



**Board of Chosen Freeholders**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

December 18, 2019

6:30 PM

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

- I. **Call to Order:** Director Laury called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
- II. **Invocation:** Rev. Awood Jones of offered the Invocation.
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Joseph Hannagan, Director of Veterans Affairs, led the Pledge
- IV. **Statement Regarding Open Public Meetings Act :** The statement was read by Stacy L. Pennington, Clerk of the Board.

**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 December 5, 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	X			
Freeholder Hassler			X			
Freeholder Ware			X			
Deputy Director Griscom	X		X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote 5-0

**VII. Special Recognition: None**

**VIII. Presentation: HISI Pharmacy Rebate Check**

Mr. Narolewski, from D’Orazio, presented the Board with a pharmacy rebate check of \$118,522.27. When added to the previous rebate check received earlier this year, the rebate totals over \$600,000 this year.

The Freeholders thanked Mr. Narolewski for his work with the county to keep costs in check.

**IX. Waiver of the Rules**

A4 Resolution Requesting Change in Title, Text, or Amount of Appropriation Pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-85

D3 Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of the Anticipated Fiscal Year 2020 CEHA Grant Funding Letter Between Salem County Health Department and the State of New Jersey by and for the Department of Environmental Protection

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

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

1. Salem County Mosquito Control 2019 Season Report
2. Pollution Control Financing Authority October 1, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

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**

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 Cancellation of Check
- A2 Resolution Requesting Transfer of Funds
- A3 Resolution Declaring An Emergency to Permit Imminent Acquisition of Goods and/or Services to Make Repairs/Replacement to Fuel Dispensing System for the County of Salem
- A4 Resolution Requesting Change in Title, Text, or Amount of Appropriation Pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-85

<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		X			
Freeholder Ware		X	X			
Deputy Director Griscom			X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote 5-0

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

- B1 Resolution Accepting a Grant from Atlantic City Electric-an Exelon Company to Support the Music Around the County Winter Jazz Festival on January 24, 2020
- B2 Resolution Accepting a Grant from Atlantic City Electric-an Exelon Company to Support the Salem County 2020 Familiarization Tour by the Salem County Tourism Office

<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

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

- C1 Resolution Awarding a Contract for Bituminous Concrete and Concrete Testing and Inspection Services for the County of Salem
- C2 Resolution Awarding a Lease Extension for Salem County Farmland
- C3 Resolution Awarding a Contract for Furnishing, Installing, Supplying and Servicing Vending Machines for the County of Salem
- C4 Resolution Awarding a Contract for Supplying Dumpsters and Collecting and Disposing of Rubbish and Solid Waste For the County of Salem

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

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

- D1 Resolution Approving the Submission of an Application to New Jersey Department of Human Services Division of Disability Services for the Personal Assistance Services Program (PASP) Grant
- D2 Resolution Supporting the Salem County Office on Aging & Disabilities to Accept the 2020 Personal Assistance Services Program (PASP) Grant
- D3 Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of the Anticipated Fiscal Year 2020 CEHA Grant Funding Letter Between Salem County Health Department and the State of New Jersey by and for the Department of Environmental Protection

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 Authorizing an Extension of an Agreement Between the Services to Overcome Drug Abuse Among Teenagers, Inc. d/b/a SODAT of NJ the County of Salem for Probation Enrichment and Transportation Program 2020

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: None**

**XV. Freeholder Old Business: None**

**XVI. Freeholder New Business:** None

**XVII. Freeholder Public Announcements:**

Director Laury wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year. He thanked all County employees for serving another year. He feels 2019 was a great year with everyone on the Board getting along to serve the County well. He also thanked a great office staff.

**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.

Ms. Betty Coombs, 16 Route 77, Elmer, NJ

Ms. Coombs was following up on her previous question about a dangerous intersection at Burling and Shirley Roads in the Elmer area. She said there was an accident there since the 12/4/19 Freeholder meeting. A mail truck was involved this time.

Freeholder Hassler noted that nothing can be done until a court decision is made. There are ideas and discussions are ongoing.

Ms. Debbie Ashcraft, Penns Grove, NJ

Ms. Ashcraft is a Captain in the Penns Grove Ambulance Service. She wanted to make the Freeholders aware of a solicitation letter being circulated by American Legion Ambulance Association (ALAA) asking for donations. She feels the wording in this letter is confusing to the public and implies that Salem County endorses their project.

She feels that the municipalities involved with ALAA are already paying them to handle the ambulance service, so there should not be a request for additional donations. She feels that a tax based system is the only way to sustain a paid squad. She would like the Freeholders to do something about this letter. She would also like the County to consider an EMS project.

Freeholder Director Laury noted that Ms. Ashcraft is a county hero, involved in many aspects of emergency service in Salem County. He noted that the Freeholders became aware of the ALAA solicitation letter after it was already out; and that they will be contacting ALAA about this.

Freeholder Hassler noted that people like Ms. Ashcraft would be consulted if the county did any kind of emergency service activity.

Freeholder Ostrum noted he is aware of a change in leadership and there will be follow-up.

Ms. Debbie Orr, Pierson Road, Alloway, NJ

Ms. Orr wanted to make the Freeholders aware of an dangerous intersection at Commissioners Pike and Watsons Mill Road in Alloway. In March 2019, she provided the Board with accident information. .

County Administrator, Jeff Ridgway, noted that he would send Ms. Orr the plans for restructuring this intersection.

Director Laury noted a traffic study was done, including traffic counts and speed data.

Ms. Orr wanted to see a list of improvement planned for this area. Mr. Ridgway said he would get them to her. Ms. Orr wishes to be kept 'in the loop' for future conversations. Director Laury asked her to come back again with her opinions on the noted improvements to this intersection.

**XIX. Executive Closed Session (if needed):** None

**XX. Adjournment:** Adjournment 6:58 pm

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

Hand vote 5-0

#### **Next Meeting Date**

December 30, 2019

Regular Meeting 4:00 PM Meeting

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