight, and also a heart felt thank you to Pilesgrove Township for letting the Freeholders host their meeting there that night in their building.

Freeholder Bobbitt stated it feels like home sweet home, and that he served on the Pilesgrove Township Committee for 6 years and this has been a nice homecoming.

Director Acton announced that there will be a Prayer Breakfast, Monday @ 7:30am at Camp Edge for anyone interested in attending.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Anyone wishing to speak please speak clearly and state your name and address for the record.

When addressing questions concerning personnel issues with the County of Salem no names will be used at any time.

Don Redfield, Carney's Point, stated that he could not be more proud of his son, Ryan Redfield, after all the going ons which have occurred. Ryan still respects the entire Freeholder Board. Passwords for the County IT access have not been changed and this is a huge problem which can possibly leave his son vulnerable. Ryan solely by accident was able to log on and gain access to the County system. He then rushed to log off. Green Technologies supposedly had no idea about protocol, and when Ryan was being escorted out the building 2 months ago, he had to tell everyone to change the passwords, which can take anywhere from 2 to 4 hours. Also stated that there should be a home base person for when situations like this arise. Questioned who is monitoring the services machines and systems since the salary went from \$250,000 to \$266,000.

Carolyn Soneo, Salem, Thanked all the Freeholders for all of their service. Expressed concern about the Pennsville/Salem Bridge. There are no warning signs, slow down signs, reduced speed limits, and is just worried about the traffic going through. The road buckles in a spot, there is a violent bump where if you are not holding on with two hands, your vehicle will go into the oncoming lane. She understands that this road and bridge is out of the County's jurisdiction, but hopes the Freeholders can help press some issues regarding signs that can be placed for extra safety measures.

Freeholder Bobbitt stated that maybe a sign can be placed on Front St. which is owned by the County to warn oncoming vehicles of the danger ahead.

Freeholder Ware agreed that the bridge is a deathtrap and dealing with human lives is something that needs to be taken seriously.

Deputy Director Cross stated that more concerns came in today and a message has been sent to R.E. Pierson in hopes that safety measures can be more prominent.

Jim Rowe, questioned Resolution 2014-379, Resolution Providing For The Insertion Of Any Special Item Of Revenue In The Budget Pursuant To NJSA 40A:4-87 Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 (\$245,589.00 – Federal Transit Administration and New Jersey Transit, Grant).

Sherri Hinchman stated that this grant will pay for the transportation of residents who live in rural areas of the County. It is state and federal funded with Salem County matching those funds. The transportation are white mini buses.

Christine Hohen, Pennsville, reiterated the dangers of the Salem/Pennsville Bridge, and wanted to know if there are stipulations about what types of vehicles can cross work zone areas, such as a truck hauling a half of house (overload). On behalf of Family Promise, Christine gave Freeholder Acton a tomato that was grown in the Family Promise garden. Tickets are for sale for the Taste of South Jersey, \$40 per, it's a great dinner and fun, with 40 different restaurants, raffles, and Chinese auction. October 13, 2014.

Freeholder Laury announced that new greenhouses are going to be built at the Ware building sponsored by Mid-Atlantic, which will be raising and growing specialty crops that are not competition to the local farmers. It will help put veterans and members of the Arc to work, and is based around Green energy.

Debbie Duffield, Pilesgrove, thanked the Freeholder board for passing the Resolution to dredge Avis Mill Pond, and a big thanks to Mayor Eachus for accepting the sediments on his farm to reduce costs. She showed an original newspaper clipping from 2007 and stated this can be a very good thing for Salem County.

Christine Hohen, Pennsville, also stated that Septemberfest in Pennsville is this Saturday September 6, 2014.

Patrick Bomba, Carney's Point, stated that the Meals on Wheels Giant Pumpkin Carve will be hosted on September 27, 2014. It's the biggest fundraiser of the year, and hopes everyone comes out to support a worthy cause.

Director Acton thanked everyone for their comments and announced the next meeting will be held on September 17, 2014 at 7:30 PM at the Olde Salem Courthouse located at 104 Market Street. Salem, New Jersey 08079. Workshop meeting will be held at 6:15pm.

Deputy Director Cross made a motion to adjourn seconded by Freeholder Timberman and carried by hand vote 7/0 at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Crouch
Clerk of the Board