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The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren met in regular session at its office in the Administration Building, Belvidere, NJ on Wednesday, May 17, 1995 at 7:10 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Director Susan Dickey and upon roll call the following members were present: Freeholder 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".

Director Dickey acknowledged Bob Sheridan, former Warren County Purchasing Agent, and his wife, who are visiting in the area.

**RESOLUTION 329-95**

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 17, 1995.

**RESOLUTION HONORING MR. HARRY SLAGLE AS THE  
OUTSTANDING SENIOR CITIZEN OF WARREN COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, over the years, Harry Slagle has always been active in his community and upon retirement in 1972, started a second career as a "public servant"; and

**WHEREAS**, in his current affiliations, Harry is the Chairman of the Warren County Area Agency on Aging's Advisory Council, appointed in 1978 and named chairman in 1990; and

**WHEREAS**, he has been chairman of the Warren County Transportation Advisory Council since 1989 and a member since 1983; and

**WHEREAS**, he has been the AARP District Director (Warren/Sussex Counties) since 1992 and a member of the Phillipsburg Chapter since 1991; and

**WHEREAS**, he is also a Vice President of the Council of St. James Lutheran Church in Phillipsburg and has been a member of the council since 1968; and

**WHEREAS**, he is currently active in the Warren County Council of Seniors, the Greenwich Friendship Club, member of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon and a member of the Free and Accepted Masons for over 50 years; and

**WHEREAS**, he is a past Director and President of the Phillipsburg Area Chamber of Commerce;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Warren County, that Harry Slagle be recognized as a very special man with a dedication and dependability that is unmatched, a man with talent, insight and objectivity that he brings to

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all endeavors, a man who is admired and respected by all who know him and as his colleagues and friends, we thank him for all he has done and hope he will be "busy" for many years to come.

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

Mrs. Dickey presented Mr. Slagle with the special resolution and thanked him for his many valuable contributions and dedication to Warren County and its seniors. Mr. Slagle thanked the board for this honor.

Mrs. Stone acknowledged Mr. Slagle as a loyal and dedicated public servant who she has worked with over the years on many committees. Mr. Miller said that he hopes Mr. Slagle will continue to guide the county for many years to come and thanked him for his valuable contributions.

Mrs. Dickey called for a ten minute recess at 7:15 p.m. in order to join Mr. Slagle in the vestibule for refreshments.

The meeting resumed at 7:30 p.m.

Karl Kahde, Executive Director, of LUFNET (Land Use Forum Network) gave a brief presentation on Cooperative Planning. He explained that this is a method of working with the planning boards, developers and the community to come up with plans for developments that will benefit the community. He also showed a ten minute film that further explained the system.

Mrs. Dickey asked how many municipalities have seen this film and Mr. Kahde said approximately 8 or 10. She said she will make a suggestion at the next planning board meeting that they host a meeting and invite the municipalities to attend. The presentation ended at 8:10 p.m.

Sharon Cooper of Bowers, Schumann and Welch and Wayne Dietz of Selective Insurance came before the board again with more facts about the Selectek Program.

Sharon explained that there can be a savings in a self-insured program but it depends on the loss experience of everyone involved. The plan calls for a three year commitment and the county must get involved. Someone designated by the county must attend at least two loss control seminars per year. This is very important! Mrs. Cooper said that more than half the claims are strains and sprains from lifting. The savings would come from adopting a more pro-active attitude.

Mr. Dietz said that this is simply an alternate program and there is some involvement required. Sharon said that if the county applies, it would be submitted to Burkhardt Associates for a loss control review which would be done by someone from Selectek. The report would be given to the executive committee with the application and they would accept or reject the application. It takes about one month to be processed and the processing fee is anywhere from \$500 to \$1,000.

Mr. Dinger mentioned that the county was involved in a self-insured program in the mid '80s.

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Mr. Miller commented that it seems that Ms. Cooper is in favor of this program but she said that it is her responsibility to bring these types of programs before the board to let them know what is available to them.

Mrs. Dickey said that it is Bowers, Schumann and Welch's job to let the board know what is available and then the board needs to decide.

Mr. Miller is not in favor of this type of program.

The presentation ended at 8:40 p.m.

Under public comments, Jay Miers announced that there will be five county workshops on tourism. One will be held at the Holiday Inn on June 2nd.

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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 17, 1995.

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE  
WARREN COUNTY HOUSING COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, locating and maintaining decent, safe, affordable housing remains a critical challenge facing Warren County residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders believes that it is imperative that the availability of decent, safe, affordable housing is expanded in order to assure the well being of county residents and the continuing economic well being of the county as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, the freeholders recognize that homelessness remains a continuing problem in this county, which directly contributes to the whole range of social problems experienced by residents, particularly the deterioration of the family; and

**WHEREAS**, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders has undertaken a variety of housing assistance programs such as rental assistance, housing rehabilitation and ECHO housing, and continue to fully support these programs;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren believe all residents are entitled to decent, safe and affordable housing, and as a result, the board has established the Warren County Housing Committee and charge it with the following responsibilities:

1. Provide supervision and direction for all Warren County Housing Programs including all Department of Housing and Urban Development and other programs, such as Section 8 rent assistance, public housing, ECHO housing and housing rehabilitation programs. In addition, the commission is charged with the responsibility of assuring the optimal provision of services for Warren County residents by such programs.

