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The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren met in regular session in the Hope Township Municipal Building, Route 611, Hope-Great Meadows Road, Hope, NJ on Wednesday, June 3, 1998 at 7:08 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Director Susan Dickey. Upon roll call the following members were present: Freeholder Susan Dickey, Freeholder Stephen Lance and Freeholder Ann Stone. Also present was David Hicks, County Engineer.

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"**.

Mayor Timothy McDonough of Hope welcomed the freeholders to Hope. Mrs. Dickey thanked the Hope officials for hosting the floating meeting and the freeholders and those in attendance were thanked for coming to Hope.

A. OPEN DISCUSSION

There was a discussion about truck traffic through Hope on Route 519. It was noted by George Beatty that there has been an increase in traffic. There are problems with the speed, noise and smell. Children playing along the road are in danger due to the speed of the trucks. Mr. Beatty stated that if the quarry opens in White Township there will be even more problems. Can the problem be diverted before it is too late? He suggested a weight limit be enforced on the road.

Mrs. Dickey stated that the county would be able to control the weight limit and direct sludge trucks through a truck route. She did not know if there could be a combination of the two or if a by-pass was possible. She would like to set up a circulation plan around the area.

Mrs. Dickey stated that Senator Schluter is working on a plan rerouting truck traffic in the Amwells, off Route 31. She has the information. The difference is that Route 31 is a state highway and we are talking about a county road. She did not know if there would be a difference or how it would work.

Mr. Lance questioned Mr. Hicks about speed bumps. Mr. Hicks stated they were not

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advisable. Grooves can be placed in the road to slow trucks down, but was not sure it was really going to work. This was a short term solution.

Mr. McDonough stated cross walks had been painted and signs had been put up on June 2, 1998 by the county to slow traffic.

Mr. McDonough urged the freeholders to keep looking for other alternatives for truck traffic.

Mr. Lance questioned if we plan for a by-pass now or interconnections between major highways - will funding be available by the year 2005 - 2010? Mr. Hicks stated that we will continue to look at options to get trucks away from the middle of town. If Warren County were to apply for Federal Aid, it would take years.

Regarding the Foundry Road/Dogwood Drive swap, Mr. Hicks stated that Dogwood Drive should not be a problem. However, there may be a possible problem with Foundry Road due to trees and utility poles. He stated that there may be geometric problems. There is a narrow right of way. It is closed in on the easterly end, but the westerly end was o.k. He thinks the swap would be good. The trade-off is comparable.

There was also a discussion about the intersection of Ridgeway Avenue and Silverlake/Marksboro Road. Hope Township had the intersection surveyed and the county looked at site problems. No improvement can be made to the site distance without spending a lot of money. This will be looked into further by the township.

Regarding joint purchasing, specifically Road Department materials and shared services, Mr. McDonough spoke of monthly mayor meetings that have been held. At the meetings, mayors have discussed the sharing of time, personnel and cost of materials for road work. Mrs. Stone stated that she has been looking into this for at least ten years and feels it would be very beneficial.

Mr. Lance stated that it might be possible to notify municipalities in advance of work that needs to be done so that work could be "Piggy Backed" with the county.

Mr. McDonough commended the County Road Department for their good work.

Mr. Beatty questioned if there was any way to contract out replacement of guardrails so it would coincide with the county; to do the whole job at once instead of the township doing one section and the county doing the other at different times. Mrs. Dickey stated that the county could get budget proposals to the townships for the following year so that township and county could budget and work together.

Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs of Hope were in attendance and requested if there was any way that speed limit signs or reduced speed signs could be placed on Route 519 by their home which is by the Grace Brethren Church, entering into Hope. Mr. Hicks was asked to look into the matter. Mrs. Dickey stated that ordinances would have to be put into place for the future on speed limits. Mr. Gibbs also inquired about guardrail in front of his home. Again, Mr. Hicks

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will research.

Mrs. Stone spoke of Bill A-1987 which proposes a Veterans' Memorial for Warren County. The commitment has been made and the bill is now going to Trenton for approval. It was suggested that a resolution be prepared for the next meeting in support of municipal funds for the Veterans Memorial. Mrs. Dickey stated she would support this as well as Mrs. Stone.

RESOLUTION 399-98

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Lance, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held May 27, 1998.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON JUNE 3, 1998. 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.
 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.

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

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

The board met in executive session at 8:30 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 8:49 p.m.

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Lance, and there being no further official business to come before the board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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

ATTESTED TO:

Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk