

The Reorganization Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold was held on Sunday, January 2, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Mayor Wilson stated that 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).

Reverend William Frederickson of First Baptist Church gave the invocation.

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

The Oaths of Office were administered to Councilman Kevin Kane and Councilman Jaye Sims.

#### ROLL CALL

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

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

**“Resolution Authorizing 2011 Professional Services Contract with Cranmer Engineering for Borough Engineering Services.”**

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2011 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CRANMER ENGINEERING FOR BOROUGH ENGINEERING SERVICES.

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. 7 on the Agenda as follows:

**“Resolution Authorizing 2011 Professional Services Contract with Kerry E. Higgins, Esq. for Borough Legal Services.”**

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2011 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH KERRY E. HIGGINS, ESQ. FOR BOROUGH LEGAL SERVICES.

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 2011 Professional Services Contract with Lomurro, Davison, Eastman & Munoz, P.A. for Borough Bond Counsel Services.”**

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2011 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH LOMURRO, DAVISON, EASTMAN & MUNOZ, P.A. FOR BOROUGH BOND COUNSEL SERVICES.

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 2011 Professional Services Contract with Dilworth Paxson LLP for Borough Legal Services – Conflicts Counsel.”**

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2011 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH DILWORTH PAXSON LLP FOR BOROUGH LEGAL SERVICES – CONFLICTS COUNSEL.

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. 10 on the Agenda as follows:

**“Resolution Accepting the Mayor’s Nomination and Appointing Municipal Prosecutor for the Year 2011: Kathleen A. Sheedy, Esq.”**

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

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE MAYOR’S NOMINATION AND APPOINTING MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR FOR THE YEAR 2011: KATHLEEN A. SHEEDY, ESQ.

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 Accepting the Mayor’s Nomination and Appointing Borough Substitute/Alternate Prosecutor for the Year 2011: Kerry E. Higgins, Esq.”**

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

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE MAYOR’S NOMINATION AND APPOINTING  
BOROUGH SUBSTITUTE/ALTERNATE PROSECUTOR FOR THE YEAR 2011:  
KERRY E. HIGGINS, ESQ.

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 Accepting the Mayor’s Nomination and Appointing Public Defender for the Year 2011: Jonathan Lomurro.”**

Councilman Newman offered the following Resolutions and moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman DiBenedetto:

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE MAYOR’S NOMINATION AND APPOINTING  
PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE YEAR 2011: JONATHAN LOMURRO.

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 Accepting the Mayor’s Nominations and Appointments for the Year 2011:**

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| <b>a.</b> | <b>Deputy Clerk</b>  | <b>Joseph B. Bellina</b> | <b>1 year</b> |
| <b>b.</b> | <b>Treasurer and Collector<br/>Water &amp; Sewer Rents</b> | <b>Richard J. Gartz</b>  | <b>1 year</b> |
| <b>c.</b> | <b>Deputy Treasurer</b>                                    | <b>Kathleen Caruso</b>   | <b>1 year</b> |
| <b>d.</b> | <b>Borough Historian</b>                                   | <b>Kevin Coyne</b>       | <b>1 year</b> |
| <b>e.</b> | <b>Citizen Advisory Budget Com.</b>                        | <b>Ronald DeMarco</b>    | <b>1 year</b> |

		<b>Kevin Coyne</b>	<b>1 year</b>
		<b>J. Nolan Higgins</b>	<b>1 year</b>
<b>f.</b>	<b>Community Information Com.</b>	<b>Marc LeVine</b>	<b>1 year</b>
		<b>Lisa Schofield</b>	<b>1 year</b>
		<b>Lisa Kristiansen</b>	<b>1 year</b>
		<b>Allan Goldberg</b>	<b>1 year</b>
		<b>Kevin Asadi</b>	<b>1 year</b>
		<b>Anthony DiFlumeri</b>	<b>1 year</b>
		<b>Mike Rosseel</b>	<b>1 year</b>
<b>g.</b>	<b>Emergency Management:</b>		
	<b>Daniel Megill</b>	<b>Dep. Coordinator</b>	<b>1 year</b>
	<b>Captain Glenn Roberts</b>	<b>Public Safety</b>	<b>1 year</b>
	<b>Ryan Bailey</b>	<b>Fire and Rescue</b>	<b>1 year</b>
	<b>Joseph B. Bellina</b>	<b>Damage Assessment</b>	<b>1 year</b>
	<b>Traci L. DiBenedetto</b>	<b>Shelter and Welfare</b>	<b>1 year</b>
	<b>Garry Jackson</b>	<b>Fire Prevention Rep.</b>	<b>1 year</b>
	<b>David Cranmer or</b>		
	<b>Duly Authorized</b>	<b>First Aid Squad</b>	<b>1 year</b>
<b>h.</b>	<b>Fire Prevention Bureau:</b>	<b>(State License Required)</b>	<b>1 year</b>
	<b>Garry Jackson</b>	<b>Fire Official</b>	
<b>i.</b>	<b>Fire Prevention Membership</b>	<b>Garry Jackson</b>	<b>1 year</b>
		<b>J. Nolan Higgins</b>	<b>1 year</b>
<b>j.</b>	<b>Historic Preservation Committee</b>	<b>Dick Dalik</b>	<b>3 years</b>
		<b>Jeffrey Friedman</b>	<b>3 years</b>
<b>k.</b>	<b>Housing Authority</b>	<b>Stella Mayes</b>	<b>5 years</b>
		<b>Gareth Lewis</b>	<b>5 years</b>
		<b>Margaret Peace</b>	<b>5 years</b>
		<b>Patrick McMorrow</b>	<b>5 years</b>
<b>l.</b>	<b>Human Relations Committee</b>	<b>Sheryl Mott</b>	<b>3 years</b>
		<b>Rev. William Frederickson</b>	<b>3 years</b>
		<b>Jane Fields</b>	<b>3 years</b>
		<b>Captain Glenn Roberts</b>	
<b>m.</b>	<b>Lake Topanemus Commission</b>	<b>Edward Daley</b>	<b>3 years</b>
		<b>James Coleman</b>	<b>3 years</b>
<b>n.</b>	<b>Library Commission</b>	<b>Miranda Scott</b>	<b>5 years</b>
		<b>Barbara Jenette</b>	<b>1 year</b>
<b>o.</b>	<b>Memorial Day Parade Committee</b>	<b>Alice McCobb, Chair.</b>	<b>1 year</b>

<b>p.</b>	<b>Neighborhood Pride Committee</b>	<b>Donna Koloski</b>	<b>1 year</b>
		<b>Sheryl Mott</b>	<b>1 year</b>
		<b>Anthony DiFlumeri</b>	<b>1 year</b>
		<b>Debbie Keelan</b>	<b>1 year</b>
		<b>Casey Surgent</b>	<b>1 year</b>
		<b>Lynn Cannon</b>	<b>1 year</b>
		<b>William Anderson</b>	<b>1 year</b>
		<b>Dan Xavier</b>	<b>1 year</b>
		<b>Maureen Haley</b>	<b>1 year</b>
		<b>Marc LeVine</b>	<b>1 year</b>
		<b>Mari Estenes</b>	<b>1 year</b>
<b>q.</b>	<b>Planning Board</b>	<b>Adam Reich, Class II</b>	<b>1 year</b>
		<b>Kevin Asadi, Alt. 1</b>	<b>2 years</b>
		<b>William Barricelli, Alt. 2</b>	<b>2 years</b>
		<b>Kevin Lewis, Alt. 3</b>	<b>2 years</b>
<b>r.</b>	<b>Planning Board Sign Subcom.</b>	<b>Henry A. Stryker, III</b>	<b>1 year</b>
		<b>Daniel Megill</b>	<b>1 year</b>
		<b>Jeffrey Friedman</b>	<b>1 year</b>
<b>s.</b>	<b>Recreation Commission</b>	<b>Jeff Surgent</b>	<b>5 years</b>
<b>t.</b>	<b>Shade Tree Commission</b>	<b>Gail Morrissey</b>	<b>5 years</b>
		<b>Brooke Sherman</b>	<b>5 years</b>

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

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE MAYOR’S NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENTS FOR THE YEAR 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. 14 on the Agenda as follows:

**“Resolution Accepting the Mayor’s Nomination and Appointing the Affirmative Action Officer for the Year 2011: Joseph B. Bellina.”**

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

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE MAYOR’S NOMINATION AND APPOINTING THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION OFFICER FOR THE YEAR 2011: JOSEPH B. BELLINA.**

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 Accepting the Mayor’s Nomination and Appointing the Community Development Representative and Alternate for the Year 2011: Joseph B. Bellina and Richard J. Gartz.”**

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

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE MAYOR’S NOMINATION AND APPOINTING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE FOR THE YEAR 2011: JOSEPH B. BELLINA AND RICHARD J. GARTZ.

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. 16 on the Agenda as follows:

**“Election by Council of President for Year 2011: Councilman George Schnurr.”**

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

ELECTION BY COUNCIL OF PRESIDENT FOR YEAR 2011: COUNCILMAN GEORGE SCHNURR.

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

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

**“Election by Council of Police Commissioner for Year 2011: Councilman Kevin Kane.”**

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

ELECTION BY COUNCIL OF POLICE COMMISSIONER FOR YEAR 2011: COUNCILMAN KEVIN KANE.

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

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

**“Election by Council of Assistant Police Commissioner for Year 2011: Councilman Jaye Sims.”**

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

ELECTION BY COUNCIL OF ASSISTANT POLICE COMMISSIONER FOR YEAR 2011: COUNCILMAN JAYE SIMS.

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

Mayor Wilson read Item No. 19 on the Agenda as follows:

**“Election by Council of Fire Commissioner for Year 2011: Councilwoman Sharon Shutzer.”**

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

ELECTION BY COUNCIL OF FIRE COMMISSIONER FOR YEAR 2011: COUNCILWOMAN SHARON 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 Item No. 20 on the Agenda as follows:

**“Election by Council of Assistant Fire Commissioner for Year 2011: Councilman Michael DiBenedetto.”**

Councilwoman Shutzer offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption; seconded by Councilman Kane:

ELECTION BY COUNCIL OF ASSISTANT FIRE COMMISSIONER FOR YEAR 2011: COUNCILMAN MICHAEL DIBENEDETTO.

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. 21 on the Agenda as follows:

**“Mayor’s Appointments of Council Committees for 2011:**

**COMMITTEE                    CHAIR**

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<b>Finance</b>	<b>Kane</b>	<b>Newman</b>	<b>Schnurr</b>
<b>Personnel</b>	<b>Shutzer</b>	<b>Sims</b>	<b>DiBenedetto</b>
<b>Public Works</b>	<b>DiBenedetto</b>		
<b>Health and Welfare</b>	<b>Kane</b>		
<b>Recreation</b>	<b>DiBenedetto</b>		
<b>Code Enforcement</b>	<b>Newman</b>		
<b>Municipal Court</b>	<b>Sims</b>		

Mayor Wilson read Item No. 22 on the Agenda as follows:

**“Appointment of Council Representatives for the Year 2011:**

<b><u>Committee</u></b>	<b><u>Representative</u></b>
<b>Advisory Council on Aging</b>	<b>Sharon Shutzer</b>
<b>Board of Education</b>	<b>Jaye Sims</b>
<b>Community Information Committee</b>	<b>Jaye Sims</b>
<b>Freehold Center Partnership</b>	<b>Kevin Kane</b>
<b>Historic Preservation</b>	<b>John Newman</b>
<b>Human Relations</b>	<b>Jaye Sims</b>
<b>Library</b>	<b>John Newman</b>
<b>Memorial Day Parade</b>	<b>George Schnurr</b>
<b>Rental Property Review Board</b>	<b>John Newman</b>
<b>Neighborhood Pride Committee</b>	<b>Kevin Kane</b>
<b>Planning Board</b>	<b>George Schnurr</b>
<b>Shade Tree Commission</b>	<b>Michael DiBenedetto</b>
<b>Alliance Against Drugs</b>	<b>Sharon Shutzer</b>

Mayor Wilson read Item No. 23 on the Agenda as follows:

**“Resolution Providing Notice of 2011 Meetings of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold.”**

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

RESOLUTION PROVIDING NOTICE OF 2011 MEETINGS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD.

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. 24 on the Agenda as follows:

**“Resolution Authorizing the Renewal and Continuance of Bonds for Officials Required to Have Bonds for the Year 2011.”**

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL AND CONTINUANCE OF BONDS FOR OFFICIALS REQUIRED TO HAVE BONDS FOR THE YEAR 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. 25 on the Agenda as follows:

**“Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold Designating the Depositories Wherein all Public Monies and Other Funds of the Municipality Shall Be Kept.”**

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

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD DESIGNATING THE DEPOSITORIES WHEREIN ALL PUBLIC MONIES AND OTHER FUNDS OF THE MUNICIPALITY SHALL BE KEPT.**

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. 26 on the Agenda as follows:

**“Resolution Designating Official Newspapers for Year 2011: Asbury Park Press, News Transcript, Star Ledger and Times of Trenton.”**

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

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR YEAR 2011: ASBURY PARK PRESS, NEWS TRANSCRIPT, STAR LEDGER AND TIMES OF TRENTON.**

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. 27 on the Agenda as follows:

**“Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold Fixing the Rate of Interest to be Charged on Delinquent Taxes, Assessments and Water/Sewer Accounts for 2011.”**

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD FIXING THE RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED ON DELINQUENT TAXES, ASSESSMENTS AND WATER/SEWER ACCOUNTS FOR 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. 28 on the Agenda as follows:

**“Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Distribution of Meeting Agendas and Minutes.”**

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DISTRIBUTION OF MEETING AGENDAS AND MINUTES.

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. 29 on the Agenda as follows:

**“Resolution Designating Official Holidays for the Employees of the Borough of Freehold, County of Monmouth, for the Year 2011.”**

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

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL HOLIDAYS FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, FOR THE YEAR 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. 30 on the Agenda as follows:

**“Resolution Adopting a Cash Management Plan for the Borough of Freehold.”**

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

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD.

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. 31 on the Agenda as follows:

**“Resolution Providing for 2011 Temporary Budget Appropriations.”**

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

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR 2011 TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS.

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 introduced the following members of the audience: Jim Keelan, member of the Freehold Board of Education; Debbie Keelan, Chairperson Neighborhood Pride Committee; Van Lane, Exalted Ruler, Walter J. Conley Lodge; Romanda Hickman, former Exalted Ruler, Walter J. Conley Lodge; Pat and Amanda McCobb, Memorial Day Parade Committee; Alice McCobb, Chairperson Memorial Day Parade Committee; Bill Hakim, former Board of Education member; Sidney Blacknall, former Exalted Ruler, Walter J. Conley Lodge; former Fire Chief Bob Taylor; former Fire Chief Mike Burt; Christine Gregory, Chairperson Shade Tree Commission; Judy Guy, member of Spooktacular Committee and former Recreation Commission member; Vince Creevey, Cranmer Engineering; Patrick Accisano, Planning Board Attorney; Freehold Township Committeeman Anthony Ammiano; Francena Bell, member of Recreation Commission; Liz O’Connell, Freehold Borough Superintendent of Schools; Monmouth County Freeholder Amy Mallet; Ismael Castro, member of Human Relations Committee; Jonathan Lomurro, Public Defender; Lisa Schofield, member of CIC Committee; Dan Xavier, member of Freehold Borough Board of Education and Neighborhood Pride Committee; Adam Reich member of Freehold Borough Board of Education and Freehold Borough Planning Board; Lynn Reich, former Councilperson and Recreation Commission member, Kathleen Sheedy, Borough Prosecutor; Allen Goldberg, member of CIC Committee; former Mayor Roger Kane; Kyle Kane, President Freehold Soccer League; First Assistant Fire Chief Dan Megill and Fire Chief Ryan Bailey.

Mayor Wilson stated the following:

“Good afternoon. On behalf of the Freehold Borough Governing Body, I sincerely hope that you all share prosperity, happiness and good health as we enter a new year.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone to Freehold Borough’s annual Reorganization Meeting today. First, I wish to congratulate George Schnurr on becoming Council President for 2011.

I would like to thank the voters in Freehold Borough for having the vision and wisdom in returning two dedicated, ethical and hard-working councilmen for another three-year term: Kevin Kane and Jaye Sims. They both deserved to have been re-elected.

Once again we had a very busy year in 2010. The year began with the persistency of snow storms. Although we were well equipped, the storms, including the horrific rain storm in March and had a significant impact on our financial resources. I would be remiss if I didn't commend the tremendous and most unselfish efforts of our Public Works Department and Police Department during last week's snow storm. Despite a reduced workforce, they performed admirably in the face of adversity.

The coming year has every opportunity to be just as busy as the one we just left behind and, as always, we are excited. Despite cutbacks and harsh economic realities, Freehold Borough has definitive plans of progress in the works for 2011. The Borough is hoping to resurface Hull Avenue as well as a few other streets. As is customary with all road projects undertaken in town, I have already instructed the Borough's professionals to meet with the residents at the appropriate time so we may receive their input during the design stages of this project. Their input is most valuable. Along with the Borough engineers, our professional staff is currently surveying the deteriorating conditions of other roadways, particularly in the wake of last week's storm.

Freehold Borough has previously received notification that it has been awarded a Community Development Block Grant as well as a Safe Routes to Transit Grant from the State of New Jersey. With these funds, the Borough will continue the revitalization to its downtown by installing brick sidewalks down Throckmorton Street. The limits of this project are Main Street to Monmouth Avenue. This project will also include safer crossings at intersections and tree plantings.

With a grant received from the State of New Jersey, Freehold Borough will be installing school crossing signals at the busy intersections nearest to the schools in town. This should hopefully improve the safety of our children who do not have school busing as an option. Work should be completed by the start of the next school year.

A year ago from this very place, and in this same ceremony, I had indicated that our little town faced, at best, financial uncertainty. Well, there is no longer any doubt that we live in very troubling and challenging economic times. Worse, there appears to be no end to this ordeal. Massive reductions in New Jersey State Aid, coupled with significant increases in health care and pension expenses make it exceedingly difficult for any town to continue to provide the level of services as it did during a more stable economic period. We continue to scrutinize all costs and all services that we have provided to you for many years.

However, change is an opportunity that we will embrace to continue to make Freehold the charming small town that it is. In fact, the only constant that will remain is change. Bobby Kennedy once said, "*All of us might wish at times that we lived in a more tranquil world, but we don't. And if our times are difficult and perplexing, so are they challenging and filled with opportunity.*" In other words, Bobby Kennedy had a "glass half-full" mentality, like all of us who are sitting up at this table. This mentality is the hallmark of successful leadership in times both harsh and fruitful.

I am deeply honored and pleased to once again witness the administering of the oath of office to my colleagues and friends, Kevin Kane and Jaye Sims. Their enthusiasm, tireless work ethic, and love of our town make it most satisfying for me to continue to serve with them, and to call them peers. I look forward to working with you gentlemen over the next three years.

Thank you for your time and your unwavering support. May God bless everyone with peace, happiness, and good health in all your years ahead."

Councilman Schnurr stated the following:

“I would like to thank all of you for coming out on this rainy day to our Reorganization Meeting and the swearing in of Councilman Jaye Sims and Councilman Kevin Kane. I want to publicly congratulate Jaye, Kevin and their families on their election victory in November. Jaye and Kevin have the respect and admiration of the entire council and obviously your respect and admiration, as well. They are both leaders by definition and role models by the example that they set. Councilman Jaye Sims is a tireless worker on behalf of Freehold Borough residents. He has earned everyone’s respect by the hard work and effort that he puts into his job. Even though Jaye is the youngest member of the Freehold Borough governing body, his work ethic makes him a role model by the example he sets. If you want to see an example of what I am talking about, log on to the internet, go on to Google and then type in Councilman Jaye Sims. The number of times he’s mentioned is a reflection of the hard work that he puts into his job. Congratulations Jaye and thank you for being a role model by the example that you set.

Councilman Kevin Kane is a leader in the true sense of the word. I would like to give you an example of what I mean because sometimes people throw out that word leader as a cliché. I’ve worked with Kevin for three years on the Finance Committee. Even though Kevin is the chairperson of that committee he has not once in all those three years try to sway the conversation by reminding others that he’s the chairperson. People define leadership in so many different ways. One of the ways that I define it is when you are in charge of something you don’t have to remind people about that fact. You show them you are a leader by your actions. That is what Councilman Kevin Kane is all about. Congratulations Kevin and thank you for being a leader on this council.

Public service in Freehold is a great way to help others, to contribute your knowledge, your experience and skills for the betterment of your community. It is a great way to carry out your vision for Freehold and afford you the opportunity to meet new people from the many groups and organizations in the Borough. Many of them who are here today. When I was first appointed to the Borough Council in 2007 and subsequently elected to my first full term in 2008, I mentioned the need to listen to each other without the baggage that sometimes comes with party affiliation or group identification. I called upon the goodwill of other people to rise above any of these petty differences and grasp and cherry pick these good ideas regardless of where they come from. I want to let everyone know that I meant it three years ago and I mean it now, in a small town like ours when all is said and done there are just folks like you and us on the council who come up with ideas and turn these ideas into a plan of action. While I am on the subject of people who put plans into action I want to thank the people who serve on the various boards, the various committees and service groups many who are represented here today. They know what I know, that serving your community is not only the best gift you can give to Freehold Borough but the best gift you can give to yourself. We all know the good feeling that you get inside when you help others and you know that you are making a difference. The people who serve on all these boards and committees and volunteer organizations make a difference everyday. Thank you for all you do and thank you for making a difference in our community.

Since the swearing in of the fire chiefs of the Freehold Fire Department was yesterday I wanted to thank outgoing Fire Chief Jack Reichman, incoming Fire Chief Ryan Bailey, First Assistant Chief Dan Megill and Second Assistant Chief John Gierlowski for their service to their community.

Freehold Borough is not only run by the council and various committees, we also have excellent professionals and personnel that perform day to day business in our town. I would like to take the time to publicly thank Freehold Borough Administrator, Joe Bellina and the employees who work for him. Last year was a really tough year as far as the economy goes and these people do a tremendous job in finding ways to stretch our tax dollars. I would be remiss if I did not thank our snow plowing team that kept Freehold Borough’s roads open this week. We

did not face a lot of the challenges that were well chronicled in other communities and I would like to thank them for all of their hard work.

In addition, I would like to thank my family for their support and sacrifice. It is not just yours truly who serves Freehold but the rest of my family as well. The truth is if it wasn't for them I couldn't be up here. My wife, Diane, has been very understanding and knows that she has unconditional veto power over my role as a member of the governing body. So if you like the job I am doing you should thank her for allowing me to do it. I also have two understanding children, Michael a junior at Kean University and Nicole a senior at Freehold High School. It took them three years but I think at this point they stopped asking my wife, where's dad. I would also like to thank my mother for her support, today.

To the mayor and council, I would like to thank you for electing me to the position of Council President this year. It is an honor not only for me but for my family and just like I have done the last three years I will work hard to fulfill the duties of this position when needed. All of us up here on council believe in Freehold and pledge to devote our time and energy in keeping Freehold a great hometown. Whether the issue is crime prevention and policing, downtown development, fiscal responsibility, providing the infrastructure improvements that the mayor just highlighted, economic development or improving the quality of life for our residents, I look forward to working with the entire council and the residents of Freehold Borough during the upcoming year."

Councilman Michael DiBenedetto stated the following:

"I would like to thank everyone for coming out on this dreary day. I would like to congratulate Jaye Sims and Kevin Kane on their re-election. As they say, if you leave milk out long enough the cream comes to the top and I thank the voters for bringing them back. They are a great asset to this team that we have up here. Yesterday, we swore in three new fire chiefs, Chief Ryan Bailey, Assistant Chief Dan Megill and Second Assistant Chief John Gierlowski. At this time I would like to thank them for their time and dedication to this town of Freehold. I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the six year commitment that now ex-Fire Chief Jack Reichman has done dedicating himself, not only to the fire department but to the town also.

In speaking of volunteers I would also like to express my gratitude and appreciation to our First Aid Squad who seem to meet every new challenge that they have day to day. If not financially, it's in manpower. If you cannot give up your time they always accept donations. As I always say, they answer calls with their hearts but they arrive at the calls through your donation and your funds.

I would also like to thank all the citizens who have volunteered in the various committees. Through all my years of being on council I have served on a lot of these boards and I know I feel the same appreciation that this council does for the people that are volunteering their time and passion for this town.

I look forward to working with our wonderful employees, our professionals and the mayor and council in the year of 2011. In 2010 times were not that great and they were tough. Funds were cut and we have felt the same as you have felt in your home. 2011 in my mind will be a more challenging year. We must find other avenues to be financially creative and fiscally responsible. This country has seen bad times and good times. Right now I think we are going to be faced with the bad times again. All of us have been sworn in and elected to do a job and that job is to serve you and to find the best way for services that we have available to us. As they say, tough times may come and go but tough people last forever.

In closing, I would like to also give a special thanks to my family and especially my wife for letting me serve up here and devoting my time to this town. As they say, let the best times in 2010 be the worst times in 2011. Thank you all for coming out."

Councilman Kane stated the following:

“I would like to thank everyone for coming out today. I would also like to thank you for all of your kind words. I would also like to thank the mayor for mentioning the new brick sidewalks on Throckmorton Street which should be happening sometime this year.

This has been a very interesting year and I would really like to thank the voters of Freehold for allowing Jaye and I to come back and serve. It is truly a pleasure to serve with everyone up here at this table. When we were going around talking to a lot of people in town they told us that we had their support but with all the media and everything you hear with television and newspapers we were still a little unsure. Fortunately the election results turned out well and it showed us that the people in this town did what they said they were going to do. It makes me so proud to serve the residents of this town. This town has always been a blue-collared town and it is a hard working town, some residents working two or three jobs in some cases and people are still struggling in this economy people. It is very, very tough out there and you see more and more neighborhoods coming together and helping each other out. This drifted a little bit with everyone working so much but it is starting to come back. One of the things that I have been thinking a lot about lately is the veterans who sacrificed their lives for us. They allowed us to live the way we live and enjoy the freedoms we have. These veterans are struggling the most right now. There are World War II veterans who are living on very low fixed incomes and we don't take the time to recognize them enough. I am going to start doing this wherever I am. Will all the veterans, enlisted or any military man stand up so we can give them a round of applause. In my opinion we need to do this more often and thank the veterans for allowing us the freedoms we have here.

Also, Council President Schnurr mentioned that we get elected but it is a family commitment. Without the family behind you, you're not allowed to do what you need to do and I would like to thank Ellen, Erin, Megan and Katie for allowing me to do what we do here. Anybody who has held any kind of position knows that you have to have an understanding employer. There are a lot of cases where your paths kind of cross and you need somebody who understands what you are trying to do and why you are doing it, so I would like to thank my dad.

The economy has been mentioned and we have had so many different Finance Committee meetings and we are up here to make the tough decisions and sometimes they're not the most popular decisions. The decision that was made by the Finance Committee to move the fire and police dispatch operations to Monmouth County for a savings of \$350,000 wasn't very popular, but it was something that had to be done. It came out to 3½ tax points. In this situation where we've lost 35% reduction in State aid in the last three years and you have a quarter of your property in town that isn't even on the tax roles, between the County property and Churches we are very limited in our resources and with expenses going up, health insurance and premiums you have to find ways to make it work. Fortunately we have been able to do this without any layoffs. We have Joe Bellina and his staff here at Borough Hall who do a tremendous job stretching a dollar through shared services. This is something we need to do more of and try to make it even better. Sometimes our decisions will not be popular but we are doing it in the best interest of the taxpayers. We are doing the same thing up here that everyone is doing in their home. Right now everyone is in survival mode until the economy breaks, we are doing the same thing and we will continue to make these good decisions for the taxpayers of the town. With the 2% cap coming and if we don't get the tool kit package of reforms to go with this 2% cap it is not going to work. I keep telling everybody it likes putting educational mandates on a school system without the proper funding, it's not going to work. We all need to work together and this town more than any other town will make that happen.

We have had approximately \$1,000,000.00 in grants over the past five years. We have been able to do projects in our town that have not cost the taxpayers a dime. All of the sidewalk programs, street improvements, etc. I really want to thank Joe Bellina and his staff for that grant money.

I also need to thank Jaye and Danielle Sims. During the campaign season it is tough and between Danielle and Ellen they really didn't see either one of us a lot. This is a family commitment but when you have somebody that you really like that you are running with it makes it so much better, so Jaye thank you so much for a great campaign.

In closing there are a couple of exciting things that are happening this year. The weekend of April 9<sup>th</sup> will be the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Freehold Borough Little League and Kevin Coyne and the board of the little league are putting together an entire weekend full of festivities. They want all alumni of the Freehold Borough Little League to take part. There will be a Friday night get together. Saturday is the opening day and they want all the alumni to march with the kids in the opening day parade. There will probably be an alumni softball tournament. This fall marks the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Freehold Soccer League and they are also planning some festivities.

Thank you all for coming out and for your support.”

Councilwoman Sharon Shutzer stated the following:

“Before I start with my prepared speech I see a few people in the audience that need to be recognized. I am the liaison to the Council on Aging and every year in December the Borough gives the senior citizens in town a holiday party. I want everyone to know that since the youngest one has been in diapers there have been three young men who have been at every single holiday party to help me serve food. This is the first time that I have had an opportunity to thank them publicly. I want Kyle, Collin and Kiernan Kane to step to the front of this room and please give them a round of applause.

Just as we think that things cannot get more challenging, we have talk of caps and layoffs, we have a governor who blasts anyone who works in the public sector, and we have had a blizzard to end all blizzards. It is, however, part of the psyche of each one of us who sits before you to fight for what we believe is in the best interests of our residents. Evidence of this can be found all around us. We had the foresight to extend the contract of Joe Bellina who has with the help of our other professionals led us through these tough times. Their expertise through the last few years has put us in a position where, to date, we have not had to lay off any of our employees. Joe has found and used more grant money than any of us even knew was out there. I extend my sincere appreciation and thanks to Joe and to all of our professionals who make us look good.

In order to save money, we have greatly increased our number of shared services with surrounding towns, and we have been proactive in doing things to make our buildings energy efficient. We have made some very emotional, difficult and unpopular decisions such as the unanimous decision to save our taxpayers 3½ tax points without jeopardizing safety by turning over our dispatching job to the county. Even as our garbage and recycling services increased, we were able to reduce the costs. We are constantly searching for insurance deals that give us the best insurance coverage for the least amount of money. As evidenced by our stand against the absentee landlords in town, we are constantly battling to preserve and protect the quality of life for our residents.

Our volunteers are invaluable. Every committee is staffed by volunteers without whom we could not function. Our First Aid Squad and our Fire Department are second to none and every member is a volunteer who serves without pay. Thank you to all of you.

Our employees are the best. They come to work and serve this town everyday even though, by virtue of their employment in this State, they have been unmercifully demoralized.

To all of our employees, let me just say that you are appreciated in this town, and we pledge to you that we will do everything in our power to protect you.

Our residents continue to be our motivation. Your needs and your spirit guide us in everything we do. Thank you.

Congratulations to Jaye and Kevin. You made the right choice by sending them back to this Council and Freehold Borough.

Thank you to my fellow council members for supporting my family and me during a very rough year for us. I do sincerely thank each one of you.

Finally, if all of us continue to work together for a common goal, we can do anything and overcome anything. Remember these words which are among my favorite: Just as the caterpillar thought that the world was over, it became a butterfly. Happy New Year!"

Councilman John Newman stated the following:

"Happy New Year, everyone. This has been my first year on council and as was stated through the sentiments over everyone up here so far, Freehold Borough is a community and people have been very gracious and accepting of me and there has been no partisanship and I would like to thank council for that. I would also like to congratulate Kevin and Jaye on their victories this year and George on being elected Council President.

It has been said that it is very time consuming to serve up here and I know it is time consuming to serve as a volunteer and I would like to thank my family and all the volunteers out there.

Last year I came up with a laundry list of things and ideas that I would like to see in the future happen. Unfortunately when you get up here you get sidetracked with other things that come up. So I am not going to do that this year. But I would like to say that I am going to continue to work hard and work with the rest of the council to make Freehold even better.

Thank you very much for coming out."

Councilman Sims stated the following:

"Happy New Year! To mayor and council and invited guests, friends and family, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for coming out today. It was mentioned prior to thank our military men and I would like to take this opportunity to commend my brother-in-law who recently came back from serving a year in Afghanistan and I would like to give him a warm Freehold Borough welcome back.

Yesterday we witnessed the swearing in of the Freehold Fire Department chiefs and I would like everyone to congratulate Chief Ryan Bailey, Chief Dan Megill and Chief John Gierlowski. I would also like to thank outgoing Chief Jack Reichman for his past three years of service. These chiefs have worked tirelessly and have obtained \$100,000.00 in grants and funding for equipment for the fire department.

I would like to thank my wife Danielle, I thank you for your continued support, without your support I would not be able to function in this position. You are the mother-to-be of our future children and I cannot wait to share that moment with you. To my mother, Eva, I want to say thank you, your tireless support and advice through the years has been really helpful. I only hope that I can be half the parent that you are to the three of us. To my siblings, you have also supported me well and I would like to thank the three of you, Pam, Reggie and Gerry. I would also like to thank my four nieces, Sydney, Ciara, Cameron and Kayla who helped with the campaign.

This past year on council we have had to make many hard sacrifices and hard decisions. There are seven distinct individuals up here on council. To my running mate, Kevin Kane, it has

been my pleasure to run with you again during this re-election. I wish you lots of luck and success on your next term. In 2010 we also had a new addition to our council, we welcomed Councilman John Newman. John you brought many new ideas to the council which have been warmly accepted and I look forward to serving with you in the years to come. To Mayor Wilson, Councilwoman Sharon Shutzer and Councilman DiBenedetto I look forward to serving with you in the upcoming years with you as well.

I had the distinct pleasure today announcing our new Council President. In 2010 I served this council as president and it was truly an honor. To our new Council President George Schnurr I wish you lots of luck and success this year. I am sure as with many projects that you do, you will do a good job.

As we deal with the tough economic times it is more and more difficult for us to continue to function as we once did. We saw a reduction in State aid and in 2010 we looked into more shared service agreements. Some decisions were favorable and some weren't. Personnel in different departments were not replaced as a result of budgetary reasons. All in all we somehow made it through the year.

Freehold Borough celebrated many triumphs in 2010. Our high school had champions in field hockey, gymnastics and for the second time in three years our football team. More importantly academics continue to go arise in both the high school and in the middle school. I would like to congratulate the students at Freehold High School that received perfect scores on the SATS. Currently our grammar schools are in the middle of their strategic planning. Councilman Kevin Kane and I are co-chairs of this committee. The report from this committee should be coming out shortly either in the middle of January or at the latest in early February. It has been a pleasure to work with school officials and staff on that.

Finally a few things that I've done and plan to do in the upcoming year: 2010 saw Freehold Borough's Community Information Committee finally pull off its volunteer fair. It was the plan of the committee to get more residents involved with the town. The committee hopes to have the same event this year and attract more visitors. As for upcoming projects in 2011, my goal is to get our youth involved with local government. I have already met with Mel O'Neal of the YMCA who currently has a youth government set up. I would like to branch off of this program and get more in depth and get the students more involved so they can understand the functions of government. I have also met with the Monmouth County 4H Club along with school officials in attempts to start a peer mentoring program for troubled youth here in Freehold Borough. We will be soliciting support from residents. I am also in the planning stages of starting a CERT program, (Community Emergency Response Teams). They will assist in various functions with our emergency services during emergencies. My final and biggest event for 2011 will be the birth of my twins.

I would like to end with a quote from the late John Wooden who was the UCLA basketball coach, "*Be concerned with your character more than your reputation because your character is who you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are.*"

Thank you all for coming out.

Mayor Wilson thanked everyone for coming out and wished everyone a Happy New Year. The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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