

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold was held on Monday, October 3, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Mayor Wilson stated that the notice of the time, date and location of the meeting had been provided pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 231 of the Laws of 1975 (Open Public Meetings Act).

Mayor Wilson opened the meeting with the Salute to the Flag, followed by a moment of silence.

#### ROLL CALL

PRESENT	MAYOR MICHAEL WILSON
PRESENT	COUNCILMAN MICHAEL DIBENEDETTO
ABSENT	COUNCILMAN KEVIN KANE
PRESENT	COUNCILMAN JOHN NEWMAN
PRESENT	COUNCILMAN GEORGE SCHNURR
PRESENT	COUNCILWOMAN SHARON SHUTZER
PRESENT	COUNCILMAN JAYE SIMS

Councilwoman Shutzer offered a motion to accept the minutes from the Workshop Meeting September 19, 2011 and was seconded by Councilman DiBenedetto.

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Newman, Schnurr, Shutzer and Sims voted its adoption; opposed none; abstain none; Councilman Kane absent. Mayor Wilson declared the motion adopted.

Mayor Wilson read Item No. 5 on the Agenda as follows:

#### **“Proclamation of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold Declaring October 23-31, 2011 Red Ribbon Week.”**

Councilwoman Shutzer read the following from the proclamation:

**“WHEREAS**, the red ribbon was chosen as a symbol commemorating the work of Enrique “Kiki” Camarena, a Drug Enforcement Administration Agent, who was murdered in the line of duty and has come to represent the belief that one person CAN make a difference; and

**WHEREAS**, the Red Ribbon Campaign was established by Congress in 1988 to promote this belief and encourage a drug-free lifestyle and involvement in drug prevention efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, October 23-31, 2011 has been designated “National Red Ribbon Week”, calling on all Americans to show their support for a drug-free State by wearing a red ribbon and participating in drug-free activities during that week.”

Councilwoman Shutzer stated she will present this proclamation to the Freehold Community Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism & Drug Abuse at their next meeting on October 12, 2011.

Mayor Wilson read Item No. 6 on the Agenda as follows:

#### **“Resolution Approving Capital Budget Amendment Number 1.”**

Councilman Schnurr offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Shutzer:

#### RESOLUTION APPROVING CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDMENT NUMBER 1.

Mr. Bellina explained we have eight pressure sand filters that remove iron from the water. We believe there is a leak in one of the filters and we are losing sand which is compromising its ability to remove iron.

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Newman, Schnurr, Shutzer and Sims voted its adoption; opposed none; abstain none; Councilman Kane absent. Mayor Wilson declared the motion adopted.

Mayor Wilson read Item No. 7 on the Agenda as follows:

**“Introduction of and Authorization to Publish Ordinance No. 2011/10 Appropriating \$30,000 from the Water-Sewer Utility Capital Fund Surplus for the Rehabilitation of Filter No. 3 at the Water Plant in and by the Borough of Freehold, in the County of Monmouth, New Jersey.”**

Councilman DiBenedetto offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Shutzer:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold that an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE #2011/10 APPROPRIATING \$30,000 FROM THE WATER-SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND SURPLUS FOR THE REHABILITATION OF FILTER NO. 3 AT THE WATER PLANT IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY” be, and same is hereby approved on first reading; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk be and she is hereby authorized to publish said Ordinance in the Asbury Park Press and that same shall be further considered for final passage after public hearing at a meeting held on November 7, 2011 and that during the week of said meeting copies of the Ordinance shall be made available at the Clerk’s office to members of the general public who shall request same.

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Newman, Schnurr, Shutzer and Sims voted its adoption; opposed none; abstain none; Councilman Kane absent. Mayor Wilson declared the motion adopted.

Mayor Wilson read Item No. 8 on the Agenda as follows:

**“Introduction of and Authorization to Publish Bond Ordinance No. 2011/11 Amending in Part Bond Ordinance No. 2007/17 Adopted on September 4, 2007, Providing for Improvements to Borough Hall, in Order to Amend the Purpose, Authorized in and by the Borough of Freehold, in the County of Monmouth, New Jersey.”**

Councilman Sims offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman DiBenedetto:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold that a Bond Ordinance entitled “BOND ORDINANCE #2011/11 AMENDING IN PART BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2007/17 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 4, 2007, PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO BOROUGH HALL, IN ORDER TO AMEND THE PURPOSE, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY” be, and same is hereby approved on first reading; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk be and she is hereby authorized to publish said Bond Ordinance in the Asbury Park Press and that same shall be further considered for final passage after public hearing at a meeting held on November 7, 2011 and that during the week of said meeting copies of the Bond Ordinance shall be made available at the Clerk’s office to members of the general public who shall request same.

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Newman, Schnurr, Shutzer and Sims voted its adoption; opposed none; abstain none; Councilman Kane absent. Mayor Wilson declared the motion adopted.

Mayor Wilson read Item No. 9 on the Agenda as follows:

**“Introduction of and Authorization to Publish Bond Ordinance No. 2011/12 Amending in Part Bond Ordinance No. 2010/8 Adopted on May 3, 2010, Providing for Improvements to Borough Hall, in Order to Amend the Purpose, Authorized in and by the Borough of Freehold, in the County of Monmouth, New Jersey.”**

Councilman Sims offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman DiBenedetto:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold that a Bond Ordinance entitled “BOND ORDINANCE #2011/12 AMENDING IN PART BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2010/8 ADOPTED ON MAY 3, 2010, PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO BOROUGH HALL, IN ORDER TO AMEND THE PURPOSE, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY” be, and same is hereby approved on first reading; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk be and she is hereby authorized to publish said Bond Ordinance in the Asbury Park Press and that same shall be further considered for final passage after public hearing at a meeting held on November 7, 2011 and that during the week of said meeting copies of the Bond Ordinance shall be made available at the Clerk’s office to members of the general public who shall request same.

Councilman Sims stated this ordinance will be used to purchase police equipment for the communications switch over to the County and it will incur no new debt.

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Newman, Schnurr, Shutzer and Sims voted its adoption; opposed none; abstain none; Councilman Kane absent. Mayor Wilson declared the motion adopted.

Mayor Wilson read Item No. 10 on the Agenda as follows:

**“Resolution Approving Change Order Number 1 for the Redevelopment of Well Number 4 at the Freehold Borough Water Plant.”**

Councilman DiBenedetto offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Shutzer:

RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF WELL NUMBER 4 AT THE FREEHOLD BOROUGH WATER PLANT.

Councilman Sims asked Mr. Bellina if the well redevelopments were offset.

Mr. Bellina explained that usually a well that is rehabilitated will last for approximately seven years.

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Newman, Schnurr, Shutzer and Sims voted its adoption; opposed none; abstain none; Councilman Kane absent. Mayor Wilson declared the motion adopted.

Mayor Wilson read Item No. 11 on the Agenda as follows:

**“Resolution of the Borough of Freehold, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, Providing for the Insertion of Special Items of Revenue in the 2011 Budget of the Borough of Freehold Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159). (NJDOT Highway Safety Fund).”**

Councilman Sims offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Schnurr:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEMS OF REVENUE IN THE 2011 BUDGET OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159). (NJDOT HIGHWAY SAFETY FUND).

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Newman, Schnurr, Shutzer and Sims voted its adoption; opposed none; abstain none; Councilman Kane absent. Mayor Wilson Schnurr declared the motion adopted.

Mayor Wilson read Item No. 12 on the Agenda as follows:

**“Resolution Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Monmouth for Per Diem Public Safety Dispatching.”**

Councilman Sims offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Shutzer:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH FOR PER DIEM PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHING.

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Newman, Schnurr, Shutzer and Sims voted its adoption; opposed none; abstain none; Councilman Kane absent. Mayor Wilson declared the motion adopted.

Mayor Wilson read Item No. 13 on the Agenda as follows:

**“Resolution Confirming Personnel Appointment/Action:**

- a. **Appointment of Eric Oksman as a member of the Freehold Fire Department Junior Firefighter Program, effective October 3, 2011.”**

Councilwoman Shutzer offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman DiBenedetto:

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING PERSONNEL APPOINTMENT/ACTION NO. 13A.

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Newman, Schnurr, Shutzer and Sims voted its adoption; opposed none; abstain none; Councilman Kane absent. Mayor Wilson declared the motion adopted.

Mayor Wilson read Item No. 14 on the Agenda as follows:

**“Resolution Approving the Following Applications:**

- a. **Memorializing Solicitation License, Canning at various intersections, 10/1/11 and 10/2/11, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Four Diamonds Charity, college students from Penn State.**
- b. **Halloween Spooktacular Hay Rides, 10/15/11, 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM, starting and ending at the Wachovia Bank Parking Lot, 72 West Main St.**
- c. **Halloween Spooktacular Jack-o-Lantern Event, 10/22/11, 4:00 PM–9:00 PM at the Hall of Records.**
- d. **Halloween Spooktacular Parade, 10/30/11, 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM starting on Manalapan Avenue and ending on Lafayette Place.**
- e. **Block Party, Saturday, October 15, 2011 from 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM, Stokes Street between Broad Street and East George Street. c/o Frank Gill**
- f. **Raffle License #22-11, Sweet Adelines Int’l. Liberty Oak Chapter, Freehold Jewish Center.**
- g. **Temporary Taxi Driver License, Robert S. Reilly, Manalapan.**
- h. **Temporary Taxi Driver License, David Morales, Manalapan.**
- i. **Permanent Taxi Driver License, Jenny Lobos, Howell.**
- j. **Permanent Taxi Driver License, Nelida Medinc, Freehold.”**

Councilman Newman offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Sims:

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATIONS NO. 14A THROUGH 14J.

