

A Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold was held on Monday, July 2, 2012 at 6:30 PM in the Municipal Building.

Mayor Higgins 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).

Councilwoman Shutzer opened the meeting with the Salute to the Flag, followed by a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT	MAYOR J. NOLAN HIGGINS
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

Councilwoman Shutzer offered a motion to accept the minutes from the Workshop Meeting March 19, 2012 and Supplement to Workshop Meeting June 18, 2012, seconded by Councilman Sims.

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Kane, Newman, Schnurr, Shutzer and Sims voted its adoption; opposed none; Councilman Kane abstained from the June 18, 2012 Workshop Meeting; absent none. Mayor Higgins declared the motion adopted.

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

“Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold Honoring Frank F. Graziano on the Occasion of his Retirement from the Freehold Housing Authority.”

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD HONORING FRANK F. GRAZIANO ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE FREEHOLD HOUSING AUTHORITY.

Councilwoman Shutzer stated she presented this Resolution to Mr. Graziano on Tuesday, June 26, 2012 along with Mayor Higgins.

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

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

“Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Construction of Various Sidewalks in the Borough of Freehold.”

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

RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS SIDEWALKS IN THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD.

Councilman Schnurr stated this contract was awarded to A & A Curbing, Inc., who had the lowest bid of \$129,544.00. There were 11 companies that bided on this project and the highest bid was \$208,415.84.

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

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

“Resolution Confirming Personnel Actions:

- a. **Resignation of William Resnyk as a Special Police Officer, Class 2, of the Freehold Police Department, effective June 29, 2012.**
- b. **Appointment of William E. Gorman as a member of the Streets and Roads Department, pending successful completion of pre-employment testing. Seasonal employee from the date of successful completion of pre-employment testing to Friday, September 28, 2012.**
- c. **Re-appointment of Bruce Larsen as a member of the Freehold Fire Department, Richardson Engine Company #2, effective July 2, 2012.”**

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

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING PERSONNEL ACTIONS NO. 7A – 7C.

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

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

“Resolution Approving Applications:

- a. **Calendar Raffle License # 22-12, Sweet Adelines Int’l Liberty Oak, 9/20/12 – 11/29/12, 8:00 PM at Freehold Jewish Center, Broad Street.**
- b. **Permanent Taxi Drivers License, Robert Renaud, Sayreville.**
- c. **Permanent Taxi Drivers License, Guadalupe Hinojosa, Freehold.**
- d. **Permanent Taxi Drivers License, Rolando Santos Ordonez, Freehold.**
- e. **Permanent Taxi Drivers License, Rolando M. Perez, Freehold.”**

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

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATIONS NO. 8A – 8E.

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

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

“Approval of Bills.”

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold that the bills on the attached list in the amount of \$1,667,424.49 be paid as presented.

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

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

**‘Swearing In and Oaths of Office: Lt. Craig Dispenza to Captain, Freehold Police Department
Sgt. Michael Sweetman to Lieutenant, Freehold**

**Police Department
Ptl. Richard Ciampa to Sergeant, Freehold
Police Department.”**

Councilwoman Shutzer stated it is with great honor that we ask Craig Dispenza, Michael Sweetman and Richard Ciampa and their families up to be sworn in.

Mayor Higgins stated the following:

“Before we begin, the members of the governing body, Chief Roberts, Officers of the Freehold Police Department, families, and members of our community. This evening we are gathered at this meeting to witness the Oath of Office for three of our newly promoted police officers. These officers will merely sign their oaths and assume their roles, but we as a community do more.

Ceremony and ritual are an important part of our society and culture. Just as we celebrate a birthday, marriage, anniversary or graduation, because those are significant events, we also promote our officers with family, friends and colleagues present and extend to all our best wishes.

This is in fact an important milestone for each of you, for your families, your department and our Borough.”

Mayor Higgins administered the Oaths of Office to the three officers.

Mayor Higgins opened the meeting to the public.

Jeff Friedman, 3 Broad Street, commented on the sidewalk contracts. He asked if there was any slate found while removing the sidewalks would it be held by the Borough and not given to the contractors.

Councilman Sims stated yes and this was already discussed.

John LaRosa, 27 Brinckerhoff Avenue, asked when the work on the sidewalks would begin.

Mr. Bellina replied that we would probably know more in around ten days, but he thinks it would be in the latter part of July at the earliest.

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, Shutzer, Schnurr and Sims voted its adoption, opposed none; absent none. Mayor Higgins declared the motion adopted.

Mayor Higgins called upon the council for their comments.

Councilwoman Shutzer congratulated all the newly promoted police officers for their service to Freehold Borough.

Councilman Newman congratulated the police officers.

Councilman Sims also congratulated the police officers.

Councilman Schnurr congratulated the police officers.

Councilman Kane thanked everyone for attending the meeting and he congratulated the newly promoted police officers. He stated the first aid is in the middle of their fund drive and they can use all of the support that they can get. He also stated Olde Freehold Day is on Saturday, July 21, 2012.

Councilman DiBenedetto stated that one of the Personnel Actions was for Bruce Larsen who is coming back, he was out of the fire department due to illness and he welcomed him back. He also congratulated the three promoted police officers.

Mayor Higgins congratulated all of the police officers and thanked them for everything they do for the community.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRACI L. DIBENEDETTO, RMC
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