

**SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 4, 2015
6:00 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 Laury, Freeholders Cross, Vanderslice Timberman Painter, Ware and Acton.

Presentation:

Cheryl Reardon, Judy Carrara and Ray Owens – Rain Garden Project:

- Impervious surfaces prevent groundwater infiltration and enable storm water runoff and nonpoint source pollutants to enter waterways. A rain garden is a landscaped, shallow depression that captures, filters, and infiltrates storm water at the source before it becomes runoff. A rain garden should reduce runoff, recharge groundwater, and use native plants. Native plants control erosion by stabilizing soils and increase infiltration, leading to an overall improvement of water quality. Installing a rain garden is a simple way to save money and energy, while also preserving New Jersey's natural resources.
- Rain that falls to the earth evaporates into the atmosphere, is used by plants, or infiltrates down through the soil into the groundwater. The remainder of the rainfall flows across the land surface into gutters, drains, streams, rivers, and lakes as storm water runoff. As the rain moves over the land surface, it washes off pollutants and carries these contaminants to local waterways. The pollution that is carried by storm water runoff to our waterways is called nonpoint source pollution. Storm water runoff that carries nonpoint source pollution to our waterways is the major reason many of our streams, rivers, estuaries, ponds and lakes are not meeting water quality standards and are considered impaired. In fact, nonpoint source pollution in storm water runoff causes up to 60% of our existing water pollution problems, making it the largest source of pollution in our New Jersey waters (NJDEP, Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control, Division of Water Quality).
- Rain gardens are a simple, cost-effective tool homeowners, municipalities, and schools can use to reduce storm water runoff, improve groundwater recharge, and trap nonpoint source pollutants before they reach our waterways.
- There is already a constructed rain garden at the Pilesgrove municipal building that will work to safely capture and effectively drain water to prevent pollution and flooding. The site plans for the rain garden in Woodstown have been modified to accommodate the 15' railroad Easement on each side.

Committee Reports

Administrative – Director Acton

- Military Service Medal Ceremony will be held in November 9, 2015 and the deadline for applications is October 2. The ceremony was created to express the Counties gratitude by honoring its residents who served on active duty with any branch of our regular active armed forces.
- Veteran's picnic was held on October 18, Sunday
- Executive Order 190 was signed by the Governor declaring November 5th as Law Enforcement Appreciation Day and would like the flags at Half Mast
- Roxanne Coburger, Office of the Governor
- 4-H Night of Achievement Thursday 11/5/15, dinner at 6:00pm at the Ware Building

- Government 101 graduated the 1st class Oct 28 Wed; today they requested a tour of the road department & the correctional facility
- Nationwide will be on site Nov 10, 23 & 24. Retirement planning for employees
- Employee/Community / ADP Portal - Employee's will now have additional access to their own accruals (vacation, personal time, etc...)
- Pennsville Twp Historical Society will hold its Annual Veteran's Day Program on Sunday, November 8th 2015. The meeting will be held at the Pennsville Township Senior and Community Center, 69 Spruce Street, Pennsville, NJ. Guest speakers for the program will be Catherine Antonik and Mike Messick.
- Cameras for White Building
 - Security company did a walk-through of the White Building today and will have a report with a quote in two weeks.
- ADP/Payroll
 - New biometric finger scanners have been ordered and will replace the old scanners. The age of the scanners caused major issues with the functionality of E-Time. Now that the E-Time/ADP/HRB upgrades have been completed the scanners can be replaced allowing compatibility between systems. The upgrade will allow us to be more employee user friendly, reduce paper, and cut costs.

Transportation, Agriculture & Cultural Affairs – Freeholder Ware

- Discover Salem County Weekends –
 - 30 second commercial is almost ready to show
 - Chamber presentation was the morning of 11/4
 - Press Conference scheduled for 12/11/ 15 at 10 AM at Old Courthouse
 - 9 weekends have been selected for 2016 – calendar will soon be available
- Music Around the County will have their PICS & PIPES concert at 7:00pm at the Alloway Baptist Church on 11/21 Next concert
- Grant Applications for Arts & History will be reviewed by the C&H at their 11/5 meeting

Community Services – Freeholder Timberman

- NJAC
 - John Donnadio – Reported that the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) has agreed to provide a comprehensive overview of the new bail reform and speedy trail law at NJAC's December 18th year end Summit. This important and timely overview by the State entity charged with implementing the new law will replace the panel discussion originally planned, but all other events scheduled for the day will remain the same.
- Board of Elections
 - Elections were yesterday. There were no major problems except the elevator breaking at the Reliance Fire hall in Woodstown and Alloway losing power
 - Will maybe look to moving Woodstown's voting location
- Commission on Women
 - Waiting to finalize application, will announce soon that it is ready

Employment/Education – Freeholder Painter

Salem Community College:

- Café is opening mid November “Ravello”
- The Board of Trustees approved the conveyance of land and buildings of a select parcel at Camp Pedricktown that includes the sustainable energy building, the commanders housing and a couple other buildings.
- The work being done under the Energy Savings Improvement Plan (ESIP) the energy cost to the college will be reduced by approximately 42% or \$296,000 a year. The project includes mechanical upgrades, lighting retrofit and solar power purchase agreements.

SCVTS/SCSSSD:

- Last week everyone was updated on a bus accident that took place on Rte. 77 in Upper Pittsgrove that was transporting students to the Daretown School.
- The new sign that is part of the facilities project has been installed and will be available to the County for posting certain events and getting messages out to the community.

Superintendent of Schools:

- Nothing to Report

Workforce Investment Board:

- The oversight meeting is scheduled for tomorrow 11:45 a.m. in the Banquet Room at Cumberland County College's Luciano Center (3322 College Drive, Vineland, NJ).

One Stop Center:

- Dave Zeck and I met with Allison Spinelli to discuss the CWEP program.
- Dave Zeck joined Jennifer Jones and me on the Chamber /County business outreach initiative

Board of Social Services:

- The meetings are now paperless.

Chamber of Commerce:

- The Best of Salem County dinner was very well attended and a congratulations goes out to all the winners and all the businesses in our County!
- Jennifer and I started the community outreach. We met with 3 businesses last week and plan to meet with 3 or 4 a month moving forward. We were also joined by business representatives from the Department of Labor who shared details of various programs for hiring that are available through the state.
- I met with the Chamber board of directors this morning to talk about the outreach program. I also offered updates with regard to some of our recent personnel changes with DOO and the courthouse proposal.

Public Safety – Freeholder Cross

OEM

- The communication platform is called IICEP. It is an interactive platform that allows for what we like to call a "common operating picture" for our municipalities in Salem County. Our OEM staff recently conducted training on the new software program that was purchased that will allow our municipalities to better communicate during emergency situations. In the past, different municipalities utilized different ways to communicate. This new software should streamline the process as they all have the upgrade and will allow for more timely and effective communication. In addition, the training mockups near completion with interest increasing from outside entities. Finally, the Active Shooter reenactments have been a huge success and at present, 93% of the local police departments have participated. Rookies to longtime officers have taken part in the drills and the respective Chiefs are very happy with the simulation.

Sheriff

- The Sheriff's office continues our Shared Service agreement with Gloucester County as well as looking to expand with Federal and Immigration inmates. As we approach Veterans Day, we thank the Sheriff and his staff for all of the work that they do with our Veterans office and the County Veterans cemetery.

Prosecutor

- We discussed the impact that the new Bail Reform is expected to have on the Criminal Justice system. It will be a total overhaul with too many unanswered questions as to the eventual result. One thing

they seem to know is that a number of new Probation officers will need to be hired with facilities to house the department. CFO Coleman and Solicitor Mulligan will be in attendance at the December NJAC conference in Trenton and we'll know more when they return.

SCIA

- Plans continue as they lay out expansion of the facility with the addition of cells 10 & 11. Also, the Solid Waste Committee will be meeting to discuss Flow Control in Salem County. We should know more by the end of the year

County Counsel Michael Mulligan

- Attended a continuing legal education seminar, in regards to bail reform, a hearing has to occur if someone is issued a warrant summons within 48 hours. There was to be an assist prosecutor on call 24/7. Will have a fiscal impact on that office in regards to staffing issues. Nobody knows what will be going on amongst the judiciary because the AOC has not written rules yet. No one is sure about if the Attorney General will direct the Prosecutors Office what to do. It begins in 2017.

Freeholder Timberman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Deputy Director Laury, carried by hand vote of 7/0 at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Crouch
Clerk of the Board