

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

71 Main Street, Freeholder's Meeting Room, 2nd Floor

Flemington, New Jersey 08822

November 03, 2010

The regular meeting of the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders convened at 4:38 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

PRESENT: MR. MENNEN, MR. MELICK, MR. SWOREN, MR. WALTON.

ABSENT: MR. HOLT.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Director Mennen announced: "This meeting is being held in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Adequate notice has been given by posting throughout the year a copy of the notice on Bulletin Boards on the First and Second Floor of the Main Street County Complex, Building #1, Flemington, New Jersey, a public place reserved for such announcements. A copy was mailed on or before October 28, 2010, to the Hunterdon County Democrat, Lambertville Beacon, The Express, Courier News, Trenton Times, Hunterdon Review and Star Ledger, newspapers designated to receive such notices and by filing a copy with the Hunterdon County Clerk."

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Melick seconded these:

See Page 11/03/10-1A RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss the Sheriff's Trust fund mediation.

See Page 11/03/10-1B RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a request by an attorney to represent the Sheriff.

See Page 11/03/10-1C RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss and review minutes listed in an Open Public Records Act request.

See Page 11/03/10-1D RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss and review the executive session minutes from July 06, 2010, July 20, 2010, August 03, 2010, August 17, 2010, September 07, 2010 and September 21, 2010.

See Page 11/03/10-1E RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a contract with the Hunterdon Medical Center for public health nursing.

See Page 11/03/10-1F RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss personnel matters involving the update on the Raritan Valley Community College Board of Trustees vacancy.

See Page 11/03/10-1G RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss the Parks and Recreation Director vacancy.

See Page 11/03/10-1H RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a matter in the Surrogate's Court.

See Page 11/03/10-1I RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to further discuss Cost Savings/Budget.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. WALTON, MR. MELICK, MR. SWOREN, MR. MENNEN.
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.**

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 4:40 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Mennen advised those present that there will be another public comment section later in the agenda. This time is for comments of limited duration.

Director Mennen made a statement before opening the meeting to the public, saying he understands that a number of people are here tonight to hear if any action is going to be taken on a personnel issue/furlough plan. Director Mennen advised those present that the Board of Chosen Freeholders will not be taking any action this evening regarding that matter. The County's Human Resources Director and other senior staff will be meeting with the Union leadership Monday, November 22, 2010, to discuss issues, alternatives and ideas related to that; so there will be no action taken on that this evening.

Director Mennen asked if there is any member of the public who wishes to be heard at this point.

Forestry Management Plan

Scarlett Doyle of Woodschurch Road, advised she is a licensed professional planner in the municipalities of Mine Hill in Morris County; Stanhope Borough in Sussex County; Bridgewater Township in Somerset County and Washington Township in Warren County; plus she is also a landowner and lives on a farm in Readington Township. Ms. Doyle said in working for the government she appreciates and understands the budget constraints Freeholders of Hunterdon County are facing when it comes to balancing the budget for the next fiscal year.

Ms. Doyle informed the Board that she has heard many arguments against the proposal to log a portion of Round Mountain. She has heard about preserving wildlife and vegetable and preserving the quality of life. Ms. Doyle stated she will leave those arguments to those who are technically equipped to provide guidance.

Ms. Doyle said as a planner, one argument she's heard resonates and it concerns her because it could have serious implications and it will need review by County Counsel. This is Green Acres land for which there was a contract. Green Acres land is held for two specific purposes: one is natural resource conservation and the other is for recreation. Ms. Doyle understands the logging program has received approval as a Forestry Management Plan but this State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection approved plan does not necessarily means there is an automatic Green Acres approval. A separate and distinct approval from Green Acres should be secured. If Green Acres agrees with the stated objective to improve the health of the forest; they would approve the operation of logging the trees but Green Acres may argue that they be given the proceeds of the logging.

Ms. Doyle again stressed that County Counsel be asked to review whether Green Acres requirements allow for logging.

Director Mennen informed Ms. Doyle that Kevin Richardson, who is present, is the head of the County's Open Space program and asked Ms. Doyle provide him with information and pass along her comments to him so they can be incorporated in the deliberations going forward.

CWA Union

Helen Nassar introduced herself to the Board as a resident of Stockton Borough, an employee of Human Services, is a union member and a union shop steward. Ms. Nassar congratulated the Freeholder members on winning the recent election and advised that the Freeholders have always had the employees support and that the employees can now count on the Freeholders to be fair, to look at all the proposals coming up and consider all the people over the years who have been supporting them. Ms. Nassar asked the Freeholders to help the employees get through this rough time as they are there to support the Freeholders.

HUNTERDON COUNTY POLYTECH

Present: Kim Metz, Polytech Superintendent came before the Board with Amanda Ewing and Kate Wagner, both of Hunterdon Central Regional High School, enrolled in the Teacher Academy.

Ms. Ewing and Ms. Wagner explained to the Board the importance of the Teacher Academy program, what the program is about and how they are involved in the local schools through this program.

FINANCE

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

See Page 11/03/10-2A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the cancellation of Capital Ordinance No. 08-10, for Cooperative Acquisition of Real Property for Open Space, Parks and Recreation purposes, in the amount of \$250,000.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. MELICK, MR. WALTON, MR. SWOREN, MR. MENNEN.
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.**

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

See Page 11/03/10-2B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the 2010 budget for the Section 5311 Grant, in the amount of \$407,310.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. SWOREN, MR. MELICK, MR. WALTON, MR. MENNEN.
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.**

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 11/03/10-3A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the 2010 budget for the Matching Funds for the Section 5311 Grant, in the amount of \$135,770.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. MELICK, MR. SWOREN, MR. WALTON, MR. MENNEN.
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.**

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

See Page 11/03/10-3B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the 2010 budget for the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner, in the amount of \$67,655.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. SWOREN, MR. MELICK, MR. WALTON, MR. MENNEN.
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.**

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 11/03/10-3C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the 2010 budget for the Kids are Riding Safe program, in the amount of \$18,000.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. WALTON, MR. SWOREN, MR. MELICK, MR. MENNEN.
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.**

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 11/03/10-3D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the 2010 budget for the 2010 Body Armor Replacement Funds, in the amount of \$8,517.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. MELICK, MR. SWOREN, MR. WALTON, MR. MENNEN.
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.**

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Rose Puelle provided the Board with a Seasonal Influenza Immunization Report.

Mrs. Puelle summarized that 804 individuals were vaccinated at the two seasonal influenza clinics held on October 09, 2010. In addition, 63 on-site registrations/vaccinations were done. The current inventory of vaccine is 118 doses (adult injections) and 266 doses of nasal mist remain. These doses will be made available during the November 06, 2010 Touch-A-Truck event and at other venues targeted for vulnerable populations until all the doses are utilized.

Mr. Melick shared his experience of getting a flu shot with Mrs. Puelle stated that for the past two years he has received his vaccination at a clinic held in Wal-Mart. They assisted in filling out the information form and he received his flu shot within minutes of arriving and it cost the government nothing and there was no expense to the taxpayer. Mr. Melick also shared that there was no charge for the flu shot, just his insurance card.

County Administrator, Cynthia Yard, advised that Director Mennen and Freeholder Holt have coordinated with the Health Director that there will be an itemized listing of the costs for the clinics/flu vaccines; then the Board will be able to evaluate the direction for next year.

Director Mennen confirmed with Mrs. Puelle that once all the doses have been dispensed of there will be a full debriefing to the Board of the successes, problems and lessons learned. It is hoped that a majority of the mist will be dispensed at the Touch-A-Truck which is very popular event and through the Division of Senior Services the injectable doses would be dispensed. He questioned if there is someone able to dispense the doses who is already affiliated with the Senior Service programming that has the ability to dispense the vaccine instead of having another formal clinic.

Mrs. Yard confirmed Pat Lippencott is a Registered Nurse at Senior Services and is available to serve.

Director Mennen understands that clinics take a great deal of lead time but this year, as opposed to last year, the market is flooded with flu vaccine shots; a person can walk into any pharmacy or store such as Target, WalMart, Costco and even Shop Rite and get a vaccine. He feels if the County sticks to the rigid guidelines of a clinic people will be lost that would have otherwise availed themselves of the opportunity to get these flu shot. Director Mennen confirmed that the overriding thought process was to make flu shots easily available.

Mrs. Puelle feels that the person in Senior Services might have their work displaced if they have to administer flu shots but stated she is open to possibilities if she gets more specific information about their availability. Mrs. Puelle informed the Board that the Health Department had difficulty in finding a time in the building to schedule a small scale opportunity.

Director Mennen asked Mrs. Puelle to be open minded to the possibility of making these shots as flexible as it can possible can be made. He continues to have a concern about the rigidity of someone having to be at their appointment during a 15 minutes time slot and that it has to be planned a month in advance as opposed to being able to walk in and get a flu shot, whether it is WalMart or Senior Services or someplace. Director Mennen confirmed that Touch-A-Truck will be on a come and get it basis.

PURCHASING

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

See Page 11/03/10-4A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #40025471, with Chemung Supply Corporation, for corrugated steel decking, for the Roads, Bridges and Engineering Department, in the amount of \$11,148.13.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. MELICK, MR. WALTON, MR. SWOREN, MR. MENNEN.
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

See Page 11/03/10-4B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #CountyClerk.1267, using NJSA 40A:11-5(1)L, with Progress Printing Company, for general election ballots, for the County Clerk's Office, in the amount of \$57,430.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. SWOREN, MR. WALTON, MR. MELICK, MR. MENNEN.
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.

FARMLAND PRESERVATION

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

See Page 11/03/10-4B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the acquisition of a Development Easement from Alice Emmons, Gregory Keefer, Trustee for the Trust of Brian Emmons and Gregory Keefer, Trustee for the Trust of Katie Emmons, on Block 38, Lot 8, in Delaware Township, estimated 42 acres, (SADC - \$302,400; County - \$100,800; Township - \$100,800), total amount of \$504,000.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. SWOREN, MR. WALTON, MR. MELICK, MR. MENNEN.
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

See Page 11/03/10-4C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Contract for Sale of Development Easement from Robert and Linda Runge, husband and wife and Charles and Rose Runge, husband and wife, on Block 23, Lot 1, in Alexandria Township, consisting of 32 acres, (SADC-\$188,160; County-\$62,720; Township-\$62,720), total amount of \$313,600.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. SWOREN, MR. MELICK, MR. WALTON, MR. MENNEN.
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.

FOR DISCUSSION

Verizon Wireless proposal from Fastcom Consulting Services, LLC.

Mrs. Yard informed the Board that John Glynn, Director, Roads, Bridges and Engineering has requested further details on the Verizon Wireless proposal from Fastcom Consulting Services, LLC.

Director Mennen confirmed the letter from Fastcom dated October 15, 2010 is the additional details. It lays out what is generically proposed for ground space for an equipment shelter underneath an existing transmission tower presuming that Verizon Wireless is able to lease tower space from the owner of the tower and they are looking for 5 years with four 5 year renewals, with a 25 year lease term for \$6,000.

Mrs. Yard advised Mr. Glynn had indicated that more detail is needed on the driveway, structure type and detail features; plus that Bethlehem Township should be consulted. Mrs. Yard said if the Board is interested in getting that additional information before entertaining that request, the County should reach out to Fastcom and ask for that information and have Mr. Glynn articulate what the additional information is and once it is received the Board can determine what it wants to do with this.

Director Mennen suggested in addition to the driveway access, he would like to have answered the intensity of use; such as will it be accessed weekly, daily, or monthly.

Mr. Walton asked Mrs. Yard to inform Bethlehem Township about the Verizon Wireless proposal from Fastcom Consulting Services, LLC. just so they can be aware.

Update on Sustainable Energy.

Mrs. Yard explained to the Board that the County's Project Administrator, Frank Bell and Sue Dziamara, County Planning Board Director was to be here this evening to make the presentation on Sustainable Energy but because of family matters they are unable to be here. Mrs. Yard confirmed that this presentation will be scheduled for the next meeting.

Hunterdon County Drug and Alcohol Policy for Safety Sensitive Employees in Transit.

Mrs. Yard advised the Board that being presented this evening is an amendment to the Hunterdon County Drug and Alcohol Policy for Safety Sensitive Employees in Transit which was worked by the Human Resources Director, Cheryl Wieder and the Human Services Administrator, Shana Taylor on this policy. This policy deals with the Transportation Operations contract with Easton Coach, who runs the County's LINK Transportation System. This policy assists the County in being compliant. Both Ms. Wieder and Ms. Taylor feels this policy is now in line with federal regulations for CDL's to drive a bus.

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 11/03/10-5A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the amended Hunterdon County Drug and Alcohol Policy for Safety Sensitive Employees in Transit.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. WALTON, MR. SWOREN, MR. MELICK, MR. MENNEN.
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.**

CONSENT AGENDA

Director Mennen announced: "All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Hunterdon and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately."

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Walton seconded a motion to approve the Claims Register dated November 03, 2010.

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CLAIMS REGISTER

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. SWOREN, MR. WALTON, MR. MELICK, MR. MENNEN.
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.**

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Walton seconded a motion to approve the Social Services Funds Report for October, 2010.

See Page 11/03/10-5C

SOCIAL SERVICES FUNDS REPORT

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. SWOREN, MR. WALTON, MR. MELICK, MR. MENNEN.
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.**

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Walton seconded a motion to approve the regular session minutes of October 05, 2010.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. SWOREN, MR. WALTON, MR. MELICK, MR. MENNEN.
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.**

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Walton seconded these

See Page 11/03/10-5D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a modification to the contract for Home Delivered Meals program, to reduce the total program Level of Service.

See Page 11/03/10-5E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a professional services agreement with Dentrust, PA, for professional dental services for inmates at the Hunterdon County Correctional Facility, in an amount not to exceed \$31,200 per year, for a three year contract.

See Page 11/03/10-5F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a modification to the professional services agreement with Hatch Mott MacDonald, LLC, for engineering services with regard to the Scoping of the Replacement of Bridge 1050-161, on County Route 579, over the Norfolk Southern Corporation-Lehigh Valley Main Line, in Bethlehem Township and Bloomsbury Borough, increase of \$102,438.

See Page 11/03/10-5G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing an Opt/In Insurance program.

See Page 11/03/10-6A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an agreement with T&J Associates of New Jersey, LLC, for investigative services in connection with a complaint, in the amount not to exceed \$4,000.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. SWOREN, MR. WALTON, MR. MELICK, MR. MENNEN.
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 11/03/10-6B

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Judith Formalarie for having served on the Polytech Board.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. MELICK, MR. SWOREN, MR. WALTON, MR. MENNEN.
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 11/03/10-6C

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Declaring November, 2010 as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month, in the County.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. WALTON, MR. SWOREN, MR. MELICK, MR. MENNEN.
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

See Page 11/03/10-6D

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing the volunteers of Hunterdon Hospice.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. MELICK, MR. WALTON, MR. SWOREN, MR. MENNEN.
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.

GRANTS

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 11/03/10-6E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an Operating Assistance Agreement with New Jersey Transit, for FTA Section 5311/NJT Federal Grant funding, in the amount of \$271,540, for operating with NJ Transit. (grant funds: \$135,770 and a County Match of \$135,770.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. WALTON, MR. SWOREN, MR. MELICK, MR. MENNEN.
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 11/03/10-6F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the Comprehensive Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services Plan update for 2011 and recommending its transmittal to the New Jersey Department of Human Services.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. WALTON, MR. SWOREN, MR. MELICK, MR. MENNEN.
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

See Page 11/03/10-6G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a grant application with the New Jersey Department of Transportation, for County Route 579, (Church Street over the Norfolk Southern Railroad-Lehigh Valley Mainline, in Bethlehem Township and Bloomsbury Borough.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. WALTON, MR. MELICK, MR. SWOREN, MR. MENNEN.
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

See Page 11/03/10-6H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Housing Preservation Grant agreement with Rural Development of the United States, in the amount of \$55,000, for housing rehabilitation.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. SWOREN, MR. MELICK, MR. WALTON, MR. MENNEN.
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

See Page 11/03/10-7A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a modification to the FY2010 Unified Planning Work Program subcontract for the project entitled: 2010 Supplemental Subregional Staff Support for ARRA project for the County of Hunterdon, with the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc., (NJTPA) and the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT), extending the project through June 30, 2011.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. SWOREN, MR. MELICK, MR. WALTON, MR. MENNEN.
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.**

CORRESPONDENCE

A request was received from the Lebanon Township Volunteer Fire Department, asking for requesting permission to hold a Coin Toss, on November 26, 2010, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., at the intersection of County Route 513 and Route 628. Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Sworen seconded a motion granting permission for the Coin Toss by the Lebanon Township Volunteer Fire Department provided this event is coordinated through the County's Department of Roads, Bridges and Engineering.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. WALTON, MR. SWOREN, MR. MELICK, MR. MENNEN.
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.**

Correspondence was received from the Borough of Califon, requesting in-kind printing services for their newsletter. Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Sworen seconded a motion granting permission.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. WALTON, MR. SWOREN, MR. MELICK, MR. MENNEN.
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.**

A letter of request was received from the Borough of Flemington, asking the County to provide in-kind printing services. No product information provided at this time. Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Sworen seconded a motion to inform the Borough of Flemington that the County of Hunterdon is interested in working with them.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. WALTON, MR. SWOREN, MR. MELICK, MR. MENNEN.
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.**

A request was received from the Township of Tewksbury for in-kind printing services, for their Equestrian Committee brochure. Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Walton seconded a motion approving this print request.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. SWOREN, MR. WALTON, MR. MELICK, MR. MENNEN.
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.**

Mr. Melick feels someone should analyze if the County is getting its money back for the recent purchase of a printing machine to assist in all the in-kind printing requests being received.

Mr. Walton responded that he has met with the Director of Central Printing, Mail and Information Services and the answer is yes.

Mr. Melick would like to see documentation on what the in-kind printing requests cost to be down, what is being charged per request and the cost for employees to do the work.

Mr. Sworen explained that Mr. Thurgarland builds into the cost per request the cost for the time and materials.

Mr. Melick would like to see the documentation in order to have this information on public record.

Director Mennen recognized Roger Gregor who wrote the Board concerning a 30" pipe on County Route 650 being used for drainage which is affecting his property. He purchased his house in 1993 and in 2005 the road was widened for a bike path. There was a right of way dispute as the County said it had a 66' right of way and his deed says the right of way is 50'. He received a letter from County Counsel DeSapio to provide to his title company so he can move forward with a claim. This was all done in 2005.

Mr. Gregor explained the only issue not resolved was that he found out that there is a 30" pipe that runs across the front of his house and five neighbors down the road. The pipe is used to drain water off the road into a catch basin but it is also diverting property across his property. The pipe is a slip joint pipe and it isn't water tight, so his ground near his septic system and leech field is becoming saturated and it is affecting the septic system because when it rains hard the septic fills with clear water. Mr. Gregor explained he knows this because the septic system has access panels.

Mr. Gregor stated he received a letter from Mr. Glynn stating he did an OPRA (Open Public Records Act) search and found out the pipe was placed there by the developer and they are using it for drainage.

Mr. Gregor stated his title company needs a letter from Mr. DeSapio acknowledging that a pipe exists and that the pipe is Mr. Gregor's and he is responsible for all maintenance of the pipe. Mr. Gregor stated he needs a similar letter from Mr. DeSapio as was provided for the right of way.

Director Mennen introduced Mr. Gregor to Aaron Culton, Esquire, with County Counsel's Office who is present this evening as Mr. DeSapio had a previous appointment, and asked them to just go into the Conference Room and work this out tonight.

FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Elections/Congratulations

Director Mennen congratulated Freeholders Melick and Walton on their victories last night in the general election for re-election.

Mr. Walton also congratulated his running mates on their victories.

Mr. Sworen congratulated his colleagues on their re-elections and further recognized Sheriff Elect Brown in the audience.

Bush Property

Mr. Melick informed the Board that the County received bids on the Bush property in Readington Township and the one bid that came in was under the minimum price which the County had set. Mr. Melick suggested the bids again be advertised for the Bush property since the preliminary paperwork has been done and that there be no minimum price set but that the Freeholder Board reserve the privilege on whether to accept the bid(s) or not. The Board agreed.

Mrs. Yard offered to inform the County's Purchasing Agent, John Davenport and Mr. Glynn of the Board's decision.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Director Mennen opened the meeting to the public.

CWA Union

Adam Liebttag, President of the Communication Workers of America (C.W.A.) Local 1036, introduced himself and stated he is a resident of Frenchtown Borough.

Mr. Liebttag thanked the Board for not taking action this evening concerning furlough days. He agreed to talk with the County next week and stated he will always continue to talk to Freeholders and the County Administration about issues of common concern, saying the union has very open discussions with the County and he would want to keep that dialog going. He said the union was dismayed when he came into the meeting at 4:30 p.m. and the room was packed and it is still packed at 7:00 p.m. and that is an indication of the level of concern among the County workforce but also a commitment to see the situation resolved quickly. He will remain vigilant on that.

Mr. Liebttag informed the Board that he looks forward to next weeks discussions and hopefully there will be ideas on how to initially resolve the concern about the 2011 budget without having to come back to the discussion on furloughs.

Readington Township

Eric Doyle, resident of Readington Township came before the Board expressing concern about the potential logging that could occur at Deer Path Park Round Mountain Section. He would not want to see the area become a viable habitat for whitetail deer.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Mennen adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise B. Doolan
Clerk of the Board