

**SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
FEBRUARY 1, 2017 MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Director Vanderslice:

Gary Harris, Pennsville, US Army 1979- 1982 led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the prayer led by Deputy Director Laury.

Director Vanderslice 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: Cross, DeCastro, Griscom, Laury, Painter, Ware and Director Vanderslice

Motion was made by Deputy Director Laury to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the January 18 workshop meeting and regular meeting. Minutes be received, approved and recorded in the Minute Book. There was no discussion, the motion was seconded by Freeholder Painter and carried by hand vote of 7/0.

WAIVER OF THE RULES

CORRESPONDENCE

GENERAL

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

PAYMENTS OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

Motion was made by Deputy Director Laury that all Bills and Claims, when properly signed and audited be paid and charged to their respective accounts. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Cross and carried by a hand vote of 6/0/1. Freeholder Painter abstained.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Julie A. Acton – 10 years service to the County of Salem as Freeholder
With special guest: Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno, Senate President Stephen Sweeney, and
Assemblyman John Burzichelli.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE –Vanderslice, Cross, Painter

R. 2017-73

ADMINISTRATIVE

Finance Resolution Requesting Transfer Of Funds

Freeholder Cross moved for the adoption of this (1) resolution with Freeholder Painter seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution carried a hand vote of 7/0.

EDUCATION/EMPLOYMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE – Painter, DeCastro, Griscom

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE – Vanderslice, Painter, Griscom

R. 2017-74

HEALTH & HUMAN

Resolution Authorizing Freeholder Director And Clerk Of The Board Of Chosen Freeholders For The County Of Salem To Sign The 2016-2017 County Environmental Health Act Grant Application

Freeholder Painter moved for the adoption of this one (1) resolution with Freeholder DeCastro seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution carried a hand vote of 7/0.

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – DeCastro, Vanderslice, Ware

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Cross, Laury, Vanderslice

R. 2017-75

PUBLIC SAFETY

Resolution Accepting Federal Fiscal Year 2016 Subgrant Award From New Jersey Department Of Law And Public Safety Division Of State Police Office Of Emergency Management For Emergency Management Performance Grant No. FY16-EMPG-EMAA-1700 In The Amount Of \$55,000.00

R. 2017-76

PUBLIC SAFETY

Resolution Of The Board Of Chosen Freeholders Supporting An Application To The United States Department Of Homeland Security (DHS) For Funding The Program To Prepare Communities For Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attacks (CCTA Program) Grant

Freeholder Cross moved for the adoption of these two (2) resolutions with Deputy Director Laury seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a hand vote of 7/0.

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Laury, Ware, Griscom

R. 2017-77

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution Approving The Execution Of Change Order #6 2013 County Aid Program For The County Of Salem

Deputy Director Laury moved for the adoption of this one (1) resolution with Freeholder Ware seconding his motion.

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

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Freeholder Cross stated that there is a meeting scheduled for next Tuesday with the Prosecutor and his office to find out how bail reform has been impacting us.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Freeholder Painter announced the Vocational Technical School will be honoring Dr. Michael Gorman at their Educational Foundation Leadership Recognition and Scholarship Dinner to be held on February 24, 2017. Tickets are 45\$ a piece.

Freeholder DeCastro mentioned to public visitor Patty Bomba, that she checked into her comment from the last meeting, and it was a typo and will be corrected for future reference.

Freeholder Griscom excused himself from the meeting.

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 concerns about the 4:00pm Freeholder meetings and asked the board to reconsider changing back to 7:00pm meeting for everyone to attend.
- Identified an agenda typo which should read that the next meeting is February 15th.

Director Vanderslice stated that the 3rd week meetings of the month will still begin at 7:00pm, but there were concerns raised with public wanting to attend meetings, but unable to drive in the dark. We are trying to accommodate everyone.

Patty Bomba, Carneys Point –

- Thanked Freeholder DeCastro for looking into the matter of the typo.
- Stated that she hopes to see some transparency soon between the parties.

Carolyn Shoemaker, Vice President of CWA 1085 –

- Stated concerns of little progress regarding today's meeting with the Union and mediator.
- The union has been more than willing to negotiate but nothing is being accomplished.
- There are upset employees, staff replacements not being made causing double duties, morale is low, and hopes a whole "picture solution" can be made.

Joe Hiles, Woodstown –

- Stated his concerns as chief shop steward and disheartening feel from today's meeting with the CWA.
- Has been very hopeful in this being a new year, with a new director, with a hopeful message at the Reorganization meeting and county employee meeting.
- This message is hard to believe when the Freeholder administration does not sit at the table.
- Wants to restore faith, morale, and what is overall best for Salem County and its residents.

Michael Stites, Quinton –

- Stated as a 21 year employee he was very disheartened to have accomplished nothing from the CWA negotiations with a mediator. It was a wasted day off.
- A resolution of the negotiations needs to be done as there has been no change since October 2016.
- Would like to see a fair and honest contract.

Jolyn Mitchell, Quinton –

- Stated how, after facing 11 years of possibly being laid off, she now has to work two jobs to keep her employment, Public Works and Mosquito Commission.
- Mentioned that not one Freeholder showed up today for the CWA negotiation meeting.
- She, along with the rest of members, just want to be heard and feels like no one cares what they are concerned about, or have interest in what they have to say.
- Stated everyone appreciates what the Board does, but asks for them to please take an interest in coming up with a resolution for a fair, honest and reasonable contract.

Denise DiTeodoro, Mannington -

- Stated she was not born or raised in Salem County, but chose Salem County. Chose to live here and chose to raise her family here.
- She has 2 degrees, but loves her job and is passionate about it.
- Stated that statistics show dispatchers are amongst the top 12 job titles that commit suicide.
- Stated that she has been employed with the County and has more experience than anyone sitting on the Freeholder Board.
- Stated there is a rumor out there, and everyone is concerned for their jobs again, and please ask the Freeholder Board to be honest, and not put their department through what happened last year.
- She is a small business owner and understands the struggle of balancing a budget and taxes.
- She reiterated that she chose this county and chooses to represent Salem County.
- She thanked everyone on the Freeholder Board for their hard work and service.

Gerald Baber, Alloway –

- Stated that 9 days ago there was a great County employee meeting with a hopeful message.
- He thanked Ms. Pennington for sending out emails addressing employees' concerns for daily operational tasks and the safety of the County.
- He mentioned there are always good times and here are always bad times, but he is still continuing to be hopeful for transparency and a bit of the pie because it is a new year, a new day, a new age, and a new Director.
- Stated to please continue to keep transparency constant.

Freeholder Director Vanderslice announced the next meeting will be held Wednesday, February 15, 2017, at 7:00 in the Freeholder Meeting Room located on the first floor of the Old Salem Court House, with a 6:00pm Workshop Meeting prior.

Freeholder Painter made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Deputy Director Laury. The adjournment carried by hand vote of 6/0 at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Curtis Harker, Clerk of the Board