

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

Raritan Township Municipal Building, 1 Municipal Drive

Flemington, New Jersey 08822

August 04, 2015

The regular meeting of the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders convened at 4:30 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

PRESENT: MS. LAGAY, MR. KING, MR. LANZA, MR. WALTON
ABSENT: MR. HOLT

Director King 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 Tuesday, July 28, 2015, to the Hunterdon County Democrat, Star Ledger, Trenton Times, Courier News, HCNews (online) and the Express Times, newspapers designated to receive such notices and by filing a copy with the Hunterdon County Clerk."

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss an update on the administrative review of the Jail operations.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MS. LAGAY, MR. LANZA, MR. WALTON, MR. KING.
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 4:31 p.m., recessed at 5:29 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 5:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Director King opened the meeting to the public.

John Anderson of Jersey Central Power & Light approached the Board to comment that JCP&L was a sponsor of the Festival of Ballooning in Readington the previous week and was impressed by the event, and for Hunterdon County's sake. Mr. Anderson stated that the Board speaks about economic development strategy and what can be done from that standpoint, and clearly the Festival of Ballooning is an excellent opportunity for how Hunterdon County can and should be showcased. The attendance was in excess of one hundred and fifty thousand and judging from what he could see, it was an impressive endeavor. Mr. Anderson also expressed his thoughts to Readington Police Chief Donaruma, that the police force and Office of Emergency Management did a tremendous job in terms of coordination of the event.

Director King commented that JCP&L has been working hard to remedy pockets of squirrels that had gotten into things that they were not supposed to, and he thanked them for their work, as well as for their work in keeping the public updated on how services are being restored.

Barbara Sauchau, Raritan Township resident, approached the Board to express her opposition to the hunting resolution that is on tonight's agenda, stating that the number of hunters has been declining every single year, and is now less than one percent of New Jersey's population of nine million people.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION

Ms. Lagay moved, and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

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PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Stephen Greene for attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MS. LAGAY, MR. LANZA, MR. WALTON, MR. KING.
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.

Director King presented Stephen Greene with a Proclamation congratulating him on his attainment of Eagle Scout. His project involved the planning, organization, solicitation of materials and volunteers for a community service project to renovate and improve a trail located between the Hunterdon County Arboretum and Echo Hill Park. Stephen's project included improving pre-existing stone walkways allowing for visitors to cross from one park area to another and to prevent future erosion to the trail. This project will benefit visitors to the Hunterdon County Arboretum and Echo Hill Park for many years to come.

FINANCE

Mr. Lanza moved, and Mr. Walton seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting the Division of Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the 2015 County Budget for State Homeland Security Grant, for 2014, in the amount of \$169,680.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. LANZA, MR. WALTON, MS. LAGAY, MR. KING.
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.**

FARMLAND PRESERVATION/OPEN SPACE

Mr. Lanza moved, and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Municipal Grant Agreement with East Amwell Township, in the amount \$21,942.90, with \$15,100 towards the acquisition of the East Jersey Developers property, Block 35, Lot 18.01 and \$6,842.80 to be used as debt service for the Marian F. Clawson Park, Block 14, Lot 16.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. LANZA, MS. LAGAY, MR. WALTON, MR. KING.
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.**

Ms. Lagay moved, and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Municipal Grant Agreement with High Bridge Borough for debt service incurred in connection with the acquisition of the Lake Solitude property, Blocks 4.07, 40 and 7; Lots 1, 2 and 11.01, in the amount of \$10,418.32.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MS. LAGAY, MR. LANZA, MR. WALTON, MR. KING.
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.**

PROJECT UPDATE

Frank J. Bell, AIA and County Project Administrator, came before the Board to provide an update of various County projects and facilities.

- Emergency Services Training Center, The County and its Consultants met with the NJDEP the previous week, on July 31st, to review site options regarding wetlands concerns on the property and gave an informal direction as to what they could anticipate with the various schemes that they had presented and the Committee is going to meet tomorrow morning, August 5th, to review the schemes. Once that is done, they will have further information to present to the Freeholders to make further decisions.
- North Branch Library, The project is almost complete and they are waiting on training on the HVAC monitoring system and that should be done by the end of the month, but Mr. Bell anticipates sooner.
- Route 31 HVAC Systems Buildings 2 & 3, The final schedule for bidding was placed in the paper for publication on August 6th. They will be receiving the bids on September 10th and anticipate awarding the project in late September, beginning of October.
- South County Park Septic System and Drainage System, The project is going out to bid on August 6th with a return date of September 10th.
- Generators, Mr. Bell had a meeting last Friday with George Wagner and Mr. Fahey and FEMA to discuss funding for Building #1 and the Library, the gas pumps for Everittstown Garage and Mount Airy Garage generators; it is being worked on currently and Mr. Bell has cost estimates done, drawing prepared, and he will be forwarding it on to Mr. Fahey and he will be able to upload them into the FEMA site and then anticipate receiving the funding.
- Traffic Maintenance Building. The project is going well and is ninety percent complete. Punch list work is being completed and within the month they anticipate being done with that building.

Freeholder Walton commended Freeholder Holt, for the record, for attending the DEP meeting. He was told that Mr. Holt did an excellent job of representing the Freeholder Board's position. Mr. Bell concurred to this point. Director King said he would mention that to Freeholder Holt the next time that he saw him, being that Mr. Holt was absent from the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Director King 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."

Director King noted that resolutions #9 and #11 have been pulled from the agenda.

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded a motion to approve the claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated August 04, 2015 with the exception of checks #150587, #150592 and #7694.

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CLAIMS REGISTER

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. LANZA, MS. LAGAY, MR. WALTON, MR. KING.
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.**

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. Walton seconded a motion to approve check # 150592 in accordance with the Claims Register dated August 04, 2015.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. LANZA, MR. WALTON, MR. KING.
(ABSTAIN) MS. LAGAY.
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.**

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion to approve checks #150592 and #7694 in accordance with the Claims Register dated August 04, 2015.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MS. LAGAY, MR. LANZA, MR. KING.
(ABSTAIN) MR. WALTON.
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.**

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion to approve the regular session minutes of July 21, 2015.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. LANZA, MS. LAGAY, MR. WALTON, MR. KING.
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.**

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Lanza seconded these:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Michael Franchini appointed full time, unclassified Division Head, Payroll Division, Finance Department.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Michael Buchholz appointed full time Sheriff's Officer, in the Sheriff's Office.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving longevity to employees covered under the Collective Bargaining Agreement, FOP#94 for Sheriff's Officers, for 2015.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Evan Jordan appointed full time Laborer, in the Roads and Bridges Division, of the Public Works Department.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Alexander Howard appointed full time Public Health Investigator, Health Services Division, of the Department of Public Safety and Health Services.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Salary adjustment for Shu Chiang, Public Health Nurse Supervisor, in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the CWA Supervisory Unit, Local 1036.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the 2015/2016 Controlled Hunting Program.

See Page 08/04/15-3I

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Urging the Governor to protect local property taxpayers by respecting the structure and preserving the integrity of the fiscally solvent local pension systems.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a facilities agreement with Central Jersey Family Health Consortium, Inc., for office space and basic office supplies for a Central Intake Specialist, at the Division of Health Services, for a one year period, cost of \$3,000 to be covered under the Health Services Grant.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. LANZA, MS. LAGAY, MR. WALTON, MR. KING.
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.**

GRANTS

Mr. Walton moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Consulting Agreement with Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey to provide assistance in data collection and report for the New Jersey Department of Human Services and United Way's Thrive Initiative, through the County's Human Services Department, in an amount not to exceed \$17,500 (state grant funds #15AHKC - NJ Division of Child Protection and Permanency).

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. WALTON, MS. LAGAY, MR. LANZA, MR. KING.
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.**

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the renewal of the New Jersey Job Access/Reverse Commute (NJ-JARC) agreement with New Jersey Transit, for a grant in the amount of \$30,000 with a County Match of \$30,000.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. LANZA, MR. WALTON, MS. LAGAY, MR. KING.
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.**

CORRESPONDENCE

A request was received from the Good News Home for Women, requesting permission to hold a Coin Toss, on Saturday, September 12, 2015, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., at the intersection of County Route 523 and River Road, during their 13th annual Harvest Festival and Craft Fair. Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion to approve this request provided it is coordinated through the County's Department of Public Works.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. WALTON, MR. LANZA, MS. LAGAY, MR. KING.
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.**

Correspondence was received from the Flemington Business Improvement District, requesting permission to use the Main Street County Complex parking area on Sunday, August 23, 2015, for the Second Annual Corn & Tomato Festival, for the placement of Port-a-Johns and for the vendors to unload and park vehicles. Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion to approve this request provided it is coordinated through the County's Department of Parks and Recreation.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. WALTON, MR. LANZA, MS. LAGAY, MR. KING.
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.**

A letter was received from the Flemington Business Improvement District, requesting a waiver to allow alcohol sales during the Second Annual Corn & Tomato Festival in the Main Street County Complex, on August 23, 2015.

Denise B. Doolan, Clerk of the Board, stated for the record that a waiver was given to the 300th Committee for the sale of alcohol during one of their events.

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion to approve this request provided it is coordinated through the County's Department of Parks and Recreation and that all required permits are received.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. WALTON, MR. LANZA, MS. LAGAY, MR. KING.
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.**

FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Ms. Lagay commented on the lovely job the Building and Grounds staff did on the gardens in the Route 12 Complex.

Ms. Lagay reported that the New Jersey Planning Officials Association will be honoring Hunterdon County at an awards breakfast on September 18th for the Comprehensive Economic Development Plan (CEDS). The Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce submitted the plan on behalf of the County and it was selected. Freeholder Holt, Director King and Sue Dziamara will be attending on behalf of the County.

Director King congratulated Mike Franchini on his promotion in the Finance Department.

Mr. Walton noted that the Pittsburgh Pirates drafted in the thirty-third round Sean Casalica, a graduate of Voorhees High School, to one of their farming organizations in West Virginia.

Mr. Lanza thanked Raritan Township Mayor O'Brien and the Raritan Township Committee for hosting the Freeholder Board meeting in Raritan Township. He noted it was nice to be back where he grew up and he has many fine memories of serving in the council room. Director King reiterated those thanks to the Mayor and the Committee, and the dais where he presided as mayor a few years ago.

Director King informed those present that tonight is the 32nd National Night Out, and that Hunterdon is having an event in Deer Path Park that he will be attending after the meeting. 37.1 million people are expected to participate in this year's "America's Night Out Against Crime", the ritual is from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. you turn on all of your outside lights and go out and talk to your neighbors.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Director King opened the meeting to the public.

Barbara Sauchau, Raritan Township resident, expressed her disappointment by the Board voting for the hunting program. She feels that New Jersey Department of Fish and Wildlife is a corrupt organization where every member of the Board is a hunter and that it should be cross-sectional.

Director King explained that "hunter" is noted in Hunterdon County's name and the County's hunting tradition is rich in Hunterdon's history and it seems only appropriate that the Board sustains that ritual and tradition.

There being no further business before the Board, Director King adjourned the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Transcribed by:

Dana A. Gootman, Deputy Clerk

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise B. Doolan, Clerk