



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 16, 2020

6:00 PM

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

Call to Order: Director, Ben Laury, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Invocation: Director Laury offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance: Director Laury asked all to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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.

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.

Minutes:

Dispense with the reading of the minutes of the September 2, 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			
Freeholder Hassler		X	X			
Freeholder Ware			X			
Deputy Director Griscom	X		X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote: passed 5-0

Special Recognition:

1. Miryah Campbell, a New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC) – Investors Foundation Scholarship recipient. Freeholder Lee Ware presented Ms. Campbell with her award and check. She graduated of Salem County Vocational Technical High School in 2020 with a GPA of 4.06. She is a member of the National Technical Honor Society and is now attending Rowan University to study Forensic Science. Congratulations, Miryah!
2. Pat Federowic, Assistant to the Clerk of the Board, discovered an error on the sample ballots, saving the county hours of work and potential expenses. Thank you, Pat!

Presentation: None**Waiver of the Rules:**

A2 Resolution Opposing the Proposed Reallocation of Funding from the State Recycling Fund

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: passed 5-0

Public Hearings & Adoptions: None**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: passed 5-0

A. General:

1. Letter from Samuel and Katherine Ragonese, Jr. concerning drainage ditch issues on 351 Swedesboro Road in Upper Pittsgrove
2. Sussex County Resolution Opposing Tax Increases on Firearms and Ammunition in Governor Murphy's Proposed Budget

B. Committee/ Commission Minutes and Reports:

1. Public Works Committee Minutes from the August 5, 2020 Meeting

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: passed 5-0

Treasurer's Report: Accept and file the Treasurer's report, subject to audit.

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: passed 5-0

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

A1 Resolution Accepting and Executing a Grant From the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Division of Local Government Services for the Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP)

A2 Resolution Opposing the Proposed Reallocation of Funding from the State Recycling Fund

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: passed 5-0

B. AGRICULTURAL/ TOURISM COMMITTEE – Ware, Griscom: None**C. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Hassler, Ostrum: None**

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

D1 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum of Agreement Between the County of Salem, the Salem County Department of Health and Human Services and the Southern Jersey Family Medical Centers, Inc.

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: passed 5-0

E. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Griscom, Ostrum

E1 Resolution Authorizing the Extension of a Grant (MAC)

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: passed 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 (LEAP Grant)

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

Hand vote: passed 5-0

Freeholder Old Business: None

Freeholder New Business: None

Freeholder Public Announcements:

Freeholder Hassler noted these events:

Thursday, 9/24/2020	Stand Up For Salem – Annual Dinner 5:30 in Fenwick Plaza
Friday, 9/25/2020	Chamber of Commerce - Annual Leadership Breakfast - Virtual Event this year 8:15 - 9:15 am (contact COC for information)
Saturday, 9/26/2020	Road Knights Car Show 10:00 am - 3:00 pm - to be held at Pennsville Twp. Historical Society on Church Landing Road
Sunday, 9/27/2020	7th Annual Cow Run (contact Stand Up For Salem for information) 7:30 am Registration / 9:00 am Start
Monday, 10/19/2020	Meet the Candidates - will be a Virtual event this year 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm (contact COC for information)
Sunday, 11/8/2020	Pennsville Veterans Day Program - TBD Sponsored by Pennsville Township Historical Society Held at Pennsville Senior & Community Center 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Saturday, 11/14/2020	Women of Achievement Breakfast - TBD
Saturday, 11/28/2020	Pennsville Memorial High School - TBD 3rd Annual All Classes Reunion Riverview Inn, 5:30 pm

Freeholder Hassler made special note of the October 1, 2020 Disabilities Awareness Day to be held as a drive-through event at Appel Farms. He is very happy that the Health Dept. has planned an alternative way to host this event in the midst of the pandemic. He will be attending this event.

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 asked about the EPA noting toxic levels of chemicals at the DuPont Chambers Works site. Director Laury said he is only aware of what is public knowledge.

Ms. Bomba will also be attending Disabilities Awareness Day on October 1, 2020. She offered congratulations to the Health Dept. for thinking outside the box to hold this event.

Director Laury also complimented the Health Department for this smart alternative method to hold the event.

Executive Closed Session:

G1 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	X			
Deputy Director Griscom			X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote: passed 5-0

End 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: passed 5-0

Adjournment

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: passed 5-0

Next Meeting Date

October 7, 2020

Regular Meeting 6:00 PM Meeting

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