The meeting was called to order by Director Acton: Pledge of Allegiance was followed prayer offered by Deputy Director Laury.

Director Acton stated that adequate notice pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has been given of this meeting.

On Roll Call, the following Freeholders were present: Deputy Director Laury, Freeholders Cross, Vanderslice, Ware, Bobbitt, Timberman and Acton.

Motion was made by Deputy Director Laury that the Rules of the Board be temporarily waived for resolution number 9 and 10 on tonight’s agenda. Freeholder Cross seconded his motion, which carried a hand vote of 7/0.

Motion was made by Deputy Director Laury to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the September 19, 2012 Workshop and Regular meetings. Minutes be received, approved and recorded in the Minute Book, seconded by Freeholder Cross and a hand vote of 7/0.

Motion was made by Deputy Director Laury that the Rules of the Board be temporarily waived for resolution number 9 and 10 on tonight’s agenda. Freeholder Vanderslice seconded his motion, which carried a hand vote of 7/0.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Kick-off Flat Stanley/Stella Campaign Ellie Kidd with the Salem County Emergency Community Emergency Response Team also known as CERT. Chris Yell is one of our Administrators of our group and this month, October is known as the Disaster Preparedness month. FEMA has created Flat Stella and Flat Stanley. Flat Stanley you may know kids used to get Flat Stanley at school and everywhere you go they would send a postcard back of where the so it’s teaching the kids about geography. Now FEMA and our CERT Team and our first responders are using Flat Stella and Flat Stanley to teach kids about disaster preparedness to help them take information home so our citizens in the county can be better prepared for when disaster strikes such as flooding or hurricanes or snow whatever comes at us so that’s part of our campaign.

Director Acton “Stella and Stanley their first visit to Salem County came to the Freeholder’s Meeting. Thank you for doing that.”

Ellie Kidd “They will be going to events like on Saturday they have the Firefighters Challenge they will be going there and they will be riding around along in a Chief Officers car, with the K9 Officers they are going to be making their rounds to venues.”

Deputy Director Laury “Chris and Ellie we always want to take the opportunity to thank the Cert Team for the fantastic job they do and for just being there. We hopefully never need you but you’re always there and especially thank you for what you’ve done in the past.”

Director Acton “I see we have the Sheriff with us tonight and I’m sure Stanley and Stella would love to join his office for protection.”

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**GENERAL**

Vincent Masciandaro, Supervising Engineer, executed agreement for replacement of Palatine Culvert, County Bridge #1701-227

Diane B. Telsey, Esq. Puma, Telsey & Rhea, P.A., agreement between South Jersey Gas/City of Salem/County of Salem
COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MINUTES
Inter-Agency Council – September 4, 1012

Motion was made by Deputy Director Laury to accept and file the correspondence, and the committee and commission reports and that they be made a part of the Minutes. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Vanderslice. Motion was carried by a hand vote of 7/0.

Motion was made by Deputy Director Laury that all Bills and Claims, when properly signed and audited, be paid and charged to their respective accounts. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Vanderslice. The motion was carried by a hand vote of 7/0.

Resolutions were read in bulk.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE – Acton, Vanderslice, Ware
R. 2012-443
ADMINISTRATIVE
AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 2012-1 TO ESTABLISH JOB CLASSIFICATION TITLES AND SALARY RANGES

R. 2012-444
ADMINISTRATIVE
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CULTURAL AND HERITAGE GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY STATE COUNCIL OF THE ARTS AND THE NEW JERSEY HISTORY COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM

R. 2012-445
ADMINISTRATIVE
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 ($1,000,000 – 2011/LOCAL BRIDGE FUTURE NEEDS PROGRAM)

R. 2012-446
ADMINISTRATIVE
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 ($244,000 – 2012 WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT GRANT RP13-011)

R. 2012-447
ADMINISTRATIVE
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 ($443 – AREA PLAN GRANT)

R. 2012-448
ADMINISTRATIVE
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 ($219,999 – EMERGENCY SERVICES FY 13 - RADIO EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN (RERP))

R. 2012-449
ADMINISTRATIVE
FINANCE RESOLUTION CANCELLATION OF CHECKS

R. 2012-450
ADMINISTRATIVE
RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE SALEM COUNTY INSURANCE FUND COMMISSION

R. 2012-451
ADMINISTRATIVE
RESOLUTION TO JOIN NEW JERSEY COUNTIES JOINT INSURANCE FUND
Freeholder Vanderslice moved for the adoption of these ten resolutions, with Freeholder Ware seconding his motion.

Freeholder Timberman "I want to talk about waiver item #9. What changed since this was originally introduced in October 6 of 2010?

Director Acton "What has changed is 2010 they had two Counties part of the program now there is I believe almost six and I think it’s going to be much more beneficial but we have a couple representatives from Connor Strong and Tom from Cetteei & Connell. I don’t know if I said that right. Could you explain a little bit more please in detail.”

Tom “Actually the sale accepted I think it was March 1, 2010 and I think you approached on September 2010. With a joint insurance fund which this model models the existing TRAC Jiff same concept crew that’s on there. How these things are successful are basically is by mass more members you know you share a risk and what have you so at the time you only had two it was Gloucester and Camden so I believe and looking back you actually made the right decision back then not to join at that time because there really wasn’t much of a gain for your rates were actually pretty flat and really more risk I think at that time for you to go in then there is then there was whereas the other counties maybe they saved exorbitant amounts of money and so it’s worth it for them to take the risk for going in one or two you don’t know where that’s going to with just two entities or two counties in at that time. So since then Burlington, Union and just today Cumberland County joined. There’s two other counties that are in discussions to join and so now you have a mass and it becomes a win, win for everybody so you get in know it all gets wrapped into the renewal process for the upcoming 11 renewal and not only will the other counties win by having you guys you guys win by joining a larger so know you’re marketing six counties out to the insurance marketplace and whatever and then your rates obviously go down and it makes sense. The other thing is with this program now they just hired a executive director for this program and his job is solely to be managing and overseeing this program for this now that it has a mass now they have the professionals in place so the feet’s underneath the program if you will you know and it’s in a great position and now we’re also seeing an increase in marketplace in rates this is a great way to jump in know and level off your rates in going forward and I think it’s a win, win situation all the way around. So what changed ultimately is really just it was just in its infancy you know two entities and you made the right decision then I think if you go in tonight you definitely make the right decision going forward it’s a solid, solid firm. Not to mention there is a small savings for you guys and there’s also your limits also double and you have much broader coverage absolutely double so.

Freeholder Timberman “But do we share the risk with the counties like Union that have a lot more risk exposure?”

Frank Proctor, Connor Strong “Yes you do share risk but you only share risk proportional to what you pay in the program so for example you would look at say Union they’re twice your size and twice as many losses they pay twice as much premium in that program and you are only sharing loss in direct portion to how much you pay in so that ways its controlled so you’re not sharing any more than direct proportion to what you’re paying in which is exactly the way all joint insurance operates.

Freeholder Timberman “I am not in opposition of this I just was looking back at my minutes and we had six pages of questions at that meeting and I’m surprised that we haven’t had any discussion and now we’re going to pass it which I was in favor for two years ago in its infancy.”

Director Acton “Well and I know Tom and I believe Dave came and did a presentation to us three weeks ago maybe even a month ago, it was at a workshop meeting so and then they’ve been to Admin Meetings.”
Freeholder Bobbitt "I believe when you were here back in 2010 the sales pitch was for us to join in not that it was a bad idea. The sales pitch was to join in and we were going to join in with you at that time but we had a lot of opposition to it is our point we were willing to do it then and we are willing to do it now. We wanted to get in on the infancy stage and perhaps bring the other counties in at that time so the sales then pitch was join us now and we'll move forward so we agreed with you then and we still agree with you now and we'll be voting for it absolutely."

Director Acton “Gentleman thank you very much for being here. It is important when we have the professionals here in case we do have questions.

Freeholder Cross “I think one of the big questions that we had as far as opposition question last time was the fact that we as a county and potentially CFO Wright can attest we weren’t quite sure what we were paying for insurance coverage and that was the biggest question. We were all for anybody that could save the county and the residents you no taxpayer dollars but when we didn’t have a figure that was the big question.”

As there was no further discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a hand vote of 7/0.

HEALTH COMMITTEE – Bobbitt, Cross, Acton
R. 2012-453
HEALTH
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LETTER OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SALEM COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND SALEM HOSPITAL CORP DBA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL SALEM COUNTY ($1,500 – SALEM HOSPITAL CORP DBA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL SALEM COUNTY)

Freeholder Bobbitt moved for the adoption of this resolution, with Freeholder Cross seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution carried a hand vote of 7/0.

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – Timberman, Bobbitt, Laury
R. 2012-454
SOCIAL SERVICES
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES STANDARDIZED BOARD RESOLUTION FORM

R. 2012-455
SOCIAL SERVICES
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN NEW JERSEY TRANSIT AND THE SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS FOR THE FUNDING OF 5311 RURAL/NONURBANIZED TRANSPORTATION PROJECT

R. 2012-456
SOCIAL SERVICES
RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR PROVIDING DRUG AND ALCOHOL SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM (HENDRICKS HOUSE)

Freeholder Vanderslice “Item #12 the resolution has a statement that the standardized board resolution form was attached and there was no.”

Director Acton “Excuse me we have to move and second.”

Freeholder Timberman “We can’t discuss until we move.”
Freeholder Vanderslice “Sorry”

Freeholder Timberman moved for the adoption of these three resolutions, with Freeholder Bobbitt seconding his motion.
Freeholder Vanderslice “The resolution in the last paragraph says standardized board resolution this is on item #12 form is attached and I didn’t have any forms so I think it should be tabled until we have additional information.

Freeholder Cross “I had the same thing I had written on my notes when I reviewed it and it I just looked through it again today before coming here there was no attachment on the email so.

Clerk of the Board Gage “Is that a motion to table?”

Freeholder Vanderslice “Motion to table yes?

Motion to table resolution number 12 (R. 2012-454) carried by hand vote 7/0.

As there was no further discussion, the motion for adoption of resolutions R. 2012-455 & R. 2012-456 carried a hand vote of 7/0.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Cross, Vanderslice, Timberman

R. 2012-457
SOCIAL SERVICES
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF SALEM TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR DISPATCHING SERVICES WITH THE CITY OF SALEM

R. 2012-458
SOCIAL SERVICES
RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF WATER HEATER FOR THE SALEM COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM
($122,900 – W.G. STRAGA, INC.)

R. 2012-459
SOCIAL SERVICES
RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR PUBLIC SAFETY SOFTWARE FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM
($68,990 – ARCHONIX)

R. 2012-460
SOCIAL SERVICES
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS EXECUTING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND PREPAREDNESS FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM

R. 2012-461
SOCIAL SERVICES
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF THE INSURANCE FRAUD PROSECUTOR FOR THE PROSECUTOR’S OFFICE INSURANCE FRAUD REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

Freeholder Cross moved for the adoption of this resolution, with Freeholder Timberman seconding his motion.

Freeholder Cross “I would like to amend resolution 15. I’d like to amend the resolution to also include years 2013 and 2014 with each year to include a 2 percent increase over the previous year.

As there was no further discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions R. 2012-458 thru 2012-461 carried a hand vote of 7/0.

Director Acton “On the tabled resolution we should put a ending date or a date that we’re going to come back.” I think when you table a motion or resolution you have to say.”
Freeholder Vanderslice “I think that’s a good point because I don’t know how long it’s going to take to get the form.”

Clerk of the Board Gage “It automatically comes up the next meeting unless otherwise directed so you don’t really have to put an ending date on.”

Director Acton “Very good I just want to make sure we did everything proper.”

TRANSPORTATION, TOURISM, & AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE – Ware, Timberman, Laury
R. 2012-462
TRANSPORTATION, TOURISM & AGRICULTURE
SALEM COUNTY OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
FOR APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR FUNDING BY BOROUGH OF ELMER
R. 2012-463
TRANSPORTATION, TOURISM & AGRICULTURE
AUTHORIZING THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF A DEVELOPMENT
EASEMENT ON ANDREW CARPENTER FARM, MANNINGTON TOWNSHIP
R. 2012-464
TRANSPORTATION, TOURISM & AGRICULTURE
AUTHORIZING THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF A DEVELOPMENT
EASEMENT ON JOHN CARPENTER, III FARM, MANNINGTON TOWNSHIP
R. 2012-465
TRANSPORTATION, TOURISM & AGRICULTURE
AUTHORIZING THE PROPOSED AMENDED ACQUISITION OF A DEVELOPMENT
EASEMENT ON DUBOIS PROPERTIES, LLC FARM, PITTSGROVE TOWNSHIP

Freeholder Ware moved for the adoption of these four resolutions, with Deputy Director Laury seconding his motion.

Deputy Director Laury “I’d like to make a comment on Resolution #20. This is the first, in 2012 we passed a referendum on the ballot that provided for 2 cent dedicated tax to the County of Salem. So far that’s been used and valiantly so with farmland preservation this is the first use as for open space. This should open some doors possibly in the other communities for some park areas some open space for areas that don’t have the farmland such as Elmer and yet these municipalities are paying the taxes the same. So it is a chance for the other municipalities to get some open space and use those funds appropriately. This is, what’s happening in Elmer is acquiring land adjacent to the ball fields at the approximate cost of $160,000. $80,000 is to be picked up by Green Acres half of what’s left the $40,000 is going to be coming from Open Space and them Elmer will be picking up the other $40,000 so it’s everybody’s in it, it’s a great shared service. The municipalities of Upper Pittsgrove, Pittsgrove and Elmer will be serviced by these additional open spaces something good for the whole county.”

As there was no further discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a hand vote of 7/0.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Laury, Ware, Cross
R. 2012-466
PUBLIC WORKS
RESOLUTION PROHIBITING NORMAL TRAFFIC CENTERTON ROAD,
COUNTY ROAD #553 IN PITTSGROVE TOWNSHIP, SALEM COUNTY
R. 2012-467
PUBLIC WORKS
RESOLUTION RENEWING A CONTRACT FOR FURNISHING, INSTALLING,
SUPPLYING AND SERVICING VENDING MACHINES FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM
(FOUR M VENDING SERVICE)
R. 2012-468
Deputy Director Laury moved for the adoption of these four resolutions, with Freeholder Ware seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a hand vote of 7/0.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Freeholder Bobbitt “I would just like to say that we went through we have our Veterans Affairs Officer haven’t hired him yet but we selected the best candidate through our interviews yesterday and the young fellow got all the characteristic everything you could want he just was the best qualified candidate and we’re glad about that he’ll be hired our next freeholder meeting. I’m just disappointed a little bit in your actions Director. The process is our HR Department accepts all applications then the HR Department goes through all the applications and this was no good and that’s ones no good and she winds it down to what we have four or five good applications. She did that that’s the process so we’re prepared to interview these four people. Through some pressure from you we were asked to interview another person that had already been eliminated. We didn’t appreciate that for one thing because the HR did their due diligence and this person was set aside and not only that when we hired this new man there was some question about you asked me about his residency and we said he was a county resident and you said you checked his voter registration and he is not a county resident. Well according to our policy you shouldn’t be checking anybody’s voter registration as to whether they are Republican or Democrat and the person you insisted we interview is a Republican as and we didn’t appreciate that as well. It seems to be somewhat politically motivated. What we did was we want the best person for the job to serve our Veterans of Salem County not according to their party affiliation and that’s what we did and we have the best person.”

Director Acton “Thank you Freeholder Bobbitt.”

Freeholder Cross “Again with all due respect a question arose why the other members of the committee weren’t invited for the interviewing process and I think I remember on several occasions when we were on the other side of the isle that people took umberance to that. It’s no big deal you already had the meeting scheduled and I could not get out of work and unfortunately an event came up for Freeholder Director Acton I said but another question that kind of arose through the process why was a civilian a part of the interviewing process for county folks.”

Freeholder Bobbitt “Why was what?”

Freeholder Cross “A civilian a, a non county employee a part of the interviewing process.”

Freeholder Bobbitt “A non county employee. Well we always, we have always reached out to Veterans community and Pat Hassler is a maybe Salem County’s number one Veteran that’s respected throughout the county and we’d like to have his input as to what he thought would be the best selection to serve our Veterans and he has always been brought in to the committee for his input and we appreciate his service.”

Freeholder Cross “But you didn’t want your colleagues invited?”

Freeholder Bobbitt “Well sure you’re welcome to come.”

Freeholder Cross “Well apparently we weren’t because we weren’t invited to the meetings.”
Freeholder Bobbitt “But I didn’t know you needed a special invite but you were all welcome to come.”

Freeholder Cross “Understood”

Director Acton “But we did not know what time it was but you know point taken.”

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS
Director Acton “I have announced the new E newsletter that’s going to go out and it’s on the website it’s called open to the public it’s informing Salem County residents. I have a copy of just the flyer announcing that we have a newsletter online. I think in these hard tough economic times mailing out is not the way to go because of the expense of the postage and the printing so we are going to try to communicate by internet. Now I know some individuals they don’t use the internet so we will have some hard copies available. Kirsten Engstrom is here and she helped the county design this newsletter that we are very proud of. Please take a look at it it’s a lot of information of where your tax dollars are going. There have been other newsletters that went out and it talked about unveiling like roads and everything this is strictly about the budget for this year. We would like to do this quarterly depending on the Admin Committee getting together and reviewing it but just take a look we welcome your comments, suggestions, criticisms so thank you. Thanks for looking at it.”

PUBLIC COMMENT
Director Acton “Now it’s time for public comment if you can come up to the microphone and state your name and address for the record and you have two minutes to share your thoughts.”

Stacey Pennington, Director, Health Department “First of all I want to let you know of some things that are going on in the Health Department. I want to invite you out on October 17th we’re doing the Flu Clinic, the drive thru Flu Clinic and I want to let you know that last night we had the evening Flu Clinic here we served 100 residents last night. Today out at LAC 95 residents so it’s free to all the residents we have a list of all the clinics that we’re holding for the month of October it’s on our website. Also we’re starting the quite smoking program free to all the residents at the YMCA tomorrow night is the information session. We have five weeks of free meetings so you can quit smoking try and keep Salem County residents healthy and this weekend we will be out at the Emergency Management with our preparedness activities at the fireman’s challenge so if you want to come out and see what we’re doing out there appreciate your support. Thank you.”

Thanks Stacey “I can see you hit the ground running.”

Freeholder Bobbitt “Yes Stacy what time do the Flu shot kick off at the fairgrounds is it 8:00 in the morning?”

Stacey Pennington “9:30.”

Freeholder Bobbitt “9:30 okay thank you.”

Stacey Pennington “We’ll be out there at 7:30 setting up but I won’t see you till 9:30.”

Patty Bomba, Carneys Point “I am a member of the committee A Miracle for Mateo charitable organization that was started by a young couple after the death of their child. It continues to help families that have children with long hospitalizations. We are having a fun off run October 13th at Riverview Park there’s a awful lot going on that day but if any of the board members would be able to stop by it would really help us out.

Freeholder Timberman “What time is that Patty?”

Patty Bomba 10:00 registration is at 9:00 and then the walk should start at 10:00. We are also having a health and information fair in conjunction with the walk and a finish festival kind of like a fun thing so maybe Stanley and Stella could attend and also maybe the Sheriff’s Officers and Sheriff Miller. We will be having a tent with tables for information so please stop by if you can.

Director Acton “Are you doing a silent auction also?”
Patty Bomba “No not at this one. Thank you.”

Warren Weiting, Alloway “You know many comments here tend to be negative I want to commend the Public Works Committee. I made one contact to Freeholder Laury and a hole on Friesburg Alloway Road disappeared I swear in a day. You know may neighbors and I say thank you. That was tearing up our front ends but I tell you it was done in one day as far as I’m concerned. Thank you.”

Patrick Bomba, Carneys Point “The discussion this evening approval of the Salem County Open Advisory Committee and funding for that I admire that and it goes to a good purpose I have one question though. Is the funding only for the acquisition or is it also for the development of the ground for the community?”

Deputy Director Laury “It’s only for the acquisition and some of our local utilities have stepped up and it appears that they will be making donations so some of the improvements can be made. That part is mostly done although Elmer owns the property most of the work is done through the little league and the donations that come through there which has been tremendous. If you go through there the park is phenomenally and it’s done without taxpayer dollars.”

Lori Davenport “I had the pleasure of seeing some of you recently at our dinner last Saturday night I’m here to bring the board up to date on our 25 years that we recently reached a great milestone. I’ve been there everyday of those 25 years so I can tell you it’s been a long time coming but it feels great and what I wanted to do by the way October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, that’s why I’m wearing purple other than it’s a great color anyway. Earlier tonight we had our candlelight vigil we had great attendance from our Prosecutor who always is there for us no matter what his whole office works so well with us and is just great to victims. So we thank them it was a very nice service. I think there was some confusion we had hoped that some of you would slip in before slipping out but we ended up we were supposed to be done by 6:30 which we were told we needed to be we didn’t get to see you so maybe next year we’ll do better with that but did you enjoy the cookies? I just want to share a few numbers. What I will do later this year when you invite me to speak in the budget process I’m really optimistic about that. I just want to share a few numbers just to give you some kind of sense of what we’ve done in 25 years and you may have read some of this in the paper so if you did I apologize for that but for those who didn’t we’ve had 90,399 hotline calls, we sheltered 1,700 women and children and what’s really so amazing about that is that for the first 15 years of existence we could only shelter six because we were in that less than lovely location on Broadway Salem. So since 2002 we now can do 15 so think about what we’ve done in the past ten and you can see that that’s a pretty good deal. We have provided 7,312 adults with outreach services that includes counseling whether it’s group, individual or advocacy services and even though we don’t get funded to do it, we put an emphasis on kids and we’ve provided 1,078 kids with outreach services in the same type as we do for adults. We have made presentations, which is, to a variety of settings from church groups to rotary’s whoever will invite us to come and talk to them for domestic violence and sexual assault. We’ve provided 1,283 presentations for domestic violence and 1,059 and in that time of those presentations we were able to reach 58,839 people which I realize is almost the population of Salem County so not such a bad deal. The last thing we do is a program that has been supported in the past in part by this body which is something that is unique to Salem County it’s called the Domestic Violence Intervention Program and that is something we created back in the late 80’s with the family court system. What that provides us with is the opportunity to see victims and perpetrators for an hour and a half one time session to show them, educate them. I was going to say show them the way but I’m not sure that we want to educate them about the effects on kids, about how it affects their life and about the fact that if they want to live differently we can help them do that and that is a program we provide for 2,139 women and 1,700 men and these folks are comes who were going through the court system or trying to get or getting restraining orders or dropping restraining orders whatever. This is a one time shot for an hour and a half to truly to show them the impact of domestic violence. The idea being if they learn something about it maybe they won’t continue in that pattern and that helps the courts, it helps us and it helps the county. So I just wanted to say thank you for the support you have given us to this point in these 25 years. Someone at the dinner said well here’s to another 25. I said you got to be kidding. I’m 55 years old so I don’t really see myself being there 25 years but I’m good for another 10 or 15 so hopefully we’ll be able to continue to work together as we have in the past 25 years and I look forward to the future. Thank you very much.”

Director Acton “You are very blessed with a lot of volunteers and your staff and your board. You have a very active and a very passionate board so kudos to you and your leadership. I see we have Sheriff Miller here it’s always nice to see you here. Your officers do an awesome job at these meetings.”
Freeholder Timberman motioned to adjourn and seconded by Freeholder Cross and carried by hand vote 7/0 at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl R. Gage
Clerk of the Board