



Board of Chosen Freeholders

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 2018

6:30 PM

Salem County Olde Courthouse, 104 Market Street, Salem, New Jersey, 08079

I. Call to Order

Director Melissa DeCastro called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

II. Invocation:

Deputy Director Charles Hassler provided the invocation

Pledge of Allegiance: Called upon Joseph Hannagan, Director of Veterans Affairs Services to lead the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Statement Regarding Open Public Meetings Act

Deputy Clerk of the Board, Stacy Pennington, stated that adequate notice pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has been given of this meeting by:

Adequate notice pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has been given of this meeting:

1. By forwarding notice to the South Jersey Times and Elmer Times Co.; and
2. By posting notice on the bulletin board in the Salem County Courthouse, Fifth Street Complex; and
3. By filing notice in the Offices of the Salem County Clerk and the Clerk of the Board all having been done at least 48 hours in advance.

IV. Attendance Roll Call

Freeholder	Present	Absent
Freeholder Lee Ware	X	
Deputy Director Charles Hassler	X	
Freeholder Benjamin Laury	X	
Freeholder Scott Griscom	X	
Director Melissa DeCastro	X	

Quorum was established with five Freeholders present (5/0).

V. Minutes

Motion was made by Deputy Director Hassler to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the February 21, 2018 regular meeting. Minutes are to be received, approved, and recorded in the Minute Book. Freeholder Lee Ware seconded the motion. No Discussion, it carried by a roll call vote

Freeholder	Aye	Nye	Abstain	Absent
Freeholder Lee Ware	X			
Deputy Director Charles Hassler	X			
Freeholder Benjamin Laury	X			
Freeholder Scott Griscom	X			
Director Melissa DeCastro	X			

VI. Special Recognition:

VII. Presentation:

VIII. Waiver of the Rules

IX. Correspondence

A. General:

- 1. Resolution adopted by the Atlantic County Board of Chosen Freeholders opposing pending State legislation awarding pay raises to high ranking State officials and State executive level officers and staff.
- 2. South Jersey Gas Notice of Filing of Petition and of Public Hearing to continue its storm hardening and reliability program.
- 3. NJ American Water Public Notice of the filing of a Petition for approval of a distribution system improvement charge

B. Committee/ Commission Minutes and Reports:

- 1. Salem County Pollution Control Authority’s January 9, 2018 Minutes
- 2. Salem County Cultural and Heritage Commission
- 3. Salem County Youth Services Commission Bylaws

Motion was made by Deputy Director Charles Hassler to accept and file the correspondence, as well as, the committee/commission minutes and reports be made a part of the minutes.

Freeholder Lee Ware seconded the motion there was no discussion, it was carried by a roll call vote

Freeholder	Aye	Nye	Abstain	Absent
Freeholder Lee Ware	X			
Deputy Director Charles Hassler	X			
Freeholder Benjamin Laury	X			
Freeholder Scott Griscom	X			
Director Melissa DeCastro	X			

X. Payment of Bills and Claims:

A motion was made by Deputy Director Charles Hassler that all bills and claims, when audited and properly signed, be paid and charged to their respective accounts. Freeholder Lee Ware seconded the motion, the motion carried by a roll call vote

Freeholder	Aye	Nye	Abstain	Absent
Freeholder Lee Ware	X			
Deputy Director Charles Hassler	X			
Freeholder Benjamin Laury	X			
Freeholder Scott Griscom	X			
Director Melissa DeCastro	X			

XI. Treasurer’s Report :

XII. Resolutions:

Director DeCastro asked Freeholders if there were any resolutions that will need to be read separately this evening. Director DeCastro asked for D3 to be read and voted on separately. She called upon the Deputy Clerk of the Board to read the Resolutions by title.

A. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE – DeCastro, Hassler

A1. Resolution Requesting an Extension of Time for the 2018 Budget

Deputy Director Hassler motioned to move for adoption the Resolution above, seconded by Freeholder Ware. There was no discussion, the motion passed with a roll call vote

Freeholder	Aye	Nye	Abstain	Absent
Freeholder Lee Ware	X			
Deputy Director Charles Hassler	X			
Freeholder Benjamin Laury	X			
Freeholder Scott Griscom	X			
Director Melissa DeCastro	X			

B. AGRICULTURAL/ TOURISM COMMITTEE – Ware, Laury

C. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Hassler, Griscom

C1. Resolution to approve Cumberland County SPCA application for motorist solicitation pursuant to resolution No. 98-115

C2. Resolution to approve Parvin State Park Appreciation Committee Application for Motorist Solicitation Pursuant to resolution Nol. 98-115

Deputy Director Hassler motioned to move for adoption the Resolutions above, seconded by Freeholder Griscom. There was no discussion, the motion passed with a roll call vote

Freeholder	Aye	Nye	Abstain	Absent
Freeholder Lee Ware	X			
Deputy Director Charles Hassler	X			
Freeholder Benjamin Laury	X			
Freeholder Scott Griscom	X			
Director Melissa DeCastro	X			

D. HEALTH/ HUMAN SERVICES/ EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Laury, DeCastro

D1. Resolution Acknowledging the Standard Board Resolution Form from the New Jersey Department of Human Services

D2. Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of the Grant Agreement Between Salem County Health Department and the State of New Jersey by and for the Department of Environmental Protection Grant Identifier: EN18-026

Freeholder Laury motioned to move for adoption the Resolutions above, seconded by Freeholder Ware. There was no discussion, the motion passed with a roll call vote

Freeholder	Aye	Nye	Abstain	Absent
Freeholder Lee Ware	X			
Deputy Director Charles Hassler	X			

Freeholder Benjamin Laury	X			
Freeholder Scott Griscom	X			
Director Melissa DeCastro	X			

D3. Resolution applying for a grant from the Salem Health and Wellness Foundation for the 2018 Healthy Salem-Healthy Body

Freeholder Laury motioned to move for adoption the Resolutions above, seconded by Freeholder Ware. There was no discussion, the motion passed with a roll call vote

Freeholder	Aye	Nye	Abstain	Absent
Freeholder Lee Ware	X			
Deputy Director Charles Hassler	X			
Freeholder Benjamin Laury	X			
Freeholder Scott Griscom	X			
Director Melissa DeCastro				X

E. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Griscom, Ware

IX. Freeholder Old Business

X. Freeholder New Business

Freeholder Laury announced that Salem County received a \$1.1 m grant for a pump station on Ft Elfsborg Road. During bad weather the residents are often cut off due to road flooding. Looking forward to the completion of this project that’s been in the works for 4 or 5 years.

Again, we let go of our CFO and hired 4 individuals to do her job. Tonight we have another attorney here that we had to hire. This one was required by our insurance company, but in addition to our solicitor, we’ve spent money hiring numerous other attorneys.

XI. Freeholder Public Announcements

Deputy Director Hassler announce the Fund raiser on March 25th to benefit the Reliance Ambulance Squad that recently burned down.

XII. Public Comment

Anyone wishing to speak please speak clearly and state your name and address for the record. Each speaker will have **FOUR MINUTES** to speak. The Clerk of the Board (COB) will keep track of the time for each speaker. When addressing questions concerning personnel issues with the County of Salem no names will be used at any time.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A2. Resolution Authorizing Executive Session County of Salem in Accordance with the Provisions of the NJ Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-12

County Counsel Mulligan stated that the closed session is regarding litigation and no action would be taken. He added that no further public business would be conducted after the closed session. Deputy Director Hassler motioned to move for adoption the Resolutions above, seconded by Freeholder Ware, motion passed with a roll call.

Freeholder	Aye	Nye	Abstain	Absent
Freeholder Lee Ware	X			

Deputy Director Charles Hassler	X			
Freeholder Benjamin Laury	X			
Freeholder Scott Griscom	X			
Director Melissa DeCastro	X			

XIV. Adjournment

Motion was made by Freeholder Benjamin Laury to adjourn the public meeting, seconded by Freeholder Scott Griscom. Motion passed by hand vote 5/0 at 7:13pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy L. Pennington
Deputy Clerk of the Board