



## Board of Chosen Freeholders

### MINUTES – Freeholder Meeting

July 17, 2019 - 4:00 PM

Elsinboro Municipal Building

- I. **Call to Order:** Director Laury called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.
- II. **Invocation:** Rev. Deacon Sally Maurer, St. John’s Episcopal Church, provided the invocation. Director Laury thanked Rev. Deacon Maurer for being present to assist at the meeting.
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Chris Connor of Quinton, US Navy nuclear sub 1962-1969, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Director Laury thanked him for his service and invited him to speak to the group. Mr. Connor noted he was proud to have served and was thankful to be asked to lead the Pledge tonight.
- IV. **Statement Regarding Open Public Meetings Act:** Clerk of the Board, Stacy Pennington, read the notice.

**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 and the Fifth Street Office 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
Director Benjamin Laury	X	
Deputy Director Scott Griscom	X	
Freeholder Charles Hassler	X	
Freeholder Gordon Ostrum, Jr.	X	
Freeholder Lee Ware	X	

Voice roll call. A quorum was present.

**VI. Minutes:**

Dispense with the reading of the minutes of the June 12, 2019 Regular Meeting. Minutes are to be received, approved, and recorded in the Minute Book.

Freeholder	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Freeholder Ostrum			X			
Freeholder Hassler		X	X			
Freeholder Ware			X			
Deputy Director Griscom	X		X			
Director Laury			X			

**VII. Special Recognition:** See Adjournment remarks

**VIII. Presentation: Joe Valentine – American Legion Ambulance Association**  
(Clare Turnbull and Ransom Willard also in attendance from Amer. Legion Ambulance)

Director Laury invited Joe Valentine to make his presentation to the group.

Mr. Valentine noted the progress his company has made improving county-wide ambulance service. This includes:

- quicker average response time
- additional employees
- updated equipment
- partnerships with municipalities and companies
- additional income from non-emergent transport, grants

Mr. Valentine also discussed future challenges such as operation costs, public relations, staffing needs, county financial support, etc.

His complete slide presentation is attached.

Director Laury thanked Mr. Valentine for his presentation and planned to meet with him in the near future.

**Public Comment:** Director Laury switched up the agenda and opened the meeting to Public Comment at this time in case there were any questions for Mr. Valentine.

Mr. Valentine answered a few questions from the attendees.

Jim Grant, owner of The Salem Inn, Elsinboro – Mr. Brandt noted that there is support in Elsinboro to re-open the boat ramp. He has pro-bono legal help also. He is looking for any and all ideas to get this done. Director Laury noted that PSE&G is open to negotiating a selling price for the ramp, that security is a concern, and that a business model is needed for operating the ramp. Mr. Brandt was happy to know that PSE&G was open to negotiating.

Helen Hecksher asked for help repairing her driveway. After her street was repaved, she had many problems with her driveway that didn't exist before the repaving. Director Laury said he will have an engineer look into the issue. County Administrator, Jeff Ridgway also will discuss this with her. Director Laury invited Ms. Hecksher to come back to the September meeting to give an update on this situation.

Patty Bomba, Carneys Point – Ms. Bomba noted the following items:

- Resources for Independent Living (RIL) calendar is still being sold for \$20 each.
- The Autism Dinner Dance will be at the Riverview Inn on August 10, 2019. Tickets are \$35 each. Debbie Behnke will be honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award at this event.
- Darrell's Wheels, a transportation program for persons with disabilities is holding a raffle on September 21 at 12:00 noon at the Riverview Inn. Tickets are \$10 each.
- Habitat for Humanity is hosting the 10th Annual Taste of South Jersey on October 14, 2019 from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Salem Community College. Tickets are \$35 each, \$60 couple, \$100 family of 4. 50/50 raffle is \$5 each. Ms. Bomba also noted the recent Habitat for Humanity Construction Blast where 3 houses were completed with 170 volunteers. She thanked Freeholder Hassler for attending the house blessings.
- She noted that Sue Bestwick, a former Freeholder was in attendance and that she was instrumental in getting A Place For Sami completed. A Place for Sami is a handicapped accessible playground. Ms. Bomba is proud that this playground has become a model for the state.

- She also thanked the Freeholders for being true to their word in appointing three additional members to the Disability Services Advisory Board.

Mr. Cody Taylor, Salem County Improvement Authority Board Member – Mr. Taylor thanked the Freeholders for the SCIA bond guarantee, saving a huge amount in interest for the SCIA. Sue Bestwick is also a SCIA board member. She offered to answer any questions. Director Laury thanked them and the others on the board for volunteering their time. He noted there are great people on this board working for the people of Salem County.

**IX. Waiver of the Rules**

**A5** Resolution Authorizing Change Order No.1 to the Contract for Architectural Building Expert for the County of Salem

**A6** Resolution Approving the Purchase of Voting Machines

**A7** A Resolution of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Salem, New Jersey Authorizing and Approving the Execution and Delivery of a Support Agreement with the Salem County Improvement Authority Relating to the Issuance by the Salem County Improvement Authority of its County Guaranteed Solid Waste Revenue Bonds or Project Notes (Landfill Expansion Project – Phase II) In One or More Series, In a Total Aggregate Principal Amount not to Exceed \$8,900,000; and Determining Certain Matters in Connection Therewith

**C10** Resolution Rejecting Bids for the 2019 Oil and Stone Program for the County of Salem

Freeholder	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Freeholder Ostrum			X			
Freeholder Hassler		X	X			
Freeholder Ware			X			
Deputy Director Griscom	X		X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote: 5-0

**Public Hearings & Adoptions – None**

**X. Correspondence:**

**A. General:**

1. Mannington Township letter regarding the school consolidation study.
2. Resolution from the County of Somerset supporting Assembly Bill 5321 “Sami’s Law”.
3. Borough of Elmer letter asking for support to construct a handicap accessible parking lot and walking path in a new park area.
4. Township of Pilesgrove letter regarding the school consolidation study.
5. Resolution from Morris County supporting Legislative Bill A-5541 to require full disclosure of domestic and foreign limited liability companies’ ownership.
6. Mercer County Resolution recognizing June 2019 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Pride Month.

7. Resolution from Morris County supporting Legislative Bill A-5542 fortifying the transparency and trust of our political system and would prevent candidates for public office from non-disclosing his or her consultants.
8. Resolution from Morris County supporting proposed legislation for Responsible School Violence Prevention, Preparation and Protection Program (RSVP-3)
9. Resolution from the County of Mercer recognizing "Stepping Up to reduce the number of people with mental illness in jails".
10. Resolution from Mercer County supporting Assembly Bill 5321 "Sami's Law".
11. Resolution from Lower Alloways Creek Township supporting the school consolidation study

**B. Committee/ Commission Minutes and Reports:**

1. SCIA July 11 Meeting Minutes

Freeholder	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Freeholder Ostrum		X	X			
Freeholder Hassler			X			
Freeholder Ware			X			
Deputy Director Griscom	X		X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote: 5-0

**XI. Payment of Bills and Claims**

Freeholder	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Freeholder Ostrum		X	X			
Freeholder Hassler			X			
Freeholder Ware			X			
Deputy Director Griscom	X		X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote: 5-0

**XII. Treasurer's Report:**

Freeholder	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Freeholder Ostrum			X			
Freeholder Hassler		X	X			
Freeholder Ware			X			
Deputy Director Griscom	X		X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote: 5-0

**XIII. Resolutions:**

**A. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE: - Laury, Griscom (7)**

A1 Amendment to Resolution 2019-007 to Amend Job Classification Titles and Salary Ranges

A2 Finance Resolution Cancellation of Check

A3 Resolution to Appoint Members to the Salem County Office of Disability Services Advisory Board (Richard Smith, Jeff Truax, Edward Meschi)

A4 Resolution Accepting Grant Funding from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Housing and Community Resources Small Cities CDBG 2018-Mid Atlantic Facility

A5 Resolution Authorizing Change Order No 1 to the Contract for Architectural Building Expert for the County of Salem

A6 Resolution Approving the Purchase of Voting Machines

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Regarding A7 above, Freeholder Hassler noted he had asked for further information and didn't mean to ruffle feathers in doing so. There are no personal problems. He received the answers he needed.

Freeholder	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Freeholder Ostrum		X	X			
Freeholder Hassler			X			
Freeholder Ware			X			
Deputy Director Griscom	X		X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote: 5-0

**B. AGRICULTURAL/ TOURISM COMMITTEE – Ware, Griscom**

B1 Resolution Authorizing the Proposed Acquisition of a Development Easement on Johnson Farm Mannington Township

B2 Resolution Authorizing the County Administrator of the County of Salem to Execute Documents on Behalf of the Agriculture Development Board

Freeholder	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Freeholder Ostrum			X			
Freeholder Hassler			X			
Freeholder Ware	X		X			
Deputy Director Griscom		X	X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote: 5-0

**C. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Hassler, Ostrum**

C1 Resolution Restricting Parking Along A Certain Section of Railroad Avenue, County Road #602 in the Township of Oldmans, County of Salem

C2 Resolution Authorizing Execution of Agreement with South Jersey Transportation Authority for Sub-Regional Transportation Planning Program

C3 Resolution Prohibiting Normal Traffic East Main Street, County Road #675 in the Borough of Penns Grove, Salem County Penns Grove High School Homecoming Parade

C4 Resolution to Approve Parvin State Park Appreciation Committee Application for Motorist Solicitation Pursuant to Resolution No. 98-115

C5 Resolution Approving the Execution of Change Order #2 Resurfacing of Cohansey-Freisburg Road, County Road #635 in Alloway Township for the County of Salem NJDOT Job#7010303

C6 Resolution Adopting the Revised Salem County Engineering Department Policy and Procedures for Administration and Inspection of Federal Aid Highway Projects

C7 Resolution Approving the Dedication of a Portion of Quinton-Alloway Road, County Road #581, in Quinton Township in Memory of New Jersey State Police Trooper Eli McCarson #7775

C8 Resolution Awarding a Contract for Resurfacing and Safety Improvements of Hook Road, County Road #551, Phase I for the County of Salem Federal Project No. STP-SJ-0551 (300), NJDOT JOB #7105306

C9 Resolution Awarding A Contract for the Centerton Traffic Signal Improvements In Pittsgrove Township for the County of Salem Federal Project #CMAQ-0553 (353), NJDOT Job #71103317

C10 Resolution Rejecting Bids for the 2019 Oil and Stone Program for The County of Salem

<b>Freeholder</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Freeholder Ostrum		X	X			
Freeholder Hassler	X		X			
Freeholder Ware			X			
Deputy Director Griscom			X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote: 5-0

**D. HEALTH/ HUMAN SERVICES/ EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Ostrum, Ware**

D1 Resolution Authorizing the Freeholder Director and Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the County of Salem to Sign the 2019 Shared Service Agreement Providing Public Health Services for Salem County Municipalities

D2 Resolution Approving Change Order #1 for Meals on Wheels of Salem County

D3 Resolution Approving Change Order #2 for Puerto Rican Action Committee, Housekeeping Services

D4 Resolution Approving Change Order #3 for Puerto Rican Action Committee, Transportation Services

D5 Resolution Authorizing the Freeholder Director and the Clerk of the Board to Sign the Health Service Grant Application for the 2019-2020 Alternative Approaches to Pain Management for Older Adults

D6 Resolution Authorizing Freeholder Director and Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the County of Salem to Sign the 2019-2020 County Environmental Health Act Grant Application

D7 Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an application to NJ Transit and the Department of Transportation on Behalf of the County of Salem for a Section 5311 Grant Under the Federal Transit Act, As Amended

Freeholder	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Freeholder Ostrum	X		X			
Freeholder Hassler			X			
Freeholder Ware		X	X			
Deputy Director Griscom			X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote: 5-0

**E. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Griscom, Ostrum**

E1 Resolution to Approve a Lease Agreement for the Woodstown National Guard Armory Annex for the County of Salem

E2 Resolution Authorizing Affiliation Agreement Between Wilmington University and Salem County Correctional Facility for Nurse Practitioner Internship Program

E3 Resolution Accepting the Community Service Program (DARE) Funding Between Salem Health and Wellness Foundation and the Salem County Sheriff's Office

E4 Resolution to Amend the Rules for the Salem County War Veterans' Memorial Park and Cemetery

E5 Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of One 1989 Imperial Fire Truck from the Township of Pennsauken

E6 Resolution Authorizing the Freeholder Director and the Clerk of the Board to Sign the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Environmental Review for the Continuum of Care Program

Freeholder	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Freeholder Ostrum		X	X			
Freeholder Hassler			X			
Freeholder Ware			X			
Deputy Director Griscom	X		X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote: 5-0

**F. CHAPTER 159 TO INSERT REVENUE IN THE BUDGET:**

F1 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 –2019 Area Plan Grant

F2 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 –Community Service Program (DARE)

F3 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 – FY 2020 Sub-regional Transportation Planning Program

F4 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 – Small Cities CDBG 2018-Mid Atlantic Facility

Freeholder	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Freeholder Ostrum			X			
Freeholder Hassler		X	X			
Freeholder Ware			X			
Deputy Director Griscom	X		X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote: 5-0

**XIV. Freeholder Old Business:**

Director Laury thanked all who were involved in the recent Arts in Bloom event. He said it was another great job and a great event.

Freeholder Hassler noted that he met with Senator Sweeney and NJDOT to look into more public transit for Salem County. He is hopeful that this would provide a way for our county residents to get to where the jobs are located (Gateway, Pureland)

**XV. Freeholder New Business:**

Freeholder Hassler noted a New Jersey mandate stating that all State roads in the county must be swept at least once per year. If there are any curbs/drains on these roads, they must be swept once per quarter. Director Laury asked if this was an unfunded mandate. Freeholder Hassler noted it was unfunded and they are exploring all options, including shared services, to cover the expense.

**XVI. Freeholder Public Announcements:**

Freeholder Hassler mentioned the upcoming Salem County Fair coming up from August 5-9, 2019 at the fair grounds on Route 40. He invited all to visit sometime during the event.

Freeholder Hassler also mentioned The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall will be displayed in Riverview Beach Park from September 25 – 29, 2019. He mentioned that our own Veterans Affairs Officer, Joe Hannagan, was heavily involved in helping to bring this event to Salem County.

Mr. Hannagan was in attendance and noted that this is happening with the cooperation of many groups.

He thanked Salem County for their tremendous support, including:

- Office on Aging providing transportation services to and from the venue
- Engineering Dept. for work to install the Wall
- Health Dept. for medical care on site during the event.

The opening ceremony will be at 5:00 pm on 9/25/19. Mr. Hannagan also mentioned that he was asked to be the Emcee for this event.

**XVII. Public Comment: This was handled earlier in the meeting**

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.

**XVIII. Adjournment:**

Director Laury thanked Elsinboro for hosting this meeting tonight, including Mayor, Sean Elwell; Deputy Mayor, Joseph McAllister; and Township Committeeman, Douglas Hogate

Director Laury also noted thanked everyone for attending, including:

- Board of Elections: Bill Higgins, Dana Mulligan, Dave Crescenzi and Scott Hourigan; also Bob Rosania from Dominion Voting
- Noted Bill Higgins retiring from the Elmer Little League after 25 years of service
  - Freeholder Ware gave tremendous praise to Mr. Higgins as well
- Salem County Director of Veterans Affairs, Joe Hannagan
- Patty Bomba and her husband, from Carneys Point
- Sue Bestwick, former Freeholder
- Cordy Taylor from the SCIA board
- Ed Ramsey
- Melanie Ernest, Inter Agency

Freeholder	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Freeholder Ostrum		X	X			
Freeholder Hassler	X		X			
Freeholder Ware			X			
Deputy Director Griscom			X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote: 5-0

**Next Meeting Date**

August 14, 2019

Regular Meeting 4:00 PM Meeting

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

TREASURER'S REPORT  
DATE 7/17/2019

FOR THE MONTH OF

APRIL

CASH RECONCILIATION TO 04/30/19

Cash Balance as of	4/1/2019		<u>\$ 8,026,980.02</u>
Total Receipts for the month:			<u>\$ 6,820,055.13</u>
Adj. -			<u>\$ -</u>
Adj. +		VOIDS	<u>\$ -</u>
Total.....			<u>\$ 14,847,035.15</u>
Total Disbursements for the month:			<u>\$ 8,772,995.77</u>
Adj. -			<u>\$ -</u>
Adj. +			<u>\$ -</u>
Cash Balance			<u>\$ 6,074,039.38</u>

CD INVESTMENTS \$ -

ADJ. BANK BALANCE \$ 6,074,039.38

TREASURER'S REPORT  
DATE 7/17/2019

FOR THE MONTH OF

MAY

CASH RECONCILIATION TO 05/31/19

Cash Balance as of	5/1/2019		<u>\$ 6,074,039.38</u>
Total Receipts for the month:			<u>\$ 14,664,292.90</u>
Adj. -			<u>\$ -</u>
Adj. +	VOIDS		<u>\$ -</u>
Total.....			<u>\$ 20,738,332.28</u>
Total Disbursements for the month:			<u>\$ 6,957,847.22</u>
Adj. -			<u>\$ -</u>
Adj. +			<u>\$ -</u>
Cash Balance			<u>\$ 13,780,485.06</u>

CD INVESTMENTS

\$ -

ADJ. BANK BALANCE

\$ 13,780,485.06