

The Supplement to the Workshop Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold was held on Monday, September 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).

Councilwoman Shutzer opened the meeting with the Salute to the Flag, followed by a moment of silence, for Bill Heine, Monmouth County Public Information Director, who helped the Borough during the last storm who passed away unexpectedly.

Councilman Sims asked if we could also hold a moment of silence for Joel Skolnick, member of the Freehold First Aid.

#### Roll Call

PRESENT	MAYOR J. NOLAN HIGGINS
PRESENT	COUNCILMAN MICHAEL DI BENEDETTO
ABSENT	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 Regular Meeting September 4, 2012, seconded by Councilman Sims.

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

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

#### **“Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold Honoring Reverend Malcolm Sheldon Steele.”**

Councilman Sims 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 MALCOLM SHELDON STEELE.

Councilman Sims stated this Resolution was presented to the family and read to the congregation at his funeral.

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

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

**“Introduction of and Authorization to Publish Bond Ordinance #2012/13 Amending in Part Bond Ordinance #2008/7 Finally Adopted on April 7, 2008 as Supplemented by Bond Ordinance #2008/21 Finally Adopted December 1, 2008 and Supplemented by Bond Ordinance #2009/2 Finally Adopted on April 6, 2009 Providing for Various Road Improvements, In Order to Amend the Purpose, Authorized in and by the Borough of Freehold, in the County of Monmouth, New Jersey.”**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold that a Bond Ordinance entitled “BOND ORDINANCE #2012/13 AMENDING IN PART BOND ORDINANCE #2008/7 FINALLY ADOPTED ON APRIL 7, 2008 AS SUPPLEMENTED BY BOND ORDINANCE #2008/21 FINALLY ADOPTED DECEMBER 1, 2008 AND SUPPLEMENTED BY BOND ORDINANCE #2009/2 FINALLY ADOPTED ON APRIL 6, 2009 PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, IN ORDER TO AMEND THE PURPOSE, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY,” be and same is hereby approved on first reading; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk be and she is hereby authorized to publish said Bond Ordinance in the Asbury Park Press and that same shall be further considered for final passage after public hearing at a meeting held on October 1, 2012 and that during the week of said meeting copies of the Bond Ordinance shall be made available at the Clerk’s office to members of the general public who shall request same.

Councilman Schnurr explained with this ordinance we are amending the purpose of the previous bond ordinances so that the money in those accounts can be repurposed for West George Street, if needed.

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

Mayor Higgins read Item No. 4 on the Agenda as follows:

**“Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Purchase of One (1) Four Wheel Drive Articulated Loader.”**

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

RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) FOUR WHEEL DRIVE ARTICULATED LOADER.

Councilman DiBenedetto stated the Borough is trading in an older model and the new product is manufactured by Hyundai which we feel is more durable and has better features.

Councilman Schnurr stated this will be replacing a 2001 model.

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Newman, Schnurr, Shutzer and Sims voted its adoption; opposed none; abstain none; Councilman Kane absent. 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 to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Highway Safety Fund Project.”**

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE HIGHWAY SAFETY FUND PROJECT.

Councilman Newman explained this is a small grant that we are applying for to use on future roads projects.

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

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

**“Resolution of the Borough of Freehold, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, Providing for the Insertion of Special Items of Revenue in the 2012 Budget of the Borough of Freehold Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159) (West George Street).”**

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

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEMS OF REVENUE IN THE 2012 BUDGET OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159) (WEST GEORGE STREET).

Mr. Bellina explained that last year we applied for a grant from the NJDOT to re-surface West George Street and because West George Street intersects with Park Avenue which is a State road, they approved it.

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

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

**“Resolution of the Borough of Freehold, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, Providing for the Insertion of Special Items of Revenue in the 2012 Budget of the Borough of Freehold Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159) (Youth Police Academy).”**

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

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEMS OF REVENUE IN THE 2012 BUDGET OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159) (YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY).

Councilwoman Shutzer stated this resolution is accepting all contributions to the Youth Police Academy and she thanked all who donated.

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

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

**“Confirming Personnel Appointments/Actions**

- a. Appointment of Daryl Fisher as a Substitute School Crossing Guard, effective September 12, 2012.**
- b. Appointment of Arnold Shuster as School Crossing Guard, effective September 17, 2012.**
- c. Appointment of Jeffrey Wimbrow as a member of the Freehold Fire Department, Engine & Hose Co. #1, pending verification of fingerprinting and completed second letter of recommendation, effective September 17, 2012.”**

Councilman Schnurr asked Chief Roberts if the crossing guards go through training.

Chief Roberts replied that all new school crossing guards are brought in to meet with the Traffic Safety Officer and they have to watch several videos and then they are taken out to the field to do a practical and the officers stay with them for several days to a week depending on how they are getting a handle on the job.

Councilman Schnurr asked who do the crossing guards report to.

Chief Roberts stated they report to Patrolman Hobbs for all training issues and then for anything else they report to his secretary, Monica Saperstein.

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

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS/ACTIONS  
NO. 8A THROUGH 8C.

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

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

**“Resolution Approving the Following Application:**

**a. Block Party, Stillwell Place, 9/23/12 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM. c/o M. Lichardi.**

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

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION NO. 9A.

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

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

**“Approval of Bills.”**

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold that the bills on the attached list in the amount of \$340,851.34 be paid as presented.

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

Mayor Higgins opened the meeting to the public.

Jeff Friedman, 3 Broad Street, reminded the residents that Saturday is the kick-off for the Downtown Concert Series and they will be featuring a concert pianist. On October 2, 2012 the Municipal Alliance to Prevent Drug and Alcohol Abuse will be having a fundraiser at The Cabin.

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

RESOLUTION CLOSING THE PUBLIC PORTION.

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

Mayor Higgins called upon the council for their comments.

Councilwoman Shutzer reminded the residents that on Saturday, September 22, 2012 at Applebee’s in Manalapan, there will be a fundraiser for our first aid squad and they will be doing

the serving. On September 29, 2012 at the first aid building on Spring Street there is a spaghetti dinner fundraiser to help support Jack Schellenger, who was a long time Borough resident, long time first aid member and coach at the high school who is suffering with brain cancer.

Councilwoman Shutzer is excited to see the block party on the application. After the storm where she witnessed the coming together of all the neighborhoods, it is good to see that there even in good times the residents are coming together.

Councilwoman Shutzer reminded everyone to be very careful on the roads since school is back in session. She also wished everyone a blessed Jewish holiday.

Councilman Newman stated he was unable to attend the Paddle on the Pond but he liked the idea and hoped the Mayor would continue to do these type of activities.

Councilman Newman wished everyone a Happy Jewish New Year.

Councilman Sims offered his condolences to the Heine family. On September 29, 2012 there will be the Open Space Pace Concert. There are also the First Aid events and the Downtown Concert series starting up.

Councilman DiBenedetto wished everyone who celebrated the upcoming Jewish holiday a Happy New Year. He stated the Borough received a \$3,000 grant from the NJ State Forestry Service. He thanked the governing body and the Shade Tree Commission, especially Christine Gregory for going out and seeking this.

Councilman DiBenedetto stated the fall concerts will begin on Wednesday, September 19, 2012 featuring the Nerds. On September 26, 2012, After the Rain, October 3, 2012 will be the Amish Outlaws and October 10, 2012 is the Screaming Broccoli. If it rains during any of these concerts, they will be moved inside to the American Hotel.

Councilman Schnurr stated the Freehold Memorial Day Parade Committee has a fundraiser on September 18, 2012 from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Fridays.

Councilman Schnurr stated he and Councilman Sims reviewed the Best Practices Checklist and out of 50 questions, the Borough answered 41 correctly and had we answered only one more incorrectly the Borough could have had their State aid reduced. Councilman Sims and himself will be working very hard on this to hopefully achieve a higher score and their proposals will be brought up at the November 19, 2012 Workshop Meeting.

Mayor Higgins welcomed back Chief Roberts who was away attending to the health of his daughter. He stated the Paddle Boat event was held at the pond yesterday and he thanked Roger Kane, Judi Guy and Councilwoman Shutzer who were there. He also congratulated Clare Celano on her daughter's appearance on the Food Network.

The supplemental portion of the agenda was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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TRACI L. DIBENEDETTO, RMC  
BOROUGH CLERK

