



## Board of County Commissioners

### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 21, 2021 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** – CFO Kelly Hannigan offered the Invocation.
- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.
- **STATEMENT REGARDING OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT:** Read by Stacy L. Pennington, Clerk of the Board.

Adequate notice pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has been given of this meeting:  
 By forwarding notice to the South Jersey Times and Elmer Times Co.; and  
 By posting notice on the bulletin board in the Salem County Courthouse and the Fifth Street Office Complex; and  
 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**

Commissioner	Present	Absent
Director Benjamin Laury	X	
Deputy Director Scott Griscom		X
Commissioner Ed Ramsay	X	
Commissioner Gordon Ostrum	X	
Commissioner Lee Ware	X	

A quorum was present.

- **MINUTES:**

Dispense with the reading of the minutes of the March 31, 2021 Regular Meeting. Minutes are to be received, approved, and recorded in the Minute Book.

Commissioner	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Ostrum	X		X			
Commissioner Ramsay			X			
Commissioner Ware		X	X			
Deputy Director Griscom						X
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote – passed 4-0

- **SPECIAL RECOGNITION:** Proclamation – National Day of Prayer

Director Laury noted we are blessed to have the freedom to worship as desired and that the National Day of Prayer is scheduled for May 6, 2021.

- **PRESENTATION:** Randall Elder – Tourism, Cultural & Heritage

Director Laury invited Mr. Randy Elder, new Director of Cultural & Heritage and Tourism in Salem County, to speak on activities in his office.

Mr. Elder is increasing the presence of Salem County on different social media platforms, i.e. Facebook, Instagram, etc. He is actively connecting with businesses all around the county to foster those relationships. He is promoting various activities around the county as he learns of them.

His complete presentation is attached.

- **WAIVER OF THE RULES:**

A6 Resolution Supporting S-3522 to Establish a New Board of Trustees for the Local Part of the Public Employees' Retirement System

A7 Resolution Delegating Authorization of Change Orders Related to the Construction of a Courthouse Addition and Alterations to the Salem County Superior Court Pursuant to NJAC 5:30-11.4

E5 Resolution Supporting the Salem County Sheriff's Office Application for a Body-Worn Camera Grant Program from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety Office of the Attorney General

Commissioner	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Ostrum	X		X			
Commissioner Ramsay			X			
Commissioner Ware		X	X			
Deputy Director Griscom						X
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote – passed 4-0

- **PUBLIC HEARINGS & ADOPTIONS:** None

- **CORRESPONDENCE** – General and Committee/ Commission Minutes and Reports:

1. Atlantic City Public Hearing Approval of the Smart Energy Network Program
2. New Jersey American Water petition for approval to Change the Levels of Its Purchased Water Adjustment Clause and Purchase Wastewater Treatment Clause
3. Resolution of the Township of Deptford Supporting Senate Bill No 3522 Establishing a New Board of Trustees for the Local Part of the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)
4. NJDOT Local Freight Impact Fund Program Resurfacing and Improvements to Porcupine Road, County Road #643
5. NJDOT FY 2020 Local Bridge Future Needs Program

6. NJDOT Local Freight Impact Fund Grant Straughns Mill Road FY2018
7. Hunterdon County Resolution Opposing the Proposed Cut to State School Aid in Certain Districts
8. Monmouth County Resolution Denouncing the Publication of a Sexist and Anti-Semitic Caption in the Asbury Park Press
9. PCFA March 2, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes
10. Township of Pilesgrove Planning/Zoning Board Notice of Hearing Regarding an Application for a Solar Farm
11. Pittsgrove Township Environmental Commission Letter Expressing Environment Concerns Regarding the Proposed Recycling Facility
12. Township of Pittsgrove Resolution Rescinding Consent to Inclusion of the Giordano Vineland Scrap material, LLC Facility in the Salem County District Solid Waste Management Plan
13. Email from Faith Mason Opposing the Recycling Facility's Proposed Location in a Residentially Zoned Area
14. SCIA April 8, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes
15. SJI Utilities Letter Regarding a Public Hearing in the Matter of the SJ Gas Co. to Implement and Infrastructure Investment Program
16. Voorhees Township Resolution Supporting S-3522 Establishing a New Board of Trustees for the Local Part of the Public Employees Retirement System
17. Letter from AKRF Consultants Regarding a Petition for Amendment to the CAFRA Node Map Boundary by PSEG Nuclear
18. Letter From "Working Together for NJ" Urging the Commissioners to Oppose the Reproductive Freedom Act S3030/A4848 by Supporting Sussex County Resolution to Oppose Pro-Abortion/Pro Sex Trafficking
19. Letter from Joe Quather, Alloway regarding drainage ditch issues

Commissioner	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Ostrum			X			
Commissioner Ramsay	X		X			
Commissioner Ware		X	X			
Deputy Director Griscom						X
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote – passed 4-0

- **PAYMENT OF BILLS AND CLAIMS:**

Commissioner	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Ostrum	X		X			
Commissioner Ramsay			X			
Commissioner Ware		X	X			
Deputy Director Griscom						X
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote – passed 4-0

- TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Commissioner	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Ostrum			X			
Commissioner Ramsay	X		X			
Commissioner Ware		X	X			
Deputy Director Griscom						X
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote – passed 4-0

- RESOLUTIONS:**

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE: - Laury, Griscom

- A1 Resolution Amending and Correcting Resolution 2021-037 Appointing Members to the Salem County Right-of-Way (Michael Brooks)
- A2 Resolution to Appoint Members to the Salem County Disability Advisory Board (Patty Bomba)
- A3 Resolution to Appoint Members to the Citizens Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (Chuck Goldstein)
- A4 Resolution for Check Cancellations
- A5 Resolution Authorizing the New Jersey Association of Counties, On Behalf of the Board of County Commissioners of Salem County, to File a Complaint with the New Jersey Council on Local Mandates that P.L. 2021, Chapter 40 Constitutes an Unfunded State Mandate in Violation of Article VIII, Section II, Paragraph 5 of the New Jersey Constitution
- A6 Resolution Supporting S-3522 to Establish a New Board of Trustees for the Local Part of the Public Employees' Retirement System
- A7 Resolution Delegating Authorization of Change Orders Related to the Construction of a Courthouse of a Courthouse Addition and Alterations to the Salem County Superior Court Pursuant to NJAC 5:30-11.4

Commissioner	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Ostrum	X		X			
Commissioner Ramsay			X			
Commissioner Ware		X	X			
Deputy Director Griscom						X
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote – passed 4-0

AGRICULTURAL / TOURISM COMMITTEE – Ware, Griscom -None

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Ramsay, Ostrum

- C1 Resolution to Approve Alloway Fire Department Application for Motorist Solicitation Pursuant to Resolution No. 98-115
- C2 Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners Accepting and Executing a Grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Fiscal Year 2020 Local Bridge Future Needs Program
- C3 Resolution to Authorize the Signing of a Traffic Signal Agreement Between the County of Salem and the New Jersey Department of Transportation to be Located at the Intersection of Route 40 and Courses Landing Road (CR 628) in the Township of Carneys Point, Project S-40-S-19388-2019 and A-48-S-19386-2019
- C4 Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners Accepting and Executing a Grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Fiscal Year 2020 Local Freight Impact Fund Program
- C5 Resolution Awarding a Professional Services Contract for Traffic Engineering Consultant Services for the County of Salem SJTPO Unified Planning Work Program
- C6 Resolution Awarding a Lease Extension for County Farmland

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Commissioner Ostrum			X			
Commissioner Ramsay	X		X			
Commissioner Ware		X	X			
Deputy Director Griscom						X
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote – passed 4-0

HEALTH/ HUMAN SERVICES/ EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Ostrum, Ware

- D1 Resolution to Accept a Grant from the New Jersey Department of Human Services Division of Aging Services for WIC/Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Commissioner Ostrum	X		X			
Commissioner Ramsay			X			
Commissioner Ware		X	X			
Deputy Director Griscom						X
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote – passed 4-0

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Griscom, Ostrum

- E1 Supporting and Approving a Body Worn Camera Grant Program Application from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety for the Prosecutor's Office

E2 Accepting and Executing a Grant for the Prosecutor’s Office for Grant Funding from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety Division of Criminal Justice [SART/FNE Grant No. VS-38-19]

E3 Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Forensic Nurse Examiner Program for the Salem County Prosecutor’s Office

E4 Resolution Authorizing an Addendum to the Contract for the Provision of Off-Site Commissary Services for the Salem County Correction Facility

E5 Resolution Supporting the Salem County Sheriff’s Office Application for a Body-Worn Camera Grant Program from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety Office of the Attorney General

