



Board of Chosen Freeholders

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 19, 2018

6:30 PM

Oldmans Township Municipal Building, 40 Freed Road, Pedricktown, NJ

- I. **Call to Order** Freeholder Director Melissa DeCastro called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
- II. **Invocation:** Director DeCastro called upon Pastor Kevin Peterson, Second Baptist Church, Pedricktown to provide the invocation. Director DeCastro thanked Pastor Peterson and extended appreciation of him joining the meeting.
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Director DeCastro called upon Joseph Hannagan, Director of Veterans Affairs to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Statement Regarding Open Public Meetings Act

Clerk of the Board, Brenda Banks, stated that adequate notice pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has been given of this meeting:

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.

V. 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	

VI. Minutes

Motion was made by Deputy Director Charles Hassler, seconded by Freeholder Lee Ware to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the September 5, 2018 Regular Meeting. Minutes are to be received, approved, and recorded in the Minute Book. No discussion followed. Motion passed by a roll call vote.

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

VII. Special Recognition: Director DeCastro called upon Pennsville Police Chief AJ Cummings who also serves as the County Mental Health Board Chair to accept the Proclamation Recognizing September 2018 as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. She stated it is good to have services for this serious issue and that it should be recognized so we can help. Freeholder Laury stated we recognize this month, appreciate and recognize it as something we can do to help, thanks for all you do.

VIII. Presentation:

Salem Community College (SCC) – Dr. Mike Gorman, President of SCC, expressed his happiness to update the board regarding the College. They are expanding Jump Start program. High School seniors currently take classes and will now be expanding this program to include Schalick and Woodstown. The students can pick up 23 credits, a savings of a couple thousand, as well as, a jumpstart into their college freshmen year.

They are expanding their nursing program. They are going through a re-accreditation process in the practical nursing program and the registered nursing program will follow. SCC has made application with the Carneys Point Township Planning Board to move their glassblowing to the Carneys Point site. They plan to have occupancy next year. This program is growing.

Dr. Gorman introduced Bob Finell, the new Director of Athletics, as they are reintroducing athletics to SCC. Mr. Finell stated he believes the reintroduction of athletics is significant impact. He has 41 years of background and this is his 6th athletic director post. He was caught by the enthusiasm at SCC and intrigued to start it back up. He pointed out why it is significant: many young men and women didn't choose SCC because they couldn't continue their athletics, by bringing back the sports they will attract new students and will bring in more income to SCC. It will create more touch points for student athletes and college, the community can watch and the school community spirit will increase, bring identity, and give the community reason to be proud. He has spoken to four different high school athletic directors who are very excited about the chance for students to be able to stay home and still have opportunity to play. A survey was sent out and there are a number of parents who say my son/ daughter would have gone if they had athletics and gave advice on which sports to include based on the level of participation of sports at their schools.

Salem County Vo-Tech School – Jack Swain, Superintendent, thanked the staff and board members present. He has worked for the district for six years and is still excited to go to work every day. He stated Vo-Tech School has 350 staff members, Child Study team, OT/PT Speech and non-public nursing. They are a county resource, county emergency response location, as well as, Salem Community College. The funding comes from county appropriations, state aid, and tuition per pupil. The school was established in 1972; the building is old and he wants to discuss the structure. Salem County Vo-Tech School is 1 of 21 vocational schools. They offer 11 different programs and run different academics at high schools. Woodstown holds the communication and recently renovated classrooms, added a news desk; Schalick is the Performing Arts, Penns Grove is the Engineering program and they are at full enrollment in this program, Pennsville is the graphic design program. They recently enhanced their safety and security with Sielox Crisis System, upgraded the building phone system – enhances communication with local law enforcement. The building recently had a facelift, painted with new logo, global logistics, and management to get credentialed. Gateway Business Park is encouraging for employment and programs they offer help to get above entry level employment. They are in their second year of athletics and the student government program. They are looking to bring in a music program next year. They have given over \$20,000 in scholarships. They have the FFA program, a welding teacher, and the food service has expanded to Elsinboro, Mannington, and Special Services in Cumberland County. They are looking to expand to SCC and Daretown sites. They hosted a car show and continue to be successful with 302 cars on site. They received a Milo System and through law enforcement work with Prosecutor's to access code simulator. They have high functioning autistic children at the Upper Pittsgrove site who are mainstreamed. They participated in Business Education partners meetings to expand partners in Education, as communication is key. They are providing opportunity for people to get GED in the correctional facility and are waiving the fee. They understand the need to connect

with community. They continue to have constant access to the building for Old Boys Night, 9/11 ceremony, emergency responders night, Woodstown Cub Scouts, flu clinic, county resource and things partnership is important. Adults are coming back for programs such as welding, where they can obtain the credentials they need. They held fire academy with 20 students with fire instructor Leroy Pierce.

