

**SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 16, 2014
6:15 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Director Acton: Pledge of Allegiance

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 Cross, Freeholders Laury, Vanderslice, Bobbitt and Acton. Freeholder Timberman arrived late. Freeholder Ware was not in attendance.

Kathleen Mills; Coordinator of Cultural Affairs and Tourist Information Services

I just want to update the Freeholders on what the Office of Cultural and Heritage has been up to lately. I work with four ladies and we have been actively engaging in new ideas on events. I am asking for strong support not only from the public but from the Freeholders for me to keep these volunteers engaged, anything from sharing a post on Facebook or encouraging sponsors to help us accomplish our goals.

Kathleen touched based on the follow event lineup for 2014:

Music Around the County

8 Volunteers

Divas and Dueling Organs programs were very successful concerts

Attendance for all concerts averages 200 guests

Sponsorship \$1400.00

\$100 over budgeted revenues in Free will offerings

Next Free Concert -Woodstown Presbyterian Church –MUSIC IN BLOOM May 18, 3PM

WHS Choirs along with WHS student art exhibit

FUTURE: expand musical repertoire to include more types of music and new audiences

Arts In Bloom

Committee of 20-25

60 artists/27 Stops

Added 2 stops in Pedricktown this year

Added 3 new artists

Included lodging

Sponsorship – \$4500.00 Mannington Mills - new

FUTURE: Weekend arts festival with Welcome Center

Expanding definition of ART to include music/performance

2015 – Theme: *Art With Roots: Works Created From and Inspired by the Salem Oak*

Tourism Advisory Council

10 volunteers

Brochure distribution

Salem County Fair Booth

FUTURE: Hands on marketing assistance, tourism brochure updates

Involvement with Vintage Wine tour

Cultural & Heritage Commission

10 volunteers

Local Historian Project

Strategic Plan update

Salem County Historical Society's House tour – tour volunteers

Salem County Fair Booth

NJ350

FUTURE: Revival of Teen Arts Festival in streamlined format

2014 Grantees

HISTORY– Salem County Genealogical Society, Salem County Library, Greater Elmer Area Historical Society

ART – Lenni-Lenape Powwow, Oakwood Summer theatre, Salem Community College, Salem County Art League Stand Up for Salem, and Woodstown-Pilesgrove Rotary

Challenges: Teen Arts Festival – Committee needed

Photo Contest

PARTNER: Salem County Art League

Underwhelming response – C&H Commission extended deadline to June 30

Arbor Day

PARTNER: Woodstown Shade Tree Committee

April 25, 2014 6:30 PM Memorial Lake, Woodstown

5 volunteers on Planning Group – many more preparing the 350 saplings (white oak) to be given away!

A Day at the Farm

PARTNER: Pennsville Township Historical Society

June 7

Joint marketing planned for event

County support has allowed them to expand offerings at the event

July 4 Parade

PARTNER: 4th of July Parade Committee

The theme of the parade is LIBERTY

Branded as a NJ350 event

Support will partially augment prize money

Salem County Fair

Joint committee of C&H and TAC

Promote County and NJ350

Include Photo Contest winners in display

Bay Atlantic Symphony Ensemble Concert (Free Concert)

PARTNER: Music Around the County

October 5 – tentative

Pennsville High School – tentative

Sponsor: Pennsville Bank

Alloway Halloween Parade

PARTNER: Alloway Parade Committee

Meeting Monday, April 21 to discuss ways to support this parade

Marketing through: Facebook Page started late last year, tourism website, local print media, local online media, e-vites and announcements to group email lists. (Poster and rack card distribution by committees)

“Thank you to Freeholder Laury and Freeholder Ware for being my liaisons”

Committee Reports

Administrative – Director Acton

- Joe Hannagan
 - Has a project to continue to do the cemetery burial plots, new granite benches on here, the new main flagpole has been installed, and the 6 flagpoles to fly the military branches flags are order and should arrive in May. All engineering in complete.
 - Green Technologies is donating \$2500.00 for grave markers.
 - George Marshall resigned off the Veterans Board, and Lester Harris passed away.
 - Resolutions are in place to appoint 2 new members to Veterans Board
 - Memorial Day plans have been reviewed, and Joe Hannagan will be Parade Marshall
 - Flag Day held on Tuesday June 10th.
 - Veterans Picnic will be held on September 20th at the Salem County Fairgrounds.
 - Veterans outreach event will be held November 6th at Salem Community College.
 - Veterans Salem County Memorial Service Medal Ceremony will be held on November 13th at the Salem Community College
- Treasury
 - CFO Katie Coleman has been working on the County Budget, which will be hopefully adopted tonight.
 - Clerk of the Board has been welcoming his new assistant Carey Bergholz.

Public Works – Freeholder Laury

- The Old Courthouse has just replaced all the piping underground, there were some leakage.
- The roof has just been replaced on the Old Courthouse.
- The elevator is currently being replaced in the Courthouse.
- The white building will be resurfaced with the outside being completely redone.
- The water tower needs to be redone at the Vo-Tec, its deteriorating.
- Fort Elfsborg Rd. in Elsinboro has received a million dollar grant to install a pump station so the road does not flood during storms and gives access way to the residents so they are no longer landlocked.
- We are looking to help raise Hook Road in Pennsville to help alleviate the flooding problem as well in 2017.
- Elmer-Shirley Road will be redone at the end of 2014 or 2015.
- Salem Hancocks Bridge road is next to be redone early May.
- Commissioners Pike will be replaced on April 21st.
- Lower Mill Road, the Palatine Culvert bridge has been awarded to R.E. Pierson

Public Safety – Freeholder Cross

- Had monthly meeting with Prosecutor Lenahan, who was recognized for the 2014 Distinguished Citizen of the Year for Salem County. The entire department does a fantastic job and continues to work hard.

- Sheriff Miller and John Cuzzupe are continuing on with renovations taking place at the 9/11 facility. They are continuing to upgrade equipment to have a better work flow in the facility. Dispatchers will be able to see the entire room.
- This upcoming week is Dispatchers week.
- SCIA meeting went well, new chair is in place. Seeing an increase in revenues.
- OEM – Could not attend meeting

Social Services – Freeholder Timberman

- Commission on Woman had annual luncheon. Very successful in honoring 5 women
- May 10th will be a Mother's Day breakfast at the PSEG Training Center.
- Salem County Women Services are having a wine tasting fundraiser on May 1st at Auburn Winery, \$25.00 a ticket, other beverages will available. 5:00pm – 8:00pm, and a speaker will be present..
- The book mobile has a meeting at 5:00pm on April 21st at the Mannington campus.
- The book mobile is having a Weird New Jersey Folklore presentation by Dr. Michael Rockland, Professor of NJ History at Rutgers University. Friday May 16th at 7:00pm at the County Book mobile library.
- BOE are looking for any board workers who would like to take classes to work elections.

Health & Human Services – Freeholder Vanderslice

- Attended monthly meeting with the Health Department with Freeholder Timberman on Drug and Alcohol Abuse. Going to put more emphasis on prevention after seeing statistics.
- Outdoor Walks of the “Move Yourself Salem County” has started
- Work has started on the walking path in Oldmans Township
- Environmental Services has a new Inspector, Lisa Grant.
- Loud noise in Carneys Point due to Cogeneration Plant should now be limited to day time hours only
- There are two (2) postings for nursing positions that need to be filled.
- New 30 second commercial on Comcast, promoting free cancer screenings for prostate, cervical, colon and breast for Salem County residents who are not insured or under insured.

Public Services – Freeholder Bobbit

- No reports at this time

Transportation, Agriculture & Cultural Affairs – Freeholder Ware

- Absent

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ADMINISTRATIVE

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC FROM A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF SALEM

Freeholder Vanderslice made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations, second by Deputy Director Cross, carried by hand vote of 6/0 at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Crouch
Clerk of the Board

