



Board of Chosen Freeholders

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 15, 2020
6:00 PM

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

- I. **Call to Order:** Deputy Direct Scott Griscom called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm
- II. **Invocation:** Rev.Sonita Johnson from St. John’s Episcopal Outreach Church in Salem City offered the invocation.
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Joseph Hannagan, Director of Veterans Affairs let the assembled in the Pledge.
- IV. **Statement Regarding Open Public Meetings Act:** Read by Stacy 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 30, 2019 closeout meeting and the January 6, 2020 Reorganization 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			
Freeholder Ware		X	X			
Deputy Director Griscom	X		X			
Director Laury						X

Hand vote – 4-0.

VII. Waiver of the Rules

- E1. Resolution of the Board of Chosen Freeholders Accepting and Executing a Grant for the Salem County Youth Services Commission from the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission (NUNC PRO TUNC)

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 – 4-0.

VIII. Correspondence:

A. General:

1. Letter and Resolution Regarding Second Amendment Rights – Robert J. Waters
2. Letter and Resolution Regarding Second Amendment Rights – Renee Waters
3. Letter and Resolution Regarding Second Amendment Rights – Parker Wilson
4. Letter and Resolution Regarding Second Amendment Rights – Shawn Stiles
5. Letter and Resolution Regarding Second Amendment Rights – Karen Hitchner
6. Letter and Resolution Regarding Second Amendment Rights – Scott Hitchner
7. Letter and Resolution Regarding Second Amendment Rights – Albert Erb
8. Letter and Resolution Regarding Second Amendment Rights – Patricia Erb
9. Letter and Resolution Regarding Second Amendment Rights – Michael Handte
10. Letter and Resolution Regarding Second Amendment Rights – Katherine Handte
11. Letter and Resolution Regarding Second Amendment Rights – Howard Craver
12. Letter and Resolution Regarding Second Amendment Rights – Mert Coles
13. Letter and Resolution Regarding Second Amendment Rights – George Stiles
14. Letter and Resolution Regarding Second Amendment Rights – John Finnical
15. Letter and Resolution Regarding Second Amendment Rights – Henry Shepherd
16. Letter and Resolution Regarding Second Amendment Rights – Frank Ecret, Jr.
17. Letter and Resolution Regarding Second Amendment Rights – Tina Davey
18. Letter and Resolution Regarding Second Amendment Rights – Marguerite Carbonaro-Davey
19. Letter and Resolution Regarding Second Amendment Rights – James Davey
20. Letter and Resolution Regarding Second Amendment Rights – Curtis Garrison
21. Letter and Resolution Regarding Second Amendment Rights – Newkirk
22. Letter and Resolution Regarding Second Amendment Rights – Patricia Newkirk
23. Letter and Resolution Regarding Second Amendment Rights – Scott Hitchner, Jr.

- 24. Letter and Resolution Regarding Second Amendment Rights – Felicia Hitchner
- 25. Letter and Resolution Regarding Second Amendment Rights – Melik Khoury, Jr.
- 26. Letter and Resolution Regarding Second Amendment Rights – Sharon Coleman
- 27. Letter and Resolution Regarding Second Amendment Rights – Britt Williams
- 28. Letter and Resolution Regarding Second Amendment Rights – Leona Wilson
- 29. Letter and Resolution Regarding Second Amendment Rights – Lesley Williams
- 30. Letter and Resolution Regarding Second Amendment Rights – Robert A. Wilson, Jr.

B. Committee/ Commission Minutes and Reports:

- 1. Minutes of the Regular January 9, 2020 SCIA Meeting

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.

IX. Resolutions:

A. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE: - Laury, Griscom

- A1 Resolution Constituting the 2020 Temporary Capital Budget

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 – 4-0.

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

- C1 Resolution Restricting Parking Along Gateway Boulevard, County Road #680 in Oldmans Township, 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 – 4-0.

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

- D1 Resolution of Intent to Apply for Funding from the Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services to Provide Creative and Sustainable Ideas in Opioid Use Disorder
- D2 Resolution Amending Resolution 2019-478 Supporting the Salem County Office on Aging & Disabilities to Accept the 2020 Personal Assistance Services Program (PASP) Grant
- D3 Resolution Authorizing the Use of Competitive Contracting for the Procurement of Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.3
- D4 Resolution Adopting the FY 2021 Update of the 2021-2025 Municipal Alliance Strategic Plan

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 – 4-0.

E. Public Safety – Griscom, Ostrum

- E1 Resolution of the Board of Chosen Freeholders Accepting and Executing a Grant for the Salem County Youth Services Commission from the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission (NUNC PRO TUNC)

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 – 4-0.

ORDINANCE 2020-001 INTRODUCTION

Bond Ordinance Providing for Various General Capital Improvements at the Salem County Career and Technical High School, Located within the County of Salem State of New Jersey; Appropriating \$8,000,000 therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$8,000,000 Bonds or Notes of the County of Salem, State of New Jersey, for financing Such Appropriation

1. Motion for Introduction of Ordinance No. 2020-001
2. Roll Call Vote

3. Public Hearing and Final Adoption scheduled for February 5, 2020

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

Voice vote – 4-0.

X. Freeholder Old Business: None

XI. Freeholder New Business: None

XII. Freeholder Public Announcements:

Freeholder Hassler informed everyone of the upcoming SCVTS Foundation Leadership Recognition and Scholarship Dinner scheduled for February 28, 2020. John Burzichelli, Assemblyman from the 3rd Legislative District, will be honored.

XIII. 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.

Scott Hitchner, Center Street, Elmer, NJ

Mr. Hitchner spoke as a representative of the 2nd Amendment Sanctuary Movement. He is an award winning marksman. He spoke of the need for ordinary citizens to defend themselves. He noted the recent murders at a local motel and recent issues at two county churches. He urged the Freeholders to pass a resolution like the Cape May Freeholders did earlier this week.

Brian A. Crist, S. Broadway, Pennsville, NJ

Mr. Crist has been a Salem County resident for 48 years, and works as a security professional. He does not like that the government wants to limit the type/amount of weapon and ammo an individual may own/carry. He mentioned a 9-20 minute response time by local police. He feels that individuals can help more quickly if needed. He noted the recent Texas church shooting which was stopped in six seconds by an individual in the church who had a firearm. He urged the Freeholders to pass a 2nd Amendment sanctuary resolution.

Mr. Wyatt Mehaffey, Pecks Corner Cohansey Road, Bridgeton, NJ

Mr. Mehaffey noted our Constitution is based on belief in God and Freedom. He feels like individual freedoms are under attack. He is tired of these freedoms being limited or even taken away. He would like all to stand as one, not individuals, so something can be done. True patriots work together. He noted that freedom to bear arms will help protect all from evil people. He quoted biblical scripture as background for this freedom. He also urged the Freeholders to pass a 2nd Amendment sanctuary resolution.

Freeholder Ostrum thanked all present for coming out tonight and exercising their right to be heard. He said he is aware of their passion and respects their point of view.

XIV. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 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

Voice vote – 4-0.

Next Meeting Date

February 5, 2020

Regular Meeting 6:00 PM Meeting

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

Respectfully submitted:

Stacy Pennington
Clerk of the Board