Alternative high school graduated seven students and three went onto a Junior college. They had seven students graduate with a high school degree and an associate's degree from SCC.

They were able to obtain 2.5 million dollar grant, as Dr. Bates was successful with her submission. It will be used in Penns Grove over a 5 year period.

Eighteen – twenty year olds are able to learn vocation and job skills. Cumberland Campus has 93 students, new principal, security window film, better windows, expanded parking lot, and playground. They began food service.

There is a new Pre-K program in LAC with 5 students enrolled. Daretown School received upgraded cameras and film across the windows. Upper Pittsgrove has three classrooms, wonderful partnerships.

Looking to potentially partner with Mid-Atlantic States and Career Center in regards to the hydroponic greenhouse.

He discussed CET future Bonding Act, which will be on the ballot in November. This is \$350 million for career technical education.

There will be a needs assessment to see what program to bring in and will work with Salem Community College to develop. There is a need to look at the roof, parking lot, and the chiller is going bad.

They are also looking to have the speed limit reduce to 35mph when students are present.

The special services have four sites. RDS is full enrollment and autistic building is for full and lower functioning students. They did a \$1.8 million renovation, funding received from Department of Treasury and no cost to the taxpayers. Implementing all call phone system, security upgrades, and they have 25 business partners.

The Child Study is in six districts, experienced close to \$1 million savings.

IX. Waiver of the Rules – There were no waiver of the rules.

X.

XI. Correspondence

A. General:

1. Pennsville Township Historical Society Annual Dinner Meeting invitation flyer (October 26, 2018)
2. Ranch Hope, Inc. letter and flyer for a bus trip to Washington, DC for Veterans and invited guests and request for \$90 donation to sponsor a Veteran.

B. Committee/ Commission Minutes and Reports:

1. Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes of August 6, 2018

Motion was made and seconded to accept and file the correspondence and minutes, and to be made part of the minutes. No discussion followed. Motion carried.

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

XII. Payment of Bills and Claims

A motion was made and seconded that all bills and claims, when audited and properly signed, be paid and charged to their respective accounts. No discussion followed. Motion carried.

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

XIII. Treasurer's Report: No Treasurer's Report.

XIV. Resolutions:

Director Melissa DeCastro asked if any Freeholders wanted any Resolutions read separately this evening. Resolution A5 was asked to not be read by title and would be presented at the next Freeholder meeting. She called upon Clerk Brenda Banks to read the remaining Resolutions by title.

A. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE – DeCastro, Hassler

Resolution 2018-311: 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 (Special Child Health and Early Intervention)

Resolution 2018-312: 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 (Public Health Preparedness to Bioterrorism)

Resolution 2018-313: Resolution Awarding a Renewal Contract for Providing an Employee Assistance Program for the County of Salem (Quantum Health Solutions, Inc)

Resolution 2018-314: Resolution Approving Change Order No. 3 for the County Engineer Professional Services Contract

Note the following was listed on the agenda; however, not read: A5. Resolution Certifying the Review of the 2017 Annual Audit

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the above four resolutions. No discussion followed. The motion carried by a roll call vote.

Freeholder	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Freeholder Lee Ware		X	X			
Deputy Director Charles Hassler	X		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

Resolution 2018-315: Resolution Prohibiting Normal Traffic Greenwich Street, County Road #540, Main Street, County Road #581 and Alloway-Friesburg Road, County Road #640 in Alloway Township, Salem County for the Alloway Halloween Parade

Resolution 2018-316: 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 for the Cow Run Event

Resolution 2018-317: Resolution Awarding a Contract for Removal of Beam Guide Rail and Installation of Beam Guide Rail at Various Locations throughout the County of Salem

Resolution 2018-318: Resolution to Authorize Amendment #4 to Agreement for Operating Motor Bus Passenger Service and Equipment Lease/ Sublease between New Jersey Transit Corporation and the County of Salem D/B/A Salem County Community Bus Service for the Operation of the Salem County Local Bus Service

Resolution 2018-319: Resolution Awarding a Contract for Bituminous Concrete and Concrete Testing and Inspection Services for the County of Salem

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the above five resolutions. No discussion followed. The motion carried by a roll call vote.

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

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

Resolution 2018-320: Resolution Executing and Accepting a Grant from the State of New Jersey for the 2018-2019 Local Core Capacity Infrastructure for Bioterrorism Preparedness

Resolution 2018-321: Resolution Executing and Accepting a Grant from the State of New Jersey for the 2018-2019 Child Health Case Management Grant

Resolution 2018-322: Resolution Acknowledging the Business Associate Agreement Form From the New Jersey Department of Human Services for the MIPPA (Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act) Grant

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the above three resolutions. Freeholder Laury asked that the minutes reflect D1 (Resolution 2018-320) with the corrected year of 2018-2019. The motion carried by a roll call vote including the adjustment stated.

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

E. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Griscom, Ware

IX. Freeholder Old Business: No old business was discussed.

X. Freeholder New Business:

Freeholder Scott Griscom reported: the Veterans Military Service Medal Ceremony will be held at the Salem Community College on November 1; applications are available on the website or call the Veteran Affairs Office. There will be a Veterans Outreach Clinic from 10-1PM at Salem Community College on October 13. A Veterans Dinner honoring Salem County Heroes will be held on November 8. Tickets are \$40 and can donate \$25 to pay for a Veteran. Contact Ceil Smith.

Freeholder Griscom announced Ben and Kathy Laury are celebrating their 40th Anniversary on September 29th.

Deputy Director Charles Hassler announced the First Responder Dinner will be held on October 5, the first 150 First Responders to RSVP are free. He also mentioned the Old Boys Meeting will be held on September 27 at the Vo-Tech School, 6:00 PM.

Director Melissa DeCastro announced the Women’s Services will hold their annual dinner on October 5. They help victims of abuse.

Freeholder Lee Ware announced Salem County Discover Weekend themes for September 29 & 30. There are many events going on in our County. September 29-30 is the Historic Soldiers Weekend at Fort Mott Park, it is a reenactment. The Giant Pumpkin Carve (September 29), from 4-9 PM. They are looking for carvers. The event is sponsored by Meals on Wheels. Woodstown Fall Festival will be held on 9/29.

Freeholder Ben Laury announced the County will hold five Flu Clinics this year. The first will be held on September 25 at the County Fairgrounds and will be a drive thru. The Flu Clinic at Schalick High School will also have a free lead screening for children. Times and dates are listed on our website.

NARCAN Training is being offered. So many in our County have been saved by NARCAN. They give a kit to have available if someone has a drug overdose. This is very important if your loved one or someone you take care of needs help. The training will be held at the River Church in PennsGrove on September 25.

XI. Freeholder Public Announcements: Announced under New Business.

XII. Executive Closed Session (if needed) – No executive session.

XIII. Public Comment (Agenda items or other County Business)

- Francis Talarico, Pedricktown: Has lived here since 1988, a long time before Gateway Park. Questions what the financial gains are for Salem County. Deputy Director Hassler indicated they could pull the numbers and get back to him. There is litter and trash in the area. The

number of those working has increased. He also indicated the County road is atrocious, the residents are putting up with is unsightly. The Township Committee says it is a County problem. He stated it is an overall problem, a burden to the County. The EMS is burdened as they are called out to the industry park saving someone 2-3 times and the burden is on those who live there as they are charged a fee for the service. There was not a plan for that type of growth. Looking for accountability and wish never happened. He sees it will drag the township down. Everyone says it is someone else's' problem.

Director DeCastro stated we can only make it better. She and Deputy Director Hassler are liaisons to landfill and could work with to do cleanup.

Mr. Talarico questioned why they are not taxed. Deputy Director Hassler asked what County Road, reply was Straughn Mill Road.

Freeholder Scott Griscom stated could have the Sheriff's utilize the inmate work detail to help pick up the litter and trash.

Director DeCastro stated the Sheriff could assist with monitoring the speed as he also did last year. She thanked him for being here tonight so they can help.

- Patty Bomba, Carney's Point: Stated a few months she asked about the plan for road work in Carneys Point on County Road #540. Deputy Director Hassler indicated there is a plan to do the work and can get the schedule when they will come out and re-paint stripes. County Administrator Jeff Ridgway indicated the Road Department was out last year and can come out this year.

Ms. Bomba indicated that Mr. Swain's presentation included special needs disability and the importance for the security improvements as it is important that buildings are secure. Don't want anyone to go through what happened at St. James many years ago.

Ms. Bomba indicated she gave Brenda Banks, Clerk of the Board, flyers of various activities. Non-profits are active in our County. The next one is Darryl's Wheels fundraiser to be held on October 6 at Riverview Inn. She has tickets. Items included in the folder: 25% off shopping pass ticket to Boscov's on October 16th, 9th Annual Holiday Shopping on November 17th proceeds benefit Resources for Independent Living, Miles for Miracles Memory Walk Miracle for Mateo on October 6 at Marlton Park, BARK Buddies Bonanza King and Queen Contest all proceeds benefit Resources for Independent Living Bark Buddies Canine Therapy Program, Buy a ticket chance for a hand quilted item benefits Resources for Independent Living Bark Buddy Canine Therapy Program, and BARK Buddies Bonanza 5K run, 1 mile fun run/ walk and a mutt strut on October 13th at Fort Mott State Park.

- Jim Hyatt – stated the trash in the area, the trucks, and a lot of traffic with trucks. The trucks miss the turn and will turn in the street or come into town and try to turn around. There is drag racing, trash and small bags and never saw them in area before.
- Barbara Duffy, Elsinboro: Asked to revisit the audit that was presented last month. Freeholder Director DeCastro stated this will be put off until next month as Mercaiden made changes early this week and Freeholder Laury didn't get a chance to read. The vote will be held on October 3 and will still be in the 45 day period.

Kelly Hannigan, County CFO, stated it has been filed with the County Clerk and only postponing the certification that the Freeholders reviewed it. Freeholder Director DeCastro stated it would be on County website tomorrow.

Ms. Duffy stated she read Office on Aging and discrepancies and wanted to get clarified.

- Sandra Collom, Pedricktown: Our County has been without an ombudsman for almost two years. We are missing a voice for the seniors. They are losing more and more of their power and there is nothing increasing for them. She volunteers for the ombudsmen and there are not enough classes, teachers, and no place for them to go for training. The seniors are losing backbone, tax assistance if on Medicare/ Medicaid and don't cover taxes. She stated more seniors need help, getting to the store, voting, and going somewhere besides day care.

- Patty Bomba, Carneys Point: Disability day will be held on October 11, at the Grove in Centerton. She indicated the speaker will be from the Ombudsmen office.
- Dave Moore, Pedricktown: Stated couple month construction replacing curbs and handicap ramps causing a collecting of water and creating a small pool. He is worried when winter comes and ice causing someone to slip.
- Ernest Cuppolo, Pedricktown: Indicated that Gateway has caused trailers to go 100mph. There are more accidents in front of house. Traffic doesn't stop day or night. Need to put a speed limit on the road. Houses shake and something needs to be done and have police monitor.
- John Piel, Pedricktown: stated the traffic is not stopping, is pulling out in mornings and most come out in a steady line making it a free for all. Only way to stop is to force hand.
- Helen Karol, Pedricktown: There is trash and speeding. Cars drive in two lanes instead of one lane. It is treacherous to get out of driveway and recommends expanding the solid line. Also, she had water tested. DEP takes the lowest bidder.
- Tina Knight, Pedricktown: Front of Church on Mill Street questioned why no handicap ramp. Mr. Ridgway indicated only certain areas are getting the ramps and follow the Department of Transportation rules.
- Nancy Bond, Pedricktown: Stated they have disregard for the EMS red flashing lights, consumer most time making all the calls. The responders are volunteers, for both fire and ambulance. While out taking care of businesses the residents have to use the pay responders from Carneys Point. It is not fair to consumers as they make 98% of the calls. They are a membership of 15 EMS. There were 46 calls the first 3 months, questioned why they can't contribute anything financially. She noted that Jet.com does bring them water. They don't respect them at all. Questioned a red light could come out there to help with traffic. Referenced the number of employees in the companies and they are a 15 member ambulance squad.
- Pennsville Police Chief Cummings offered suggestions to those who made comments. He stated the NJ State Police cover this area and that the Sheriff can come and help out to make a presence with random coverage. If there was a police car and tickets are given, the word will get out to drivers and it will help out. He also suggested getting electronic speed signs.

Director DeCastro thanked him for input. We want to improve and will work together. We will talk with NJSP and the Sheriff.

Director DeCastro mentioned our intern, Alex Laperriere, returned for the fall semester.

XIV. Adjournment: Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 PM. No further discussion.

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

Next Meeting Date

Wednesday, October 3, 2018
 Regular Meeting 6:30 PM Meeting
 Salem County Olde Courthouse, 104 Market Street, Salem, New Jersey 08079