

**SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
NOVEMBER 19, 2014 MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Director Acton: Carrie McIntosh of Pennsville, President at Department of New Jersey State Marine Corps League Auxiliary 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, and Director Acton. Freeholder Ware was absent

Motion was made by Deputy Director Cross to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the November 5, 2014 Regular meeting. 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 6/0.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Recognizing the Woman's Club of Pennsville Inc. on their 75th Anniversary

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 6/0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MINUTES

Salem County Commission On Women – Regular Meeting Minutes – September 18, 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 6/0.

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 6/0.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 2014-003

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AT THE SALEM COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL, LOCATED WITHIN THE COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$3,149,364 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,149,364 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION, AND AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2014 AND AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION THEREOF

1. Freeholder Laury made a motion for the Introduction on first reading. The motion was seconded by Deputy Director Cross.
2. Roll Call Vote, 6/0: Freeholder Bobbitt- for, Freeholder Timberman- for, Deputy Director Cross- for, Freeholder Vanderslice – for, Freeholder Laury- for, Director Acton – for, Freeholder Ware was absent
3. Public Hearing (and adoption) scheduled for Wednesday, December 3, 2014

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE – Acton, Vanderslice, Cross

R. 2014-450

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

R. 2014-451

ADMINISTRATIVE

Finance Resolution Cancellation Of Check (Clerk of the Superior Court - \$39.00)

R. 2014-452
ADMINISTRATIVE
Finance Resolution Cancellation Of Grant Balances

R. 2014-453
ADMINISTRATIVE
Finance Resolution Requesting Transfer Of Funds

R. 2014-454
ADMINISTRATIVE
Resolution Awarding A Contract For Work First New Jersey Employment Directed Activity Programs For The Salem County One-Stop Career Center (Mid-Atlantic States Career and Education Center - \$409,854.00)

R. 2014-455
ADMINISTRATIVE
Resolution Authorizing County Counsel To Execute All Necessary Documents To Effect The Dismissal Of N.J.D.E.P. v. The County Of Salem, et al., Docket # CUM-C-05-07, Civil Litigation Concerning Responsibility For The Renovation Of Storm Damaged Willow Lake Dam In Pittsgrove Township, Salem County (Waiver Required)

Freeholder Vanderslice moved for the adoption of these (6) six resolutions with Deputy Director Cross seconding his motion.

Freeholder Timberman wanted clarification on R. 2014-455, Resolution Authorizing County Counsel To Execute All Necessary Documents To Effect The Dismissal Of N.J.D.E.P. v. The County Of Salem, et al., Docket # CUM-C-05-07, Civil Litigation Concerning Responsibility For The Renovation Of Storm Damaged Willow Lake Dam In Pittsgrove Township, Salem County (Waiver Required) that this is the Willow Grove Lake, and wanted to know what is basically happening.

Freeholder Laury stated this has been a court case for the last 7 years and now that work is proceeding we want to get this out on the table.

Director Acton stated that they are acknowledging that the County is saving money so they use the money for the renovations instead of legal fees.

County Counsel Michael Mulligan stated that the County of Salem and Cumberland were both sued by the NJDEP, and effectively what is going on is that the NJDEP is abandoning their lawsuit with both counties. Prior administration to this Board in fact authorized the settlement of the litigation where Salem County taxpayers were going to have to pay out millions of dollars in order to fund Salem County's share of this renovation project. Most of the project 60-70% is in Salem County apart from Cumberland County. Since the present administration has come on line, the position of Salem County has changed by actively defending the lawsuit in addition through Freeholder Laury's efforts, Federal Grant Funding of \$2,985,285.77 dollars was obtained in connection with the onetime renovation of the Willow Grove Lake Dam, where Salem County would pay the difference from total project costing \$3,731,607.21 dollars which would be \$726, 321.44. The litigation would ultimately disappear and Salem County would not have perpetual responsibility to renovate Willow Grove Lake Dam and I think this Freeholder Board ought to be congratulated for defending this case.

Freeholder Vanderslice stated that it would be appropriate to acknowledge all the work that was done by the County Counsel of Michael Mulligan and Freeholder Ben Laury's efforts.

Freeholder Laury asked about the perpetual ownership of Cumberland County not being as fortunate as Salem County.

County Counsel Michael Mulligan stated that he is unsure of the contract executed with Cumberland County and the Nature Conservancy.

As there was no further discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a hand vote of 6/0.

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE – Bobbitt, Vanderslice, Acton

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE – Vanderslice, Timberman, Bobbitt

R. 2014-456

HEALTH & HUMAN

Resolution Approving Change Order Number 006 For Senior Care Centers Of America Inc. (Senior Care Centers Of America Inc. - \$223.00)

R. 2014-457

HEALTH & HUMAN

Resolution Approving Change Order Number 005 For Salem County Adult Day Care (Salem County Adult Day Care - #321.00)

R. 2014-458

HEALTH & HUMAN

Resolution Authorizing Freeholder Director And Clerk Of The Board To Sign An Application From The Health And Wellness Foundation For The Healthy Salem Healthy Body Grant

R. 2014-459

HEALTH & HUMAN

Resolution Authorizing Accepting Of A Grant From The New Jersey Division Of Disability Services For The County Of Salem

Freeholder Vanderslice moved for the adoption of these (4) four resolutions, with Freeholder Timberman seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution carried a hand vote of 6/0.

