

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold was held on Monday, March 7, 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).

Councilman Newman 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

Councilman Schnurr offered a motion to accept the minutes from the Executive Sessions October 4, 2010; November 15, 2010 and December 6, 2010 and Supplement to Workshop Meeting February 22, 2011 and was seconded by Councilman DiBenedetto.

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

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

“Resolution Confirming Personnel Appointments/Actions:

- a. **Appointment of John Dib as a member of the Freehold Fire Department’s Junior Firefighter Program, effective March 7, 2011.”**

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

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS/ACTIONS NO. 5A

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. 6 on the Agenda as follows:

“Resolution Approving the Following Applications:

- a. **Raffle License No. 5-11, 50/50, Dwight D. Eisenhower Middle School PTO, 5/12/11, 6:00 PM – 11:00 PM at the American Hotel.**
- b. **Raffle License No 6-11, Gift Action, Dwight D. Eisenhower Middle School**

- PTO, 5/12/11, 6:00 PM – 11:00 PM at the American Hotel.**
- c. Raffle License No. 7-11, Grand Prize Raffle, Dwight D. Eisenhower Middle School PTO, 5/12/11, 6:00 PM – 11:00 PM at the American Hotel.**
 - d. Raffle License No. 8-11, Grand Prize Raffle, Dwight D. Eisenhower Middle School PTO, 5/12/11, 6:00 PM – 11:00 PM at the American Hotel.**
 - e. Raffle License No. 9-11, Year-round Pull Tab, St. Rose of Lima PTA, 4/1/11 – 3/31/12 at 51 Lincoln Place, Freehold.**
 - f. Temporary Taxi Driver License, Mohamed Salah Naga, Freehold.**
 - g. Permanent Taxi Driver License, Jorge Mora, Lakewood.”**

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

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATIONS NO. 6A THROUGH 6G.

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:

“Approval of Bills.”

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold that the bills on the attached list in the amount of \$1,451,783.91 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 opened the meeting to the public.

Jeff Friedman, 3 Broad Street, stated at the Historic Preservation meeting earlier this evening they discussed passing a resolution to the mayor and council regarding the Bennett Street building. The committee is very concerned about the condition of the building. He stated this is valuable property and they don't want the Borough to lose it.

Barbara Oliver, 71 Center Street, stated she was concerned about a tree on Mechanic Street that could come down on her home.

Councilman Schnurr stated the Shade Tree Commission representative went out there and did not see anything wrong with the tree and the representative had a discussion with Ms. Oliver on this.

Ms. Oliver asked about the trailer on the corner of Schanck Street and Morris Street.

Mayor Wilson explained there was a house fire and this is a temporary trailer that was allowed to be put up.

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

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 DiBenedetto welcomed Ms. Oliver and Ms. Taylor back to the meetings and he was happy their minor surgeries were successful. He wished everyone a happy and healthy St. Patrick's Day. He also congratulated Emily O'Neill, Freehold High School, on being a back-to-back Swimming State Champion in backstroke.

Councilman Schnurr stated that he agreed with the Historical Preservation Committee regarding the Bennett Street building resolution. The roof is a major concern because it has been partially removed. He asked Ms. Higgins to write a letter explaining any violations to the owner. Councilman Schnurr stated talks between the New Horizons in Autism group broke down due to the economy.

Councilman Schnurr stated the fundraisers done by the Memorial Day Parade Committee at the various restaurants go a long way in subsidizing parade costs. The committee generally has to raise \$5,000-\$6,000 a year. The next fundraiser will be held on March 22, 2011 at Fridays Restaurant.

Councilman Schnurr stated he has reviewed a few emails about the benches downtown and the benches will be discussed at the April Workshop Meeting on April 18, 2011.

Councilwoman Shutzer stated she is the liaison to the Freehold Community Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse and she informed the residents about a golf outing fundraiser on June 27, 2011. She stated you do not have to play golf to help out. The alliance is looking for hole sponsors, prizes and monetary contributions to help with trophies.

Councilman Newman thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He stated the Freehold Borough Arts Council had its first event at St. Peter's Church in honor of Black History Month. There was an opera singer and pianist performing. On March 11, 2011 at 7:00 PM there will be a film premier of the movie "Round Ireland with a Fridge" at the American Hotel. The cost of attendance is \$15.00 and it will be a pre-St. Patrick's Day event.

Councilman Newman stated the Historic Preservation Committee has been very hard at work and that have been very pro-active on projects such as the Bennett Street building. He stated the next library meeting will be tomorrow night, March 8, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the library.

Councilman Sims had no comment.

Mayor Wilson stated the following:

“It seems like not very long ago I was elected as a councilman here in 1981 and I became your mayor in 1985 when Mayor McGackin passed away. There have been some really good times and there have been some tough times over those years. I am very proud of the fact that I’ve lasted this long to become the longest serving mayor in Monmouth County and the longest serving mayor here in Freehold Borough. But there does come a time in everyone’s life when you have to pass the baton and so I am announcing this evening that I will not be a candidate to seek re-election as mayor of Freehold Borough. I want to thank all my friends and supporters over the years, I do forgive you all, but it’s my time and that is all I have to say.”

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRACI L. DIBENEDETTO, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

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