

Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold was held on Monday, May 7, 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).

Councilman Sims opened the meeting with the Salute to the Flag, followed by a moment of silence.

Mayor Higgins asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence for Former Mayor J. William Boyle and Former Councilman Russell Keimig who both passed away since the last meeting.

#### ROLL CALL

PRESENT	MAYOR J. NOLAN HIGGINS
PRESENT	COUNCILMAN MICHAEL DIBENEDETTO
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 Executive Sessions November 7, 2011, November 21, 2011 and December 5, 2011; Workshop Meeting January 17, 2012 and Supplement to Workshop Meeting April 16, 2012 and was seconded by Councilman DiBenedetto.

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Kane, Newman, Schnurr, Shutzer and Sims voted its adoption; opposed none; Councilman Kane abstained from the Executive Session meeting on November 7, 2011, Councilman Newman abstained from the Executive Session meeting on November 7, 2011 and the Workshop Meeting on January 17, 2012, Councilman Sims abstained from the Supplement to Workshop Meeting on April 16, 2012; absent none. Mayor Higgins declared the motion adopted.

Mayor Higgins asked Freehold Borough Youth Government Mayor Donnelly to read Item No. 5 on the Agenda:

**“Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold Honoring Dr. Lee Ellen Griffith.”**

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD  
HONORING DR. LEE ELLEN GRIFFITH.

Mayor Higgins stated that Dr. Griffith retired as Director of the Monmouth County Historical Association after many years of service. She was honored at a retirement celebration last month.

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 of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold Honoring Reverend Roman Modino.”**

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  
HONORING REVEREND ROMAN MODINO.

Councilman Newman stated that Reverend Roman Modino retired from St. Rose of Lima Church.

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 of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold Honoring Roger J. Kane as the Ancient Order of Hibernians “Irishman of the Year.”**

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD  
HONORING ROGER J. KANE AS THE ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS  
“IRISHMAN OF THE YEAR.”

Councilman Kane stated on behalf of his father and his entire family, he would like to thank the Hibernians for recognizing his father, Roger Kane, as Irishman of the Year. The Resolution was presented to Mr. Kane at the Irish Day ceremony which was held on April 29, 2012.

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 asked Freehold Borough Youth Government Mayor Donnelly to read Item No. 8 on the Agenda:

**“Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold Honoring Freehold Area Open Door on its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.”**

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD HONORING FREEHOLD AREA OPEN DOOR ON ITS 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY.

Councilwoman Shutzer stated the Resolution was presented by Mayor Higgins and herself to Open Door. Councilwoman Shutzer acknowledged Sandy Taylor and Joanna Parks as long time volunteers at Open Door.

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 asked Freehold Borough Youth Government Mayor Donnelly to read Item No. 9 on the Agenda:

**“Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold Honoring Reverend William L. Frederickson on his 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the First Baptist Church of Freehold.”**

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 REVEREND WILLIAM L. FREDERICKSON ON HIS 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF FREEHOLD.

Councilwoman Shutzer stated she presented this Resolution along with Mayor Higgins to Reverend Frederickson.

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 of the Borough of Freehold, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, Approving Self-Examination of the Budget.”**

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

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING SELF-EXAMINATION OF THE BUDGET.

Councilman Schnurr stated the State of New Jersey adopts rules to allow municipalities that have shown sound fiscal conditions to assume the responsibility of their own annual budget examinations which take place once every three years.

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:

**“Public Hearing and Resolution Adopting the 2012 Annual Budget of the Borough of Freehold.”**

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 DiBenedetto:

**RESOLUTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION.**

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Kane, Newman, Schnurr, Shutzer and Sims 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 Schnurr:

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2012 ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD.**

Councilman Kane thanked all of the Borough professionals, Joseph Bellina, Richard Gartz, Kathy Caruso and everyone who worked on the budget.

Councilman Schnurr stated it is the first time since he’s been on council that the budget per 100 is less than 3 cents. This shows we are moving in the right direction.

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 Accepting the Assessment Roll of the Special Improvement District of the Borough of Freehold.”**

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

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL OF THE SPECIAL  
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT 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 Higgins declared the motion adopted.

Mayor Higgins asked Freehold Borough Youth Government Mayor Donnelly to read Item No. 13 on the Agenda:

**“Resolution Accepting and Introducing the Budget of the Special Improvement District of the Borough of Freehold and Setting the Date for the Budget’s Public Hearing and Adoption.”**

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

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND INTRODUCING THE BUDGET OF THE SPECIAL  
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD AND SETTING THE  
DATE FOR THE BUDGET’S PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION.

Councilman DiBenedetto stated that Agenda Items No. 12 and 13 both go ‘hand in hand’ and he thanked the downtown business partnership which is under the leadership of Rich Gatto. The downtown has recognized the financial fiscal times that everyone is going through and they are getting the best bang for their buck. Councilman DiBenedetto stated the public hearing will be at the Workshop Meeting on June 18, 2012.

Mr. Bellina stated a notice will be sent out to every property owner that is listed on the roll advising them that the public hearing will be on June 18, 2012.

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 Appropriation of Funds for the 2012 Memorial Day Parade.”**

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE 2012  
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE.

Councilman Schnurr stated normally the Borough appropriates \$1,600.00 for the parade and this is over and beyond any police costs or costs for the Streets and Roads Department. All other funds are raised directly by the Memorial Day Parade Committee.

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 asked Freehold Borough Youth Government Mayor Donnelly to read Item No. 15 on the Agenda:

**“Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Relining of Sewer Manholes Throughout the Borough of Freehold.”**

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

**RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE RELINING OF SEWER MANHOLES THROUGHOUT THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD.**

Councilman DiBenedetto stated the bid was awarded to National Water Main Cleaning Co. for \$10, 235.00. The bids for this contract ranged from \$10,235.00 to \$190,000.00.

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. 16 on the Agenda as follows:

**“Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Redevelopment of Well Number 7 of the Freehold Borough Water Distribution System.”**

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

**RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF WELL NUMBER 7 OF THE FREEHOLD BOROUGH WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM.**

Councilman DiBenedetto stated the bid was awarded to Steffen Drilling, LLC for \$50,495.00.

Councilwoman Shutzer stated there was only a \$6,505.00 difference between the low bidder and high bidder.

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 asked Freehold Borough Youth Government Mayor Donnelly to read Item No. 17 on the Agenda:

**“Resolution Authorizing Fees to be Collected for the Freehold Borough Historic Preservation House Tour.”**

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FEES TO BE COLLECTED FOR THE FREEHOLD BOROUGH HISTORIC PRESERVATION HOUSE TOUR.**

Councilman Newman stated the Freehold Borough Historic Preservation House Tour will be on June 16, 2012 between 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

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 Building Permit Fee Reduction for the Freehold Jewish Center.”**

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUILDING PERMIT FEE REDUCTION FOR THE FREEHOLD JEWISH CENTER.**

Councilman Sims stated in keeping it consistent with all churches in the Borough they are waiving the building permit fees up to \$600.00.

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. 19 on the Agenda as follows:

**“Resolution Waiving the Health Permit Fee for Olde Freehold Day – 2012.”**

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

**RESOLUTION WAIVING THE HEALTH PERMIT FEE FOR OLDE FREEHOLD DAY – 2012.**

Councilman Kane stated Olde Freehold Day is scheduled for July 21, 2012 and the \$25.00 Health Permit fee is being waived.

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:

**“Resolution Approving the Mayor’s Nomination for Appointment to the Human Relations Committee: Christine Gregory.”**

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

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAYOR’S NOMINATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHRISTINE GREGORY.**

Councilman Sims congratulated Christine Gregory for becoming a part of the Human Relations Committee.

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 Confirming Personnel Actions:**

- a. Appointment of William Resnyk as a Special Police Officer, Class II, of the Freehold Borough Police Department, effective May 7, 2012.”**

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING PERSONNEL ACTIONS NO. 21A.**

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 Approving the Following Applications:**

- a. Memorializing, Canning, Knights of Columbus, fundraising for the Developmentally Challenged on April 28, 2012 from 9:00 AM–4:00 PM.**
- b. Vendor License, Myra’s Ice Cream, Operating an ice cream truck, 4/20/12-11/1/12 Sunday through Saturday, 1:00 PM – 8:00 PM.**
- c. Solicitation License, The Marketing Professionals, visiting existing Verizon clients from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM.**
- d. Raffle License #13-12, 50/50, Collaborative Support Programs of New Jersey, Inc., 9/20/12 at 1:00 PM.**
- e. Raffle License #14-12, 50/50, Olive Branch Lodge No. 16, 5/28/12-10/2/12 from 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM.**
- f. Raffle License #15-12, Year Round Pull Tab, Freehold Elks Lodge No. 1454, B.P.O. Elks, Inc., 6/1/12 – 6/1/13.**
- g. Bingo License #1-12, St. Rose of Lima Church, Year Round on Mondays, 7:30 PM – 10:00 PM, 51 Lincoln Place.**
- h. Bingo License #2-12, St. Rose of Lima Church, Year Round on Saturdays 7:30 PM – 10:00 PM, 51 Lincoln Place.**
- i. Italian Festival, Italian American Association of Monmouth County, 7/11/12 – 7/14/12, 6:00 PM – 11:00 PM at the Freehold Raceway. c/o Cheryl Scuorzo**
- j. Procession, Italian American Association of Monmouth County, 7/14/12, 7:30**

**PM – 8:15 PM, starting at St. Rose Church, McLean Street and finishing at Freehold Racetrack.**

- k. Permanent Taxi Drivers License, Maria Bernal, Howell.**
- l. Permanent Taxi Drivers License, Michael Fennen, Freehold.**
- m. Permanent Taxi Drivers License, Maria Torres, Freehold.**
- n. Permanent Taxi Drivers License, Angel DeJesus, Freehold.**
- o. Permanent Taxi Drivers License, Donald Corby, Englishtown.**
- p. Permanent Taxi Drivers License, Elizabeth Hernandez, Freehold.**
- q. Permanent Taxi Drivers License, Petra Melendez, Freehold.**
- r. Permanent Taxi Drivers License, Joseph McAninch, Freehold.**
- s. Taxi Owner Licenses (12), Robert Livingston, t/a Leon’s Taxi.”**

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

**RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATIONS NO. 22A THROUGH 22S.**

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 asked Freehold Borough Youth Government Mayor Donnelly to read Item No. 23 on the Agenda:

**“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 \$3,862,648.61 be paid as presented.

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

Mayor Higgins opened the meeting to the public.

Tom Baldwin, 3 Vought Avenue, stated at the last meeting he read a speech that he wrote two years ago regarding the name of “Olde Freehold Day”. He stated that maybe he was misunderstood because he is not saying there shouldn’t be a celebration. Every year “old Freehold” is celebrated as a good time, as a time for remembering and a time for great nostalgia. Mr. Baldwin stated the only way he will come to Olde Freehold Day would be with a large picket sign. He believes Freehold is now being run by good and fair people, but he urged the council to change the name of the celebration.

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

**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 members of the council for their comments.

Councilman Sims thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He thanked the Finance Committee, Mr. Bellina and Mr. Gartz for all of the time spent on the budget. He also acknowledged the Freehold Borough Youth Council who came tonight to take part in the budget process. The youth council will also be at the May 21, 2012 Workshop Meeting presenting their project that they have been working on.

Councilman Sims congratulated all the recipients of this evening's Resolutions.

Councilman Newman thanked everyone who worked on the budget. He stated hand in hand with passing a good budget is some of the work that is being done on some of the other committees such as the Land Use Committee and the direction they are taking for the development of the downtown.

Councilman Newman stated on May 17, 2012 the Freehold Borough Arts Council is hosting a Blues Night at Park 33. The FCP will be starting their concert series starting June 6, 2012 with Freehold Idol. On May 12, 2012 the Spring Planting will begin and on that same day the Peanut Holloway Walk-A-Thon will take place at the Freehold High School.

Councilwoman Shutzer stated the Historic Preservation Commission is looking for homes for the house tour. The committee is also looking for nominations for best historical intact homes. Monday, June 25, 2012 is the golf outing sponsored by the Municipal Alliance Against Substance Abuse. The golf outing is named in memory of Ray Kershaw who was a longtime public figure in Freehold Township.

Councilwoman Shutzer stated an application for a solicitation license was approved for Verizon to go door to door in Freehold Borough. She reminded the residents that there is a "No Knock List" and to get their name on the list all a resident has to do is call the Clerk's office and give her their name and address.

Councilwoman Shutzer thanked the Finance Committee for putting together a great budget. She welcomed the members of the Youth Government and thanked Councilman Sims for bringing this idea to the Borough.

Councilwoman Shutzer stated she received an email regarding the condition of one of the parks in the Borough. She was happy to hear the Youth Government program is thinking of working on that park as one of their projects.

Councilman Schnurr congratulated the members of the Finance Committee for a job well done. He had some recommendations for the Finance Committee and one was that any bonding for any bond ordinance that exceeds a certain dollar amount needs to be approved by the voter via referendum. Another recommendation would be to look at the equipment life cycle and vehicle replacement schedule for the Streets/Roads Department, Water/Sewer and Police Department. The last recommendation is that the entire council is asked for input for the capital improvement budget and the five year plan. Once this plan is agreed upon it should be posted on the web-site so the residents know how we are spending the money. The budget should be posted online in a user-friendly format with graphs and charts comparing this year to last year.

Councilman Schnurr stated Mayor Higgins and several other council members have been complaining to JCP&L about power outages and their response times. Mayor Higgins has done a

fantastic job in talking with JCP&L and letting them know about our problems here in the Borough. One of things JCP&L has done is they have introduced their 24/7 Power Center which is an on-line map that delivers outage information to your desktop, smart phone or mobile device. During storms or other emergency, this map will feature alerts and links. JCP&L is responding to the needs of the people who were affected by Hurricane Irene.

Councilman Schnurr stated the Land Use Committee has been working closely with the FCP discussing business recruitment and retention and we are also talking about the Forman Parking lot and how it should be re-designed and where the garbage should be placed. The Land Use Committee includes Councilman Newman, Councilman Sims and himself; even though we have our own committees we get together once a month to discuss what we have in common with one another.

Councilman Schnurr congratulated all the recipients of the Resolutions in particular; he congratulated Reverend Frederickson on his 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Councilman Kane thanked everyone for coming tonight and he welcomed the Youth Government. He stated the Memorial Day Parade will be on Monday, May 28, 2012. He reminded everyone that the YMCA Walk-A-Thon for Peanut Holloway will be on May 12, 2012. He stated we are in the process of taking nominations for the McGackin Award.

Councilman Kane thanked Mr. Bellina, Mr. Gartz and Ms. Caruso for all of their help in preparing the budget. He explained on a day to day basis people don't realize everything that goes on in Borough Hall. We are in tough economic times and Borough Hall is no different than what is going on in your own homes. There is less money, less resources and the job is to try to provide the same services and the same quality of life by spending a lot less. For example, over the past 4-5 years our workforce is down 26%. If you were to go around and ask the residents, he can bet that most would say there is no difference in the services.

Councilman DiBenedetto gave his condolences to the Keimig and Boyle families. The Recreation Commission was able to have the annual Easter Egg Hunt, after a rain delay. He thanked all of the professionals and Finance Committee for doing a great job on the budget. He congratulated all the recipients of the Resolutions and Open Door.

Councilman DiBenedetto thanked Kelly Coors, Park Avenue School teacher, who led a group of students and spruced up Veteran's Park.

Councilman DiBenedetto thanked Councilman Sims and the Youth Government students.

Mayor Higgins stated that two former members of the governing body have passed away. Former Mayor J. William Boyle and Former Councilman Russell Keimig. Both men were part of Tom Brokaw's greatest generation and served our country during World War II. Mayor Boyle was here for this years Re-organization Meeting and participated along with the other former mayors at our annual Declaration of Independence reading held on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Mr. Keimig was a Past Commander of Post 4374 of the VFW and a Past Commandant of the Reynolds Detachment of the Marine Corp. League. On behalf of the governing body and our entire Freehold Borough family he extended our condolences to the Boyle and Keimig families. He recognized the fire and police departments at the funeral services for the former mayor. He also recognized Police Chief Roberts and Fire Chief Bailey and all members of both departments who paid their final honors on behalf of the Borough.

Mayor Higgins stated this evening we read into the record Resolutions which were presented during the past few weeks and it is certainly an honor to make these presentations and to recognize so many individuals. When you read these Resolutions these are the people who make Freehold a special place to live. We've had a large group since our last meeting and it is very

encouraging and very enlightening to read their backgrounds and to know the role that they've taken in our community's history.

Mayor Higgins stated the Shade Tree Commission organized their annual Arbor Day ceremony which was held at the Freehold Learning Center where a tree was planted. This past Saturday evening, May 5, 2012, the Parker Quartet performed at St. Peter's Church. The Parker Quarter recently won a Grammy Award for Chamber Music. This Saturday, May 12, 2012 is the YMCA Walk-a-thon and there is a challenge in Borough Hall as to which group can raise the most money. There will be a trophy given out to the group that raises the most money.

Mayor Higgins stated the downstairs' lobby has been cleaned, re-organized and they are in the process of putting in a new system to post notices. He stated May 19, 2012 is our community clean-up, there will be a notice in the News Transcript and dumpsters will be placed around town. Our garbage collection firm will be in town to pick up to 5 pieces of large bulk items.

Mayor Higgins stated the Borough has a new website and encouraged everyone to view it. He also recognized the hard work of the Finance Committee on the budget.

Councilman Schnurr stated the last fundraiser for this year's Memorial Day Parade starts this evening and continues through May 9, 2012, at Federici's Restaurant, Metropolitan Café and Court Jester. These restaurants will donate 10% of your food purchase to the Memorial Day Parade Committee.

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

#### RESOLUTION TO CLOSE COUNCIL COMMENTS.

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.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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TRACI L. DIBENEDETTO, RMC  
BOROUGH CLERK

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