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – Timberman, Bobbitt, Laury

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Cross, Laury, Ware

TRANSPORTATION, AGRICULTURE & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – Ware, Cross, Timberman

R. 2014-460

TRANSPORTATION, AGRICULTURE & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Resolution Awarding Cultural & Heritage Commission Grant Dollars From The New Jersey State Council On The Arts And The New Jersey Historical Commission

Deputy Director Cross moved for the adoption of this (1) one resolution, with Freeholder Timberman seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution carried a hand vote of 6/0.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Laury, Ware, Acton

R. 2014-461

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution Awarding A Contract For Furnishing And Delivering Road Sand And Concrete Sand For The County Of Salem And The Members Of The Salem County Cooperative Pricing System Identifier Number 75-SCCP (Corbett Aggregate Companies - \$29,700.00)

R. 2014-462

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution Awarding A Contract For Supplying And Delivering Traffic Paint For The County Of Salem And The Members Of The Salem County Cooperative Pricing System Identifier Number 75-SCCP (Ennis Paint, Inc. - \$79,942.50)

Freeholder Laury moved for the adoption of these (2) two resolutions, with Freeholder Vanderslice seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a hand vote of 6/0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Freeholder Timberman stated that the railroad lights are going up on East Millbrook Road.

Freeholder Bobbitt asked if the Executive Minutes were ever resolved.

County Counsel Michael Mulligan stated that under the Directors instruction, he prepared a revised version which may be considered at a Freeholder Board Meeting for approval and that since the matter is not yet resolved; the minutes cannot be dispersed and must be kept confidential.

Freeholder Bobbitt stated that the Freeholder Board should be provided with the executive minutes at the next meeting then.

Director Acton stated yes.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deputy Director Cross stated that the Annual Salem City Christmas Parade will be held on December 6th. It will begin at 11 am.

Freeholder Bobbitt asked about the Executive Minutes again, and asked if the person who takes the minutes made an error in which why they had to be revised by the Solicitor.

Director Acton stated that a few things were left out of the minutes including a remark which was made by Freeholder Bobbitt.

County Counsel Michael Mulligan stated that in his judgment, a revised version was prepared in a different style of writing which may be approved or not approved by the pleasure of the Freeholder Board.

Freeholder Vanderslice stated that the Board all agreed that the minutes did not accurately represent everything that happened at that closed session meeting, also in my understanding the minutes should not be approved until the matter is resolved so these minutes should not have been brought to our attention.

Freeholder Bobbitt stated thank you.

Freeholder Timberman stated that she had reached out to her committees and asked them all to make sure they are sending the minutes to the Clerk of the Boards Office and this is something all the Freeholder liaisons should be doing.

Director Acton stated that she read that Freeholder Timberman stated that in the Commission on Women minutes and thanked her for it.

Deputy Director Cross stated that the Triad University and Health Fair will be held on December 12, 2014 from 4pm- 7pm at the Salem County Vocational Career Center. It will be buffet style and there will be a guest speaker on the prevention of Elder abuse.

Deputy Director Cross also stated that there will be an Open House at the renovated 9-1-1 Center on Thursday, December 4th from 6pm to 9pm.

Freeholder Laury stated that Kathleen Mills has been doing an excellent job and the latest Music Around County featured the pics pipes silent movie at the Elmer Methodist Church; it was fantastic and worth it to see next year.

Freeholder Timberman stated that the Elmer Methodist Church is a very nice and beautiful Church.

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.

Director Acton thanked Cordy Taylor of Oldmans Township for attending the meeting.

Patty Bomba, Carneys Point stated that she has tickets for sale to win a Snow blower and also the Center for Autism is having their annual Holiday Bizarre on Saturday held at the Sharptown Methodist Church, which she also has tickets for sale to.

Patty also stated that she attended the Candlelight Vigil and was wondering if there is an awareness for law enforcement in Salem County.

Director Acton stated that there was an Awareness for Autism and it was great to have a refresher class like that to notice the signs.

Deputy Director Cross stated that in the program training, the law enforcement are required to receive training every year in this matter and other types, but will inquire about it.

Jim Yanush, Alloway talked about the idea of Public Banking and would like the Freeholders to support this topic. Mr. Yanush gave each of the Freeholders a packet of information on public banking.

Director Acton thanked Quinton Township Committee elect Joe Hannagan for attending.

Joe Hannagan, Quinton thanked the Pennsville Women Services for all they do, and they have been very supportive. Veteran's Services is collecting toys for tots. A family of a deceased Veteran, Ralph Waldo Emerson Davis, gave the County 380 DVDs which were donated to the Salem County Book Mobile.

Director Acton stated that the end of the year report for Veteran's Services was outstanding.

Deputy Dale Cross stated that the Veteran's Day Medal Ceremony was a great event, the support was overwhelming, and thanked Freeholder Bobbitt for his service.

Gary Green, Pedricktown stated that he attended the business symposium. He was able to learn a lot and was the recipient of a \$10,000 grant.

Director Acton thanked Freeholder Elect Doug Painter for attending.

Freeholder Vanderslice stated that he is thankful for his Grandson and his family moving back home to New Jersey and wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving Holiday.

Director Acton thanked everyone for their comments and announced the next meeting will be held on December 3, 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. Supporting local businesses is important.

Freeholder Vanderslice made a motion to adjourn seconded by Freeholder Laury and carried by hand vote 6/0 at 8:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Crouch
Clerk of the Board