

**SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS  
FEBRUARY 17, 2016 MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Director Acton: Edward Meschi, Monroeville, led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the prayer led 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, Painter, Vanderslice, Ware, and Director Acton.

Motion was made by Deputy Director Cross to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the February 3, 2016 Workshop and 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.

**WAIVER OF THE RULES**

Motion was made by Freeholder Laury that the Rules of the Board be temporarily waived for resolution numbers 8 and 9 on tonight's agenda. Freeholder Painter seconded the motion, which carried a hand vote of 6/0.

Motion was made by Freeholder Laury that Resolution R. 2016-115 Resolution Approving Amendment To The Salem County Solid Waste Management Plan (Waiver Required) be now open for Public Comment. Freeholder Painter seconded the motion, which carried a hand vote of 6/0.

County Counsel Michael Mulligan stated that there is a landfill in Alloway Township operated by the Salem County Improvement Authority which is a branch of County Government. Solid waste is created in every municipality and must go somewhere to be disposed of. Until now, municipalities can dispose of that waste in any facility. Flow control takes the opportunity away from the municipalities to be able to dispose of the waste at the location of their discretion. All municipalities will be required to dispose of their waste at the Salem County Improvement Authority (landfill) in Alloway.

Charles Hassler, Salem – Stated he is not sold on the idea of flow control. To the board it is a fee while to each of the municipalities it is a tax increase. He stated that he will have to tell his constituents that there will be a 60% tax increase over the course of 30 years on those fees. He requested that the board consider a cap on those fees over time. He further stated that no municipality should pay more than any contractor who is bringing in waste to this County. Keep in mind the taxpayers.

Director Acton stated that the Improvement Authority is going out for a loan, and they are requiring this action to be taken. If this action to amend the Solid Waste Management Plan does not get approved, the improvement authority may not be able to obtain the loan, which would be a burden on the taxpayers.

Motion was made by Freeholder Laury that Resolution R. 2016-115 Resolution Approving Amendment To The Salem County Solid Waste Management Plan (Waiver Required) be adopted with Deputy Director Cross seconding his motion.

Freeholder Laury stated that he lived 300 feet from Pittsgrove Township. It is not in the best interest of that side of the County to have flow control because there is another landfill very close. Flow control is wrong and it eliminates choices. Atlantic County imposed flow control and lost 30% of their income. We are restricted. This is government at its worst: Forcing this body to pass a resolution that we do not believe in. We are forced to pass this resolution, if the landfill were to fail, it would be a bigger burden on the tax payers when it comes to fees. As a local resident I would be against this and as a representative of the entire I regrettably will be voting for this resolution.

Freeholder Ware stated he agrees with Freeholder Laury. He is against Flow Control. It is Un-American. He listened to Mayor McKelvey and Mr. DiGiorgio from Pittsgrove who stated that the Cumberland Landfill is 8 miles away from Pittsgrove which is closer than the Landfill in Alloway which is 19 miles away. I will be voting for the guaranty but I am complete against flow control.

Freeholder Vanderslice stated that unfortunately the current situation leaves no other choice than to move forward with flow control. He stated that although against flow control in concept he will be voting for the amendment.

Freeholder Painter reiterated Freeholder Vanderslice's statement and stated that it is unfortunate that we have to take this route. We are left with few if not any options. He too will be voting for flow control, although he is against it.

Deputy Director Cross echoed everyone's input and stated how this is an unfortunate circumstance and that everyone's input is sincerely appreciated.

Executive Director Dave Sparks thanked the Freeholder Board. He acknowledged that decisions can be challenging but sometimes plans need to be implemented that are better in the long run for the taxpayers.

As there was no further discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a hand vote of 5/1 with Freeholder Ware against.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION / PRESENTATIONS**

Future Farmers of America Week – Woodstown High School, Vocational and Technical School, and Penns Grove High School

**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.

**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 5/0. Freeholder Painter abstained.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 2016 - 002**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF SALEM, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE GUARANTY BY THE COUNTY OF THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE COUNTY-GUARANTEED REVENUE BONDS TO BE ISSUED BY THE SALEM COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY IN ONE OR MORE SERIES IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,220,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ADDITIONAL SECURITY FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS; AND DETERMINING CERTAIN MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH AND AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M. AND PUBLICATION THEREOF

1. Deputy Director Cross made a motion for the Introduction on first reading. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Laury.
2. Roll Call Vote, 6/0: Director Acton- for, Freeholder Painter- for, Freeholder Ware- for, Deputy Director Cross- for, Freeholder Vanderslice – for, Freeholder Laury- for
3. Public Hearing (and adoption) scheduled for Wednesday, March 16, 2016

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE – Acton, Vanderslice, Painter**

R. 2016-108

ADMINISTRATIVE

Amendment To Resolution 2016-3 Job Classification Titles And Salary Ranges

R. 2016-109

ADMINISTRATIVE

Resolution For Additional Appropriations In The Temporary Budget For Cy 2016 For The County Of Salem

R. 2016-110

ADMINISTRATIVE

Resolution Freezing The Salaries Of The Freeholders For The County Of Salem At The 2015 Rate For Fiscal 2016

Freeholder Vanderslice moved for the adoption of these (3) three resolutions with Freeholder Painter seconding his motion.

Freeholder Vanderslice stated that the county has been operating with 6 Freeholders and maybe this is the time where we should ask our Solicitor for advice for exploring options to reduce the size of the Freeholder Board to 5.

Director Acton stated that on R. 2016-110, due to economic crisis in the County, the Freeholder's have opted not to take a 2% raise.

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

**EDUCATION/EMPLOYMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE – Painter, Acton**

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE – Vanderslice, Painter, Laury**

R. 2016-111

**HEALTH & HUMAN**

Resolution Approving A Memorandum Of Understanding Between The New Jersey Family Planning League, Inc. And Salem County Department Of Health And Human Services

R. 2016-112

**HEALTH & HUMAN**

Resolution Approving A Contract Between The County Of Salem And Kent Avenue Apartments For The Delaware Shuttle Waiting Room

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

**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – Cross, Ware**

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Cross, Laury, Vanderslice**

R. 2016-113

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Resolution Awarding A Contract For Providing Inmate Dental Care To The Salem County Correctional Facility – (Dentrust Dental, P.A. - \$38,352)

R. 2016-114

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

A Resolution Of The Board Of Chosen Freeholders Of The County Of Salem, New Jersey Authorizing And Approving The Execution And Delivery Of A Support Agreement With The Salem County Improvement Authority Relating To The Issuance By The Salem County Improvement Authority Of Its county Guaranteed Revenue Bonds, In One Or More Series, In A Total Aggregate Principal Amount Not To Exceed \$8,220,000; And Determining Certain Matters In Connection Therewith

R. 2016-115

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Resolution Approving Amendment To The Salem County Solid Waste Management Plan (Waiver Required)

R. 2016-116

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Resolution Approving Guaranty Agreement By And Among Salem County Improvement Authority And The County Of Salem (Waiver Required)

Deputy Director Cross moved for the adoption of these (3) three resolutions (R. 2016-115 was passed previously) with Freeholder Laury seconding his motion.

County Counsel Michael Mulligan stated that he has the revised support agreement pertaining to R.2016-114.

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

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

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Laury, Ware, Acton**

R. 2016-117

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Resolution Awarding A Contract For Furnishing Rubbish And Recyclables Removal For Various County Of Salem Departments And Agencies – (M. Massari and Sons - \$28,380)

R. 2016-118

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Resolution Approving The Execution Of Change Order #3 Resurfacing Of Elmer-Shirley Road, County Road #611 In Upper Pittsgrove And Pittsgrove Townships And The Borough Of Elmer For The County Of Salem; NJDOT Job #700320

R. 2016-119

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Resolution Approving The Execution Of Change Order #4 Rehabilitation Of Willow Grove Road/Lake/Water Control Structures In Pittsgrove Township For The County Of Salem, Federal Project #ER-NJ11(064)CON; NJDOT Job #7110321

R. 2016-120

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Resolution Approving The Execution Of Change Order #2 2013 County Aid Road Program 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 6/0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Director Acton stated that the South Jersey Business Magazine is looking for sponsors; they will be having an edition for Salem County. If any local business is interested in advertising, please let us know.

Director Acton also stated that she and Freeholder Painter attended the Quality Cup of Excellence on February 10 at the Salem County Vocational and Technical School. The interaction with the students was great. The ROTC was the first place winner and we will be recognizing them on February 18, 2016 at 8:00am.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Freeholder Vanderslice stated that Chemours is very serious about industrial development at their Salem County location. Because such development would include electric service to potential tenants, there is concern that the Board of Public Utilities may halt progress. Therefore, Chemours is requesting a letter of support from the South Jersey Economic Development Council to the Board of Public Utilities.

Motion made by Freeholder Vanderslice that the Freeholder Board send the Board of Public Utilities a letter of support on behalf of Chemours in regards to industrial development. Motion was seconded by Freeholder Painter. All were in favor.

Director Acton commented that in regards to R. 2016-110, Freeholder salaries have been frozen. Such action is necessary because of challenging economic times and the announcement that county ratables have declined. The county is trying to promote Salem County by encouraging economic development. She stated that Freeholder Vanderslice has been soliciting several different companies in the hopes of increasing tax ratables in order to help stabilize or increase the tax base.

Freeholder Vanderslice stated that we cannot count on the State of New Jersey to be an option for tax relief (referring to the need to increase tax ratables resulting from economic development).

**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Freeholder Painter stated that today (February 17) he toured the Berkowitz facility in Oldmans Township along with representatives from the One-Stop, Salem Community College, and the Vocational Technical High School. Three hours were spent talking about job opportunities, positions, and attributes they are looking for in their hiring process.

Director Acton stated that she and Freeholder Painter went to Trenton yesterday (February 16) to represent Salem County at the budget address from the Governor. Governor Christy announced the increase in state allocations to municipalities. Director Acton has a call into the Governor’s Office to clarify exactly what that means for Salem County.

Deputy Director Cross stated that the Salem County Vocational and Technical School is having their annual Education Foundation Dinner on February 26<sup>th</sup> at the Centerton Country Club. Our very own Lee Ware is this year’s honoree.

**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.

Charles Hassler, Salem

- Stated that his contract for burial plaques did not get renewed, but wanted to thank the Freeholder Board and Joe Hannagan for the opportunity to serve them.

Director Acton thanked everyone for their comments and announced the next meeting will be held on March 2, 2016, at 7:00 PM at the Olde Courthouse located at 104 Market Street. Salem, New Jersey. Workshop meeting will begin at 6:00 PM.

Freeholder Vanderslice made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Freeholder Painter, carried by hand vote of 6/0 at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin Crouch, Clerk of the Board