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The Board of Chosen Freeholders met in regular session at its office in the Good Will Fire Company, Town of Belvidere Municipal Hall, 317 Water St., Belvidere, NJ on Wednesday, May 3, 1995 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Freeholder Director Susan Dickey at 7:08 p.m. and upon roll call the following members were present: Freeholder Susan Dickey, Freeholder Ann Stone and Freeholder Kenneth Miller.

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

Director Dickey read the following statement: "ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT BY FORWARDING A SCHEDULE OF REGULAR 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 first topic was 9-1-1 and the status of the county taking over dispatching costs. Mrs. Stone reported that Lopatcong dispatch is next on the list to be added to the county coverage with service to seven municipalities. The Harmony radio tower will be getting priority for construction. However, the county can't guarantee a time frame as many factors can slow down the process.

Mrs. Dickey stated that June was the original target date for county assistance with offsetting some expenses.

Mayor Day asked if there is money in the county budget for paying the municipalities and Mrs. Dickey said yes but none have been paid yet.

A member of the audience asked what the procedure is when an accident is called in and about whether an ambulance is automatically dispatched. The board said they would check into this.

Regarding plowing the streets, Mayor Day said that this item goes along with use of county facilities and aid with shade tree issues. As the county seat, Belvidere loses tax money due to loss of ratables and the town would like some in-kind contributions. The tax base has deteriorated over a period of time and the taxpayer has to pay more to maintain services. As an example, perhaps the county could take responsibility for the trees along the county right-of-way in town and around the county buildings. Also, perhaps the county could plow streets around the county buildings such as Hardwick, Mansfield, Second, etc. as well as the streets that are county roads such as Greenwich, Market and Water. Oxford Street might also be included as it is the only other major artery through town and runs into a county road.

Councilman Libby said that the plowing and snow removal is critical and during the heavy snows of 1993 and 1994, it placed a serious strain on the town equipment and personnel. Mayor Day said that they feel it is more important for the town to clear the streets around the schools and their businesses than the county buildings. They are asking for county

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cooperation in this matter.

With reference to use of county facilities, Mayor Day outlined the problems the town has with ADA compliance and stated that a committee has been formed that is just beginning a feasibility study. The town wondered why the court house could not be used for council meetings and municipal court and the board said that there may be judicial restrictions involved with using county property for municipal court and also a security problem. Also, this does not address the accessibility of town space for staff and residents with daily business concerns. Also, the Planning Board, Zoning Board, etc. must have a meeting place.

Director Dickey asked if the school has been approached and the town said they will be doing that in the near future. Mr. Marvin said he spoke to Sue Regan of the courts and was told that Somerville does not use Somerset County Court House for court as had been indicated.

Mrs. Stone said she would check on the possible use of the former freeholder meeting room which is now a court room. This will have to be cleared with the court representative first.

A resident asked about the town citizens being given access to the county library and it was noted that several years ago a referendum on closing the town library was defeated. Mrs. Ritter, President of the Belvidere Town Library Board of Trustees stated that the town library has an inter-library loan system and the residents may use this system to access information from the county library. Mayor Day said that council has not taken up this issue again since the referendum was defeated.

Mayor Day indicated that there did not appear to be a plan for future growth in the parking needs in Belvidere. Mrs. Dickey asked if parking should not be included as part of the space needs study. A resident pointed out that one of the Prosecutor's parking spots behind the old bank building blocks access to a garage. Mrs. Dickey said she would talk to the Prosecutor about this.

Mayor Day said that perhaps Mr. Johnson could be approached again on the use of his lot. Talks had broken down in that area recently. Ultimately, the county could condemn the property and develop a parking lot if it becomes necessary. Belvidere is working on an ordinance for handicap parking along the streets.

A resident brought up the subject of sewer bills but it was pointed out that the county has no control over that issue.

**RESOLUTION 298-95**

On motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held May 3, 1995.

**RESOLUTION CREATING THE POSITION PART-TIME CLERK TYPIST,  
CLASSIFIED, WITHIN THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the need exists in the Warren County Board of Elections for a part-time clerical support staff for the provision of maintaining efficient and effective operations; and  
**WHEREAS**, the total weekly hours for this position shall not exceed twenty-five hours

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per week;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that the part-time position of Clerk Typist be created and established on Range Group 2; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution shall take effect May 4, 1995.

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/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

**RESOLUTION 299-95**

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Miller, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held May 3, 1995.

**RESOLUTION CREATING THE SEASONAL POSITION OF FOOD SERVICE WORKER, TEMPORARY PART-TIME, WITHIN THE WARREN COUNTY NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR THE ELDERLY**

**WHEREAS**, a need exists in the Warren County Nutrition Program for the Elderly for a seasonal part-time position of food service worker to ensure the delivery of meals to the elderly of Warren County; and

**WHEREAS**, the creation of this position will provide temporary substitute service to the Nutrition Program when the New Jersey Department of Labor Title V funding is seasonally suspended;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the seasonal part-time position of food service worker is created at the hourly rate of \$5.05 per hour; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the position of food service worker, Warren County Nutrition Program for the Elderly take effect May 4, 1995.

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/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

On motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Stone, and there being no further official business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

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

ATTESTED TO:

Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk