

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **SOMERSET COUNTY PARK COMMISSION** held Wednesday, December 28, 2011 at 7:30 AM at the Somerset County Park Commission Headquarters, 355 Milltown Road, Bridgewater, NJ.

"In accordance with Public Law Chapter 231, the open public meeting notice requirements have been satisfied whereby the starting time and place of this meeting have been filed with a county newspaper and the County Clerk and posted in a public information area in this office."

President Fuerst called the meeting to order.

**PRESENT**

William Crosby  
Dale Florio  
Walter Hansen  
Joanne Jaeger  
Dot Paluck  
Gary Walsh

**ABSENT**

Paul Consiglio  
Steven Fuerst  
Christopher Paladino  
Patrick Scaglione, Freeholder Liaison

Other staff members present were:

Joanne Steinruck, Executive Assistant  
Stuart Lederman, Counsel  
Dan Livak, Deputy Dir. Business Admin.

Cindie Sullivan, Deputy Director  
Bob Ransone, Director, Golf Management  
Donna Van Deursen, Manager HR

Also in attendance: Brian Newman

**OPEN MEETING FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comment from the public.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Vice President Jaeger called for the approval of the minutes of the last regular meeting held December 8, 2011. **MOVED BY:** Commissioner Hansen; seconded by: Commissioner Crosby. **YEAS:** Commissioners Crosby, Florio, Hansen, Paluck, and Walsh. **NAYES:** None. **ABSTAIN:** Commissioner Jaeger. **ABSENT:** Commissioners Consiglio, Paladino, and President Fuerst.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution R11-108 – Year-End Transfer of Appropriations**

Resolution authorizing transfer of 2011 appropriations. **MOVED BY:** Commissioner Jaeger; seconded by: Commissioner Hansen. **YEAS:** Commissioners Crosby, Florio, Hansen, Jaeger, Paluck, and Walsh. **NAYES:** None. **ABSENT:** Commissioners Consiglio, Paladino, and President Fuerst.

**Resolution R11-109 – Cancellation of Appropriations**

Resolution authorizing cancellation of the unexpended balances of 2011 appropriations. MOVED BY: Commissioner Jaeger; seconded by: Commissioner Crosby. YEAS: Commissioners Crosby, Florio, Hansen, Jaeger, Paluck, and Walsh. NAYES: None. ABSENT: Commissioners Consiglio, Paladino, and President Fuerst.

**Resolution R11-110 – Payment of Claims**

Resolution authorizing payment of bills for \$1,646,880.21 comprising of check numbers 206928-207006, 207312-207353, 207361-207362, and 207380. MOVED BY: Commissioner Crosby; seconded by: Commissioner Jaeger. YEAS: Commissioners Crosby, Hansen, Jaeger, Paluck, and Walsh. NAYES: None. ABSTAIN: Commissioner Florio. ABSENT: Commissioners Consiglio, Paladino, and President Fuerst.

**Resolution R11-111 – Establishing a Premium Payment Plan for Eligible Employees**

Resolution approves implementation of a Premium Payment Plan to provide employees the opportunity to elect to pay a portion of the premiums for certain employee benefit coverage on a pre-tax basis. MOVED BY: Commissioner Jaeger; seconded by: Commissioner Crosby. YEAS: Commissioners Crosby, Florio, Hansen, Jaeger, Paluck, and Walsh. NAYES: None. ABSENT: Commissioners Consiglio, Paladino, and President Fuerst.

There was discussion regarding the Premium Payment Plan and Commissioner Walsh questioned the responsibilities the Park Commission has and who maintains the accounts. Counsel Lederman responded that the Plan complies with Federal tax laws and Donna Van Deursen will be the administrator.

**Resolution R11-112 – Providing Flexible Spending Account Plan Administration**

Resolution allows agreement with the County of Somerset and Discovery Benefits, Inc. to implement a Flexible Spending Account for participating employees to set aside a portion of their salary, through payroll deductions, for the reimbursement of qualified medical expenses. MOVED BY: Commissioner Hansen; seconded by: Commissioner Crosby. YEAS: Commissioners Crosby, Florio, Hansen, Jaeger, Paluck, and Walsh. NAYES: None. ABSENT: Commissioners Consiglio, Paladino, and President Fuerst.

There was discussion regarding this Plan and Counsel Lederman reported that the new pension laws require such an account be set up now. The Plan complies with the laws. Brian Newman reported that these plans must be established to adhere to the new healthcare and pension reforms.

Commissioner Florio expressed his concern that there was no discussion with Commissioner Consiglio, Chairman of the Human Resources Committee, or any of the Commissioners on the two plans. Dale asked that Paul Consiglio be contacted and informed of these plans.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 a.m. was made by Commissioner Jaeger; seconded by Commissioner Crosby. YEAS: Commissioners Crosby, Florio, Hansen, Jaeger, Paluck, and Walsh. NAYES: None. ABSENT: Commissioners Consiglio, Paladino, and President Fuerst.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Livak  
Deputy Director Business Administration

Joanne Steinruck  
Executive Assistant