2. Facilitate the production of affordable housing by the whole range of activities including, but not limited to, investigating affordable housing opportunities, encouraging municipal involvement in affordable housing projects, and identifying funding.

3. Advise the freeholders on all housing issues, including but not limited to HUD programs, affordable housing in general, first time home buyers program, rental housing issues, and issues concerning housing for the disabled.

4. Identify and track the housing needs of Warren County residents and maintain inventories of all Housing Programs and services available to Warren County residents. Further identify housing trends and issues in Warren County, the state and nation

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and analyze how those trends impact on Warren County residents.

5. Make funding recommendations, where appropriate, to the freeholders. In making such recommendations the commission shall verify that funds are not available from other sources, and that the county funding will result in production of important housing related services and/or affordable housing.

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s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

Jack Fitzgerald of Legal Services mentioned that the goals and objectives are rent assistance, Echo Housing, housing rehabilitation and affordable housing. He pointed out that HUD is undergoing tremendous changes.

**RESOLUTION 331-95**

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 17, 1995.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WARREN COUNTY TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF HEPATITIS B IMMUNIZATION VACCINES BY THE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO CERTAIN PERSONNEL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE**

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to provide Hepatitis B inoculations to certain personnel of the Township of Independence; and

**WHEREAS**, the township has requested that the Warren County Health Department provide such inoculations pursuant to contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the contract permits efficient and economical administration and performance of inoculation services by the county health department for the benefit of certain Independence Township personnel;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the freeholder director be and hereby is authorized to execute the attached interlocal service agreement providing for Hepatitis B inoculations by the county health department to relevant personnel of the Township of Independence; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution shall be published, together with a notice of the date, time and place fixed for consideration of its final adoption, and notification of the place at which copies of the proposed contract are available for public inspection and the times at which such inspection is permitted, in The Star Gazette as provided by law.

First reading and introduction

May 17, 1995

Publish, The Star Gazette

May 25, 1995

Second reading, public hearing  
and final adoption

June 14, 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

**MINUTES****May 17, 1995****RESOLUTION 332-95**

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 17, 1995.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE WARREN COUNTY HOUSING COMMITTEE**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the following members are appointed to the Warren County Housing Committee for a term to expire December 31, 1995:

Norman Beatty  
 Birch Ridge Drive  
 Hope, NJ 07884  
 Jack Fitzgerald  
 91 Front St.  
 Belvidere, NJ 07823  
 David K. Dech  
 Warren County Planning Dept.  
 165 County Rd. 519 South  
 Belvidere, NJ 07823  
 Michael Schmidt  
 21 Nunn Ave.  
 Washington, NJ 07882  
 James G. Smith  
 421 Willow Grove St.  
 Hackettstown, NJ 07840

Margaret Dickerson  
 RD #3, Box 157  
 Port Murray, NJ 07865  
 Matt McDevitt  
 Phillipsburg Housing Authority  
 530 Heckman St.  
 Phillipsburg, NJ 08865  
 Susan Lennon  
 Office on Aging  
 165 County Rd. 519 South  
 Belvidere, NJ 07823  
 Harold Scott  
 44 Buckley Drive  
 Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

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s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

**RESOLUTION 333-95**

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 17, 1995.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE  
WARREN COUNTY SHADE TREE COMMISSION**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Warren County appoints the following member to the WC Shade Tree Commission to fill an unexpired term:

Robert Berry  
 P.O. Box #95  
 Hope, NJ 07844

Term to expire: 12/31/96

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

County Counsel David Wallace reported that he has items for executive session only.

CFO Pete Houck reported that there were farmland closings today and there is a note

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sale scheduled for tomorrow.

Under the County Administrator's report, all hiring requests were approved.

Mr. Dinger said he has a short item for executive session.

Under freeholder comments, Mrs. Stone mentioned what an outstanding program the Elderfest was. It was very well received and she asked the administrator to send the appropriate letter of thanks to all involved and also to VoTech for making their school available for the program.

Mr. Miller had no comments at this time.

Mrs. Dickey had a question for the board. At last week's meeting, a resolution was adopted creating an environmental commission. She asked if anyone on the board thought this was a regulatory board. Both Mrs. Stone and Mr. Miller said that no it was their understanding that it was an advisory board only!!

There were no closing comments.

Under press comments and questions, Art Charlton of the Star Ledger asked Mr. Miller about the Selectek program and Mr. Miller said he is not in favor of it. Mrs. Dickey said she would look at what it would save, the amount of savings and mentioned that she is always open to new ideas. Mrs. Stone said that she is all for prevention and it seemed very appealing.

**RESOLUTION 334-95**

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Miller, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held May 17, 1995.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON MAY 17, 1995. THE GENERAL NATURE OF THE SUBJECT TO BE DISCUSSED INCLUDES VARIOUS PERSONNEL MATTERS; CONTRACTS; LITIGATION, LAND ACQUISITION; ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS AND 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 IS MADE CONSISTENT WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT AND WITH STATUTORY AND COMMON LAW "RIGHT TO KNOW" PROVISIONS**

**WHEREAS**, Section 7 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, pursuant to Section 8 of said act, 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. Contracts.

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3. Litigation.
4. Land acquisition.
5. Attorney/client privileged communications.

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.

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s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

The board returned to open session at 9:50 p.m.

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Miller, the board voted to approve the terms of the AFSCME settlement as communicated by the personnel director and to authorize the press release.

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 at this time, the meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

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

**ATTESTED TO:**

Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk