

REGULAR MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2017

6:00 PM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item

1. CALL TO ORDER BY DIRECTOR 6:00 PM

2. ROLL CALL Freeholder Crabb, Freeholder Graham, Freeholder Petillo, Freeholder Rose; Freeholder Director Lazzaro; County Administrator, Gregory V. Poff; County Counsel, John Williams; Clerk of the Board, Catherine Williams

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

4. PUBLIC STATEMENT

"Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 Adequate Notice as defined by Section 3D of Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, has been made by regular mail, such notice being submitted on August 2, 2017 from the Administrative Center of the County of Sussex, located at One Spring Street, Newton, New Jersey to the following:

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and is also posted on the bulletin board maintained in the Administrative Center for public announcements and has been submitted to the Sussex County Clerk in compliance with said Act."

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION made by Freeholder Crabb to approve the Agenda; and seconded by Freeholder Rose and passed unanimously.

MOTION made by Freeholder Rose to amend the Agenda to add Item 9C- Proclamation recognizing Evan Fredrick Ganning earning the rank of Eagle Scout; Item 14G Resolution Re: Providing Temporary Closure of CR 613 in Sparta Township for Lake Mohawk Preservation Foundation 5K; seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

MOTION to approve the Agenda as amended made by Freeholder Sylvia; seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

MOTION made at 6:14 to go into Executive Session made by Freeholder Graham; seconded by Freeholder Petillo and passed unanimously.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION – (Closed Session)

**RESOLUTION RE: PROVIDING FOR AN EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 ET SEQ.**

**WHEREAS**, the subject matter(s) about to be discussed may be excluded from the public portion of the meeting by Resolution of the Board of Chosen Freeholders as an exception to the "Open Public Meetings Act" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b); and

**WHEREAS**, it appears necessary for the Board of Chosen Freeholders to discuss such matter(s) in Executive Session.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Sussex, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) and N.J.S.A. 10:4-13 that the Board at this time enters into an Executive Session from which the public shall be excluded; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the general nature of the subject(s) to be discussed relate to the following item(s) authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) as designated below:

- \_\_\_\_\_ (1) **Matters Required by Law to be Confidential:**
- \_\_\_\_\_ (2) **Matters Where the Release of Information Would Impair the Right to Receive Funds:**
- \_\_\_\_\_ (3) **Matters Involving Individual Privacy:**
- \_\_\_\_\_ (4) **Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining Agreements:**
- \_\_\_\_\_ (5) **Matters Relating to the Purchase, Lease or Acquisition of Real Property or the Investment of Public Funds:**
- \_\_\_\_\_ (6) **Matters Relating to Public Safety and Property:**
- X   (7) **Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and the Attorney Client Privilege:**

**Solar Investigation**

- X   (8) **Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship:**

**Retirement Health Benefits**

- \_\_\_\_\_ (9) **Matters Relating to the Potential Imposition of a Penalty:**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Sussex County Board of Chosen Freeholders or provided by law that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that upon completion of the business for which the Board has entered into the Executive Session, the Board shall reconvene and resume its meeting open to the public.

**MOTION** made at 7:08 PM made by Freeholder Petillo to open the meeting back to the public; seconded by Freeholder Rose and passed unanimously.

## **7. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR**

**Please Note: Everyone is asked to keep their comments to 5 minutes or less and only address issues regarding agenda items. Please state your name, spell your last name, and state your municipal residency.**

**MOTION** made at 7:09 PM by Freeholder Crabb to open the floor to the public; seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

Harvey Dunleavy said the public should have had a chance to review Mr. Boxer's report prior to his presentation.

Kenny Collins said the public needs to read and understand the report that you have placed before us this evening on the solar scandal. He asked the Freeholder Board to hold off till next meeting and bring Mr. Boxer back and allow the public to ask Mr. Boxer their questions. He would like the Freeholder Board to form a citizen's committee to review the report.

Michael Grace said he didn't see any mention in the report on MSRB SEC regulations regarding underwriting of municipal bonds and he agrees the public should have more time to review the report.

David Hamer-Hodges, CWA staff representative for the SC employees, said in regards to the contract that is on the Agenda, they appreciate Mr. Poff bargaining a contract for these employees.

Clifford Lundin, Chairman Open Space Advisory Committee spoke in favor of Resolution 14. A on the Agenda. This Resolution puts before the voters this November a question to modify the existing Sussex County Open Space and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund. Right now the funds can only be used for acquisitions. The question would expand the purpose of the trust. He urged the Board to vote favorable for the Resolution.

Harvey Roseff thanked the Freeholders for releasing the report before the meeting and he spoke about the report.

Ed Omadeo stated that I am sure on everyone's minds is litigation. He said I would hope you would be going after Mr. Pearlman in light of what is said about him in the report.

John Synder read the conclusion of the report and there were comments such as no project manager, the county didn't know what was going on, he thought Harvey Roseff wrote it because he has brought up many of the same things such as who is responsible for things. He said he has to give Harvey Roseff credit because he seems to be in agreement with Mr. Boxer as to what wasn't going on.

Charles Ulo said the responsibility of the solar lies with the Freeholders.

Mike Mahoney is looking to get a positive vote on the Pace Glass Recycling resolution.

**MOTION** made at 7:26 PM by Freeholder Graham to close the public session; seconded by Freeholder Rose and passed unanimously.

## **8. FREEHOLDERS' COMMENTS**

### **Comments from Freeholder Crabb**

Freeholder Crabb recognized Joe Buiso. He did a tremendous job at the County Building over at the fairgrounds.

Freeholder Crabb said they had the opportunity to surprise Ernie Kosa on his official retirement as being the care taker of the County Building and they presented him with a proclamation for 45 years of service to Sussex County.

### **Comments from Freeholder Petillo**

Freeholder Petillo congratulated C.L.E.A.R. on celebrating their first year. She said with all the resources available through the state and County for the C.L.E.A.R program, it really feels that we have the ability to fight back on the opiate epidemic.

Freeholder Petillo was at the opening of the fair and she said going to the fair is always an experience and she said tomorrow is another popular event and that is the Senior of Year celebration.

Freeholder Petillo attended the Economic, Development, Tourism state meeting at County College of Morris. She said it was extremely informative on how thorough the state is in working towards our tourism designation in the entire state. They spent a lot of time talking about the marketing and the branding and following social media in what people look forward to in vacation and tourism.

Freeholder Petillo attended a Lake Hopatcong Foundation meeting. The Lake Commission, DEP Stakeholders and the Musconetcong Watershed Association were also represented and this was important because our down flow affects them. She felt it was a productive meeting and planning for how they are going to deal with all of the issues with Lake Hopatcong.

### **Comments from Freeholder Graham**

Freeholder Graham said through the issues we had with our health department and Sparta, one of the things that we needed to work on was better communication. He said there is so much communication now he is trying to work on how to better facilitate it to the public. He listed some of the things that public nursing will be doing at the fair and dates on flu clinics that will be coming out soon.

He complimented all the people who worked hard at the fair.

Freeholder Graham addressed Mr. Roseff's comments about Mr. Boxer's report. He said this report ties everything together and the reason it wasn't released until today was because it was not our report. It was Mr. Boxer's report to us as a third party. He continued to speak about the report and what went into creating the report.

### **Comments from Freeholder Rose**

Freeholder Rose had a meeting with Mr. Poff and representatives from the Vo-Tech School as well as representatives from Sussex County Community School regarding the pool building at Vo-Tech. They discussed the cost to rebuild vs. the cost of a tear down which would be on the low end of \$120,000 up to \$5.5 million project for a rebuild including a basketball court and a number of other items. They will be reconvening and discussing this in the upcoming weeks. We are discussing this with Advanced Manufacturing and this is an area in the County that is desperately in need of employees with those skill

sets. Advanced Manufacturing runs CNC machines. They will have to discuss with the Freeholders if they want to spend the money to advance a program like that.

Freeholder Rose met with SCCC as well as two representatives from Campbell Freight Liner. He said Campbell Freight Liner recently purchased G & G Diesel and is interested in doing a partnership with the County to bring a diesel program to SCCC. The issue with the Diesel program as well as the Advanced Manufacturing is that there is not enough space available for this industrial type; there are a lot of classrooms but not industrial space.

### **Comments from Freeholder Lazzaro**

Freeholder Lazzaro worked at the Newton Rotary at the Fair. He noted that there was record attendance on Saturday and Sunday.

Freeholder Lazzaro said the Roseville Bridge is open as well as the drainage work at Maximum Drive and the Ogdensburg Bridge is a work of art in progress. Scenic Drive in Green is set up to be cleared for site distances work. The cracked sealing program, line painting program and road pavement programs are ongoing.

Freeholder Lazzaro thanked Freeholder Graham for his comments on the solar report.

## **9. PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES/PRESENTATIONS**

### **A. Proclamations/Certificates**

1. Proclamation to recognize Aldo Sayre as Sussex County's Senior of the Year for 2017.  
**379-2017**
2. Certificate of Recognition for Rev. Lt. Col. Ernest Kosa for 45 years of service with the County of Sussex  
**380-2017**
3. Proclamation to recognize Evan Frederick Ganning earning the rank of Eagle Scott.  
**381-2017**

**MOTION** made by Free Graham to adopt the Proclamations; seconded by Freeholder Petillo and passed unanimously.

### **B. Presentations**

1. Presentation of NJAC Foundation/Investors Bank Scholarships to Sussex County Technical School students.
2. Presentation by Matt Boxer, Esq. of Lowenstein Sandler, LLP of the Solar Investigation Final Report
4. Presentation by Congressman Josh Gottheimer
5. Acknowledging the retirement of the following employees:  
Jeffrey Mosteller, Roads Department, 33 years of service; Walter Crawford, Roads Department, 32 years of service; Wayne Staley, Road Department, 23 years of service; Darlene Sonvico, Transit, 15 years of service; Helen Homeijer, Health Department, 16 years of service; Allan Gurski, IT, 16 years of service; Corporal Lawrence Myers, Sheriff Department, 20 years of service; and Sergeant Nicolaro, Sheriff Department, 21 years of service.

Freeholder Lazzaro presented the scholarships to the Sussex County Technical School students.

Max Boxer, Esq. presented his Solar Investigation Final 60-page report. He went over the highlights of the report. He said Sussex County was the victim of negligence, misconduct and various other failings by multi parties over the course of the solar project. He said the administration of this project was a perfect storm of incompetence and the County was the victim of the incompetence. The report also includes nine categories of recommendations. For the full report you can visit [www.sussex.nj.us](http://www.sussex.nj.us).

10. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

11. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. **RESOLUTION RE:** ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR ENTITLEMENT LANDS AND DISTRIBUTION OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES  
**382-2017**
- B. **RESOLUTION RE:** AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT FUNDS TO THE STATE OF NJ, DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, FOR AN AMOUNT YET TO BE DETERMINED, TO BE USED FOR THE PURCHASE OF BODY ARMOR FOR MEMBERS OF THE SHERIFF'S BUREAUS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CORRECTIONS AND THE SUSSEX COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE  
**383-2017**
- C. **RESOLUTION RE:** AUTHORIZATION OF PUBLIC SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY AND DESIGNATION OF AN ON-LINE AUCTION SERVICE THROUGH NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT  
**384-2017**
- D. **RESOLUTION RE:** AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT AND PROCESS AN APPLICATION FOR A HOUSING REHABILITATION FUND PROJECT TO REHABILITATE SCARC, INC. GROUP HOMES FOR DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED ADULTS OF LOW AND MODERATE INCOMES UNDER THE 2018 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) SMALL CITIES PROGRAM – INNOVATIVE DEVELOPMENT FUND  
**385-2017**
- E. **RESOLUTION RE:** AUTHORIZING THE FILING AND EXECUTION OF THE CY 2018 (JANUARY 1, 2018 TO DECEMBER 31, 2018) JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION'S YOUTH SERVICES PLAN AND APPLICATION FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$368,500.00  
**386-2017**
- F. **RESOLUTION RE:** ALLOCATION OF MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE FUNDING TO THE ELEVEN MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMITTEES FOR THE PROVISION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT  
**387-2017**
- G. **RESOLUTION RE:** AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (SSBG) CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH DOMESTIC ABUSE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,386.00 FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2017 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2017 FOR THE PROVISION OF HOMELESS SERVICES FOR THE CITIZENS OF SUSSEX COUNTY  
**388-2017**
- H. **RESOLUTION RE:** AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (SSBG) CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH FAMILY PROMISE OF SUSSEX COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,400.00 FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2017 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2017 FOR THE PROVISION OF HOMELESS SERVICES FOR THE CITIZENS OF SUSSEX COUNTY  
**389-2017**
- I. **RESOLUTION RE:** AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FILING OF THE 2018 NEW JERSEY SENIOR CITIZENS AND DISABLED RESIDENTS TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SCDRTAP) CY 2018 (JANUARY 1, 2018 – DECEMBER 31, 2018) AND THE FTA NON-URBANIZED AREA FORMULA PROGRAM (SECTION 5311) TO THE NEW  
**390-2017**

JERSEY TRANSIT CORPORATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR CY 2018 (JANUARY 1, 2018 – DECEMBER 31, 2018) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,321,174.00

- J. RESOLUTION RE: 391-2017** AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN AND IMPLEMENT THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA, A.F.L. C.I.O., LOCAL 1032, NON-SUPERVISORY UNIT FOR THE YEAR 2017

**The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Sussex has reviewed the Consent Agenda consisting of various proposed Resolutions and determined that adoption of the said Resolutions is in and will further the public interest.**

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Rose to vote separately on Resolution J.

**MOTION** to vote on Resolutions A-I made by Freeholder Rose; seconded by Freeholder Graham

**On Roll Call the vote was:**

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Graham	Yes
Freeholder Petillo	Yes
Freeholder Rose	Yes
Freeholder Director Lazzaro	Yes

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Graham to vote on J; seconded by Freeholder Petillo

**Discussion:**

Freeholder Rose asked Mr. Poff to explain the agreement.

Mr. Poff said the agreement between the County and the CWA Local 1032 Non-Supervisory unit calls for a salary increase of 1.2% with increases on the minimum and maximum of the salary ranges at the same percentages. The parties have agreed to enter into early negotiations to address the matter of medical benefits and the salary increases will be retroactive to January 1 of 2017 with the contract term to expire December 31, 2017.

Freeholder Rose said the health care is the major driver of the increases with our budget for 2017, what is the likelihood or the realization of getting those costs down in 2018?

Mr. Poff said the Union's overarching concern is seeing decreases in the amount of take home pay and that is a direct function of the implementation of Chapter 78 which requires employee to make contributions to their health benefits. He said he made it clear to the Union that it is of the utmost importance that the issue of health insurance and medical benefits be addressed in the subsequent contract negotiations. He said the Union has an understanding and willingness to engage in early negotiations to negotiate and bargain a successor agreement. He said he believes that both parties, the Union and the County, have a clear understanding that the issue of medical benefits has to be addressed which will benefit the members of the Union and the County.

Freeholder Rose asked if there is a Sunset provision with the Chapter 78 monies.

Freeholder Poff said once the implementation of Chapter 78 is complete, there is a provision in Chapter 78 that they can begin the subject of bargaining. The full implementation will have concluded by the end of this year.

Freeholder Rose said the next bargaining round will not be under the Chapter 78?

Mr. Poff said it is important to understand that the law provides for the negotiations of the employees' contributions with the County but the law is clear that the position is that you bargain from the full implementation of Chapter 78.

**On Roll Call the vote was:**

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Graham	Yes

Freeholder Petillo	Yes
Freeholder Rose	No
Freeholder Director Lazzaro	Yes

**12. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Regular Meeting – July 26, 2017

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Graham to approve the minutes; seconded by Freeholder Petillo and passed unanimously.

B. Executive Session – July 26, 2017

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Graham to approve the minutes; seconded by Freeholder Petillo and passed unanimously.

**13. APPOINTMENTS AND/OR RESIGNATIONS**

- A. **RESOLUTION RE: 392-2017** APPOINTMENT OF THERESA SEIBERT AND JEAN DECKER AS CONSUMER ADVOCATES OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY DISABILITY SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR A THREE YEAR TERM, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND EXPIRING ON JULY 31, 2020.
- B. **RESOLUTION RE: 393-2017** APPOINTMENT OF ANGELO BARON AS A MEMBER-AT-LARGE OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO FILL AN UNEXPIRED TERM. TERM TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AND EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2017

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Graham to adopt the Resolutions; seconded by Freeholder Petillo and passed unanimously.

Freeholder Graham thanked the newly appointed members for their volunteer work.

**14. RESOLUTIONS**

- A. **RESOLUTION RE: 394-2017** AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF A PUBLIC QUESTION ON THE OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 7, 2017 CONCERNING A PROPOSITION ALLOWING THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX TO MODIFY THE APPROVED USES OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY FARMLAND PRESERVATION, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND TO ALLOW FOR STEWARDSHIP PROJECTS AND FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF PERMANENTLY PRESERVED OPEN SPACE, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:12-15.1, ET SEQ.
- B. **RESOLUTION RE: 395-2017** SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND THE SUSSEX COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR PACE GLASS CLASS A RECYCLING FACILITY, COUNTY ROUTE 669 (LIMECREST ROAD), ANDOVER TOWNSHIP
- C. **RESOLUTION RE: 396-2017** APPROVAL OF A GRANT MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR 2018 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT - SMALL CITIES INNOVATIVE DEVELOPMENT FUND PROJECT TO REHABILITATE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING UNITS FOR LOW AND MODERATE INCOME CLIENTS OF SCARC, INC. IN SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

- D. **RESOLUTION RE:** ADOPTING THE STATE FISCAL YEAR 2018 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) SMALL CITIES CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN  
**397-2017**
- E. **RESOLUTION RE:** STATE FISCAL YEAR 2018 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) SMALL CITIES GRANT PROGRAM FAIR HOUSING - STATEMENT OF ACTIONS AND DESIGNATION OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY FAIR HOUSING OFFICER  
**398-2017**
- F. **RESOLUTION RE:** SUPPORT FOR THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF PARKS AND FORESTRY GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES GRANT PROGRAM - "RESTORATION OF THREE MORRIS CANAL RELATED HISTORIC BUILDINGS IN WATERLOO VILLAGE"  
**399-2017**

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Rose to vote on Resolution F separately.

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Rose to vote on A-E; & G; seconded by Freeholder Petillo and passed unanimously.

**Discussion:**

Freeholder Crabb asked about Resolution A. He said it allows us to make money available to do stewardship but does it mandate stewardship on every parcel of open space because that could be a logistical man power issue?

Freeholder Lazzaro said no, it will allow us to take some of the money for Open Space and use it to maintain some of that Open Space such as lakes, forests and trails that no one has any funding to maintain. It is a state-wide program they are trying to do and take some of the money and try and allocate it for maintenance.

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Rose to approve Resolution F; seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

**Discussion:**

Freeholder Rose asked for an explanation on this Resolution.

Freeholder Graham said this came in with the latest grants. He said he believes this came about because of tourism. He said most of the money that is going outside of the restoration is for the bridge and the bridge runs between Morris and Sussex County. And that is very vital.

**15. AWARDS OF CONTRACTS/CHANGE ORDERS/BID**

- A. **RESOLUTION RE:** AWARD OF CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF NON-OEM AUTOMOTIVE AND LIGHT DUTY TRUCK PARTS  
**400-2017**
- B. **RESOLUTION RE:** AWARD OF CONTRACT EXTENSION (YEAR THREE) FOR GARBAGE REMOVAL FROM VARIOUS SUSSEX COUNTY BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES FOR THE DIVISION OF FACILITIES MANAGEMENT  
**401-2017**
- C. **RESOLUTION RE:** AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE REPAIR OF SUSSEX COUNTY BRIDGE X-08 MARTIN'S STATION-GLENWOOD ROAD OVER WALLKILL RIVER RELIEF CHANNEL, WANTAGE TOWNSHIP,  
**402-2007**



**MOTION** made by Freeholder Graham to adopt the Resolutions; seconded by Freeholder Petillo

**On Roll Call the vote was:**

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Graham	Yes
Freeholder Petillo	Yes
Freeholder Rose	Yes
Freeholder Director Lazzaro	Yes

**16. FINANCIAL**

- A. RESOLUTION RE: PAYMENT OF BILLS  
**403-2017**

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Petillo to adopt the Resolution; seconded by Freeholder Graham

**On Roll Call the vote was:**

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Graham	Yes
Freeholder Petillo	Yes
Freeholder Rose	Abstain
Freeholder Director Lazzaro	Yes

- B. RESOLUTION RE: PAYMENT OF BILLS  
**404-2017**

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Petillo to adopt the Resolution; seconded by Freeholder Graham

**On Roll Call the vote was:**

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Graham	Yes
Freeholder Petillo	Yes
Freeholder Rose	Yes
Freeholder Director Lazzaro	Yes

**17. PERSONNEL**

**18. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Mr. Poff recognized all that have been participating with the County Farm and Horse show and thanking them for their efforts. Mr. Poff said they had a very good meeting with the Vo-Tech school last week and representatives from the college in regards to the project that is being contemplated to replace the pool.

Mr. Poff acknowledged the Division of Health who recently reinstated the monthly conference calls. All of the municipalities were invited to call in as part of an ongoing effort to have better communication with the municipalities that the County is providing with environmental health services and public health nursing.

**19. COUNTY COUNSEL**

Mr. Williams stated that the total number of OPRA's processed is 231 and the approximate hour in staff time is 184.45 hours to date. That is only the custodian's time. It does not account for the time staff puts in to fulfil these requests.

**20. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**21. NEW BUSINESS**

**22. OPEN PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR**

**Please Note: Everyone is asked to keep their comments to 5 minutes or less. Please state your name, spell your last name, and state your municipal residency.**

**MOTION** made at 8:31 PM by Freeholder Rose to open the floor to the public; seconded by Freeholder Petillo and passed unanimously.

Terry Newhardt, Executive Director of NORWESCAP brought a report to hand out telling the public of their services and what is available.

Harvey Dunleavy said he agrees with Ken Collins and that it would have been a good idea to have had a citizen’s committee to review the solar information. He also feels the math scores at the Sussex County Technical are nothing to be proud of.

Kenny Collins said he views the investigation as the Board investigating themselves and the investigation reveals that the Board of Chosen Freeholders failed the people of Sussex County miserably. He said there are things that really need to be fixed and he hopes they can figure out how to do it.

Ailish Hambel said her son got a full scholarship through Sussex Vo-Tech, went to Williamson College in PA on a full scholarship and has a wonderful job with Thor Labs in Newton and she is very proud of him.

Alex Rubinstein said his son goes to Vo-Tech, they think it is a great school; he said he read the entire solar report and his question is not about the report but what is next? What are your intentions?

The Board stated by advice of Counsel, they will not comment.

Charles Ulo wanted to know what assurance does the public have that the recommendations in the report will be implemented to larger future capital expenditures. He said it would be prudent to put some policies in order.

Neil Kenny asked if there is some type of shelter for someone who becomes homeless. He also expressed that after hearing Freeholder Graham’s explanation on the report he still feels there were no reassurances that there was no collusion on the solar project.

Autumn Sylvester stated there is an organization called Family Promise and they provide housing through churches in the county. They do have a hotline. There is also the Samaritans Inn which is in Stillwater.

Freeholder Graham said it is best to call the police because they know exactly who to call.

**MOTION** made at 8:48 PM to adjourn the public session by Freeholder Graham; seconded by Freeholder Petillo and passed unanimously.

**23. REMINDERS**

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
Aug. 10 – 7:30PM	Water Quality	FMR
Aug. 10 – 1PM	UCC	FMR
Aug. 16 – 7PM	Lake Musconetcong Reg. PB Netcong Muni Bldg.	
Aug. 17 – 4PM	LACADA	FMR
Aug. 21 – 10AM	NJTPA	Newark
Aug. 21 – 3 PM	Dev. Review Comm.	FMR
Aug. 21 – 7:30PM	Ag. Dev. Board	FMR
Aug. 24 – 7:30PM	Open Space Committee	FMR
Sept. 7 – 9AM	Senior Advisory Council	Knoll Heights
Sept. 11 – 10AM	NJTPA Board of Trustees	Newark
Sept. 11 – 12 Noon	DSAC	FMR
Sept. 11 – 3PM	Dev. Review Comm.	FMR
Sept. 11 – 4PM	Planning Board	FMR
Sept. 12 – 7PM	SWAC	FMR
Sept. 13 – 7pm	Freeholder Meeting	FMR
Sept. 14 – 1PM	UCC	FMR
Sept. 14 7:30 PM	WQM	FMR

Freeholder Graham made a motion to call for a five-minute recess; seconded by Freeholder Rose and passed unanimously.

Board returned to the public.

Congressman Josh Gottheimer gave the Board an update with what is going on in Washington, D.C. He just returned back from a trip to Israel where he was getting briefed by generals on security issues. On the home front, he said he has been focused on tax reform and trying to get a stronger return on investments with our taxpayer dollars and infrastructure. He has been working with seniors and veterans. He has spoken with the Sheriff on the opiate problem. He is also on the financial services committee in Congress and on the terrorist financing sub-committee which they are spending a lot of time on where the money is moving on the fight against terror.

Freeholder Graham asked a question about the return of tax dollars.

Congressman Gottheimer stated it is a process and it is important to get all the municipalities involved. There are many grants available and if we don't apply for the money, it will go elsewhere. He said we have had some of the lowest returns on tax dollars compared to how much we pay out and historically in this district, in recent years.

We have had some of the lowest return on tax dollars that we pay out compared to other places in this county and in the 5<sup>th</sup> district where we live we get about 33 cents on the dollar and the rest of the state gets 68 cents on the dollar. For comparison, West Virginia gets about \$4.23 for every dollar they send to Washington, D.C.

A member of the public asked about the Lackawanna Cutoff and the 911 center.

Freeholder Lazzaro addressed the 911 center.

Congressman Gottheimer addressed the Cutoff.

Discussion ensued on opiate treatments.

Freeholder Rose asked the Congressman to help with making a contact with Uber to talk to them about a public-private partnership for our transportation needs.

Congressman thanked the Board for having him.

## **24. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** made at 9:20 PM by Freeholder Rose to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Freeholder Petillo and passed unanimously.

**DATED:** August 9, 2017

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Catherine M. Williams  
Clerk of the Board