Commissioner	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Ostrum	X		X			
Commissioner Ramsay			X			
Commissioner Ware		X	X			
Deputy Director Griscom						X
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote – passed 4-0

CHAPTER 159 TO INSERT REVENUE IN THE BUDGET: None

- **COMMISSIONER OLD BUSINESS:** None
- **COMMISSIONER NEW BUSINESS:**

Director Laury noted that the Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC) held a meeting at the SCIA location on 4/19/2021 regarding a proposed recycle facility to be located in Pittsgrove. Over 100 people attended to voice their concerns. In the end, SWAC did not recommend the facility; and the company involved rescinded their proposal. Director Laury thanked all for attending to voice their opinions, and he thanked SCIA for hosting.

- **COMMISSIONER PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Commissioner Ostrum noted:

- Food banks continue to serve the needy. Please support them, if possible.
- 5K run will be held at Salem County Vo-Tech to support a scholarship fund.
- The Best of Salem County will hold an outdoor event to celebrate the winners.
- Arts In Bloom will be May 15-16. Visit our county artists.
- Autism fundraiser – Barrel Race at Longwait Horse Farm
- Pennsville Memorial Day Parade is still planned at this time.
- Septemberfest is still planned at this time.

Commissioner Ramsay wished everyone a Happy Earth Day. April 22 will be the 51<sup>st</sup> Earth Day. It was started in 1970 by Sen. Gaylord Nelson. Commissioner Ramsay also wished good luck to the Pennsville Memorial Day Parade organizers. He hopes this will stimulate outside activities.

- **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.

Paul Halley, 950 Columbia Highway, Bridgeton, NJ

Mr. Halley has an extensive working background. He wishes to partner with Salem County to promote safe and prosperous communities. He is representing “we the people” and would like to have a longer conversation with the Commissioners to support this effort.

*Director Laury asked him to make a presentation of his ideas at a future meeting. Mr. Halley will do that soon.*

Kelly Johnston, 705 Courses Landing Road, Carneys Point, NJ

Ms. Johnston is following up on her neighborhood-supported request to have Courses Landing Road closed at the NJ Turnpike. The truck traffic to a warehouse there is tearing up their lawns and creating dangerous situations. She noted the ‘no trucks’ signs have disappeared. Carneys Point Police are doing their best to monitor this, but it is difficult. She expects the problem to just increase when the Amazon warehouse is complete.

*Director Laury noted that a traffic study was approved for this and will take some time. He will update as soon as possible after the study is done.*

Patty Bomba, Carneys Point, NJ

Ms. Bomba thanked the Board for her re-appointment to the Disability Advisory Board. She also mentioned the success of the Challenger Baseball League (for differently abled people) held in Pennsville. Her granddaughter is playing and really enjoys it. She said it amazing to watch them! She also appreciates that local high school students are ‘buddied-up’ with each player.

Ms. Bomba also provided each Commissioner a copy of an article from the NJ Joint Council of County Special Services School Districts.

*Director Laury thanked Ms. Bomba for all she does with the Special Services School District. He also noted that the SCSSSD is still funded – just through ‘a different port’ (rate per student).*

- **EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION** (if needed): None

- **ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:48 pm.

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Commissioner Ostrum			X			
Commissioner Ramsay	X		X			
Commissioner Ware		X	X			
Deputy Director Griscom						X
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote – passed 4-0

Next Meeting Date

May 5, 2021

Regular Meeting 6:00 PM Meeting

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

TREASURER'S REPORT  
DATE 4/21/2021

FOR THE MONTH OF

MARCH

CASH RECONCILIATION TO 03/31/21

Cash Balance as of	3/1/2021		<u>\$ 26,815,483.73</u>
Total Receipts for the month:			<u>\$ 3,467,640.20</u>
Adj. -			<u>\$ -</u>
Adj. +		VOIDS	<u>\$ -</u>
Total.....			<u>\$ 30,283,123.93</u>
Total Disbursements for the month:			<u>\$ 7,895,072.37</u>
Adj. -			<u>\$ -</u>
Adj. +			<u>\$ -</u>
Cash Balance			<u>\$ 22,388,051.56</u>

CD INVESTMENTS

\$ -

ADJ. BANK BALANCE

\$ 22,388,051.56



TREASURER'S REPORT  
DATE 4/21/2021

FOR THE MONTH OF

FEBRUARY

CASH RECONCILIATION TO 02/28/21

Cash Balance as of	2/1/2021		<u>\$ 15,448,059.93</u>
Total Receipts for the month:			<u>\$ 19,058,439.84</u>
Adj. -			<u>\$ -</u>
Adj. +	VOIDS		<u>\$ -</u>
Total.....			<u>\$ 34,506,499.77</u>
Total Disbursements for the month:			<u>\$ 7,691,016.04</u>
Adj. -			<u>\$ -</u>
Adj. +			<u>\$ -</u>
Cash Balance			<u>\$ 26,815,483.73</u>

CD INVESTMENTS

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ADJ. BANK BALANCE

\$ 26,815,483.73



**SALEM COUNTY TOURISM & CULTURAL HERITAGE**



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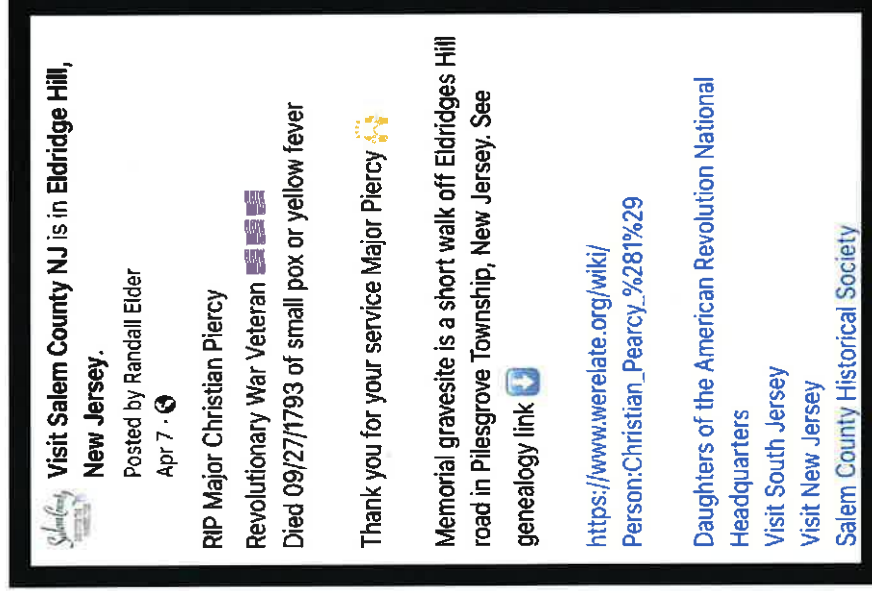
## VISIT SALEM COUNTY NJ ON SOCIAL MEDIA





- Visit Salem County NJ on Social Media Platforms
  - Facebook (Visit Salem County NJ)
  - Instagram (@VisitSalemCountyNJ)
  - Twitter (@VisitSalemCoNJ)
  - YouTube (@VisitSalemCountyNJ)
- Social media strategy is divided the county down to 5 sections
  - Elmer, Woodstown-Pilesgrove, Salem, CP-PG & Pennsville

## FACEBOOK


- Currently 1,090 likes (as of 5pm)
- In the past month:
  - 1,823 Page Views
  - 24,113 Total Reach or “Hits”
    - Reach is the number of people who saw at least one Facebook post
  - 74,984 Impressions
    - Impressions are the number of times any content enters a person's screen. Includes posts, stories, check-ins, etc.
- Sample of Facebook post shown on this slide
- Goal is for 4,000 Likes by Labor Day Weekend



 Visit Salem County NJ is in Eldridge Hill, New Jersey.  
Posted by Randall Elder  
Apr 7 · 🌐

RIP Major Christian Piercy  
Revolutionary War Veteran   
Died 09/27/1793 of small pox or yellow fever

Thank you for your service Major Piercy 🇺🇸

Memorial gravesite is a short walk off Eldridges Hill road in Pilesgrove Township, New Jersey. See [genealogy link](#) 

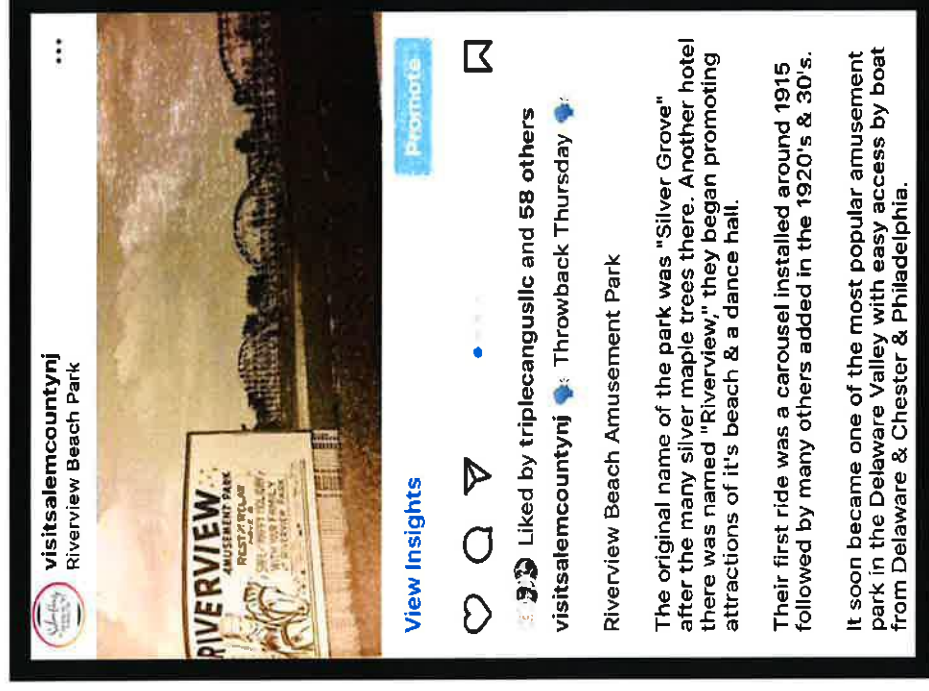
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Daughters of the American Revolution National Headquarters  
Visit South Jersey  
Visit New Jersey  
Salem County Historical Society



## INSTAGRAM

- Currently 528 Followers (as of 5pm)
- In the past month:
  - 489 Profile Visits
  - 4,927 Impressions
  - Impressions are the number of times any content from the Page enters a person's screen. Includes posts, stories, etc.
- This specific "Throwback Thursday" post had 59 likes & reached 513 people through the post & the Instagram story feature
- Goal is for 2,000 Followers by Labor Day Weekend



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## HIGHLIGHTS

- Working with Annette Devitt from Arts in Bloom, getting ready for that even on 5/15 & 5/16
- Music Around the County has 2 events coming up
  - Dulcet Guitar Duo @ Marlton Park on 5/15
  - Tribute to John Philip Sousa @ Appel Farm on 6/6
    - 50-60 musicians from across the country are flying in for this event
- Teamed up with Mike Snyder from @VisitSouthJersey on Social media to collaborate & work together on Social media strategies
- Will be submitting our county 2021 ADA plan very soon
- Attend all the South Jersey Cultural Alliance meetings
  - Next one is a 2-day Virtual Meeting called, “Creating Change: Moving toward Equity, Justice, & Anti-Racism” in the New Jersey Arts Community
- Delaware Bayshore Council
  - Working with Ken Whildin from Maurice River Twp. on the re-design & update of the DE Bayshore Website
- Implementing a “Business of the Month” social media campaign
  - First business will be Hidden Creek Farm; they are re-opening Marlboro Farm Market
  - Will interview & connect with a business that is an integral part & the fabric of Salem County to tell their story & history
  - Help them with Social media posts that month with the #SupportLocal hashtag



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## CONTINUED HIGHLIGHTS

- Planning and currently finalizing our 2021 Virtual “FAM Tour”
  - Will create “buzz” and promote our local tourism attractions and events happening this summer and summer
- Visited Al & Sam’s Kayak and Canoe business on Willow Grove Lake in Pittsgrove Twp.
  - Took pictures and some marketing materials to share posts throughout the spring and summer seasons
- Visited a local Mannington Twp. Resident, who has a model train “City” is his barn
  - Took pictures and videos; will share these and bring light to it because he does accept visitors by appointment
    - Allowway trains and things is a local business and there is a large model train community of people that travel all over the country visiting locations
- Music in the Park (Riverview Beach Park) spring and summer schedule is out
- Consulting with Jim Grant from the Inn @ Salem Country Club
  - They want to purchase and re-development the Sinnickson Landing boat ramp
    - Bird watching tower, bathrooms, full time security etc.
- Pennsville VFW’s Memorial Day parade is on 5/22
- SeptemberFest committee is in the planning stages for their event, including their parade
  - Theme is 20 years since 9/11

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**THANK YOU!**  
**ANY QUESTIONS?!?**

