MINUTES **November 10, 1993**

The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren met in special session at its office in the Administration Building, Belvidere, NJ on Monday, November 15, 1993 at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Director Kenneth Miller and upon roll call the following members were present: Freeholder Director Miller and Freeholders Susan Dickey and Jacob Matthenius.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Director Miller.

Director Miller read the following statement: "ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT BY FORWARDING A SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO THE WARREN COUNTY CLERK, THE STAR/GAZETTE, BLAIRSTOWN PRESS, THE NEWS, STAR-LEDGER AND THE EXPRESS-TIMES AND BY POSTING A COPY THEREOF ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS. FORMAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS AT THIS MEETING. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED. IN ORDER TO ASSURE FULL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, THOSE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE MEETING SHOULD SUBMIT ANY REQUESTS FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE".

The purpose of this special meeting is to discuss matters regarding the Northwest Library development and the expansion of the Phillipsburg Free Public Library with the library commission.

Attending from the library commission were WC Library Director Tom Carney and Library Commission members Muriel Mathez, Rosemary Motzenbecker, Doris Moyer and Lester Shotwell.

Regarding the Phillipsburg Library, Mrs. Mathez submitted a copy of a report to the board prepared by the commission which defines the ideal situation with regard to space. Based on a projected population study for the year 2005, it shows a requirement of additional space needed for a total of 28,000 square feet. They would like to speak to an architect with the intent to get their views as to how we should pursue this with respect to vertical/horizontal expansion, and the legal situation
with the Town of Phillipsburg will have to be resolved; who will own the library, who will be responsible for the library and who picks the architect; where does the ultimate responsibility lie. Can the library commission work with county counsel to start work on this and resolve the fundamental matter of ownership. We need to re-negotiate with the federation for a longer period of time. There are points that need to be handled and the commission is looking for comments on how to proceed.

Freeholder Miller said that the building expansion committee needs to be reconstituted. The advisory council should deal with federation matters and the expansion committee should deal with expansion matters.

Mrs. Mathez said that they need to work out some legal framework of operation. Mr. Miller said that his problem is that if we use the present advisory committee, that will exclude freeholder board participation and he does not want this to happen. Mrs. Mathez said that

they have no intention of doing this, they want to make recommendations to the freeholder board.

Mrs. Mathez said that with respect to establishing a legal framework, how should they proceed. Mr. Miller asked if they use our county counsel as their attorney and Mrs. Mathez said yes but the relationship between the two entities has to be determined.

County counsel will have to look for the agreement and get together with Phillipsburg to settle this. Freeholder Miller asked what the additional gross footage would be and what do they have presently and Mrs. Mathez said they presently have 15,283 gross square feet and they are looking for an additional 13,000 square feet to total approximately 28,000 square feet.

Mr. Carney said they are projecting up to the year 2005 and we do have options of staggering the expansion or doing it all at once.

Mr. Miller said that the freeholder board will look into the matter but the building expansion committee should now carry the ball.

Mr. Shotwell said that they would like any information from the expansion committee be shared with the library commission so that everyone knows what is going on.

Melinda said that the capital requests are 1. Phillipsburg: $2 million, based on the study submitted. 2. Northwest Branch: their 1994 capital request is the same as 1993, what additional are they requesting? Tom said that there is no additional funding for Blairstown.

The library commission members left at approximately 5:45 p.m.

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mr. Matthenius, RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL CONNECTION TO THE WARREN COUNTY COMMUNICATION CENTER WITH NEW JERSEY-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY FOR THE 8" FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE, FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP.

The above motion and second were made at the November 10th meeting and the resolution was tabled until this meeting for clarification of paragraph 7 in the agreement.

Mrs. Carlton asked what the difference would be in getting a CO if we don't move forward soon. Steve Marvin feels this is all we will ever get from the water company, it is a boiler plate type of agreement.

Mr. Miller asked Dave Hicks how much it will cost to install a draft point in the river and set up our own fire protection. He asked Dave to work up some cost estimates based on drafting from the river and drilling our own well. He would like this information for the next meeting. He also asked Brian to get a timeframe for state approval.

Brian said it is possible to get a partial CO. Mr. Matthenius asked that the water people be called and try to jog them along to get an answer for the next meeting.

This resolution was again tabled until we receive further information at the next meeting.

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RESOLUTION 628-93

On motion by Mr. Matthenius, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held November 15, 1993.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON NOVEMBER 15, 1993.

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in the State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is:
   1. Various personnel matters.
   2. Contract negotiations.
3. It is anticipated that the above stated subject matter will be made public at such time as the public interest permits disclosure and/or when a request for disclosure is made consistent with the Open Public Meetings Act and with statutory and common law "right to know" provisions.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

s/Melinda Rae Carlton, Clerk

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Dickey: yes Mr. Matthenius: yes Mr. Miller: yes

The board went into executive session at 5:50 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 9:40 p.m.

On motion by Mr. Matthenius, seconded by Mrs.Dickey, and there being no further official business to come before the board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Dickey: yes Mr. Matthenius: yes Mr. Miller: yes

ATTESTED TO:

Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk