

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold was held on Tuesday, September 6, 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
PRESENT	COUNCILMAN KEVIN KANE
PRESENT	COUNCILMAN JOHN NEWMAN
PRESENT	COUNCILMAN GEORGE SCHNURR
PRESENT	COUNCILWOMAN SHARON SHUTZER
PRESENT	COUNCILMAN JAYE SIMS

Councilman Sims offered a motion to accept the minutes from the Workshop Meeting July 18, 2011 and Regular Meeting August 1, 2011 and was seconded by Councilwoman Shutzer.

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

Mayor Wilson read a prepared speech.

“I want to start off the meeting by extending my thanks and commendation to our emergency responders during the recent hurricane: Joe Bellina, Hank Stryker, Captain Roberts, Norm Townsend, Sal DeJesus, Ryan Bailey, Danny Megill, Jeff Palantini and others who met prior to the storm to make sure that we had a viable response plan in place. Our personnel employed constant communication during and after the storm. I am happy and proud to say that our streets and roads, water and sewer, first aid, health, fire and police departments all reacted quickly and professionally during and after the storm. Our services were performed promptly and effectively.

Here are a few of the things we put in place as part of our response plan:

- All available Public Works crews were called to action the moment the rains commenced on Saturday afternoon and were not released until approximately Sunday afternoon at 5:00 pm.
- Police shifts were doubled in manpower and in length.
- An increased police presence was deployed throughout the power outages.
- Prior to the storm the police department obtained key information on the assisted living facility, senior facilities and the nursing home in the event of problems.

- Our emergency management obtained portable lighting from the county in order to provide area lighting in the Center Street area during the power outage.
- Tree contractor was retained prior to the storm.
- Approximately 14 trees have already been or will be removed. (Current expense is \$13,004.73)
- The tree on South Street is now being removed. Although it was in the States row, the Borough interceded to expedite the process. The home owner's insurance company did not approve.
- We facilitated the Red Cross to outreach to Hudson Manor while they were without power.

Unfortunately, the one area over which we have no control over is outside public utilities, specifically JCP&L, who let us all down. Despite having more than ample notice of the impending storm, their emergency response plan-or lack thereof-fell woefully short. As a result, many residents were left without power from days to as much as a week.

That is unacceptable.

To make matters worse, the lack of information coming from JCP&L was an insult to Borough officials and residents and added to everyone's frustration over a difficult situation. Borough officials made numerous calls to JCP&L in an effort to garner information to share with our residents who were suffering in the dark – literally.

That is unacceptable.

I personally, with Mr. Bellina, went to the JCP&L station demanding information and answers. We shared what little information we received from them with our residents. Following the storm, I wrote to Lee Solomon, President of the NJ Board of Public Utilities seeking his intercession with JCP&L and demanding a complete rebuild of the power supply grid in and throughout the entire Borough. One neighborhood in particular suffers from power outages on a regular basis from even minor storms. It is clear that the power supply in our town is antiquated and obsolete.

Tonight, I am asking council to pass a resolution calling for the Board of Public Utilities to conduct an investigation into the response of JCP&L to Hurricane Irene and to make certain that it puts in place a viable response plan, including the dissemination of information, for any future emergencies.

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

“Resolution Urging the State of New Jersey Board of Public Utilities to Investigate JCP&L’s Response to Hurricane Irene.”

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

RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES TO INVESTIGATE JCP&L’S RESPONSE TO HURRICANE IRENE.

Mayor Wilson read the resolution to the public.

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

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

“Resolution of the Mayor and Council Designating September 2011 National Recovery Month in the Borough of Freehold.”

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 2011 NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH IN THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD.

Councilwoman Shutzer read part of the resolution.

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

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

“Resolution Establishing Freehold Borough Youth Government.”

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

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FREEHOLD BOROUGH YOUTH GOVERNMENT.

Councilman Sims thanked the governing body for their support on starting this new venture and we will be reaching out to the schools and sending a Borough e-mail blast to reach out to the children.

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

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

“Resolution Authorizing a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Borough of Freehold and the Communication Workers of America, Local 1032.”

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD AND THE COMMUNICATION WORKERS OF AMERICA, LOCAL 1032.

Councilwoman Shutzer thanked Mr. Bellina and everyone involved with coming up with this agreement.

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

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

“Resolution Authorizing Tax Appeal Settlement Re: Block 95, Lot 3.01; 114 West Main Street.”

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX APPEAL SETTLEMENT RE: BLOCK 95, LOT 3.01; 114 WEST MAIN STREET.

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

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

“Resolution Authorizing Tax Appeal Settlement Re: Block 108, Lot 7; 611 Park Avenue.”

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX APPEAL SETTLEMENT RE: BLOCK 108, LOT 7; 611 PARK AVENUE.

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

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

“Resolution Memorializing Review of New Jersey Best Practices Inventory.”

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

RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING REVIEW OF NEW JERSEY BEST PRACTICES INVENTORY.

Councilman Schnurr explained the State of New Jersey enacted legislation which requires Freehold Borough to complete a Best Practices Inventory, which is a checklist that determines the level of State aid that we get from the State of New Jersey.

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

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

“Resolution Waiving the Fee for the Borough Wide Yard Sale.”

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

RESOLUTION WAIVING THE FEE FOR THE BOROUGH WIDE YARD SALE.

Councilman DiBenedetto stated the yard sale will take place on Saturday, September 24, 2011 and the rain date is Sunday, September 25, 2011.

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

Mayor Wilson read Item No. 13 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).”

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

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).

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

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

“Resolution Amending the Freehold Borough Health Benefits Cafeteria Plan.”

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

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FREEHOLD BOROUGH HEALTH BENEFITS CAFETERIA PLAN.

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

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

“Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold, County of Monmouth, New Jersey Re-Appointing Traci L. DiBenedetto to the Position of Registered Municipal Clerk.”

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY RE-APPOINTING TRACI L. DIBENEDETTO TO THE POSITION OF REGISTERED MUNICIPAL CLERK.

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

Mayor Wilson read Item No. 16 on the Agenda as follows:

“Resolution Approving the Following Applications:

- a. **Memorializing - Block Party, First Baptist Church of Freehold, from corner of W. Main Street and Manalapan Avenue to the corner of Broad Street and Club Place, Saturday, 8/20/11, 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM.**
- b. **Memorializing – Italian Feast Procession, St. Rose of Lima Church, 9/2/11, 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM, starting at Court Jester to St. Rose of Lima Church.**
- c. **Raffle License #19-11, 50/50, Friends of the American Cancer Society of NJ, 3/10/12, American Hotel, 18-20 East Main Street.**
- d. **Block Party, 9/18/11, 1:00 PM – 7:00 PM, Broad Street from Manalapan Avenue to Yard Avenue. c/o Leroy Smith**
- e. **SanGennaro Feast/Procession, 9/18/11, Court Street, in front of Hall of Records and Hall of Records Parking Lot, 12:00 PM – 7:00 PM. Procession to begin on McLean Street up to the Hall of Records. c/o Cheryl Scourzo and Downtown Freehold.**
- f. **National Association of Letter Carriers, Canning, 10/2/11, 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM at Route 33 and Route 537 intersection.**
- g. **Crop Walk, Freehold Clergy Association, Sunday, 10/16/11, 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM, starting and ending at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church. c/o Hope Lutheran Church**
- h. **Temporary Taxi Driver License, Jenny Lobos, Howell.**
- i. **Permanent Taxi Driver License, Bertram Weinstein, Freehold.**

j. Permanent Taxi Driver License, Cesar Morales, Freehold.”

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

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATIONS NO. 16A THROUGH 16J.

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

Mayor Wilson read Item No. 17 on the Agenda as follows:

“Approval of Bills.”

Councilman Kane 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 the bills on the attached list in the amount of \$5,390,121.31 be paid as presented.

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

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

“Proclamation of the Freehold Fire Department Honoring Mayor Michael Wilson.”

Councilman DiBenedetto stated Freehold Fire Department would like to make a presentation to Mayor Wilson. Fire Chief Bailey, President Hank Stryker and First Assistant Chief Megill presented the proclamation.

Fire Chief Bailey read the proclamation.

Mayor Wilson thanked the fire department. He stated he could never be a fireman but he has always been amazed at the job the volunteer firefighters do. He has nothing but admiration for the Freehold Fire Department.

Mayor Wilson opened the meeting to the public.

Pat Yaeger, 21 Barkalow Avenue, stated she has lived in Freehold Borough her entire life but unfortunately she now feels she needs to sell her home because between the last 5-8 years (since the water pipes were realigned on Barkalow Avenue) she has been getting water in her basement. Mr. Creevey, the Borough Engineer came out to assess the situation and there are no drain sewers on Brentwood Avenue. All the overflow water drains to her home. Her husband is disabled and her toilets keep backing up. There is so much water damage in her basement making it impossible to sell her home. She asked what the Borough was going to do about the poor sewer system. Mrs. Yaeger stated she didn't want to complain but she needs an answer.

Mayor Wilson questioned Mr. Bellina about the report from Vince Creevey.

Mr. Bellina replied he has not been briefed by Vince Creevey but he will look into this.

Ms. Yaeger stated they did cut the grates on the new sewer drains so the water would go down quicker but they didn't do it on all of the drains. She feels if more people move in the 12 inch pipes would not be sufficient and would need to be replaced.

Mayor Wilson stated the Borough engineers will look into this.

Councilman Schnurr stated he was talking with a resident who lives on Barkalow Avenue and they told him there is a lot of water coming in from the fields and through the apartment buildings and the drain there has collapsed.

Ms. Yaeger stated there is a drain that is covered up on one of the houses.

Mr. Bellina stated he will look into this.

Yolanda Curry, 54 Bond Street, thanked Mr. Bellina and the Freehold Police Department for coming to the neighborhood and providing lights, ice and water. She agreed with the resolution to JCP&L for their lack of response to the storm. With the power off her heart monitor was shut off and she has had 6 heart attacks. She would like a credit from JCP&L for the loss of their power. She stated the neighborhood really pulled together during the storm and her church did a cook out and food was sent to the seniors. The Red Cross did come, but she is very frustrated because the power goes out all of the time behind the Rug Mill.

Joe Francis, 57 Jackson Street, stated when the municipal parking lot was refinished it was raised two feet above the level of his property so every time there is a major rain storm his home gets water in the basement. There are no drains there. The water comes down with such force that it jumps the curb and a foot of water accumulates in his backyard and basement every time it rains. Normally he doesn't lose power so he can pump it out but during the hurricane he lost power for days.

Carol Schreier, 88 Randolph Street, stated she had a large branch come down after the storm. She went an entire week without electricity. She thanked the police and fire department for coming out. She was very upset because she was not notified that the Red Cross came to town. She stated there were no e-mail blasts.

David Schreier stated there was not 14 e-mail blasts and he checked everyday from his neighbor's house. He stated the only person that came down that street for the entire week was Dan Megill. Councilman Schnurr came on Saturday. He stated if it wasn't for Jimmy Richmond who lives across the street from us no one would have known they were out of power. He called JCP&L over 30 times. They first assessed the problem on Friday which was five days after the storm. This is unacceptable. No one came over and offered their street ice or food. We received no support on Randolph Street and it would have been nice if a generator could have been brought in.

Tom Baldwin, 3 Vought Avenue, thanked the police and the fire department for their efforts in the storm. He stated the Borough is being sued again by the Latino Coalition for not providing

the Police Report from JPM. The public should be allowed to review this report. The Borough Clerk should not be liable for the fine. He stated this is another reason the mayor should resign immediately.

Christina Gregory, 42 West George Street, stated on Tuesday, August 30, 2011 two policemen came to her home in a patrol car and explained what was happening and after four days with no power it was a relief to see them. She publicly acknowledged Captain Roberts, Mayor Wilson and the governing body. She also was very thankful to Foodtown for her free bag of ice.

Jean Herlan, 97 Monmouth Avenue stated she was here two months ago about the speeding on Monmouth Avenue and she has previously expressed that maybe speed bumps would help. She is very concerned about the children on her block. She also called Mr. Megill about the trees on Monmouth Avenue. She knows the trees in Freehold are old but they do not let us cut the Borough trees. She was willing to pay to have a couple of the limbs cut on her property so they won't fall on her house. She was told by the Borough insurance company that if a tree falls again like it did on July 7th they will not pay the deductible that her insurance paid and she would be liable for \$500. These are not my trees they are the Borough's trees.

Mayor Wilson stated he believes residents are allowed to pay for a Borough tree to be trimmed.

Ms. Higgins stated that was correct.

Ms. Herlan stated the Shade Tree Commission told the residents they are not allowed.

Ms. Higgins stated it has been several years since the ordinance was changed to allow residents to pay for this.

Mayor Wilson stated they will look into this and we will get the information out on the change of the ordinance.

Ms. Herlan stated there is a taxi company working out of 1 Monmouth Avenue and that's where they're parked while they are waiting to get their calls to go out and pick up people. At 37 Monmouth Avenue an auto shop is operating at this address. Code Enforcement has sent them a letter to stop operating the shop but to date they are still operating it. Matt Young from Code Enforcement told her she would need pictures, so she went and took pictures and the owner came after her screaming. The wife told her she was scaring her kids by taking pictures of the cars. This weekend there were 6 cars with no license plates and 1 truck with no license plate. Ms. Herlan stated if the Borough is going to allow this then she is going to open a beauty parlor for her daughter. Monmouth Avenue is a residential street not a commercial street.

Ms. Herlan stated that she feels sorry for Sharon O'Conner in Code Enforcement. She has witnessed her trying to inspect these properties but the people do not let her in. The house on 49 Monmouth Avenue is owned and there are 12 people living there with 4 kids. Over the weekend she was watching it and these people are not visitors. She also feels that Andy Kiely needs to check all of his tenants in his rental properties. The houses at 43B, 45B and 48 and another home which she does not know the number do a switch every few weeks so it doesn't look like there are overcrowded conditions there. Many of these homes have people living in the basement. She knows this because another tenant told her and you can see the lights on late at night. She spoke to

the owner of 48 Monmouth Avenue who told her he is allowed to have 6 people living in his home but he has 6 + 2 + 2 and 4 kids. She watched them bring in the mattresses.

Ms. Herlan stated Andy, who is representing Allied Development better check his houses. She has had delivery men come to the door at 9:30 at her mother's house and they want to deliver food to the basement. They are saying people ordered it from the basement.

Mayor Wilson asked if these deliveries were meant for Andy Kiely's properties.

Ms. Herlan replied yes. She only knows of three of his properties that aren't overloaded. Ms. Herlan stated at 52 Monmouth Avenue there are parties every weekend in the backyard but the problem is they don't use the facility in the house to go to the bathroom they are going in the backyard. She has called the police and they have come but there is no way to prove this.

Mayor Wilson stated this will be checked out because Ms. Herlan has made an awful lot of serious statements this evening. He warned Ms. Herlan that people will defend themselves if they are innocent.

Ms. Herlan stated a couple other neighbors were going to come tonight and they will say the same thing.

Deborah Freeman-Sunnerville, 32 Bannard Street, stated she was very happy with the way her taxes are being spent. She was pleased with the preparation for the storm. The storm drains were cleaned prior to the storm. She spoke with Councilman Sims over the phone because it took awhile for the public works department to clean up the debris on her street, but they did come. She likes the way the town is starting to look. She wanted to say that Bowne Avenue looks beautiful. She asked the police department to be a little more vigilant and patrol Bowne Avenue because there are a lot of children skateboarding down that block.

Jeff Friedman, 3 Broad Street, stated that Andy Kiely is a very good friend of his. He wanted everyone to know that Andy Kiely is at his properties every single week and inspects his properties on a regular basis. Mr. Friedman stated Andy Kiely has reached out to Ms. Herlan many times and Ms. Herlan keeps making these false accusations.

LeRoy Labarrie, 8 Hull Avenue thanked the Borough for the paving done on Hull Avenue. He questioned why the Borough didn't file a suit against the Latino Coalition.

Florzell Anderson, 54 Bond Street, stated on the corner of Bond Street and Third Avenue there is a property that is growing corn stalks in the front of their house.

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, Kane, Newman, Schnurr, Shutzer and Sims voted its adoption; opposed none; abstain none; absent none. Mayor Wilson declared the motion adopted.

Mayor Wilson called upon the council for their comments.

Councilman DiBenedetto thanked Mr. Bellina and his staff for the handling of the storm. He explained that we almost lost some things downtown. The fire department answered over 85 calls in one day. The police responded to 105 calls that day. He personally thanked Sweet Lew's and Sorrento's Subs for chipping in and helping feed the workers. Councilman DiBenedetto thanked the residents of Freehold for their patience and their kindness. He also thanked the council members for all of their efforts in the storm. He also thanked Jimmy Richmond for giving food to the seniors living on his block.

Councilman Kane thanked everyone for voicing their concerns tonight and he thanked everyone who was involved in the planning for this storm. Even though we took it very seriously a storm with that magnitude causes circumstances that cannot be helped. The deluge of water and the power outages couldn't be helped. The resolution that was passed today will let JCP&L know their response was unacceptable. He also thanked everyone for their patience. He thanked the mayor for his support to the Freehold Fire Department.

Councilman Schnurr reminded the residents that school is starting this week and thanked everyone for coming out.

Councilwoman Shutzer stated our employees and our volunteers are second to none and from the bottom of her heart she thanks everyone. From the planning that went on before the storm, to the calls that were answered during the storm, to the clean-up that has been done after. She is embarrassed that there was a section of our town on Randolph Street that we honestly did not know they were without power.

Councilwoman Shutzer reminded everyone the Freehold Borough Human Relations Committee will have a 9-11 Remembrance Service here at Borough Hall on September 11, 2011 from 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM.

Councilwoman Shutzer reminded everyone that the free rabies clinic will be held on Thursday, September 8, 2011 from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM.

Councilman Newman thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and voicing their comments.

Councilman Sims reminded everyone about the 9-11 Remembrance Service at Borough Hall on Sunday, September 11, 2011 from 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM. He stated the Human Relations Committee has put a lot of effort into this program and he hopes everyone will be able to attend.

Mayor Wilson stated Governor Christie will be calling hearings with the Board of Public Utilities to investigate JCP&L's reaction to the storm. Hopefully something will come out of this. It is a shame it took a major storm to cause an investigation of JCP&L. In an older neighborhood there will always be a tree that comes down or a knocked down pole which takes the power out in a neighborhood but this amount of power outages was unacceptable. The Borough needs an upgraded infrastructure and there is no excuse that any part of the Borough should have been out for a week. He apologized to the people on Randolph Street because the governing body did not know they were without power.

Mayor Wilson thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRACI L. DIBENEDETTO, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

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