

The Supplement to the Workshop Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold was held on Monday, December 17, 2012 at 7:30 PM in the Municipal Building.

Mayor Higgins 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. Mayor Higgins asked for a moment of silence for all those suffering from the Newtown, Connecticut tragedy.

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

Mayor Higgins read Item No. 1 on the Agenda as follows:

“Presentation by Chief Glenn Roberts, Freehold Borough Police Department.”

Councilwoman Shutzer thanked all of the officers who took matters into their own hands and helped rescue those people from their house that was on fire. She introduced Chief Roberts.

Chief Roberts recognized Ptl. Mark Garahan, Ptl. Nicholas Iozzi, Ptl. Shawn Hobbs, Special Officer Jason Slatas and Det. John Reiff.

He read the following, “Gentlemen it is my great pleasure to award you a letter of commendation for your participation and the rescue of three citizens from a structure fire that occurred on Wednesday, November 28, 2012. At approximately 4:30 PM, Officer’s Mark Garahan, John Reiff, Shawn Hobbs, Jason Slatas and Nicholas Iozzi were returning home after attending an in-service training class at the Somerset Police Academy. During the ride back Officer Slatas observed smoke coming from a house. The officers investigated further and discovered a working structure fire. At that moment they were the only ones who realized what was occurring and they had to act fast. Immediately, Officer Garahan ran towards the intersection to get the name of the street to identify their location and call for assistance from Piscataway Emergency Services. The other four officers ran into the house. The front door was locked so Officer Iozzi kicked in the first of two doors he would be kicking in that day. Officer’s Iozzi, Reiff, Hobbs and Slatas fanned out throughout the house and began a room to room search. One man was located in his bedroom, he had no idea his house was on fire. A second man was found in the basement. One room couldn’t be accessed because the door was hot to the touch but a woman in a separate apartment was found in a rear room, she was incoherent but the officers brought her out. As it turned out the five of you had come upon a case of arson. However, your quick actions saved their lives and property. You represented the Freehold Borough Police Department in an exceptional manner and made us proud, very, very proud. Please accept this formal commendation for your actions and your outstanding job.”

Chief Roberts then recognized Ptl. Walter Perski.

He read the following, “It is also my pleasure to award a letter of commendation to Officer Perski for his investigation and arrest which occurred last month. On Saturday, November 17, 2012, patrols were dispatched to the Oak Hill Deli on South Street for a report of a subject who had just passed counterfeit money. A patrol car responded to the deli but Officer Perski proceeded to the downtown area as that was the direction in which the vehicle had gone. He eventually spotted a car fitting the general description in front of 41 East Main Street. He observed two male subjects exit the store and enter the car. He then approached and detained the trio, additional units responded as the investigation commenced. A search revealed a medium size quantity of counterfeit \$20 bills and counterfeit \$100 bills, all three occupants of the vehicle were placed under arrest. As it turns out the two males were suspected members of the notorious “Bloods” street gang. One of them was very well known to the United States Secret Service for counterfeiting activity, and they will be doing their own investigation. This was an exceptional job, not only did you break up a counterfeiting ring but you got two dangerous felons off the street. Please accept this formal commendation.”

Mayor Higgins congratulated Chief Roberts, the officers and the department for two excellent pieces of police work.

Mayor Higgins read Item No. 1a on the Agenda as follows:

“Jaye Sims – Arts Mural Project FHS Students for PBA Holiday Train.”

Councilman Sims stated Freehold High School Students recently painted a mural for the PBA Holiday Train. He acknowledged them and the Freehold Borough Arts Council. This is something positive that they are doing in town. These students painted a beautiful mural.

Jeff Friedman, Freehold Borough Art’s Council stated the PBA asked the council if they could put together a mural along with some of the high school students in town. Under the tutelage of Dan Finaldi, Freehold High School Art’s advisor and Richard Berger, who is a fine artist and has a studio in town, they put together a 9’ x 12’ backdrop for the Secret Santa Train. He also acknowledged Councilman Newman and Councilman Sims for all of their work.

Mr. Friedman read the student’s names:

Anna Becerril, Shannon Chung, Megan Crandall, Heather Daszkiewicz, Rachel DiPaolo, Lilia Flores, Daniel Galvan, Daniella Gomez, Sarah Grace Johnson, Jenn Morano, Jazmin Segoviano, Paige Seeber, Julianna Witt, Joe Yauris, Anisah Yarim and Amber Mallm.

Mayor Higgins read Item No. 2 on the Agenda as follows:

Councilwoman Shutzer offered a motion to accept the minutes from the Executive Sessions May 21, 2012, June 18, 2012 and November 19, 2012; Workshop Meeting November 19, 2012 and Regular Meeting December 3, 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 on June 18, 2012, absent none. Mayor Higgins declared the motion adopted.

Mayor Higgins read Item No. 3 on the Agenda as follows:

“Second Reading and Public Hearing: Ordinance #2012/14 Amending Chapters 16 (Land Use Procedures) and Chapter 18 (Zoning) of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Freehold, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey.”

Mayor Higgins stated this ordinance has been withdrawn from the agenda.

Councilman Sims offered to withdraw this ordinance, seconded by Councilman Newman:

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. 4 on the Agenda as follows:

“Second Reading and Public Hearing: Ordinance #2012/15 Amending Chapters 10 (Vehicles and Traffic), Section 10.24 (Permit Parking Areas) of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Freehold, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey.”

Mayor Higgins opened the meeting to the public.

There were no comments.

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

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 Higgins declared the motion adopted.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold that an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE #2012/15 AMENDING CHAPTERS 10 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC), SECTION 10.24 (PERMIT PARKING AREAS) OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,” be, and same is hereby adopted on second reading.

Councilman Schnurr stated this ordinance increases the Market Yard parking fees to \$48.00 for this year, \$72.00 next year and the third year it will rise to \$96.00. Currently, the parking cost comes out to only 6 ½ cents per day.

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. 5 on the Agenda as follows:

“Second Reading and Public Hearing: Ordinance #2012/16 Amending and Supplementing Chapter 6 (Animals) of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Freehold, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey.”

Mayor Higgins opened the meeting to the public.

Carol Lida, 27 Bennett Street asked for clarification of the ordinance.

Mr. Bellina stated the Borough is raising the licensing fees for cats and dogs.

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

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 Higgins declared the motion adopted.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold that an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE #2012/16 AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 6 (ANIMALS) OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY” be, and same is hereby adopted on second reading.

Councilman Kane stated the fees to license cats and dogs will now be \$10.00.

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:

“Second Reading and Public Hearing: Ordinance #2012/17 Amending Chapter 16, (Land Use Procedures), Section 16.16.040 (Fees-Deposits and Other Charges) of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Freehold.”

Mayor Higgins opened the meeting to the public.

There were no comments.

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

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 Higgins declared the motion adopted.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold that an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE #2012/17 AMENDING CHAPTER 16, (LAND USE PROCEDURES), SECTION 16.16.040 (FEES-DEPOSITS AND OTHER CHARGES) OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD" be, and same is hereby adopted on second reading.

Councilman Schnurr stated we compared fees in the surrounding communities and then adjusted our land-use fees.

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:

"Second Reading and Public Hearing: Ordinance #2012/18 Amending Chapter 2.132 (Registrar of Vital Statistics), Section 2.132.010 (Fee Schedule) of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Freehold."

Mayor Higgins opened the meeting to the public.

There were no comments.

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

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 Higgins declared the motion adopted.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold that an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE #2012/18 AMENDING CHAPTER 2.132 (REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS), SECTION 2.132.010 (FEE SCHEDULE) OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD" be, and same is hereby adopted on second reading.

Councilman Kane stated the fees for all vital statistic certified copies will be \$15.00.

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:

"Second Reading and Public Hearing: Bond Ordinance #2012/19 Amending in Part Bond Ordinance #2012/5, Adopted on March 19, 2012, Providing for Various Road, Drainage and Parking Lot Improvements in and by the Borough of Freehold, in order to Increase the Allocation of the Appropriation to Costs Permitted Under NJSA 40A:2-20, Authorized in and by the Borough of Freehold, in the County of Monmouth, New Jersey."

Mayor Higgins opened the meeting to the public.

There were no comments.

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

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 Higgins declared the motion adopted.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold that a Bond Ordinance entitled "BOND ORDINANCE #2012/19 AMENDING IN PART BOND ORDINANCE #2012/5, ADOPTED ON MARCH 19, 2012, PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS ROAD, DRAINAGE AND PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD, IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE ALLOCATION OF THE APPROPRIATION TO COSTS PERMITTED UNDER NJSA 40A:2-20, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY" and same is hereby adopted on second reading.

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. 9 on the Agenda as follows:

"Resolution Amending 2012 Professional Services Projects with Cranmer Engineering for Borough Engineering Services."

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

RESOLUTION AMENDING 2012 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PROJECTS 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 Higgins declared the motion adopted.

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

"Resolution Awarding a Contract for Ecological Operation of the Public Works Service Center."

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

RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR ECOLOGICAL OPERATION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS SERVICE CENTER.

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. 11 on the Agenda as follows:

"Resolution Awarding a Contract for Tree Removal and Trimming."

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

RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR TREE REMOVAL AND TRIMMING.

Councilman DiBenedetto stated this bid was awarded to Chestnut Arbor & Forestry Services. The bids ranged from \$133,380.00 to \$383,320.00.

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. 12 on the Agenda as follows:

“Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Purchase of Water and Sewer Chemicals.”

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

RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF WATER AND SEWER CHEMICALS.

Councilman DiBenedetto explained this is a two year contract. The Borough is a member of the Western Monmouth Cooperative Purchasing Group which enables us to get a very competitive bid. The bid was awarded to Main Pool and Chemical Company, Inc.

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. 13 on the Agenda as follows:

“Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a Law Enforcement Vehicle.”

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLE.

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. 14 on the Agenda as follows:

“Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with Freehold Township for Substance Abuse Prevention and Counseling Services.”

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND COUNSELING SERVICES.

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. 15 on the Agenda as follows:

“Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with Freehold Township for Health Services.”

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP FOR HEALTH SERVICES.

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. 16 on the Agenda as follows:

“Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with Freehold Township for Automotive Services.”

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP FOR AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES.

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. 17 on the Agenda as follows:

“Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the Township Regarding the Sale of Parking Spaces at Schibanoff Road Commuter Lot.”

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF FREEHOLD REGARDING THE SALE OF PARKING SPACES AT SCHIBANOFF ROAD COMMUTER LOT.

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. 18 on the Agenda as follows:

“Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Amended Interlocal Services Agreement with Freehold Township Regarding Lake Topanemus.”

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AMENDED INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP REGARDING LAKE TOPANEMUS.

Councilman Kane stated this agreement with Freehold Township was started in the 1970’s.

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. 19 on the Agenda as follows:

“Resolution Authorizing Dental Insurance Contract.”

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DENTAL INSURANCE CONTRACT.

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. 20 on the Agenda as follows:

Councilman Schnurr offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Newman.

“Resolution Authorizing the Release of Performance Guarantees.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES.

Councilman Schnurr stated on some of the larger planning board applications we will require the applicants to have a performance bond and this resolution is releasing the performance bond for Fox Associates.

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. 21 on the Agenda as follows:

“Resolution Waiving Parking Fees.”

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

RESOLUTION WAIVING PARKING FEES.

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. 22 on the Agenda as follows:

“Resolution Authorizing the Cancellation of a Portion of an Emergency Appropriation Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40-A:4-54, in Order to Finance and Reimburse Costs Related to Natural Disaster Recovery Efforts in the Borough of Freehold, Authorized in and by the Borough of Freehold, in the County of Monmouth, New Jersey.”

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF A PORTION OF AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:A:4-54, IN ORDER TO FINANCE AND REIMBURSE COSTS RELATED TO NATURAL DISASTER RECOVERY EFFORTS IN THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY.

Councilman Kane stated this Resolution is for the super cell storm that occurred in July. The Borough appropriated \$200,000.00 and we only used \$100,000.00 so we are cancelling the remaining \$100,000.00.

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. 23 on the Agenda as follows:

“Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Notes for Special Emergency Appropriation Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-55 Due to Damage Caused by Natural Disasters.”

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF NOTES FOR SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-55 DUE TO DAMAGE CAUSED BY NATURAL DISASTERS.

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. 24 on the Agenda as follows:

“Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Appropriations in the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget.”

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2012 BUDGET.

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. 25 on the Agenda as follows:

“Resolution Memorializing the Mayor’s Appointments to the Freehold Borough Planning Board.

- a. **William Barricelli, Class IV – Term expires December 31, 2013. Fills vacancy as per resignation of Kevin Mulligan.**
- b. **Kevin Lewis, Alternate Number 1 – Term expires December 31, 2012. Replaces William Barricelli.**
- c. **Susan B. Taylor, Alternate Number 2 – Term expires December 31, 2013. Replaces Kevin Lewis.”**

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

RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS TO THE FREEHOLD BOROUGH PLANNING BOARD.

Councilman Schnurr welcomed Susan B. Taylor to the planning board and stated she is a local realtor.

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. 26 on the Agenda as follows:

“Resolution Confirming Personnel Appointments/Actions:

- a. **Appointment of Matt Cotroneo as a member of the Freehold Fire Department’s Juniors Program, effective December 17, 2012.**
- b. **Appointment of John Dib as a member of the Freehold Fire Department, Engine & Hose No. 1, effective December 17, 2012 pending his 18th birthday on January 26, 2013 and successful completion of physical examination.”**

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

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS/ACTIONS NO. 26A AND 26B.

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. 27 on the Agenda as follows:

“Resolution Approving the Following Applications:

- a. **Raffle License #31-12, Casino Night, Congregation Agudath Achim, 3/19/13,**

7:00 PM – 12:00 AM, 59 Broad Street.”

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

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION 27A.

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. 28 on the Agenda as follows:

“Approval of Bills.”

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold that the bills on the attached list in the amount of \$794,098.06 be paid as presented.

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

Mayor Higgins opened the meeting to the public.

Al Michenfelder, 30 Jackson Street, asked if Freehold Cares would be continuing.

Mayor Higgins stated he will follow-up and let him know.

Councilman DiBenedetto stated that Lee Deedmeyer from Mission Dance was involved with that and gave him the information to contact him.

Tom Baldwin, 3 Vought Avenue, stated that at the last meeting he thanked everyone that helped him at his home with the exception of Councilman DiBenedetto, so he thanked him tonight.

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

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 Higgins declared the motion adopted.

Mayor Higgins called upon the council for their comments.

Councilman DiBenedetto stated that all of our thoughts and prayers go out to the residents of Newtown, Connecticut. He wished everyone a very Happy and Healthy Holiday and New Year.

Councilman Kane congratulated Chief Roberts and the police department on both those cases of exceptional police work. He also echoed Councilman DiBenedetto's comments regarding the tragedy in Newtown, Connecticut. Something needs to be done, this cannot keep happening.

Councilman Kane wished everyone a Happy Holiday season. He thanked Councilman Newman for his service on council and his work on the Finance Committee.

Councilman Schnurr stated that tonight's meeting centered on a lot of year-end related activities. He thanked Joseph Bellina and Traci DiBenedetto on the preparation of tonight's agenda.

Councilman Schnurr stated it is comforting to know that we not only have a first rate police department, but we have guys in the police department that are willing to step up and do the right thing at the right time. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday and Happy New Year.

Councilman Schnurr stated the comments of President Obama's speech regarding the

tragedy in Newtown, Connecticut, which was, “We cannot tolerate this anymore.”

Councilman Sims thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He wished everyone a Happy Holidays. He announced that the Youth Government has been awarded the Monmouth County Open Space Grant for the Veteran’s Park rehabilitation project. The grant totals \$135,000.00. He thanked Mr. Bellina and Steve Kiselick from Cranmer Engineering for all of their help.

Councilman Sims thanked Chief Roberts and the entire police department. He also wished Councilman Newman the best and he has enjoyed working with him.

Councilwoman Shutzer stated there is nothing that anyone can say about the horrible tragedy in Connecticut and we do have to find a way to change this. She congratulated the schools in Freehold Borough for the way the situation was handled today.

Councilwoman Shutzer thanked Councilman Newman and said he served this town with distinction. As a resident of this town, she appreciated everything that he has done.

Councilwoman Shutzer stated she has been Council President three or four times and she has never had a year where she didn’t preside over a meeting. She told Mayor Higgins that he had perfect attendance this first year as mayor and she thanked him for a wonderful year.

Councilwoman Shutzer wished everyone a Happy, Healthy Holiday season.

Councilman Newman stated it was with great honor and pleasure to be up here for the past three years. He thanked everyone for working with him. He thanked everyone on council, especially Councilman Sims on his work with the Youth Government. He will be continuing with the Freehold Art’s Council.

Mayor Higgins congratulated Councilman Newman and told him it has been a pleasure serving with him this past year and he hopes he remains active in our community. Mayor Higgins recognized the police department for their actions.

Mayor Higgins stated that Downtown Freehold has many holiday events going on. And he wished everyone a Happy Holiday season and a Healthy New Year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

TRACI L. DIBENEDETTO, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

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