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The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren held a Municipal Elected and Appointed Officials Meeting in their offices in the Administration Building, Belvidere, New Jersey on Wednesday, August 30, 2000 at 7:30 p.m.

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

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 SPECIAL 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.**

At 7:35 p.m., Barry Smith, WC Director of Information Systems, with the assistance of Denise Weston of the VoTech School, gave a brief presentation to the BCF of the Warren County Website.

This information has not been released to the public yet and the e-mail will be set-up this week. To date the website consists of: what's new page, about the county (past and present), the Freeholder page, budget summary page, departments, a directory of municipalities, census information, education page, employee opportunities, business page, news page, election results, war memorial information and frequently asked questions. Mr. Smith said that this represents about 3-1/2 months of work to get to this point. The presentation ended at 8:00 p.m.

The board thanked him and Ms. Weston for all their work on this project.

At 8:00 p.m., County Engineer David Hicks gave a presentation on the National Network/NJ Access Network for through trucking. Amended regulations were passed last year and since then, we have been dealing with the problems of interstate traffic on routes where they don't belong. Obviously we would like to control truck traffic and where it goes. The Administrative Code is not written very well. We still have control over speed limits, weight limits, etc.

Tim McDonough, Mayor of Hope Township asked whose charge it is to enforce the regulations and Mr. Hicks said the enforcement lies with the state and local police. There are some things the municipalities can do on their own but some have to be approved by the Commissioner of DOT.

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Mrs. Dickey said that when Mr. Hicks reviewed her resolutions, she noticed he took out the signage; she is concerned about that.

Mr. McDonough said he strongly urges the BCF to adopt these three resolutions but they must contain signage. Money should not be a problem. We have to stop throwing roadblocks in the path regarding the Hope situation.

Mrs. Stone said that the resolutions were sent out by Mrs. Dickey before they were reviewed. Mr. Hicks worked very long and hard on these resolutions. We are not stalling; they should not make the wrong assumption; we are just making sure we are going through the proper process. Some changes have been made.

Mr. McDonough said we have had enough studies, we need to take action. This is a step in the right direction.

Mr. DeBosh said that the local and state police could be taking steps now. There are regulations in place now but enforcement is the problem. Mr. McDonough said that this has to be dealt with in the county; it must have county support. Signage is very critical.

Mrs. Dickey said that the BCF should support a system to I.D. the trucks; decals should be required in order that the police can identify the trucks.

The presentation ended at 8:45 p.m.

RESOLUTION 629-00

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mr. DeBosh, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held August 30, 2000.

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A MEMBER TO THE WARREN COUNTY MUNICIPAL & CHARITABLE TRUST FUND COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders adopted the Warren County Open Space and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund Procedures and Rules on June 26, 1996; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders adopted Historic Preservation as an eligible purpose for funding from the Open Space, Recreation and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund on April 12, 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders adopted a resolution on July 26, 2000, to amend the configuration of the Warren County Municipal and Charitable Trust Fund Committee to include a regular voting member of the Warren County Cultural and Heritage Commission for a two year term ending March 25, 2002, and

WHEREAS, a recommendation for membership on the Warren County Municipal and Charitable Trust Fund Committee has been received from the Warren County Cultural and Heritage Commission on August 22, 2000;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the following appointment is made to the Warren County Municipal and Charitable Trust Fund Committee representing the Warren County Cultural & Heritage

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Commission.

Jane Primerano
PO Box 511
Hope, NJ 07844

Term: 8/23/00 – 3/25/02

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. Dickey: yes Mr. DeBosh: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 630-00

On motion by Mr. DeBosh, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held August 30, 2000.

RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT #WC2076 TO P.S.I. CONSTRUCTION, A DIVISION OF PROCOMM SYSTEMS, INC. FOR THE NEW FIRE TRAINING FACILITIES AT THE WARREN COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY, FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$447,250.00.

WHEREAS, the County advertised for bids to be received on Tuesday, August 22, 2000 at 1:30 P.M. for Contract #WC2076 for the new Fire Training Facilities at the Warren County Fire Academy, Franklin Township; and

WHEREAS, P.S.I. Construction a Division of Procomm Systems, Inc. of Hope, New Jersey submitted the lowest responsible and responsive bid of \$447,250.00; and

WHEREAS, the bid is within a reasonable margin of the Engineer's estimate for the project; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds have been established in account S0165 5305 005305 5061 and certified by the County Chief Financial Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren do hereby award the contract for the above project to P.S.I. Construction a Division of Procomm Systems, Inc. in the amount \$447,250.00

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. Dickey: yes Mr. DeBosh: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

Wes Suckey, Coordinator of the Fire Academy and Glenn Wilson, WC Fire Marshal, both thanked the BCF for the action taken tonight to construct a new fire academy.

Mayor Tim McDonough of Hope again thanked the board for looking at the truck resolutions. He said that Warren County has the best road system in the state.

Valerie Riggs, Mayor of Franklin Township and James Broscious, Township Attorney, spoke to the BCF about the proposed action to sue DEP re: non-enforcement of sludge regulations.

Ms. Riggs and Mr. Broscious both asked that the BCF reconsider the action taken August

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9th re: suing DEP. Ms. Riggs and Mr. Broschious have met with DEP and have a good working relationship. If the BCF chooses to sue DEP, the work Franklin is doing will come to a halt. We will make more progress if we work with them. The County Health Department and both Senator Schluter and Assemblyman Lance have been very helpful. We need to work together for uniform pressure.

Mrs. Stone said that SWAC made this recommendation as a group.

Ms. Riggs said that Assemblywoman Connie Myers has not cooperated with Franklin Twp. at all. She does not agree that a lawsuit is the way to go.

Mrs. Dickey said that DEP is talking with the Sludge Task Force and their recommendations are in the Solid Waste Management Plan. They were not thrown out by DEP.

Mayor Charlie Rydell of Frelinghuysen Twp. said that regarding the sludge, and before we sue, we should sit down and talk first.

Mayor Rydell spoke to the board about a need for a blinking traffic light at the intersection of Rt. 612 and 519 before there are any more accidents there. Mr. Hicks said he received their request and he is reviewing it.

Mayor Rydell also requested that the county consider putting money in the 2001 budget to correct the road surface and make drainage improvements on Main St. in Johnsonburg. He estimates it will cost \$200,000 to \$300,000.

Bruce Wilson of Washington Twp. thanked the BCF for their efforts in the sludge area.

Bob Shandor congratulated the BCF for the action taken. He commented on the arrogance of DEP and said that it is good for little Warren County to take on the big guys.

Mr. Shandor said he received a report from the Planning Board staff regarding properties acquired; there is a tremendous task ahead. He has requested maps for the last two years but can not get them.

Mrs. Stone said she doesn't want to discuss this morning's meeting until the board has had a chance to talk to Mrs. Dickey who attended the meeting. Mr. Shandor again said he needs the mapping.

Mr. Shandor also said he has been accused of telling county employees what to do. He said at the Monday night Planning Board meeting, he asked about GIS and asked Dave Dech, whom he said didn't know anything about the date and he had to find out from Barry Smith.

Mr. DeBosh advised that the county employees work for the freeholder board.

Mayor Frank VanHorn of Knowlton Twp. said they have been very successful with the Siple Farm. There has been lots of interest in the property and the farm will be auctioned off this fall.

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Some of the money should come back to the county.

Mrs. Stone thanked him for Riverfest and Mayor VanHorn said it was very successful; they had over 12,000 people attending. Mrs. Stone asked if they would consider using Camp Warren for League of Municipalities Meetings.

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mr. DeBosh, and there being no further official business to come before the board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

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

ATTESTED TO:

NAOMI J. STOUT, DEPUTY CLERK