

Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold was held on Monday, April 2, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. 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).

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

#### ROLL CALL

PRESENT	MAYOR J. NOLAN HIGGINS
ABSENT	COUNCILMAN MICHAEL DIBENEDETTO
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. 4 on the Agenda as follows:

#### **“Presentation of Certificates Honoring Members of the Freehold First Aid Fundraising Committee.”**

Councilman Kane thanked the members of the Freehold First Aid Fundraising Committee. He stated our 2009 McGackin Award recipient was Bill Madden and 2010 was Judi Guy and at many of the council meetings Bill Madden addressed the public asking for donations and at the meeting that Judi Guy was waiting to receive her McGackin Award she said to herself there has to be something that can be done so she formed a fundraising committee and they put together a gift auction which raised \$8,025.00 which will be donated to the first aid squad.

Councilman Kane and Mayor Higgins presented the certificates to:

Judi Guy, Chairperson  
Bill Madden  
Mary Alsager  
Carol Camisa  
Fred Camisa  
Annette Jordan  
Heather McAllister  
Sheryl Mott  
Noel Olivarius  
Lisa Tiedemann

Councilman Kane also acknowledged the following people who helped at the gift auction:

Eric Valfinger  
Al and Susan Conover  
Bill and Sherry DeLuca

Kathy Domanski  
Kathy and Jessie Fernacola  
Glen, Terry and Nancy Guy  
Tom Hartman  
Jean Cole  
Barbara Kane  
Susan Lamson  
Will McLean  
Kathy Merritt  
Patricia Moriarity  
George Ann Maroney  
Barry Randolph  
Joe Lesaldano  
Judy Swain

Councilwoman Shutzer stated this is the 60<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary of Bill Madden joining the Freehold First Aid Squad.

Bill Madden stated this year the first aid squad is going to have to buy a new ambulance costing approximately \$147,000.00. This is a lot of money to raise and the money from the auction will go towards the new ambulance with some going to the upkeep of the building. He stated the annual First Aid Fund Drive will be in June. He stated in all of his 60 years he has never worked with a better group of people.

Councilwoman Shutzer stated Jonas Salk once said, “The reward for doing is the opportunity to do more,” and when it comes to our first aid and the people who serve on so many committees in our town are the people he had in mind when he said that. She stated you do not know how good the first aid squad is until you need them.

Mayor Higgins read Item No. 5 on the Agenda.

**“Second Reading and Public Hearing: Bond Ordinance #2012/5 Providing for Various Road, Drainage and Parking Lot Improvements in and by the Borough of Freehold, in the County of Monmouth, New Jersey, Appropriating \$680,000 Therefor, Including a Grant in the Amount of \$105,000 Expected to be Received from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation and Authorizing the Issuance of \$547,000 Bonds or Notes of the Borough to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof.”**

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 Sims:

**RESOLUTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION.**

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold that a Bond Ordinance entitled “BOND ORDINANCE #2012/5 PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS ROAD, DRAINAGE AND PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$680,000 THEREFOR, INCLUDING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$105,000 EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$547,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF,” be, and same is hereby adopted on second reading.

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

Mayor Higgins read Item No. 6 on the Agenda will be held.

**“Second Reading and Public Hearing: Bond Ordinance #2012/7 Providing for Acquisition of Various Municipal Equipment and Improvements to Municipal Building in and by the Borough of Freehold, in the County of Monmouth, New Jersey, Appropriating \$185,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$176,000 Bonds or Notes of the Borough to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof.”**

Mayor Higgins opened the meeting to the public.

There were no comments.

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

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold that a Bond Ordinance entitled “BOND ORDINANCE #2012/7 PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS TO MUNICIPAL BUILDING IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$185,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$176,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF,” be, and same is hereby adopted on second reading.

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

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

**“Second Reading and Public Hearing: Bond Ordinance #2012/8 Providing for Improvements to the Water-Sewer System and the Acquisition of Various Equipment Relating to the Water-Sewer System in and by the Borough of Freehold, in the County of Monmouth, New Jersey, Appropriating \$530,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$500,000 Bonds or Notes of the Borough to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof.”**

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 Kane:

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold that a Bond Ordinance entitled “BOND ORDINANCE #2012/8 PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER-SEWER SYSTEM AND THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS EQUIPMENT RELATING TO THE WATER-SEWER SYSTEM IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$530,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$500,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF,” be, and same is hereby adopted on second reading.

Councilman Schnurr stated this is for various water plant equipment including a valve replacement, well rehabilitation for Well No. 6, a loader, a utility truck with a plow, sewer line repairs, a pump at the Court Street pump station that needs to be replaced, a manhole rehabilitation that also needs to be done and half of the money will be used to purchase a jet-vacuum truck which is a device used to clean out the sewer lines.

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

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

**“Second Reading and Public Hearing: Ordinance #2012/9 of the Borough of Freehold, County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey Amending and Supplementing Chapter 13 (Public Services) Section 13.04 (Water and Sewer Service Systems) of the Revised Ordinances of the Borough of Freehold, County of Monmouth, 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 Kane:

**RESOLUTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION.**

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold that an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE #2012/9 OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 13 (PUBLIC SERVICES) SECTION 13.04 (WATER AND SEWER SERVICE SYSTEMS) OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY,” be, and same is hereby adopted on second reading.

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

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

**“Second Reading and Public Hearing: Ordinance #2012/10 of the Borough of Freehold, County of Monmouth to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:-45.14).”**

Mayor Higgins opened the meeting to the public.

Tom Baldwin, 3 Vought Avenue, asked if this will increase our taxes.

Mr. Bellina stated this would not and this is a budget strategy that will allow us to compensate for any emergencies that may come up in the course of a year.

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

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold that an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE #2012/10 OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:45.14)," be, and same is hereby adopted on second reading.

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

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

**"Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold Honoring Rev. Dr. Andre McGuire on His 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as the Pastor of New Beginnings Agape Christian Center."**

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD HONORING REV. DR. ANDRE MCGUIRE ON HIS 19<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY AS THE PASTOR OF NEW BEGINNINGS AGAPE CHRISTIAN CENTER.

Mayor Higgins presented the Resolution at a church service on Sunday, March 25, 2012.

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

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

**"Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold Honoring Walter Victor Wissler, John Richard Osborne, Jacob Dylan Resnick and Daniel Philip Mahoney on the Occasion of Their Attainment of the Rank of Eagle Scout."**

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD HONORING WALTER VICTOR WISSLER, JOHN RICHARD OSBORNE, JACOB

DYLAN RESNICK AND DANIEL PHILIP MAHONEY ON THE OCCASION OF  
THEIR ATTAINMENT OF THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT.

Councilman Schnurr stated these Resolutions were presented by Mayor Higgins and himself on March 24, 2012 at the St. Rose Chapel. These eagle scouts are part of the Freehold Borough based Troop 18 and they should be commended not only for their service activity but for sticking with an activity that they generally start with in first or second grade going all the way through until they are 15-18 years old.

Councilwoman Shutzer stated that not everybody can become an eagle scout and this is quite an accomplishment.

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

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

**“Proclamation of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold Declaring April 2012 Alcohol Awareness Month.”**

Councilwoman Shutzer accepted this Resolution and will present it at the next Municipal Alliance Committee meeting.

Mayor Higgins read Item No. 13 on the Agenda as follows:

**“Proclamation of the Mayor and Council Designating April 27, 2012 as “Arbor Day” in the Borough of Freehold.”**

Councilman Schnurr stated on Friday, April 27, 2012, the Arbor Day celebration will be held at the Freehold Learning Center.

Christine Gregory, 42 West George Street, Shade Tree Commission Chairperson, stated the celebration will definitely be at the Freehold Learning Center but she is unsure of the time because the students have to be transported to the Freehold Learning Center.

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

**“Resolution Establishing and Adopting a Complete Streets Policy.”**

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

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY.**

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

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

**“Resolution Approving Participation with the State of New Jersey Safe and Secure Communities Program Administered by the Division of Criminal Justice, Department of Law and Public Safety.”**

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

RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

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

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

**“Resolution Certifying a Submission of Expenditures for Recycling Taxes Paid in 2011.”**

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

RESOLUTION CERTIFYING A SUBMISSION OF EXPENDITURES FOR RECYCLING TAXES PAID IN 2011.

Mr. Bellina explained a few years ago the State enacted a tax of \$3.00 per ton for all trash that is sent to the landfill. The purpose of that money is to collect it and divide it back to the towns to enhance their recycling efforts. This resolution guarantees the Borough will get no less than the amount we paid into it with the tax and hopefully we will receive more based on our recycling efforts. Last year alone with the purchasing of the recycling buckets our recycling numbers are much higher.

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

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

**“Resolution Endorsing the Submission of a Recycling Tonnage Grant Application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.”**

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

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE SUBMISSION OF A TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

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

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

**“Resolution Appointing Individuals to the Citizen Participation Group (Community Development Block Grant).”**

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

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING INDIVIDUALS TO THE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION GROUP (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT).**

Councilman Sims listed the names of the committee members: Paul Lussier, Marlene Rogala, Jean Holtz, Ronald DeMarco and Council Representative Kevin Kane.

Mr. Bellina explained this committee is a requirement of the Community Development Block Grant that we go over our project application with a concerned group of citizens before submitting it. There will also be a public hearing. This year while discussing the budget we talked about resurfacing Throckmorton Street and we are hoping to use the grant money for that, last years money went to the resurfacing of the sidewalks.

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

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

**“Resolution Confirming Personnel Actions:**

- a. Resignation of Glenn Steinberg from the Freehold Fire Department, Goodwill Hook & Ladder Company, effective April 2, 2012.**
- b. Resignation of Joseph Panzarino from the Freehold Fire Department, Junior Firefighter Program, effective April 2, 2012.”**

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING PERSONNEL ACTIONS NO. 19A AND 19B.**

Councilwoman Shutzer personally thanked Glenn Steinberg who is resigning from the Freehold Fire Department, Goodwill Hook & Ladder Company, he has served on the department for many years.

Mayor Higgins stated that Glenn Steinberg has been a very loyal and faithful member of the fire department for many years and has served as line officer and an administrative officer in his department.

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

Mayor Higgins read Item No. 20 on the Agenda as follows:

**“Resolution Approving the Following Applications:**

- a. **Sidewalk Café License, J&G Innkeepers, Inc, t/a Court Jester, 16 E. Main Street.**
- b. **Sidewalk Café License, Market Yard Grille, 18 East Main Street.**
- c. **Sidewalk Café License, Café 360, 34 East Main Street.**
- d. **Solicitation License, Freehold Boro Arts Council, canning at various locations downtown to raise funds for the Arts Council, 6/16/12–6/17/12, 9:00 AM–8:00 PM, (Raindate 6/23/12 and 6/24/12 from 9:00 AM-8:00 PM)**
- e. **Temporary Taxi Drivers License, Christian A. Perez, Freehold.**
- f. **Temporary Taxi Drivers License, Maria Torres, Freehold.**
- g. **Permanent Taxi Drivers License, Anibal Pineda, Freehold.**
- h. **Permanent Taxi Drivers License, Jose Machado, Freehold.**
- i. **Permanent Taxi Drivers License, German Valencia, Asbury Park**
- j. **Taxi Owner License (1), Michael Nwachukwu, t/a Regional Taxi.**
- k. **Taxi Owner License (1), Juan Gonzalez, t/a Gonzalez’s Taxi.**
- l. **Taxi Owner License (1), Keith Berman, t/a KB Taxi.**
- m. **Taxi Owner License (1), Guadalupe Hinojosa, t/a Omega Taxi.**
- n. **Taxi Owner License (1), Vicenta Pantoja, t/a Marco’s Taxi.**
- o. **Taxi Owner License (1), Michael Kaye, t/a Liberty Taxi.**
- p. **Taxi Owner License (2), Maxima Phillips, t/a Eagle Taxi.**
- q. **Taxi Owner License (2), Hristos Kontzialis, t/a Cris Taxi.**
- r. **Taxi Owner License (5), Bernabe Pantoja, t/a Express Taxi.”**

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

**RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATIONS NO. 20A THROUGH 20R.**

On roll call Council Members Kane, Newman, Schnurr, Shutzer and Sims voted its adoption; opposed none; Councilman Newman abstained from 20D; Councilman DiBenedetto absent. Mayor Higgins declared the motion adopted.

Mayor Higgins read Item No. 21 on the Agenda as follows:

**“Approval of Bills.”**

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold that the bills on the attached list in the amount of \$1,449,004.18 be paid as presented.

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

Mayor Higgins opened the meeting to the public.

Elaine Zarr, 22 Ford Avenue, stated there are a lot of children on her block, but because of this they get a large number of ice cream trucks driving down the block. When the ice cream trucks stop their music keeps playing and after giving out their ice cream they drive two houses down and stop again and the music starts up all over again. She asked council if there were certain hours for ice cream trucks and if there was a noise ordinance to stop the music.

Ms. Higgins stated she will look into the ordinance regarding operation times and noise of trucks.

Dorothy Wright, 89 Barkalow Avenue, stated Mayor Higgins is doing a great job.

Rich Gatto, Downtown Freehold, thanked everyone involved with "Irish Week", it was a collaboration with a few organizations including the Freehold Borough Arts Council, Center Street Players and some other organizations. He explained the dine-around program. The committee did extensive marketing for this event and there were residents from 23 different towns that came here for the two night dine-around program. It took a little convincing to open Sweet Lew's at night but Keith was very thrilled with the turnout. There was also a family from Brooklyn who has lived in the Borough for five years who didn't even know the Court Jester was there. We also gave away three gift certificates and one of the winners was from Pennsylvania. Mr. Gatto thanked the residents for all of the positive feedback and they are working on new events.

Teresa LaBarrie, 8 Hull Avenue, announced that Leroy LaBarrie will be returning home on Thursday. She stated he has been in the hospital for the removal of a brain tumor and he also suffered a stroke.

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

#### RESOLUTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION.

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

Mayor Higgins called upon the members of the council for their comments.

Councilman Kane again thanked the Freehold First Aid Fundraising Committee. He also thanked everyone involved in the "March Madness" basketball tournament. The Freehold PBA were the winners this year. He publicly thanked Richie Lomurro, Mel O'Neal and Zandra Vega for putting this together.

Councilman Kane extended his condolences to the LaBarrie family and hopes Leroy will be back on his feet soon.

Councilman Kane stated the Freehold Borough Little League parade will be on Saturday, April 14, 2012 at 9:00 AM.

Councilman Schnurr stated the Memorial Day Parade Committee will be hosting two fundraisers in the next few weeks. The committee needs to raise approximately \$5,000-\$6,000 per year to run the parade. They usually host a fundraiser every 6 weeks or so and make a few hundred dollars each time. The two fundraisers will be at San Marzano Restaurant on April 17, 2012 and

the American Legion will be having a BBQ on May 5, 2012 which costs \$5.00 and all the proceeds go to the Memorial Day Parade. There will be more information about the parade discussed at the April 16, 2012 Workshop Meeting.

Councilman Schnurr stated he was invited to be a judge at the New Hope Baptist Church for their Joy and Talent Night. There were various speakers, rap artists, dancers, singers and he was one of the judges with Romanda Hickman, and former-NFL star Daryl Reed.

Councilman Schnurr stated the Freehold Borough Little League Parade will be on Saturday, April 14, 2012 at 9:00 AM and the rain date will be on Sunday, April 15, 2012. There will also be a free rabies clinic at the Fire Department Annex on Saturday, April 14, 2012 from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM. Councilman Schnurr stated Jean Holtz from the Freehold Borough Education Foundation would like to do a presentation at the April 16, 2012 Workshop Meeting where she will explain some of their fundraising activities and grant recipients.

Councilman Schnurr wished everyone a Happy Easter and Happy Passover.

Councilwoman Shutzer congratulated Councilman Kane on this weekends “March Madness” it was intense, but it was all in fun. Councilwoman Shutzer thanked Mayor Higgins and Councilman Newman on the bike ride through town.

Councilwoman Shutzer also reminded the residents about the rabies clinic. She reminded the residents that dogs must be on a leash and cats must be in cages.

Councilwoman Shutzer stated the Borough was awarded a NJDOT grant for \$175,000.00 to help with some paving of roads in the Borough. She stated the Senior Citizen Bus Schedule is out and if you need to make a bus appointment you must do so 24 hours in advance.

Councilwoman Shutzer stated Councilman DiBenedetto is out of state but will be returning tomorrow. She reminded the residents about our sidewalk program and also the Shade Tree Commission both can be reached by calling (732) 462-4200.

Councilwoman Shutzer stated she was very happy to hear Mr. Baldwin speak, he has been very quiet at the last couple of meetings. At the May 7, 2012 meeting the Board of Education will be here doing a budget presentation.

Councilwoman Shutzer stated Mr. LaBarrie is a very soft spoken and eloquent person and she wished him a speedy recovery.

Councilman Neman congratulated Councilman Kane on the “March Madness” basketball tournament. He stated everyone had a great time during the bike ride on Sunday. He also thanked the police department and Sean Healey for their involvement.

Councilman Newman reminded everyone the budget will go for public hearing on Monday, May 7, 2012.

Councilman Sims congratulated Councilman Kane for the “March Madness” basketball tournament and also Mayor Higgins and Councilman Newman on the Borough bike ride.

Councilman Sims stated on Sunday, April 22, 2012 at 4:00 PM the Human Relations Committee will be hosting a service for Martin Luther King at Borough Hall.

Councilman Sims congratulated Bill Madden for his 60 years of service to the first aid squad. He also welcomed back Noelle from the Freehold Patch and wished a speedy recovery to her father. He also acknowledged the daughter of Leroy LaBarrie and wished her father a speedy recovery.

Councilman Sims stated the Freehold Borough Youth Government Program has had three successful meetings so far this year. They have decided their first project will be to rehabilitate Veterans Park. Each student had different input along with some of the parents of these children. The Youth Government Program has been invited by John Curley to attend the next Monmouth County Freeholders Meeting.

Councilman Sims wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Mayor Higgins stated on Wednesday, March 28, 2012 he had the pleasure of meeting with the Mayor of New Brunswick, James Cahill, at his city hall office who shared the success story of New Brunswick's redevelopment with him. Mayor Cahill spoke of the uncertainty facing New Brunswick in the 1970's when Johnson and Johnson considered leaving the city for a suburban location. Johnson & Johnson's ultimate decision to stay in the city and become a partner and along with the efforts of Middlesex County and other private entities were able to have made New Brunswick a success story.

Mayor Higgins thanked Councilman Kane for his work with the first aid squad and also for his work with "March Madness".

Mayor Higgins stated spring clean-up has begun for brush and leaf clean-up in the Borough and our Street Department will be out cleaning up the brush.

Mayor Higgins stated while he was sitting at Sweet Lew's he saw our Shade Tree Commission Chairperson, Christine Gregory, looking up at the trees and thanked her for her dedication.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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TRACI L. DIBENEDETTO, RMC  
BOROUGH CLERK

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