

**SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
MEETING MINUTES JUNE 21, 2017 4:00 PM
OLD COURTHOUSE, SALEM, NJ 08079**

The meeting was called to order by Director Vanderslice at 4:00 PM.

Director Vanderslice 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: DeCastro, Griscom, Deputy Director Laury, Painter, Ware, and Director Vanderslice. Freeholder Cross was absent.

Motion was made by Deputy Director Laury to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the May 17, 2017 regular meeting. Minutes will be received, approved, and recorded in the minute book. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Painter and as there was no discussion, it carried by hand vote of 6/0.

WAIVER OF THE RULES – There was no waiver of the rules.

CORRESPONDENCE

Motion was made by Deputy Director Laury to accept and file the correspondence, as well as, the committee/ commission minutes and reports be made a part of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Ware and as there was no discussion, it carried by hand vote of 6/0.

Correspondence:

- Georgia M. Curio, Assignment Judge – sufficiency of Salem County Courthouse Facilities
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People – concern over conditions of Salem City temporary classrooms
- Chance & McCann – Salem City's interest in joint Construction Code Offices.
- Atlantic City Electric rate change
- South Jersey Gas rate changes
- Atlantic City Electric – Press Release ACE Power Ahead Program to Enhance Grid Resiliency
- Mercer County – resolution recognizing April 2017 as Autism Awareness Month
- City of Philadelphia Division of Housing and Community Development – Preliminary Action Plan
- Pittsgrove Township – Request for Parvin Mill Road Equestrian Signage
- Cape May County – Resolution urging the State to put fiscal safeguards in place during transition to mental health providers fee for services implementation
- Hudson County – Resolution urging the State to put fiscal safeguards in place during transition to mental health providers fee for services implementation
- Atlantic City Electric – guiderail discussion with County Engineering Department

Committee/ Commissions minutes:

- County Clerk – Certification and Report of Election.
- Julie A. Acton – Salem County Improvement Authority May 11, 2017, June 8, 2017 regular meeting packet and minutes.
- Nightlinger, Colavita & Volpa CPA – Salem County Community Bus Service Financial Statements June 30, 2016
- Public Works Committee Meeting May 2, 2017
- State Agriculture Development Committee – Sitting Freeholder Eligibility to Apply for Farmland Preservation

PAYMENT OF BILLS & 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 Ware and as there was no discussion, it carried by hand vote of 5/0/1. Freeholder Painter abstained.

TREASURERS REPORT

Motion was made by Deputy Director Laury that the Treasurer's Report for May 2017 be accepted and made part of the record. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Ware and as there was no discussion, it carried by hand vote of 6/0.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Michael Gorman and five members of the Salem County Economic Development Council presented their new Location-Opportunity-Values-Energized "L.O.V.E. Salem County Experience" Campaign. Brian Cowan, Economic Development Chairman asked attendees for feedback. Patty Bomba suggested including the Carney's Point Recreation Place for Sammi as the first handicap playground installed 15 years ago. Freeholder Ware thanked the council members and commended them for their work over the 3½ years and stated they are moving in the right path.

Director Vanderslice indicated the Freeholders were just given budget information and he would like to provide a few minutes for them to review. Deputy Director Laury made a motion to go into recess for 15 minutes, seconded by Freeholder Painter, it carried by a hand vote of 6/0. Director Vanderslice stated the meeting will reconvene at 4:30 pm.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE – Vanderslice, Cross, Painter

Resolution 2017-188: Resolution to Have the 2017 Budget Read by Title

Motion was made by Deputy Director Laury to have the 2017 Budget read by title. Motion seconded by Freeholder Painter and as there was no discussion, it carried by a hand vote of 6/0

Motion was made by Freeholder Ware to open public hearing on the 2017 budget, seconded by Freeholder Painter, it carried by a hand vote of 6/0.

No public comments were received.

Motion was made by Freeholder Ware to close the public hearing, seconded by Freeholder Painter, it carried by a hand vote of 6/0.

Resolution 2017-189: County of Salem Resolution to Amend Budget. Freeholder Motion was made by Deputy Director Laury to amend the budget, seconded by Freeholder Painter, as there was no discussion it carried by a roll call vote of 6/0.

Motion was made to adopt the budget by Deputy Director Laury, seconded by Freeholder Painter. During discussion, Freeholder Ware commended Director Bob Vanderslice on his hard work and for honoring his word that there would be no drama this year. Mr. Ware stated he has been involved in government for 50 years and that this is the worst times we are facing. Freeholder Ware stated he is concerned about the seven and half-cent increase and the historically low surplus that will affect future budget is why he will not support the budget. Freeholder DeCastro commented that she agrees with the points Freeholder Ware made and would add her concern that Women's Services was not funded. She has concerns for our future generations and if we lose the Women's Services line item now it will forever be lost. The motion carried by a roll call vote of 4/2 with Freeholders Ware and DeCastro against.

EDUCATION/EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE – Painter, DeCastro, Griscom

Resolution 2017-190: Resolution Appointing Members to the Board of Education of the Special Services School District and Vocational School District of the County of Salem. There was a motion by Freeholder Painter to adopt this one (1) resolution, seconded by Freeholder DeCastro. As there was no discussion, the motion carried by 6/0 hand vote.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE – Vanderslice, Painter, Griscom

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – DeCastro, Vanderslice, Ware

Resolution 2017-191: Resolution Appointing Constance S. Garton as a member of the Salem County Solid Waste Advisory Council. There was a motion by Freeholder DeCastro for the adoption of this one (1) resolution, seconded by Freeholder Ware. As there was no discussion, the motion carried by 6/0 hand vote.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Cross, Laury, Vanderslice

Resolution 2017-192: Resolution of the Board of Chosen Freeholders Supporting and Approving an Application to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Multi-jurisdictional Gang, Gun and Narcotics Task Force Grant Program for the Prosecutor's Office. There was a motion made by Deputy Director Laury for the adoption of this one (1) resolution, seconded by Freeholder Ware. As there was no discussion, the motion carried by 6/0 hand vote.

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

Resolution 2017-193: Resolution Authorizing the Proposed Acquisition of a Development Easement on CTI Solutions Farm in Pittsgrove Township.

Resolution 2017-194: Resolution Authorizing the Proposed Acquisition of a Development Easement on Ambruster Farm Upper Pittsgrove Township.

Resolution 2017-195: Resolution Authorizing the Proposed Acquisition of a Development Easement on McAlonan Farm (Block 6) in Alloway Township.

Resolution 2017-196: Resolution Authorizing the Proposed Acquisition of a Development Easement on McAlonan Farm (Block 18) in Alloway Township.

There was a motion made by Freeholder Ware for the adoption of these four (4) resolutions, seconded by Freeholder DeCastro. Deputy Director Laury commented that Upper Pittsgrove has over 10,000 acres of preserved farmland. There was no further discussion, the motion carried by 6/0 hand vote.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Laury, Ware, Griscom

Resolution 2017-197: Resolution Renewing a Contract for the Provision of Janitorial Supplies and Course Paper Products for the Salem County Cooperative Contract Purchasing System.

Resolution 2017-198: Resolution Renewing a Contract for Furnishing and Delivering Standard High Performance Cold Patch for the County of Salem and the Members of the Salem County Cooperative Pricing System Identifier Number 75-SCCP.

Resolution 2017-199: Resolution Renewing a Contract for Furnishing and Delivering Rock Salt for the County of Salem and the Members of the Salem County Cooperative Pricing System Identifier Number 75-SCCP.

Resolution 2017-200: Resolution Approving an Agreement Pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services Act with the Borough of Woodstown for Sidewalk Construction in the Area of the Railroad Crossing on Elm Street, County Road #602.

Resolution 2017-201: Resolution Prohibiting Normal Traffic Kings Highway, County Road #620, Haines Neck Road, County Road #631 and By-Pass Road, County Road #540, in Pilesgrove Township and Mannington Township, in the County of Salem.

Resolution 2017-202: Resolution Renewing a Contract for the 2017 Oil and Stone Program for the County of Salem.

Resolution 2017-203: Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Resurfacing of Alloway-Woodstown Road, County Road #603 in Alloway Township for the County of Salem, NJDOT Job #7101312.

Resolution 2017-204: Resolution Authorizing Triad Associates to Prepare an NJDCA Training Site Upgrades Grant Application at No Cost to County Government Allowing Expanded Educational Programs by the Mid-Atlantic States Career and Education Center.

Resolution 2017-205: Resolution to Approve Application for Motorist Solicitation Pursuant to Resolution No. 98-115 (National Multiple Sclerosis Team Making Strides).

Resolution 2017-206: Resolution to Approve Application for Motorist Solicitation Pursuant to Resolution No. 98-115 (South Jersey Rising Stars Track Club).

There was a motion to move for adoption of these ten (10) resolutions by Deputy Director Laury, with a seconded by Freeholder Ware. As there was no discussion, the motion carried by 6/0 hand vote.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Freeholder Ware said it is bittersweet to say goodbye as Curt Harker has been a constant as Clerk of the Board and he wishes Curt well in his new office. Freeholder Ware thanked Brenda Banks for the help she has and will continue to provide. Director Vanderslice also thanked Curt for his service to the Freeholders as Clerk of the Board.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Freeholder Painter announced Salem County Vo-Tech School held their first outdoor graduation on the front lawn. The Salem County Special Services School also recently held their graduation.

Director Vanderslice announced the third Town Hall meeting which would be held at the Friends Village in Woodstown on August 2, 2017 from 6PM-7PM. Director Vanderslice also announced the next Government 101 Series would be held in the evening from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM on Thursday's from September 14 to November 9.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Warren Whiting, Cobbs Mill Road, Alloway

- Mr. Whiting expressed concerns over the cost of government versus quality of services provided. His concerns ranged from Alloway Township Post Office, small towns duplication suggesting merger and small firehouses inability to get enough volunteers. He suggested that County government work with the State to consolidate services.

Jim Rowe, Mannington-Yorktown Road, Mannington

- He asked who is the Salem County Schools Liaison as he questioned the transparency of the Salem Middle School closure going on too long before the County knew schoolchildren were transferred to location(s) not conducive to teaching. Mr. Rowe indicated it is being resolved but wanted to go on record concerning the miscommunication with the Freeholders. Freeholder Douglass Painter, Freeholder Board Education/Employment Liaison, explained that each school district has their own Superintendent who oversees their district. Freeholder Painter continued that the County Superintendent oversees budget matters and State requirements. Freeholder Painter asked if concerns were voiced at the school board meetings in which Mr. Rowe indicated yes. Freeholder DeCastro indicated that she took a tour last week of the temporary facilities and stated if we do not know about the problem we cannot help fix it. Mr. Rowe encouraged parents to be more involved with which Freeholder DeCastro agreed.
- Mr. Rowe inquired about resurfacing just parts of Woodstown-Alloway Road. Deputy Director Ben Laury indicated that the road is being resurfaced in sections which will continue. Deputy Director state that he will update the public on the road's completion status.
- Mr. Rowe inquired about the Resolution regarding the road closure purpose on Kings Highway. Deputy Director Ben Laury indicated it is for the Main Street Cow 5K Run.

Patty Bomba, Carneys Point

- Mrs. Bomba stated she agreed with Mr. Rowe that sometimes there are run arounds with school district issues. Ms. Bomba stated she had spoken to many, including Dr. Nicolosi, Ms. Isaacs, Ms. Demarest and that the issue had ended in the Prosecutor's Office.
- Mrs. Bomba announced that the Resource for Independent Living is holding a \$20 raffle having an opportunity to win every day. She requested that County employees be notified of the raffle.

Deputy Director Laury made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Freeholder Painter. The adjournment carried by hand vote of 6/0 at 4:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Curtis W. Harker, Clerk of the Board

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