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The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren met in regular session in the Oxford Township Municipal Building, 11 Green St., Oxford, New Jersey on Wednesday, September 1, 1999 at 7:09 p.m.

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

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".

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders held August 11, 1999 were approved as presented.
ROLL CALL: Mrs. Stone: yes Mr. Lance: absent Mrs. Dickey: yes

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the executive session minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders held August 11, 1999 were approved as presented.

RESOLUTION 567-99

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held September 1, 1999.

RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS.

Be and it is hereby resolved that Master Voucher Certificate For Certification/Ratification for Payment No. 99-27 dated SEPTEMBER 1, 1999 in the amount of \$ 1,703,473.15 including bills and investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers

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By the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

99-27	667,676.55
PAYROLL 8/26	1,035,796.60
TOTAL	1,703,473.15

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.

Naomi J. Stout Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 568-99

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held September 1, 1999.

INSERTION INTO THE 1999 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$94,787.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPT. OF HEALTH, SPECIAL EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM SPECIAL COORDINATION #00-252-EIP-C-00.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been available by Law and the amount thereof was not determined at the Adoption of the Budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Warren request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the year 1999 in the sum of \$94,787.00, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Dept. of Health, Special Early Intervention Program Special Coordination #00-252-EIP-C-00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$94,787.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

"UNDER STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS OFF-SET BY REVENUES"

State of New Jersey, Dept. of Health, Special Early Intervention Program Special Coordination #00-252-EIP-C-00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above is the result of the approval by the State of

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New Jersey, Dept. of Health, and that two (2) certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Division of Local Government Services.

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.

Naomi J. Stout Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 569-99

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held September 1, 1999.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CLOSING OF A SECTION OF
COUNTY ROUTE #660, MAIN STREET FROM ROUTE 94
TO BRIDGE STREET, BLAIRSTOWN TOWNSHIP ON
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1999 FOR THE ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL.**

WHEREAS, the Blairstown Business Association has requested permission to close a section of County Route #660, Main Street, from Route 94 to Bridge Street, Blairstown Township, on Saturday, October 9, 1999 for the Annual Harvest Festival (11:30 am to 5:00pm).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren does hereby approve the use and closing of a section of Main Street, from Route 94 to Bridge Street, Blairstown Township for the above mentioned event with the following conditions:

1. Approval of the event by the Township.
2. All barricades, detours, and traffic control signs shall conform to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.
3. Police supervision of the barricading of the roads and handling of safety shall be provided.

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.

Naomi J. Stout Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 570-99

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held September 1, 1999.

RESOLUTION RE: ADDENDUM TO CONTRACT WC9708, AWARDED FEBRUARY 26,

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1997 WITH AN INITIAL AMOUNT ENCUMBERED OF \$16,500.00 FOR ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 1997 THROUGH MARCH 31, 1998 WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR TWO ADDITIONAL YEARS AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW - CHANGE OF NAME FROM DOVER ELEVATOR COMPANY TO THYSSEN DOVER ELEVATOR COMPANY.

WHEREAS, the County of Warren awarded a contract to Dover Elevator Company for Elevator Maintenance for the period of April 1, 1997 through March 31, 1998 with the right to extend for two additional years; and

WHEREAS, Dover Elevator Company has legally changed its name to Thyssen Dover Elevator Company;

WHEREAS, the service under this contract has continued uninterrupted by Thyssen Dover Elevator Company at the level of service required;

WHEREAS, Thyssen Dover Elevator Company has agreed to ratify and assume the contract previously entered into with Dover Elevator Company and to fulfill all obligations and to be bound by the terms herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders approves continuance of the contract for this service and authorizes the Director to sign an addendum to the contract reflecting the change in the name of the vendor to Thyssen Dover Elevator Company and its ratification and assumption of the existing contract.

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.

Naomi J. Stout Deputy Clerk

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

Oxford Mayor Philip Rosenberg said that Oxford Township desires enforceable provisions limiting truck traffic on Route 31. While the Governor's recent mandate may help, the Oxford Police and other law enforcement agencies need to have the ability to write citations and impose fines for violations to make the "truck ban" work.

Mrs. Dickey provided a briefing on the status of legislation being crafted in part by Senator Schluter and Assemblyman Lance, which would more clearly define the truck ban conditions including enforceable restrictions carrying fines. Oxford will be kept apprised of upcoming actions as information becomes available.

Resident Ed Price discussed his historic home on Route 31 and how it had once been hit by a truck. Mr. Price described his many years of effort requesting NJDOT provide safety improvements such as guiderails.

Mrs. Dickey provided the status of NJDOT public hearings regarding truck traffic and described their agreement to continue accepting public comments for some period of time after

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the previously announced September 2nd closing.

Dennis Wolf, Oxford Chief Schools Administrator, agreed with the need to put teeth into the truck regulations and stated that he would take the NJDOT comments sheet forms to the schools open house night the following week for distribution to parents of school age children.

Oxford Committeeman Lazorisak stated that they have a developable area for industry with ready amenities e.g. utilities and would like to see a partnership with the County in marketing efforts.

Mrs. Dickey briefed the public on the status of recruitment efforts to fill the economic development position recently created in the Planning Department.

Mrs. Stone stated, that it was critical that the County move forward to replace Jay Miers as it has been almost one year since he retired as Economic Development Director.

A member of the public requested that a crosswalk be re-established on Washington Avenue at Cinder Street. Mr. Marvin stated he would discuss this with the County Engineer.

Mayor Rosenberg asked whether there were any plans to change the County debt reduction plans. A brief discussion touched on issues such as the possibility for a new Courthouse in the future, etc.

RESOLUTION 571-99

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held September 1, 1999.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1999. THE GENERAL NATURE OF THE SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED INCLUDE VARIOUS PERSONNEL MATTERS, CONTRACTS, LITIGATION, LAND ACQUISITION, ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATION, PUBLIC SAFETY AND PROPERTY; AND IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE ABOVE STATED SUBJECT MATTERS WILL BE MADE PUBLIC AT SUCH TIME AS THE PUBLIC INTEREST PERMITS DISCLOSURE AND/OR WHEN A REQUEST IS MADE CONSISTENT WITH THE OPEN 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

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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.
 6. Public safety and property.

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

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

The board went into executive session at 7:35 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 8:20 p.m.

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, and there being no further official business to come before the board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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

ATTESTED TO:

NAOMI J. STOUT, DEPUTY CLERK