

Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders
Executive Session
October 22nd, 2013
Freeholder Conference Room
5:30 PM

Present

Robert Zaborowski
Patricia Walsh
Peter Palmer
Patrick Scaglione
Mark Caliguire

Absent

Also Present

Mike Amorosa, County Administrator
Prosecutor Geoffrey Soriano
Bill Cooper, County Counsel

POLICE ACADEMY

Prosecutor Soriano advised the Board as to the status of the Academy. The Prosecutor noted that negotiations with Middlesex County failed to produce any results as Middlesex County has determined to enter into a shared service with Monmouth County. The Prosecutor outlined options that his office considered. The Board was advised that recruit training will be terminated at this point. It was noted that law enforcement training for all Municipal and County Officers will continue and conceptual ideas for future uses would be provided. No action was required by the Board at this time.

EPIDEMIOLOGIST

Mike Amorosa updated the Board on this matter. The Funding Grant used to cover the salary for this position has been terminated. Because of the importance of this position and the skill of the employee, the Administrator would like to maintain this position. Mr. Amorosa outlined how he would be able to cover the salary through other existing grants. The Board endorsed the Administrator's suggestion and authorized him to take necessary action.

VACANCY LIST

The Board received, considered and approved the vacancy list as provided.

Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders
Executive Session
November 12th, 2013
Freeholder Conference Room
5:30 PM

Present
Robert Zaborowski
Patricia Walsh
Peter Palmer
Mark Caliguire

Absent

Also Present
Mike Amorosa, County Administrator
Matt Loper, County Engineer
Bill Cooper, County Counsel

WELDON PROPERTY

Matt Loper advised the Board regarding a proposal presented to the County from the owners of the Weldon Quarry. The proposal involved future operations at the Quarry and improvements to New Providence Road. The proposal needs to be refined by the parties but the County Engineer wanted to gauge the Board's opinion. The Board advised the County Engineer and County Counsel to prepare a formal proposal for its consideration.

JOINT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT-EAST COUNTY RESERVE

Matt Loper and Bill Cooper outlined the draft provisions for a Joint Management Agreement between Warren Township and the County for the East County Reserve (Park). Matt Loper detailed the proposed improvements to the park. The Board considered the terms of the agreement and requested further details.

PILL HILL TOWER UPDATE

Bill Cooper advised the Board as to the status of the emergency communications tower at this location.

VACANCY LIST

The Vacancy List was approved as proposed.

HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR VACANCY

Freeholder Zaborowski recused himself from this matter. Mike Amorosa proposed a process for conducting interviews of prospective candidates for this position. The Board approved the process as proposed and advised Administrator Mike Amorosa to move forward.

Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders
Executive Session
November 26th, 2013
Freeholder Conference Room
5:30 PM

Present

Robert Zaborowski
Patricia Walsh
Patrick Scaglione
Mark Caliguire

Absent

Also Present

Mike Amorosa, County Administrator
Tom Boccino,
Bill Cooper, County Counsel

MUSIALOWSKI – PROPOSED PURCHASE

Tom Boccino presented this property for the Board's consideration. OSAC had previously considered this parcel and endorsed it's purchase for inclusion for Open Space purposes. The sites premium location and value were discussed. The Board endorsed moving forward with the attempt to purchase this property in an amount not to exceed

GREEN BROOK FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT LEVEE – PUBLIC ACCESS

Bill Cooper advised the Board on this issue. It was noted that the levee in Bound Brook was not designed for pedestrian use. It was further noted that the public was accessing the levee and using it as a pathway. The Board discussed ways to curb this use and protect the County's interest in this matter.

PILL HILL TOWER UPDATE

Bill Cooper provided the Board with an update on the placement of an emergency communications tower at this location.

EAST COUNTY RESERVE UPDATE

Patricia Walsh provided the Board with an update on discussions with Warren Township Officials. The Board discussed the funding of the improvements at this park. County Counsel was advised to move forward with drafting the joint management agreement.

VACANCY LIST

The Vacancy List was considered and approved.

Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders
Executive Session
December 10th, 2013
Freeholder Conference Room
5:30 PM

Present

Peter Palmer
Robert Zaborowski
Patricia Walsh
Patrick Scaglione
Mark Caliguire

Absent

Also Present

Mike Amorosa, County Administrator
Bill Cooper, County Counsel

SOLAR RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDIT

Mike Amorosa provided the Board with an update on the SREC market. He detailed the issues that are impacting “net meter” users. The Board requested that Mr. Amorosa, Stephen Pearlman, Esq. and representatives from Gabel Associates meet with BPU General Counsel to discuss SREC support.

DISPATCH SUPERVISORS PROPOSED CONTRACT SETTLEMENT

Mike Amorosa outlined the terms of the proposed contract with this small union. It was noted that the monetary and non-monetary issues offered are consistent with current County Labor Agreements. The Board accepted the proposal and agreed that this matter can be placed on the 12/20/13 meeting agenda.

VACANCY LIST

The Vacancy List was considered by the Board and adopted as proposed.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Mike Amorosa discussed transportation costs for clients to the Adult Day Care and Visiting Nurse Association. The Board was of the opinion that costs should be equally assessed to non-profit entities but was concerned with the financial impact it would have. Mike Amorosa will review and update the Board.

2014 SOMERSET PATRIOTS FIREWORKS APPROVAL

The Board considered the Fireworks schedule for 2014 and approved same.

HIRING PROCESS FOR SHERIFF’S OFFICERS

Freeholder Walsh presented the Board with the Sheriff’s concerns as to costs associated with hiring delays. The issue was discussed and the Board was satisfied with the Sheriff’s proposal. No further action required at this time.

**Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders
Executive Session
January 14th, 2014
Freeholder Conference Room
5:30 PM**

Present

Patrick Scaglione, Director
Peter Palmer
Robert Zaborowski
Mark Caliguire

Absent

Pat Walsh

Also Present

Mike Amorosa, County Administrator
Bill Cooper, County Counsel
Tom Boccino, Principal Planner

ANDERSON PROPERTY (Hillsborough Twp.)

Tom Boccino presented this property for the Board's consideration. Boccino identified the property, its location and its important relationship to Sourland Park. The Board considered and agreed that the appraised value of [REDACTED] was acceptable. The Board authorized County Counsel to proceed with the purchase of this property.

GIANOTTI PROPERTY (Bridgewater Twp.)

Tom Boccino, Bill Cooper and Mike Amorosa addressed this property and the history leading up to Bridgewater Township's involvement. The Board authorized County Counsel to prepare an agreement between Bridgewater and County which provides the County with the right of first refusal for this parcel.

EAST COUNTY RESERVE

Bill Cooper apprised the Board as to the status of the proposed Joint Management Agreement with Warren Twp.

HAY APPEALS

Mike Amorosa outlined the Committee's findings and the Board approved the recommendations as made.

SHERIFF AND CORRECTIONS POLICY

Mike Amorosa discussed the proposed screening process replacing Correction's Officers. The Board considered and approved the process.

SMOKING POLICY

Mike Amorosa addressed concerns and complaints received about employees utilizing e-cigarettes indoors. The Board endorsed the inclusion of e-cigarettes to the policy.

HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR INTERVIEWS

Mike Amorosa provided the Board with an update in the process for the selection of a new Human Services Director.

INTERIM HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR

Mike Amorosa discussed the appointment of an interim Director until the Board makes a decision on this position. The Board endorsed this interim proposal.

VACANCY LIST

The Vacancy List was considered by the Board and adopted as proposed.