

## MINUTES

June 2, 1999

The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren met in regular session in the Knowlton Township Municipal Building, 628 Route 94, Columbia, New Jersey on Wednesday, June 2, 1999 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Director Dickey at 7:16 P.M. and upon roll call the following members were present: Freeholder Susan Dickey, Freeholder Stephen Lance and Freeholder Ann Stone. County Engineer David Hicks also attended.

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".

In attendance from Knowlton Township were Mayor Frank Van Horn, Deputy Mayor Peter Summers and Committeeman Rene Mathez.

Mrs. Dickey made opening remarks thanking the Committee for hosting the meeting.

Mayor Van Horn discussed their Cell Tower project and it's benefits to the Municipality. He explained that it is a joint project being constructed on Municipal property. It is designed to handle multiple users to try to avoid the proliferation of single user structures. It will also be a good tax ratable for the Township. Space has been reserved on the Tower for future County 911/Emergency Management equipment.

There was a discussion on a countywide sludge ordinance. Mayor Van Horn recommended an overall County sludge ordinance. It was felt that uniform regulations based on experience would be very helpful especially for municipalities which have not had to deal with the issue to date. Mayor Van horn explained that Knowlton Township's sludge ordinance is based on good farming practice and has been very successful. Mrs. Stone suggested that SWAC work with the Freeholders to develop a plan, which will also have to become a part of the County's Solid Waste Management Plan.

Mayor Van Horn brought up the subject of shared services and in particular the rental of equipment with an operator. Mr. Lance advised the Mayor that our Road Supervisor is in the process of developing a schedule of equipment with rates that can be use for rental situations. The Board is in favor of pursuing more shared services and joint purchasing

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arrangements, which can reduce costs for everyone.

Mayor Van Horn gave an update on this year's Shad Tournament and Outdoor Expo. Saturday was a big success with the help of beautiful weather. Sunday's rain put a damper on most of the activities. The committee plans to review all of the activities so that improvements can be made to make next year's event more successful.

County awareness day in Trenton was discussed. Mrs. Dickey explained that it was organized by NJAC and that this was the first time it was held. Warren County's theme was Nature. Mayor Van Horn served as nature guide and sound effects expert and was accompanied by his daughter Betsy. Mrs. Dickey thanked Mayor Van Horn for his assistance.

Committeeman Mathez spoke about the Municipal and Charitable Conservancy Trust Fund Committee and the need to fill the existing vacancies so that they can move forward with their program.

Committeeman Mathez also asked if the Freeholders were considering placing another Open Space question on the ballot for the November general election. The Freeholders expressed their support and felt it was important to revisit the issue in light of the State's expanded space funding program.

Howard Mott from Blairstown complemented Knowlton Township for the great community support and the number of volunteers they get for their community projects.

Deputy Mayor Peter Summers commended Gail Masson, LACADA, and Syria Geddish, Municipal Alliance Coordinator, for the assistance that they provided to the Township.

Committeeman Mathez spoke about the township's Open Space Program. He explained how they are working with Green Acres and Fish and Game to develop a good working relationship and joint programs where possible. Mrs. Dickey noted that she would like to put out a manual to provide guidance to the municipalities.

The issue of the expansion of the landfill was raised. Mrs. Dickey explained what actions the Board has previously taken and their current position.

On a motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Stone, and there being no further official business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 P.M.  
ROLL CALL: Mrs. Dickey: yes Mr. Lance Yes Mrs. Stone: yes

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

**ATTESTED TO:**

**NAOMI J. STOUT, DEPUTY CLERK**