



**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

December 4, 2019

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

- I. **Call to Order:** Director Ben Laury called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm
- II. **Invocation:** Freeholder Charlie Hassler offered the Invocation
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Joseph Hannagan, Director of Veterans Affairs let the Pledge.
- IV. **Statement Regarding Open Public Meetings Act:** Stacy Pennington, Clerk of the Board, read the statement.

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	

A quorum was present. – voice roll call.

**VI. Minutes:**

A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the November 6, 2019 Regular Meeting with the 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			

Hand vote 5-0

**VII. Special Recognition:** None

**VIII. Presentation:** Southern New Jersey Regional Development Organization  
Michael DiVietro and James Storm

Presentation by James Storm, Mike DiVietro and Linda Gerhard regarding the Southern New Jersey Regional Development Organization.

Mr. Jim Storm

Mr. Storm thanked the Freeholders for allowing them this presentation time.

Their organization is a 501(c)3 entity which acquired the old Aluchem assets near the Salem/Pennsville bridge and wharf area in Salem City, and they have also acquired the Aluchem on Walnut Street. They have all documentation for these properties. Mr. Storm noted he had a small interest in Aluchem for the past 25 years. Mr. Storm has many years experience with importing and shipping. He mentioned he does business with the smaller ports in the Caribbean.

Mr. Storm noted the goal of this organization is to begin using the warehouse at the port for storage and ship out via the ports of Wilmington, Camden, and Philadelphia. Plans are in place to repair the warehouse.

Mr. Storm's long-term vision is to figure out a 'game plan' with other interested parties and eventually use the Salem port for smaller ships. He also mentioned that this would not be just for Salem City, that other warehouses could be developed within in the county.

Mr. Storm noted that the 501(c)3 designation will give them competitive advantage for doing business here. As a non-profit, they would also be working as an economic development unit. As such, there will be an operating assets side of the business and a philanthropic side.

Mr. Mike DiVietro

Mr. Divietro also thanked the Freeholders for allowing the presentation tonight.

He noted that proceeds generated will be invested in operations and then economic development. They are looking at being a strategic partner within the community

Ms. Linda Gerhard

Ms. Gerhard noted her personal charitable interests in historic preservation, animal welfare, and the Salem County Women's Center. These are where she sees the organization helping out.

Freeholder Hassler

Freeholder Hassler noted these were good ideas for the port. Salem County has a port, railroad, easy access to Route 295, I-95, and the NJ Turnpike. He asked if Mr. Storm had contacted Salem City about these ideas. Mr. Storm noted he had met with Stand Up For Salem. He imports coffee from the Caribbean and is discussing putting in a coffee roasting facility on Walnut Street in the Salem City. He noted this is a private transaction; however, he is open to any proposals – for the whole county, not just Salem City. He has had discussions with Wilmington Port Director about developing business with them. He has meeting scheduled with the Army Corps of Engineers, Homeland Security, etc. to make this happen.

Freeholder Hassler noted he would like to see this port utilized more.

Freeholder Ostrum noted everyone is excited about the possibilities and wanted to know when we would see activity here. Mr. Storm noted we should see this by the 1st of the year – Jan 2020.

Freeholder Hassle said the property clean up is looking good.

Director Laury thanked the group for the presentation.

**IX. Waiver of the Rules:** None

**X. Public Hearings & Adoptions:** None

**XI. Correspondence:**

**A. General:**

1. Letter from the County Clerk's Office Certifying the 2019 General Elections

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

- 1.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the correspondence.

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

**XII. Payment of Bills and Claims:** A motion was made and seconded to accept the bills and claims for payment, subject to audit.

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

**XIII. Treasurer's Report:** None

**XIV. Resolutions:**

**A. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE: - Laury, Griscom**

**A1** Resolution Amending Resolution 2019-245 Accepting and Executing a Small Cities Grant from the Department of Community Affairs for Improvements at Mid Atlantic States Career and Education Center Training 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

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

**B1** Resolution Authorizing the Proposed Acquisition of a Development Easement on Anthony Rizzo, Jr and Kathleen Rizzo Farm Pittsgrove Township

**B2** Resolution Authorizing the Proposed Acquisition of a Development Easement on Robert Moore, Jr and Robert Moore Farm Mannington Township

**B3** Resolution Authorizing the Proposed Acquisition of a Development Easement on Joseph and Nancy Leone Farm Pilesgrove Township

**B4** Resolution Authorizing the Proposed Acquisition of a Development Easement on Nolan Helig and Devorah Helig Farm Pittsgrove Township

