



**Board of Chosen Freeholders**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

February 5, 2020

6:00 PM

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

- I. **Call to Order:** Ben Laury called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Director Laury welcomed all in attendance and thanked them for representing Salem County.
- II. **Invocation:** Rev. Marikay Green, pastor at Mt. Hope and Broadway United Methodist Churches
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Larry Van Atta, Pennsville resident, Navy Veteran & Army Reserves Veteran

**IV. Statement Regarding Open Public Meetings Act**

**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.

**VI. Minutes:**

Dispense with the reading of the minutes of the January 15, 2020 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	

**VII. Special Recognition:** None

**VIII. Presentation:** None

**IX. Waiver of the Rules:** None**X. Public Hearings & Adoptions:****Adoption of Ordinance 2020-001**

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 therefore 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 to Open the Public Hearing

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

As there was no public comment, Director Laury entertained a motion to close the public hearing.

## 2. Motion to Close the Public Hearing

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

## 3. Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2020-001 and roll call vote

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			

Roll Call Vote 5-0

Mr. Linwood Donelson, a Salem County Vocational and Technical School board member asked to be recognized. On behalf of the SCVTS Board, he then thanked the Freeholders and all involved for supporting the Bond Ordinance for school improvements.

**XI. Correspondence:****A. General:**

1. Letter and Resolution Regarding Second Amendment Rights – Robert Olbrich
2. Letter and Resolution Regarding Second Amendment Rights – Jake Olbrich
3. Letter and Resolution Regarding Second Amendment Rights – Raymond F. Dilks Jr.
4. Letter and Resolution Regarding Second Amendment Rights – Kenneth Neal Olbrich
5. Letter and Resolution Regarding Second Amendment Rights – Carla M. Leady
6. Letter and Resolution Regarding Second Amendment Rights – Kirt Leady
7. Letter and Resolution Regarding Second Amendment Rights – Edwin Johnson
8. Letter and Resolution Regarding Second Amendment Rights – Taryn Hope Fogg
9. Letter and Resolution Regarding Second Amendment Rights – Jared Richard Fogg
10. Letter and Resolution Regarding Second Amendment Rights – Sam Carmon Jr.
11. Letter and Resolution Regarding Second Amendment Rights – Richard W. Klessel Sr.
12. Letter and Resolution Regarding Second Amendment Rights – Charles R. Haaf, Jr.
13. Letter from Atlantic City Electric Vegetation Management Standards

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

1. Public Works Committee Meeting December 11, 2019

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			
Freeholder Hassler			X			
Freeholder Ware		X	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**

Director Laury asked for Resolution A3 to be read in entirety and then voted on separately from the other Administrative resolutions. COB Stacy Pennington read the Resolution.

A3 Resolution Declaring the County of Salem a Second Amendment/Lawful Gun Owner County

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

There was a standing ovation from those in attendance at the passing of this Resolution.

The meeting then continued with the remaining Administrative Resolutions.

A1 Resolution to Approve a Lease Agreement Between the County of Salem and Salem Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, a Religious Corporation of the State of New Jersey for Parking and Ingress/Egress

A2 Resolution Authorizing Grant Applications to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Division of Local Government Services for the Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP)

A4 Resolution Certifying the Review of the 2018 Annual Audit

A5 Resolution for Check Cancellation

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

**B. AGRICULTURAL/ TOURISM COMMITTEE – Ware, Griscom - None**

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

C1 Resolution Extending a No Passing Zone Along a Portion of Telegraph Road, County Road #540 in Alloway Township, Salem County

C2 Resolution Approving the Execution of Change Order #1-Final Resurfacing of Alloway-Woodstown Road, County Road #603 in Alloway Township for the County of Salem, FAP-2015-Salem County-02284 NJDOT Job #7101312

C3 Resolution Accepting and Executing a Grant from the NJ Dept of Transportation for the Fiscal Year 2020 County Aid Improvement Program

C4 Resolution Approving the Execution of Change Order #1 Center Traffic Signal Improvements Almond Road, County Road #540 and Centerton Road, County Road #553 in Pittsgrove Township for the County of Salem Federal Project No. CMAQ-0553(353) NJDOT Job No. 7110317

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

**XV. Freeholder Old Business: None**

**XVI. Freeholder New Business:** None

**XVII. Freeholder Public Announcements:**

Freeholder Ostrum thanked those in attendance for supporting the 2A Resolution. He also thanked County Counsel, Karin Wood, for her work on this document.

**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.

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

Darryls Wheels on 3/21/2020 – This is a fundraiser for transportation for the disabled

Habitat for Humanity – House dedication at 884 Main Street, LAC at 10:00 am on 2/8/2020.

Habitat for Humanity – House dedication on Iona Avenue in Penns Grove at 11:00 am on 3/7/2020.

Ms. Bomba mentioned a presentation by Emergency Services employee, Bob DeGregorio and others at a Critical Incident Summit in January. She noted it was very informative.

Ms. Bomba noted conflicting feelings on the passage of the Second Amendment/Lawful Gun Owner Resolution tonight. She remembers a shooting at St. James School 45 years ago.

Finally, Ms. Bomba wanted to a Veteran who came to the Freeholder Reorganization meeting from the Veterans Home in Vineland, Mr. Stewart Cross. He struggled to stand for the National Anthem and Pledge, but he did it anyway. He also sang along with the anthem singer. See noted we take for granted our freedoms and health and complain. She wanted to congratulate Mr. Cross for his actions that night.

Wyatt Mehaffey – Mr. Mehaffey thank the Freeholders for standing up for freedom by passing the Second Amendment/Lawful Gun Owner Resolution tonight. He hopes our citizens will continue to stand as one, now and forever.

Dawn Wasilauski, Quinton – Ms. Wasilauski noted she moved back to Salem County from New York City. After learning how to handle a gun and shoot properly, her anxiety about guns has diminished. She is glad to have the option to own a gun and thanked the Freeholders for passing the Second Amendment/Lawful Gun Owner Resolution tonight.

Carla Leady, Alloway – Ms. Leady noted that the Red Flag law would go against our Constitution. She discussed how her son was injured during a home invasion years ago. She thanked the Freeholders for passing the Second Amendment/Lawful Gun Owner Resolution tonight.

Linwood Donelson – Mr. Donelson wanted to inform everyone of the SCVTS Foundation Dinner fundraiser on February 28, 2020.

Nathan Parker, Quinton – Mr. Parker noted some quotes about owning firearms. He also thanked the Freeholders for passing the Second Amendment/Lawful Gun Owner Resolution tonight.

Robert Barnard, Elsinboro Twp – Mr. Barnard is an EMT and volunteer firefighter. He likes to hunt to provide for his family. He also thanked the Freeholders for passing the Second Amendment/Lawful Gun Owner Resolution tonight.

Freeholder Hassler noted a great article about Salem County in the 1/10/2020 edition of Business View Magazine. It is titled “One Traffic Light From 40 Million People.”

Keith Walton, Pedricktown – Mr. Walton is concerned about economic development at the cost of losing too much agriculture land. He would like the Freeholders to help with Pedricktown’s plans re-zoning and to promote proper economic growth. He is rallying the local residents to help.

Freeholder Laury noted that this is a beautiful county and we need controlled growth.

Jennifer Doner, Pedricktown – Ms. Doner supported what Mr. Walton said. She noted there are reasonable places to plan for economic growth, like along Route 130 and Straughns Mill Road.

Director Laury thanked everyone for their comments and welcomed them to stay until after the closed session if they desired.

#### **XIX. Executive Closed Session (if needed)**

E1 Resolution Authorizing Executive Session County of Salem – *Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and the Attorney-Client Privilege and Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship*

<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			

#### **XX. Adjournment** – the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 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	X			
Freeholder Ware			X			
Deputy Director Griscom	X		X			
Director Laury			X			

#### **Next Meeting Date**

February 19, 2020  
 Regular Meeting - 6:00 PM  
 Salem County Olde Courthouse, 104 Market Street, Salem, New Jersey 08079