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Newman, Schnurr, Shutzer and Sims voted its adoption; opposed none; abstain none; Councilman Kane absent. Mayor Wilson declared the motion adopted.

Mayor Wilson read Item No. 15 on the Agenda as follows:

**“Approval of Bills.”**

Councilman Schnurr offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Shutzer:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold that the bills on the attached list in the amount of \$1,507,937.37 be paid as presented.

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Newman, Schnurr, Shutzer and Sims voted its adoption; opposed none; abstain none; Councilman Kane absent. Mayor Wilson declared the motion adopted.

Mayor Wilson read Item No. 18 on the Agenda as follows:

**“Presentation by the Western Monmouth YMCA to the Mayor and Council.”**

Cynthia Joy, CEO, introduced Mel O’Neal and Debbie Forte.

Mel O’Neal, President of the Freehold Borough Branch stated on behalf of the YMCA he thanked Mayor Wilson for all of his support during his tenure. Mr. O’Neal stated how hard it is for the mayor to understand how many people he has impacted over the years.

Mr. O’Neal played a short movie presentation for the governing body.

Ms. Joy thanked all of the governing body for all of their support.

Nannie Wyatt presented Mayor Wilson with a plaque from the YMCA.

Mayor Wilson opened the meeting to the public.

Jean Herlan, 97 Monmouth Avenue stated she has been coming to the meetings for the last four months and nothing has been done over the matters she has continually brought up. She is very concerned with speeding on Monmouth Avenue. She is also very upset that 37 Monmouth Avenue and 1 Monmouth Avenue are running businesses in a residential area.

Ms. Herlan stated she is extremely upset with Mayor Wilson because of his comment at the last meeting, saying she must have plenty of time on her hands and she requested an apology. She is also tired of getting harassed by a particular code enforcement employee in the Borough and if it doesn’t stop she will take further action with the State.

Councilman Sims offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman DiBenedetto:

**RESOLUTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION.**

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Newman, Schnurr, Shutzer and Sims voted its adoption; opposed none; abstain none; Councilman Kane absent. Mayor Wilson declared the motion adopted.

Mayor Wilson called upon the council for their comments.

Councilman Sims thanked everyone for attending the meeting. On Sunday, October 23, 2011 from 11:00 AM-3:00 PM the fire department will be hosting an open house in conjunction with October which is National Fire Protection Month. This will allow residents to stop in and take a look at the various displays of equipment and demonstrations. Ex-Fire Chief Higgins will be giving a tour of the fire department’s history. There will be light refreshments. There is no rain date scheduled. There will also be free smoke detectors given out to residents who do not have them.

Councilman Sims stated Mayor Wilson has been an inspiration to him and it is really nice to see how the different organizations around town pay tribute to the work he has done throughout the years.

Councilman Newman thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Councilwoman Shutzer stated that flu shots for the senior citizens will be available on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 from 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM at the Elk’s. The October 9, 2011 fire drill has been postponed until the spring. The senior’s October bus schedule is out.

Councilman Schnurr stated he is a board member for the Freehold Boro Education Foundation and they recently received a 4-1 Challenge Grant to underwrite the purchase of \$15,000 worth of musical instruments and related equipment for the upcoming school year. The foundation

is still accepting small grant applications. These mini-grants are usually around \$750 and they are meant to serve a teacher, classroom, project or idea.

Councilman Schnurr stated he spoke at the September 26, 2011 JCP&L hearings and re-iterated the Borough's response that they need to do a better job regarding power outages to the residents and the governing body. He also re-iterated that all of the Borough transformers and grids need to be looked at because there are sections of town that are in need of replacing.

Councilman Schnurr stated the Spooktacular events are happening in town. The Center Playhouse on South Street has a number of plays coming out in the next few months. The next Memorial Day Parade fundraiser will be at Friday's Restaurant on October 18, 2011 from 4:00 PM – 9:00 PM.

Councilman DiBenedetto thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He thanked the YMCA for the terrific presentation. The yard sale was a great success even though it had to be postponed until Sunday due to the rain. He thanked Jeff Surgent and the Recreation Commission for all of their help.

Councilman DiBenedetto stated he attended a police appreciation day and he congratulated Chief Roth for a great time. Councilman DiBenedetto reminded everyone about the Spooktacular events.

Mayor Wilson stated that back in the 1960's a lot of us spent a lot of time at the old YMCA on Throckmorton Street. A lot of us got started in the music world with the Friday night "canteens". The YMCA was a great place to be and he is very proud to have the YMCA back in Freehold Borough.

Mayor Wilson thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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TRACI L. DIBENEDETTO, RMC  
BOROUGH CLERK

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