**B5** Resolution Authorizing the Proposed Acquisition of a Development Easement on Venerando Maccaron Farm Pilesgrove Township

**B6** Resolution Authorizing the Proposed Acquisition of a Development Easement on William and Virginia Hurst Farm Upper Pittsgrove Township

**B7** Resolution Approving Change Order No. 1 for the Professional Service Contract for Providing Farmland Preservation Survey Services for the County of Salem

Voting for Resolution B1

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 4-0

Voting for Resolutions B2-B7

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 Approving the Execution of Change Order #2 2016 County Aid Road 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 – No resolutions****E. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Griscom, Ostrum**

- E1** Resolution of the Board of Chosen Freeholders Supporting and Approving an Application to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Multi-Jurisdictional Gang, Gun and Narcotics Task Force Grant Program for the Prosecutor's Office [Subaward No. JAC 1-17TF-17]
- E2** Resolution to Amend Resolution 2019-424 Authorizing Submission of a Grant Application to the State of New Jersey Office of the Attorney General (OAG) and the Office of the New Jersey Coordinator for Addiction Responses and Enforcement Strategies (NJ CARES) for Funding Under the FFY 2019 Overdose Data to Action - Operation Helping Hand Grant Program [Subaward No. FYOHH-13-2019]
- E3** Resolution Supporting the Prosecutor's Office's Application for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Program, Megan's Law and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Program Administered by the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice, Department of Law and Public Safety [JAG-1-17-17]
- E4** Resolution Authorizing Application for a Grant from the Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance for FY 2019 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP)
- E5** Resolution Authorizing an Agreement Between the New Jersey Judiciary Cumberland/Gloucester/Salem Vicinage and the County of Salem for Probation Enrichment and Transportation Program 2020
- E6** Resolution of the Board of Chosen Freeholders Authorizing the Extension of a Shared Services Agreement Between the County of Salem and the Salem County Vocational-Technical School for a Building Relationships Inspiring Dreams and Growth Employment (B.R.I.D.G.E.) Opportunities Program 2020
- E7** Resolution of the Board of Chosen Freeholders Accepting Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Grant Funding from the Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services
- E8** Resolution Authorizing the County of Salem Through the Salem County Sheriff's Office to Participate in the Defense to Enable the Salem County Sheriff's Office to Request and Acquire Excess Department of Defense Equipment

<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			
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 – Small Cities CDBD 2018 Mid Atlantic Facility

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

**XV. Freeholder Old Business:** None

**XVI. Freeholder New Business:** None

**XVII. Freeholder Public Announcements:**

- 12/6 - Woodstown by Candlelight 6pm-10pm \$12 in advance / \$15.00 day of event
- 12/7 - Arts in Bloom Yuletide Shoppe @ Fenwick Plaza Salem City 9am-5pm
- 12/7 - Salem City Parade 11:00am
- 12/7 - 32nd Annual Yuletide Tour of Historic Salem 1pm-6pm \$15 in advance / \$20 day of event
- 12/7 - Christmas Tree Lighting 6:30 Olde Courthouse
- 12/8 - Santa's Workshop and Holiday Brunch 10a-1:30p The Grove \$25.00
- 12/14 - Winters Light Holiday Concert at SCC 2pm Oak Singers \$7

**XVIII. Public Comment (Agenda items or other County business)**

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.

Betty Coombs, Route 77, Elmer area

Ms. Coombs talked about a dangerous intersection at Route 77 and Shirley Road. There was an accident there again last night and someone died. She mentioned cars often run through the stop sign on Shirley Road. She is hoping that something can be done to prevent more accidents in the future.

Director Laury agreed that this is a bad intersection.

Ms. Coombs noted that traffic on Route 77 has increased over the years. She suggested reflective strips and better signage until a light can be approved.

Freeholder Ostrum noted there is confusing signage at this intersection.

On another topic, Ms. Coombs wondered how big the farm easements are which were voted on tonight. Freeholder Ostrum noted most are over 50 acres, and are for farmland preservation, not development.

Lastly, Ms. Coombs noted debris and weeds at the Friendship Road / Pine Tavern Road intersection.

**XIX. Executive Closed Session:** 7:15 pm – meeting went into Executive Closed Session

**G1 Resolution Authorizing Executive Session County of Salem – Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and the Attorney-Client Privilege**

<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

**XX. Adjournment:** After the Executive Closed Session, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm.

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

Hand vote 5-0

**Next Meeting Date**

December 18, 2019

Regular Meeting 6:30 pm

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