

SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
Meeting Minutes July 19, 2017
4:00 PM
Alloway Municipal Building, 49 S. Greenwich Street, Alloway, NJ

Director Vanderslice called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Director Vanderslice called upon Joseph Hannagan, County Veterans Administrator to introduce Paul Denelsbeck, Jr., a United States Navy Veteran who served from July 1980 to July 1983. Mr. Denelsbeck led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance. Director Vanderslice called upon Jim Whitt, Alloway resident who provided a prayer.

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 June 21, 2017 regular meeting. Minutes will be received, approved, and recorded in the Minute Book. Freeholder Ware seconded the motion 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. Freeholder Painter seconded the motion and as there was no discussion, it carried by hand vote of 6/0.

Correspondence:

- South Jersey Gas in the matter of the petition of South Jersey Gas Company for approval of a Municipal Consent in the Township of Pilesgrove, Salem County. BPU Docket No. GE16121147
- Cumberland County Board of Chosen Freeholders Resolution 2017-295 supporting a financial safety net and fiscal safeguards to assist with the transition to the NJ State fee for service model to ensure equitable funding rates for behavioral health providers in order to provide quality services.
- Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders Resolution in support of a statue at Penn Station, Newark of A. Philip Randolph.
- Letter to provide public notice of the start of the “Public Comment Period” for permit application for Railroad Improvements CAFRA Individual Permit, NJDEP File No. 1712-16-0001.1, AG File No. A-0930-0014-012.
- Letter from Montgomery McCracken Attorneys at Law in the matter of the petition of Atlantic City Electric Company for a determination pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:55D-19 that the use of certain lands with the Township of Upper Pittsgrove; The Township of Pittsgrove; The City of Vineland; The Township of Franklin; the Borough of Buena; the Township of Buena Vista; the Township of Hamilton; The Township of Weymouth; The City of Estell Manor; and the Township of Egg Harbor; all in the counties of Salem, Cumberland, Gloucester, and Atlantic; all in the State of New Jersey are reasonably necessary for the service, convenience or welfare of the public; and that the zoning and land use ordinances of those municipalities and counties shall have no application thereto.
- Salem County Special Services and Vocational Technical School Districts letter providing sixty-day notice to request withdraw from the shared services agreement for landscaping.
- County of Mercer Resolution No. 2017-290 urging the State of New Jersey to put fiscal safeguards in place during the transition fee for services or delay the July 1, 2017 implementation date.
- County of Mercer Resolution No. 2017-291 supports a financial safety net and fiscal safeguards to assist with the transition to the New Jersey State fee for service model to ensure equitable funding rates for behavioral health providers in order to provide quality services.
- Salem County Special Services and Vocational Technical School Districts letter to reinstate lawn service for July and August.

Committee/ Commissions minutes:

- Office of Disability Services Advisory Board Meeting Minutes May 9, 2017

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. Freeholder Griscom seconded the motion 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 June 2017 be accepted and made part of the record. Freeholder Griscom seconded the motion and as there was no discussion, it carried by hand vote of 6/0.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Director Vanderslice recognized the local elected officials and thanked Mayor Ed McKelvie and Committeewoman Beth Riley for hosting the meeting.

Director Vanderslice recognized two individuals, Patty and Pat Bomba of Carney’s Point Township, who faithfully attend the Freeholder meetings and many community events in the County, as they celebrate 50 years of marriage. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bomba said a few words.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE – Vanderslice, Cross, Painter

Resolution 2017-207:

Finance Resolution Cancellation of Check.

Resolution 2017- 208:

Resolution Authorizing the County of Salem to Submit an Eligibility Determination and Funding Application to the United States of America Acting Through Rural Development, Department of Agriculture for The Salem County Railroad Port Branch Rehabilitation.

Resolution 2017-209:

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.

Resolution 2017-2010:

Resolution Awarding a Contract for Real Estate Auction Services for the County of Salem.

Resolution 2017-211:

Resolution Requesting Change in Title, Text, or Amount of Appropriations Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-85.

Resolution 2017-212:

Resolution Appointing the Clerk of the Board for the County of Salem.

There was a motion to move for adoption of these six (6) resolutions by Deputy Director Laury, seconded by Freeholder DeCastro. Freeholder Painter asked that the minutes reflect he abstain from Resolution 2017-210 (A4). Deputy Director Laury commented on Resolution 2017-208 and explained the funding opportunity for the Railroad and being committed to finishing the project into the port to assist companies who need port access and operation of the railroad. Empire Blended is excited and Salem City could see 30-60 trains a month. The County has worked with Lou Joyce and this will be a 40-year loan with low interest. With no further discussion, the motion passed with a hand vote of 6/0, with 1 abstain on Resolution 2017-210 by Freeholder Painter.

EDUCATION/EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE – Painter, DeCastro, Griscom

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE – Vanderslice, Painter, Griscom

Resolution 2017-213:

Resolution Executing and Accepting a Grant from the New Jersey Department of Health for the Local Core Capacity for Public Health Emergency Preparedness.

Resolution 2017-214:

Resolution an Inter-Local Agreement between the Salem County Board of Chosen Freeholders and Penns Grove Borough, Pennsville Township, Pittsgrove Township, and Lower Alloways Creek Township of Salem County for the Provision of Transportation Services under Various Programs.

Resolution 2017-215:

Resolution Supporting the Salem County Office on Aging and Disabilities to Accept a Grant for the State Health Insurance Program (SHIP).

Resolution 2017-216

Resolution Authorizing Letter of Agreement to Provide County Intoxicated Driver Resource Center Services. (Straight and Narrow, Inc.).

Resolution 2017-217:

Resolution Authorizing Letter of Agreement to Provide Management Services for the Salem County Intoxicated Driver Resource Center. (The Southwest Council, Inc.).

Resolution 2017-218:

Resolution Renewing a Contract for Providing Various Services for the Salem County Alcohol and Drug Services Office.

Resolution 2017-219:

Resolution for the Appointment of Members to the Salem County Mental Health Board.

There was a motion to move for adoption the above seven (7) resolutions by Freeholder Painter, seconded by Freeholder Ware and with no further discussion the motion carried with a hand vote of 6/0.

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – DeCastro, Vanderslice, Ware

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Cross, Laury, Vanderslice

Resolution 2017-220:

Resolution of the Board of Chosen Freeholders Supporting and Approving a Grant Application with the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice for the Prosecutor's Office.

Resolution 2017-221:

Resolution Awarding a Contract for Supplying and Delivering Sheriff and Correctional Officers' Uniforms, Correctional Facility Maintenance Department Uniforms, and Communication Center Uniforms for the County of Salem.

There was a motion to move for adoption the above two (2) resolutions by Deputy Director Laury, seconded by Freeholder Ware and with no further discussion the motion carried with a hand vote of 6/0.

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

Resolution 2017-222:

Resolution Authorizing the Proposed Acquisition of a Development Easement on Hackett Farm Upper Pittsgrove Township.

There was a motion to move for adoption the above resolution by Freeholder Ware, seconded by Freeholder DeCastro and with no further discussion the motion carried with a hand vote of 6/0.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Laury, Ware, Griscom

Resolution 2017- 223:

Resolution to Approve Penns Grove Soccer Club Application for Motorist Solicitation Pursuant to Resolution No. 98-155.

Resolution 2017-224:

Resolution Prohibiting Normal Traffic, South Main Street, County Road #672 in the Borough of Woodstown, Salem County for the Fall Festival.

Resolution 2017-225:

Concurring Resolution Handicap Parking Regulation South Broad Street, County Road #607, Borough of Penns Grove, County of Salem.

Resolution 2017-226:

Resolution Awarding a Professional Services Contract for Traffic Engineering Consultant Intersection and Road Analyses for the County of Salem SJTPO Unified Planning Work Program.

Resolution 2017-227:

Resolution Approving the Execution of Change Order #3 2012 County Aid Road Program Resurfacing of Woodstown-Alloway Road, County Road #603 for the County of Salem.

There was a motion to move for adoption of these five (5) resolutions by Deputy Director Laury, with a seconded by Freeholder Ware. Deputy Director Laury commented on Resolution 2017:226 we received funding to study four intersections throughout the County. As there was no further discussion, the motion carried by 6/0 hand vote.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Director Bob Vanderslice announced the following:

Salem County Fair will be held August 8-11 and fireworks will be held on Thursday evening.

Government 101: County Government Works series will be held in the fall beginning September 14 on Thursday evenings from 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm.

Third Quarter Town Hall meeting will be held at Friends Home Village in Woodstown. We have a survey to get the feel of services from the public as we are beginning the prep on the 2018 budget.

The key communicator sign up cards are available to register and receive emails about what is going on in the county.

Freeholder DeCastro announced Saturday the Penns Grove Rotary will hold their annual Chicken BBQ at Salem Community College. She has tickets available.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Patty Bomba, Carneys Point: Expressed concern that disabled citizens and seniors are being charged for medical trips. Freeholder Director will look into the matter.
- Joe Hiles, Woodstown: Announced Woodstown will host their first 4th Friday event on July 28 on North and South Main Street. The event is family friendly. In addition, questioned the status of the CWA contract since he thought it was being signed at tonight's meeting. County Counsel indicated there was one remaining issue that needed to be negotiated. As Chief Shop Steward, he wanted to voice his disappointment.
- Joan Dickens, Pennsville: Questioned if the County has ever considered phasing out pensions for 401K plans. Deputy Direct Laury indicated that all new employees are on a 401K plan.
- Diane McAllister, Pennsville: Thanked the board for the time to serve. Concerned about increasing property taxes and wanted to know if they were thinking of things to reduce taxes. Director Vanderslice responded that economic development is the board's focus while County departments have experiences cuts to their OE. The 2018 budget process has started and the Board wants to know what services the public are willing to reduce to cut costs. Mrs. McAllister commented that this is serious and she is glad that residents are being included. She would like to know more about County mandates.
- Ed McKelvie, Alloway Township Mayor: Alloway Committee Day will be held this Saturday.
- Ed Ramsey, Pittsgrove Township: Questioned the Farm Assessments. Commented regarding the two cents per year farm assessment and he thought the farmers agreed of one cent; however, the state said it was mandated. Mr. Ramsey thinks the Freeholder Board accepted and we gave into the state, as it is not mandated. Freeholder Ware explained the idea was explored last year. CFO Coleman indicated Mr. Ramsey is correct. Director Vanderslice asked County Counsel Mulligan about a voter Referendum and he indicated there are legal steps to take, and we are not stuck with forever.
- Deputy Director Laury indicated two cents are there but one cent must remain, as it is necessary for what we borrowed originally to have the farmland. Mr. Ramsey indicated we should not be in the business of saving when only the farmers benefit.
- Warren Wheting: Indicated saving the economy. Questioned if there is still a lottery to reduce to five Freeholders. Freeholder DeCastro indicted the Freeholders took a 20% reduction. Mr. Wheting suggested eliminate the mandates such as on health insurance.

- Debbie Delean, Pennsville: Questioned the board what are the top three reasons that hinder development in Salem County. Director Vanderslice indicated they are working closely with Chemours who is currently subdividing and anticipate announcement in near future of marketing sites in their plant. Oldmans has added additional warehouse and continues to add space. The Board is focused on three areas: Oldmans, City of Salem, and Chemours. People have expressed an interest because of the railroad. All municipalities need to come on board to welcome business opportunities. The county does not have authority over businesses and permits.

Ms. Delean indicated Pennsville is seeing closures, houses abandoned, flood insurance. Need to fight FEMA.

- Jolyn Mitchell- Quinton Township: As a CWA Shop Steward understands the employer and employee side. However, these areas holding up the Memorandum of Agreement were never brought up. County Counsel Mulligan advised to have their lawyer get the letter. The Sheriff has vital interest regarding shift work, Sunday pay and the MOA does not address this topic. Ms. Mitchell indicated it was their understanding it would be signed this evening.

Deputy Director Laury made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Freeholder Ware. The adjournment carried by hand vote of 6/0 at 4:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda P. Banks, Clerk of the Board