



Board of Chosen Freeholders

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 21, 2018

4:00 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 4:10pm

II. **Invocation:**

Director Melissa DeCastro called upon Pastor Awood Jones to provide the invocation

III. **Pledge of Allegiance:**

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

IV. **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:

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.

V. **Attendance Roll Call**

On roll call, the following Freeholders were present: Lee Ware, Deputy Director Charles Hassler, Benjamin Laury, and Director Melissa DeCastro. Quorum was established with four Freeholders present (4/1).

VI. **Minutes**

Motion was made by Deputy Director Hassler to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the February 7, 2018 regular meeting. Minutes are to be received, approved, and recorded in the Minute Book. Freeholder Lee Ware seconded the motion. With no further discussion, it carried by a roll call vote of 4 Approved / 0 Opposed / 0 Abstained

VII. **Special Recognition:** Proclamation for Black History Month was accepted by Pastor Awood Jones

VIII. **Presentation:** Dr. Michael Gorman, SCC President to present State of Salem Community College address

IX. **Waiver of the Rules:**

A motion was made by Deputy Director Hassler to permit a waiver of the rules. Freeholder Ware seconded the motion. Deputy Clerk Pennington declared the resolution be known as A11. With no further discussion, it carried by a roll call vote of 4 Approved / 0 Opposed / 0 Abstained

X. **Correspondence**

A. **General:**

1. Letter from Atlantic City Electric advising the capability of requesting records for residential customers whose service has been disconnected.
2. Letter and resolution from The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Monmouth opposing the proposal to allow offshore drilling.

B. Committee/ Commission Minutes:

1. Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes January 11, 2018
2. Salem County Improvement Authority Minutes for February 8, 2018

3. Salem County Pollution Control Authority's adopted budget for the 2018 fiscal year 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 and as there was not discussion, it was carried by a roll call vote of: 4 Approved / 0 Opposed / 0 Abstain

XI. 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. Freeholder Laury expressed that he was not going to be voting to pay the bills and claims since he had not received the bill list in advance of the meeting. He requested that he receive the future bill list in the future. The motion carried by a roll call vote of: 3 Approved / 1 Opposed / 0 Abstain

XII. Treasurer's Report : January 2018 Report

Motion was made by Deputy Director Charles Hassler to accept the January 2018 Treasurer's Report. Freeholder Ware seconded the motion, with no discussion, it carried by a roll call vote of: 4 Approved / 0 Opposed / 0 Abstain

XIII. Resolutions:

Director DeCastro asked Freeholders if there were any resolutions that will need to be read separately this evening and Freeholder Ben Laury asked for A4 through A7 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

. 2018-101 Resolution Appointing Representatives of the County of Salem to the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization.

2018-102 Resolution Authorizing an Increase in the Bid Threshold for the County of Salem.

2018-103 Resolution Appointing Engineer Salem County Railroad-Special Projects for the County of Salem

2018-107 Resolution Adopting a Corrective Action Plan for the County of Salem

2018-108 Resolution For Continued Support of the Preservation of Historic Delaware River & Estuary Fish & Game Cabins Located in Lower Alloway Creek Township, Salem County, New Jersey

2018-109 Resolution Declaring an Emergency

2018-110 Resolution Reserving All Rights and Authorizing a Proper Defense of All Claims, and Appointment of an Arbitrator, Respecting the Salem County Courthouse Facility Lawsuit Brought by the New Jersey Judiciary, Cumberland/Gloucester/Salem Vicinage.

Deputy Director Hassler motioned to move for adoption the Resolutions above, seconded by Freeholder Ware. There was no discussion, the motion passed with a roll call vote: 4 Approved / 0 Opposed / 0 Abstain

2018-104 Resolution Appointing Special/Conflict Counsel for the County of Salem
Deputy Director Hassler motioned to adopt the resolution, seconded by Freeholder Ware. Freeholder Laury stated that he didn't understand the need for another additional counsel appointment since we already employ County Counsel full time and he would be voting no. The motion passed with a roll call vote: 3 Approved / 1 Opposed / 0 Abstain

2018-105 Resolution Appointing Financial Advisor for the County of Salem
Deputy Director Hassler motioned to adopt the resolution, seconded by Freeholder Ware. There was no discussion, motioned passed by roll call vote; 3 Approved / 0 Opposed / 0 Abstain

2018-106 Resolution Making Emergency Temporary Appropriations According to NJSA 40A:4-20
Deputy Director Hassler motioned to adopt the resolution, seconded by Freeholder Ware. There was no discussion, motioned passed by roll call vote: 4 Approved / 0 Opposed / 0 Abstain

A7 Resolution Requesting Transfer of Funds
Freeholder Laury made a motion to table the resolution, indicating that he believes funds from the Sheriff's Salary and Wage line could not be used and it should be looked into. CFO Willadsen had no objection to tabling the resolution until the next meeting. Freeholder Ware seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote: 4 Approved / 0 Opposed / 0 Abstain

B. AGRICULTURAL/ TOURISM COMMITTEE – Ware, Laury

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

2018-111 Resolution Authorizing a Refund to the Treasurer, State of New Jersey for NJ Small Cities CDBG-DR Program Grant No 2013-0230-0286 Greenville Bridge Reconstruction

2018-112 Resolution Approving an Event Along Railroad Ave/Woodstown-Pedricktown Rd, County Rd #602, Pennsville-Auburn Rd, County Rd #552 and Straughns Mill Road, County Road #643 in Oldmans Township, in the County of Salem

2018-113 Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Application and Execution of an Agreement for State Aid to Counties Under the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund for Fiscal Year 2018

2018-114 Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Application Under the NJ Department of Transportation Rail Freight Assistance Program Fiscal Year 2018 Salem County Railroad Rehabilitation Program; Agreement No. 7112310

There was a motion to move for adoption these four (4) Resolutions by Deputy Director Hassler, seconded by Freeholder Ware. Motion passed by roll call vote: 4 Approved / 0 Opposed / 0 Abstain

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

E. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Griscom, Ware

IX. Freeholder Old Business – No Old Business

X. Freeholder New Business – Freeholder Laury asked DOO Jeff Ridgway to explain the Resolution Declaring an Emergency. DOO Ridgway stated that it was necessary because the elevator in the Admin Building was put out of order as a result of an inspection that determined it was considered unsafe to ride until the necessary repairs caused by a leak of hydraulic fluid were completed.

XI. Freeholder Public Announcements – Deputy Director Hassler reached out to Woodstown Ambulance after the explosion. He also announced the Commission on Women’s, Women of Achievement Breakfast on April 7th at Centerton Country Club.

XII. Public Comment

Ed Ramsey, Pittsgrove

Asked if the Freeholders had seen the letter from Mercer County Freeholders opposing the new bee keeping regulations and has the County given any thoughts to their position? It was stated that they had not seen the letter to comment on.

Jean Munyon, LAC

Stated she was an Engineering student at Rowan University and had reached out to the County Engineering Department and Environmental Department about an internship, but did not receive a response. Freeholders Hassler and DeCastro commented that they both were discussing the value of internships and would look into the matter.

XIII. Adjournment

Motion was made by Deputy Director Hassler to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Freeholder Laury. Motion passed by hand vote 4/0 at 4:47

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy L. Pennington
Deputy Clerk of the Board