



Board of Chosen Freeholders

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 4, 2020 - 6:00 PM

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

- I. **Call to Order:** Director Laury called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
- II. **Invocation:** Rev. Sonita Johnson, St. John’s Pentecostal Outreach Church, Salem offered the Invocation
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Joe Hannagan, Director of Veterans Services, led the Pledge.
- IV. **Statement Regarding Open Public Meetings Act:** Read by Stacy Pennington, COB

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 February 19, 2020 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: 3-0, 2 absent

VII. **Special Recognition:** None

VIII. **Presentation:** None

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

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

XI. **Correspondence:**

A. General:

1. County of Sussex Resolution Supporting Vegetation Management
2. Resolution Declaring the County of Sussex a Second Amendment/Lawful Gun Owner County
3. Salem County Economic Development Advisory Council Meeting Notes

B. Committee/ Commission Minutes and Reports:

1. SCIA Meeting from Reorganization and February 13th Regular Meeting

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: 3-0, 2 absent

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: 3-0, 2 absent

XIII. **Resolutions:**

A. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE: - Laury, Griscom

- A1 Resolution to Correct Resolution 2020-040 Appointing Members to the Salem Country Mental Health Board
- A2 Draft Resolution Awarding a Contract mid-Atlantic States Career and Education Center Training Facility Heating Upgrades - RE-BID
- A3 Resolution Amending Professional Services Contract for Salem County Counsel
- A4 Resolution Amending Resolution No., 2020-34 Appointing Members to the Salem County Construction Board of Appeals

A5 Resolution Amending Resolution 2020-015 Appointing a Special Auditor for the County of Salem

A6 Resolution for the Appointment of Members to the Salem County Advisory Solid Waste Council

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: 3-0, 2 absent

B. AGRICULTURAL / TOURISM COMMITTEE – Ware, Griscom: None

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

C1 Resolution to Appoint Members to the Cumberland / Salem / Cape May Workforce Development Board

C2 Resolution to approve South Jersey Regional Animal Shelter Application For Motorist Solicitation Pursuant to Resolution No. 98-115

C3 Resolution to Approve Elmer Fire Department Application for Motorist Solicitation Pursuant to Resolution No. 98-115

C4 Resolution Accepting and Executing Agreement Modification No., 1 From the NJDOT, Federal Aid Agreement No. 19-DT-BLA-796, Hood Road, County Road #551, Phase 3-Design, Federal Project #STBGP-STU-0551(301), FAP-2019-Salem County - 00016, NJDOT Job #7116310

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: 3-0, 2 absent

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

D1 Resolution Accepting and Executing a Grant for the 2020 Comprehensive Alcohol and Drug Project

D2 Resolution Amending Resolution 2019-426 Supporting the Salem County Office on Aging & Disabilities to Accept the Salem County Health and Wellness Foundation Grant for Match to the Grant Under the 5311 Rural Designated Grant Provided by New Jersey Transit Corporation

D3 Resolution of Intent to Apply for Funding from the New Jersey Department of Human Services Division of Aging Services for State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) Grant

- D4 Resolution Acknowledging the Business Associate Agreement Form From the New Jersey Department of Human Services for the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) Grant
- D5 Resolution Acknowledging the Standard Board Resolution Form from the New Jersey Department of Human Services for the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) Grant
- D6 Resolution of Intent to Apply for Funding from the NJ Association of County and City Health Officials for Coronavirus Preparedness Activities
- D7 Resolution Accepting and Executing a Grant from the NJ Association of County and City Health Officials to Expand Outreach, to Educate, and to Address the Hepatitis A Outbreak

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

Hand vote: 3-0, 2 absent

E. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Griscom, Ostrum

- E1 Resolution Accepting and Executing a Grant for the Salem County Sheriff's Office from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety for Body Armor Replacement Fund (BARF) Program Grant Funding
- E2 Resolution Accepting and Executing a Grant for the Prosecutor's Office from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety for Body Armor Replacement Fund (BARF) Program Grant Funding
- E3 Resolution Accepting and executing a Grant from the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice for the prosecutor's Office [Megan's Law JAG 1-17-17]

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

Hand vote: 3-0, 2 absent

F. CHAPTER 159 TO INSERT REVENUE IN THE BUDGET:

XIV. Freeholder Old Business: None

XV. Freeholder New Business:

Director Laury noted a phone meeting with the Governor regarding Coronavirus. He mentioned the following preventative steps that everyone can take to avoid contracting this virus:

- If you are sick, stay home
- Wash hands for at least 20 seconds, and wash often
- Avoid touching your face
- Cough/sneeze into tissues and then throw the tissue away

XVI. Freeholder Public Announcements:

Freeholder Ostrum noted the following upcoming activities around the county:

- 3/18/2020 NARCAN training
- 8/18/2020 Chancellor Pheobe Haddon, Rutgers-Camden – presentation
- 3/20-22/2020 20th Annual International Flameworking Conference at SCC
- 2/21/2020 VFW Post 253, Salem – 80th Anniversary celebration
- 3/21/2020 Darryl's Wheels – Derby Day 2020 – Night at the Races fundraiser
- 3/21/2020 242nd Anniversary of Hancock Massacre
- 3/27/2020 SCC – Lessons in Leadership – Dave Bailey, Jr. presenting
- 3/29/2020 Reliance Fire Co Breakfast
- 3/29/2020 Music Around the County presents: Delaware Women's Chorus
- 4/1/2020 Teen Arts Festival at Apple Farms
- 4/1/2020 SC Chamber of Commerce Annual Spring Banquet
- 4/4/2020 Annual Women of Achievement Breakfast

Deputy Director Griscom announced that a ProAct Discount Pharmacy Card is available for those who are uninsured or underinsured. They can be picked up after the meeting. Director Laury noted this card offers great savings.

XVII. 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 a few other activities coming up:

- Habitat for Humanity Women's Build – The dedication originally scheduled for 3/7/2020 has been changed to 3/30/2020 at 4:30 pm
- Autism Dinner is a fundraiser scheduled for 4/18/2020

Ms. Bomba also wanted to clarify comments from the previous Freeholder meeting when she discussed a killing at the old St. James school. She is concerned about gun violence but understands the rights of gun owners is also an issue.

Linda Dubois, Pittsgrove – As NJ State Committee chairwoman of USDA's Farm Service Agency, Ms. Dubois informed us of an upcoming visit by the Undersecretary USDA. Ms. Dubois noted that the USDA Undersecretary will be visiting three different farms in Salem County that have benefited from programs offered by FSA and NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service). She noted it is important to recognize local NJ farms which have made Salem County agriculture a diverse commodity. The date was to be determined.

Joanne Nacucchio, Salem, NJ – Ms. Nacucchio is involved with the 2020 Census for Salem County. She asked for a County presence at their meetings. She noted that every head counted allows \$30,000 of support funds per year, for 10 years, to feed into the county. The census should be sure to include undocumented individuals, as they also use county services.

Director Laury asked Ms. Nacucchio to contact Stacy Pennington or Jeff Ridgway with information on when/where the meetings are held. Ms. Nacucchio agreed to do this.

Nokomis Waters – Ms. Waters noted she had a loved one killed by gun violence on 5/23/2019 in Penns Grove. She was speaking for all affected by this. Children are not safe walking around town. Who can she speak with for more that the four minutes allotted at this meeting.

Freeholder Ostrum asked for her contact information. He wants to identify community members who are available to get involved in this discussion. Director Laury noted that Freeholder Hassler is the point person for this activity.

Leslie Parsley, Cumberland County – Ms. Parsley has two sons who were killed by gun violence in Salem City. She showed their pictures. Their murders are still open cases. Their children, her grandchildren, do not feel safe except at school. She said she is ‘talked out’. This is a crisis and needs solutions. She thanked the Board for listening.

Deputy Director Griscom noted he would try to have prosecutors at a meeting to address the issue.

Ms. Parsley noted that Prosecutor Lenahan and Chief Pelura had not attended a meeting that was planned.

XVIII. Executive Closed Session (if needed)

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

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: 3-0, 2 absent

Motion and vote to end the Executive Closed Session

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: 3-0, 2 absent

XIX. Adjournment

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			

Next Meeting Date

March 18, 2020

Regular Meeting 6:00 PM Meeting

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