



Board of Chosen Freeholders

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 21, 2020

6:00 PM

Penns Grove Municipal Building, Penns Grove, New Jersey

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

Invocation: Director Laury offered the Invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance: Director Laury asked everyone 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 (via phone)	
Freeholder Lee Ware	X	

A quorum was present.

Minutes: Dispense with the reading of the minutes of the October 7, 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			
Freeholder Ware		X	X			
Deputy Director Griscom	X		X			
Director Laury			X			

Roll call vote: passed 5-0

Special Recognition: None

Presentation: None

Waiver of the Rules

A5 Resolution Accepting and Executing Funding for Election Related Activities-Board of Elections

A6 Resolution Accepting and Executing Funding for Election Related Activities-County Clerk

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			

Roll call vote: passed 5-0

Public Hearings & Adoptions: None

Correspondence:

General:

1. Letter from SJI Pertaining to Approval to Revise the Cost Recovery Charge Associate with EET
2. Letter from B. Harold Smick, Jr. resigning from the Salem County Cultural and Heritage Commission board.
3. Resolution from the County of Monmouth Opposing the Constitutional Amendment Legalizing Recreational Use of Marijuana

Committee/ Commission Minutes and Reports:

1. Minutes from the September 2, 2020 Public Works Meeting
2. Minutes from the October 8, 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			

Roll call vote: passed 5-0

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			

Roll call vote: passed 5-0

Treasurer's Report:

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			

Roll call vote: passed 5-0

Resolutions:

A. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE: - Laury, Griscom

- A1 Resolution Authorizing a Lease Agreement Between Mobilease Modular Space, Inc. and the Salem County Board of Chosen Freeholders to Provide a Work Trailer for the Salem County Board of Elections
- A2 Resolution Establishing a Fair and Open Process for Awarding a Professional Services Contract for a Consultant to Prepare an Updated Farmland Preservation Plan for the County of Salem
- A3 Resolution of the Board of chosen Freeholders Accepting and Executing a Grant from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) for PY 2020-2021
- A4 Resolution of the Board of chosen Freeholders Accepting and Executing a Grant from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development Work First New Jersey (WFNJ) PY 2020-2021
- A5 Resolution Accepting and Executing Funding for Election Related Activities-Board of Elections
- A6 Resolution Accepting and Executing Funding for Election Related Activities-County Clerk

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			

Roll call vote: passed 5-0

B. AGRICULTURAL / TOURISM COMMITTEE – Ware, Griscom – NONE

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

- C1 Resolution Establishing a Fair and Open Process for Awarding a Professional Services Contract for a Consultant to Prepare a Request for Proposal for an Organization to Lease the Salem County Railroad for the County of Salem County
- C2 Resolution Approving an Agreement Pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services Act with Lower Alloways Creek Township for Road Resurfacing

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			

Roll call vote: passed 5-0

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

- D1 Resolution Approving the Submission of a Proposal to New Jersey Department of Human Services Division of Aging Services to Apply for Area Plan Grant
- D2 Resolution Accepting Funding From the US Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for ELC-Enhancing Detection

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			

Roll call vote: passed 5-0

E. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Griscom, Ostrum

- E1 Resolution to Accept and Execute CY 2021 JDAI Grant Funding for the Salem County Youth Services Commission from the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission Award #JDAI-21-IF-17
- E2 Resolution Endorsing Youth Services Commission 2021 State/Community Partnership and Family Court Services Application to the State of New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission for Funding for the Period January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021

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			

Roll call 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 - WIOA
- F2 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 – WFNJ
- F3 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 – ELC Enhancing Detection COVID-19

- F4 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 – CTCL Election Grant-Board of Elections
- F5 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 – CTCL Election Grant – County Clerk

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			

Roll call vote: passed 5-0

Freeholder Old Business: NONE

Freeholder New Business:

Freeholder Hassler noted the Salem County Economic Development Advisory Committee has recommended getting professional assistance to research opening an Economic Development Office for the county and creating a vision of what that would be. This is being done at no cost to the county. This can include 2 year, 5 year, and 10 year Action Plans. Triad Associates will be handling this project through the SJ Economic Development District.

Deputy Director Griscom noted the new Amazon warehouse being built in Carneys Point, which should help local residents with jobs. It is a step in the right direction.

Freeholder Hassler noted that he attended a recent update from Brian Sabina of the NJEDA regarding the Wind Port project in LAC. This is a lifetime opportunity and could potentially bring \$400 million in revenues into the county.

Freeholder Ware wished Freeholder Hassler good luck in the upcoming election.

Director Laury noted this has been a challenging year, but not a political one. The Board works well together.

Freeholder Public Announcements:

Director Laury thanked Penns Grove for hosting the meeting tonight.

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 that the Freeholders are a good team. She also addressed the increase in violence in the county, especially in Penns Grove. Can we bring back the K-9 Unit? Administrator Ridgway noted that K-9 responds when they are called. He will get an exact answer on this question. Deputy Director Griscom said that dogs are available and called in when needed. Lastly, Ms. Bomba noted Habitat for Humanity has a 50/50 fundraiser in progress. Habitat is also planning a bingo-type game to support local businesses. More information will be announced at a later date.

Irene Scarpazi, Railroad Avenue, Penns Grove – Ms. Scarpazi asked who the county Economic Development point of contact is for the municipalities. It was noted that this will become clear with the study as discussed in ‘new business’ above.

Ms. Scarpazi also noted the increased violence issues in the county. Director Laury asked if she had any suggestions on how the county could help. She noted that Penns Grove council and planning board are working on this. She indicated Penns Grove is a prime location with cheap real estate. It could be great for recreation, entertainment and boutique shopping businesses.

Carol Mincey, Penn Street, Penns Grove – Ms. Mincey is the Penns Grove Borough Council President.

Regarding public safety, Ms. Mincey noted the council is looking for grant opportunities for two programs: Eyes in the Sky and Shot Spotter.

Also, they are looking for a solution to gun violence. She noted the people doing the shooting and being shot are from outside of Penns Grove.

Next, Ms. Mincey would like the county to ‘catch up’ on road cleaning and road sign maintenance. Council wants to get the town looking better to sell houses. She noted the town is 70% renters. Director Laury noted that shared services may be a way to handle some of the issues. We will get contact information to Ms. Mincey after the meeting.

Finally, Ms. Mincey noted that Penns Grove could be turned around like Collingswood, NJ did. There will be a Zoom meeting with that town’s mayor, Mr. Malley, on Monday, 10/26/2020 to discuss how that was accomplished.

Patty Bomba, Carneys Point – Ms. Bomba echoed Ms. Mincey’s comment and noted that Pitman and Collingswood have made a comeback, and the Penns Grove can too.

Director Laury thanked everyone for their comments tonight.

Executive Closed Session:

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:34 pm.

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

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			

Roll call vote: passed 5-0

Close Executive Session

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			

Roll call vote: passed 5-0

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 pm.

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			

Roll call vote: passed 5-0

Next Meeting Date

November 4, 2020
 Regular Meeting 6:00 PM Meeting
 Salem County Olde Courthouse, 104 Market Street, Salem, New Jersey 08079