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The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren met in the Allamuchy Municipal Building, 292 Alphano Road, Allamuchy, NJ on Wednesday, November 5, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. This was a regional meeting to include Blairstown, Allamuchy, Hardwick and Frelinghuysen Townships)

The meeting was called to order by Director Stone and upon roll call the following members were present: Freeholder Ann Stone, Freeholder Susan Dickey and Freeholder Stephen Lance.

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

Director Stone 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".

Mayor Gavin opened the Allamuchy Township meeting and welcomed the Board of Chosen Freeholders to the township. He congratulated Director Stone on her reelection. He also mentioned the township's feelings regarding the death of a State Trooper recently and announced that they would be placing recognition of the State Police in their cases in the hallway and they would be having a ceremony at their meeting of November 17, 1997.

Mayor Gavin said that after the meeting with PCFA with the mayors, Allamuchy had passed a resolution of support for the PCFA plan. He asked what the status of the situation was presently.

Director Stone said that the freeholders have been taking turns going to the task force meetings and it is difficult to deal with issues. The SWAC recommendation was supported by two of the three freeholders in not supporting additional garbage or ash. We are still waiting for the state audit report. Mr. Gavin asked what will happen when the garbage stops coming to the facility.

Mrs. Dickey said the task force met with bond counsel, and they advised that the county is not responsible for the bonds, which is the position the BCF has taken for some time. Although the state could change the law, it is not likely that such action would stand. The BCF will not willingly accept the PCFA debt. As for garbage flow, the garbage would continue to appear at market rates.

Mr. Dinger explained that if the tipping fee is competitive, it is possible the haulers would continue to visit the facility. Once the garbage is lost to other areas, it would be difficult to get the haulers to return.

Councilman Sloane stated he was concerned that a reduced tipping fee would reduce the recycling efforts.

Mrs. Stone said the rate required by the state is rising from 60% to 65% for recycling. However, the state discontinued the grant money for the program. Mr. Lance said the BCF is looking at recycling, and will need to make a decision soon on how to operate it at the new

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year.

Mayor Gavin thanked Engineer Hicks for the activities in the township. The sidewalks in the village are in progress. Johnsonburg Road is finished, and the changes at Island Road seem to have yielded improvements.

Mayor Gavin asked for an update on the county takeover of GA (General Assistance). Mr. Dinger explained the plan, and said that the state still needs to provide much information on how it will be done. The municipalities are not responsible for paying administrative costs if they give the program to the county.

A resident asked about the EFR, as she had arrived late. Mrs. Stone and Mrs. Dickey restated some of the prior discussions, and mentioned the issue of third party waste in the plant. There is no way to close the EFR, except if it could be proven that the operator is out of compliance with federal and state environmental laws. There is no county option. Mrs. Dickey stated she believes the BCF needs to determine if the EFR is polluting.

RESOLUTION 637-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mr. Lance, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held November 5, 1997.

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING ROUTE 519 IN WARREN
COUNTY AS "WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY"
AND AMENDING THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED OCTOBER 15, 1997**

WHEREAS, the Boards of Chosen Freeholders in Sussex and Hunterdon Counties have recently proclaimed portions of Route 519 in their counties as the Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway; and

WHEREAS, Warren County also wishes to express its gratitude and appreciation to all veterans of all wars;

WHEREAS, the American Legion Executive Committee of The American Legion of Warren County, the largest veteran's service organization, has requested that the Board of Chosen Freeholders consider the dedication of Route 519 as "War Veterans Memorial Highway".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Ann M. Stone, Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby proclaim Route 519 in Warren County be known as "War Veterans Memorial Highway"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that signs shall be placed appropriately along Route 519 in Warren County reading as follows:

WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

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. Lance: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 638-97

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

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**RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR DISCRETIONARY STATE AID
FOR THE RESURFACING AND REHABILITATION OF COUNTY
ROUTES #521 AND #659, FRELINGHUYSEN AND HARDWICK
TOWNSHIPS, WARREN COUNTY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200,000.00**

WHEREAS, the County of Warren desires to resurface and rehabilitate County Routes #521 and #659 in Frelinghuysen and Hardwick Townships; and

WHEREAS, Discretionary State Funds are available from the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren does hereby approve the filing of the application for State Aid Funding for the resurfacing and rehabilitation of County Routes #521 and #659 in Frelinghuysen and Hardwick Townships in the amount of \$200,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board and the Director are hereby authorized and directed to execute said application for funding from the State of New Jersey and forward same to the District I office of the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

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. Lance: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

Mr. Dinger asked if the BCF desired to approve the requested salary adjustments submitted by the Prosecutor. It was the feeling of the board that they would like to see the previous salaries first before taking action.

Mr. Dinger also referred to a draft letter from the BCF to their counterparts in Somerset and Hunterdon Counties which would request a meeting to discuss solid waste. The BCF indicated that the letter should be put into final form and the Director would sign it for forwarding.

Mrs. Dickey and Mr. Lance both congratulated Mrs. Stone on her reelection.

Mrs. Stone asked Mr. Hicks to see that the veteran's highway signs be installed prior to the scheduled ceremony in Belvidere on Tuesday, November 11, 1997 at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Hicks suggested that if pictures were to be taken, they should be done before the sun would create a problem.

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, and there being no further official business to come before the board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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

ATTESTED TO:

Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk