

The Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold was held on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 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 Kane opened the meeting with the Salute to the Flag. Mayor Higgins asked for a moment of silence.

Roll Call

PRESENT	MAYOR J. NOLAN HIGGINS
PRESENT	COUNCILMAN MICHAEL DI BENEDETTO
PRESENT	COUNCILMAN RONALD GRIFFITHS
PRESENT	COUNCILMAN KEVIN KANE
PRESENT	COUNCILMAN GEORGE SCHNURR
PRESENT	COUNCILWOMAN SHARON SHUTZER
PRESENT	COUNCILMAN JAYE SIMS

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

“Freehold Borough 21st Century Community Learning Center Program Update.”

Councilman Schnurr stated the Freehold Borough 21st Century Learning Center Program provides opportunities for academic, artistic, and cultural enhancement activities to students and their families while school is not in session.

Ronnie Dougherty, Principal, Freehold Learning Center acknowledged Marissa Ramirez who is the coordinator and backbone of the program, John Brovak who is a teacher at the Park Avenue School complex and Elizabeth O’Connell, Freehold Borough School Superintendent. Ms Dougherty introduced the following students:

Yinelys Fuentes, Melainie Feliciano, Druis Glover, Diantha Williams, Krystal Tavarez, Suhana Abdalla, Ashley Darby, Spencer Hurley, Emma Bytheway, Maleah Rogers and Frank Figueroa.

They described the program as follows:

“21st Century Community Learning Centers are open to students from 4th to 8th grade, they provide academic enrichment, as well as, other opportunities that support success in schools. This is the ninth year that Freehold Borough Schools have had this program. This program helps students by teaching them new technology, experimenting with new hobbies, socializing and being able to get extra help with homework. The learning center also goes on trips, shows students how to cook without using fire, help with homework, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) University which includes an ATM game which teaches math, 3D puzzle building and computers. There is also a YMCA Babysitting Course; Design Squad and Hometown Helpers.”

Ms. Dougherty acknowledged all of the outside agencies, partners and collaborators that work with on 21st Century Program along with the parents and the community.

Councilman Schnurr thanked all of the students for attending the meeting and sharing their experiences.

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

“Presentation of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold Honoring Head Coach Katie Pusz, Assistant Coach Lindsay Fuchs and the Freehold Boro High School Girls Gymnastics Team.”

Councilman Sims acknowledged Superintendent of the Freehold Regional High School District, Charles Sampson and Principal of Freehold Boro High School, Ms. Linda Jewel.

Councilman Sims stated it was another successful year for the 2012 Freehold Borough High School Gymnastics Team. Head Coach Katie Pusz was the APP and the NJSIAA Coach of the Year. Jennifer King was First Team All State-All Shore and Gymnast of the Year. Jenna Crisalli was First Team All Shore. Councilman Sims noted the team highlights: Second Place in the NJSIAA State Championship, 2012 Sectional Team of the Year, B North Division Champs, 3 time Shore Conference Champs and 3 time Sectional State Champs.

Councilman Sims called up Assistant Coach Lindsay Fuchs and she presented the certificates to the team.

Mayor Higgins read Item No. 6. on the Agenda.

Councilwoman Shutzer offered a motion to accept the minutes from the Executive Session December 3, 2012; Supplement to Workshop Meeting December 17, 2012 and Reorganization Meeting January 6, 2013, seconded by Councilman Sims.

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Griffiths, Kane, Schnurr, Shutzer and Sims voted its adoption; opposed none; Councilman Griffiths abstained on the minutes from the Executive Session December 3, 2012 and Supplement to Workshop Meeting December 17, 2012, absent none. Mayor Higgins declared the motion adopted.

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

“Resolution Authorizing Application for the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Grant through the County of Monmouth (AKA Drug Enforcement Demand Recovery Program).”

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR THE GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE GRANT THROUGH THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH (AKA DRUG ENFORCEMENT DEMAND RECOVERY PROGRAM).

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

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

“Resolution Opposing S-2114 and A-3317 Concerning Registration of Multi Family Dwellings Under the “Hotel and Multiple Dwelling Law.”

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

RESOLUTION OPPOSING S-2214 AND A-3317 CONCERNING REGISTRATION OF MULTI FAMILY DWELLINGS UNDER THE “HOTEL AND MULTIPLE DWELLING LAW”.

Councilman Schnurr stated that local registration is part of a multi-faceted community strategy which includes annual inspections of each unit to maintain the housing stock and that is why we are passing this Resolution to oppose this bill.

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Griffiths, Kane, 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 Appointing Community Grants, Planning & Housing, LLC to Administer the Freehold Borough Housing Rehabilitation Program.”

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

RESOLUTION APPOINTING COMMUNITY GRANTS, PLANNING AND HOUSING, LLC TO ADMINISTER THE FREEHOLD BOROUGH HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM.

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Griffiths, Kane, 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 Authorizing Execution of an Interlocal Services Agreement for Regional Animal Control.”

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR REGIONAL ANIMAL CONTROL.

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Griffiths, Kane, 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 of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold, County of Monmouth, New Jersey Authorizing the Discharge of a Mortgage Re: RCA No. 21.”

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE DISCHARGE OF A MORTGAGE RE: RCA NO. 21.

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Griffiths, Kane, 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 of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold Approving Subordination of Mortgage Given to Borough of Freehold Rehabilitation Program Concerning RCA Case Number 37.”

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD APPROVING SUBORDINATION OF MORTGAGE GIVEN TO THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD REHABILITATION PROGRAM CONCERNING RCA CASE NUMBER 37.

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Griffiths, Kane, 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 Tax Appeal Settlement Re: Block 3.08, Lot 3: 15 Oak Street.”

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX APPEAL SETTLEMENT RE: BLOCK 3.08,
LOT 3: 15 OAK STREET.

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Griffiths, Kane, 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 of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold Approving Postponement of Mortgage Given to Borough of Freehold Housing Rehabilitation Program Concerning RCA Case Number FBHRP 07-52.”

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF
FREEHOLD APPROVING POSTPONEMENT OF MORTGAGE GIVEN TO
BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM
CONCERNING RCA CASE NUMBER FBHRP 07-52.

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Griffiths, Kane, 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 Confirming Personnel Appointments/Actions:

- a. **Resignation of James E. Coleman as a member of the Lake Topanemus Commission, effective December 31, 2012.**
- b. **Appointment of Christian Rios as a member of the Freehold Fire Department, Engine Co. 2, effective January 22, 2013.”**

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

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS/ACTIONS NO. 9A and 9B.

Councilman Sims wished Mr. Coleman luck and thanked him for his time on the Lake Topanemus Commission and he welcomed Mr. Rios who was a member of the Junior Firefighters.

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Griffiths, Kane, 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 Approving the Following Applications:

- a. **Raffle License #1-13 CentraState Healthcare Foundation (50/50), 4/22/13, 8:00 PM, at the American Hotel.**
- b. **Raffle License #2-13, St. Rose of Lima School PTA (50/50), 2/8/13, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM and 2/16/13, 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM, at 51 Lincoln Place.**

- c. **Amendment to Bingo License #1-12, St. Rose of Lima Church, adding 3/10/13.**
- d. **Precious Metals License, Joyeria Latina, MP, LLC, 19 South Street.**
- e. **Precious Metals License, Freehold Jewelers, 33 West Main Street.**
- f. **Precious Metals License, Land of Gold & Silver Past & Present, 13 Throckmorton St.**
- g. **Junkyard License, Beacon Metal Co., Inc., 215 Throckmorton Street.**
- h. **Solicitation License, Calvin Flair, field marketing for Water Marketing Group.**
- i. **Amusement Game License, (Juke Box) American Legion Post 54, 62 West Main Street.**
- j. **Amusement Game License, (Pool Table) American Legion Post 54, 62 West Main Street.**
- k. **Massage Therapist License, Kaleria V. Corcoran. I&M Physical Therapy, 41 Center Street.**
- l. **Massage Establishment License, JMK Holistic Therapies, 90 West Main Street.**
- m. **Massage Therapist License, Joann Kostyk, JMK Holistic Therapies.**
- n. **Permanent Taxi Driver License, Rolando M. Perez, Freehold.**
- o. **Temporary Taxi Driver License, Vicenta Pantoja, Freehold.**
- p. **Temporary Taxi Driver License, Keith Berman, Manalapan.**
- q. **Temporary Taxi Driver License, Juan S. Gonzalez, Freehold.**
- r. **Temporary Taxi Driver License, Jorge Lazaro-Rodriguez, Jackson.**
- s. **Temporary Taxi Driver License, William R. Burlew, Freehold.**
- t. **Temporary Taxi Driver License, Angel A. Cruz, Freehold.**
- u. **Temporary Taxi Driver License, Michael Kaye, Matawan.**
- v. **Temporary Taxi Driver License, Jose Caldera Acosta, Freehold.**
- w. **Temporary Taxi Driver License, Leonel M. Hernandez, Freehold.**
- x. **Temporary Taxi Driver License, Jesus Gomez, Freehold.**
- y. **Temporary Taxi Driver License, Petra Melendez, Freehold.”**

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

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS NO. 16A THROUGH 16Y.

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Griffiths, Kane, 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:

“Correspondence:

- a. **Notification from Richard J. Gartz, Chief Financial Officer, Borough of Freehold – Certification of Determination and Award of General Obligation Bonds of the Borough of Freehold, in the County of Monmouth, New Jersey.’**

Mayor Higgins read Item No. 18 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 \$6,986,218.78 be paid as presented.

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

There were no items under late communications.

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

“Items for Discussion:

- a. Capital Projects Review.**
- b. Best Practices Analysis.”**

A. CAPITAL PROJECTS REVIEW

Joseph Bellina, Borough Administrator, stated he presented in the packets the five year plan that we established in 2012. The contract for Douglas Road, West George and a couple of other streets within the Borough has been awarded to Earle Asphalt. The weather has not helped and the gas company has to go in and do some work. They are waiting to get their permits from DOT because some of their work encroaches onto Route 79. Once the gas company is finished, the road contractor will come in and do the drainage work that is required along Broadway and once the warm weather hits, the road work will be completed. Earle Asphalt will also be working on the drainage project that was awarded last year. They will be working throughout the winter months, weather permitting. The roadway restoration will not be completed until the spring. A grant was received from CDBG for Throckmorton Street. The Borough also applied for a grant to DOT for Throckmorton Street. Last year the Borough funded for the design phase and this year will be the construction portion. We will see what we receive from the State first. The Forman Parking Lot is coupled with the road project and that will be done as the weather warms up. Mr. Bellina stated our intent last year was to receive design funds for Phyllis Road because that intersects with a State road. However, we have learned the gas company may be redoing the services on Phyllis in 2014 or 2015. It will be best to wait until we have a better handle as to when the gas company is coming in. Mr. Bellina suggested Marcy Street may be a better candidate. Mr. Bellina stated that we should be going out to bid for Jackson Terrace and McElwaine Drive in the spring.

Mr. Bellina stated we may have to have a smaller sidewalk program this year. We are still assessing the damage from the hurricane. One of the things that has been discussed with Emergency Management is emergency generator upgrades.

Mr. Bellina stated there will be a lot of review with the Finance Committee on these projects and asked the council to please send him any input they may have.

B. BEST PRACTICES ANALYSIS

Mr. Bellina stated Mayor Higgins had formed a sub committee to review those areas that we had answered “no” on the check list. Mr. Bellina reviewed those questions.

Question 5 was if the town has adopted an ordinance to have a limited political contribution than what the law provides. That is something for the governing body to determine.

Question 7 asked if we have adopted a policy for training or seminars for elected officials. Again, it would be up to the governing body to adopt a policy and if you did create a policy you may want to use the normal training levels in which you participate with now as your guide for the future.

Question 39 dealt with having central record keeping for all employee leave records. We do have a central spot. We have always tracked all vacation, personal time and sick time. The only thing was compensatory time that we didn’t have a central spot here in Borough Hall. We have since done that and it is now tracked.

Question 42 dealt with when an employee retires or leaves our employment, they are entitled to certain unused time. What we have to do now is when someone retires, the governing body has to approve a resolution approving the exit costs. We started this with one of our police officers who retired last fall.

Question 43 dealt with harassment and liability training. Customarily we do that here every other year for our employees but we were not compliant in providing the training to elected officials. This will be provided at the February Workshop Meeting and the employee training will be held on February 14, 2013.

Question 45 was a question regarding workers compensation levels. The law indicates that you only have to pay an employee out on workers comp 70% of their salary. Freehold Borough has had a long established policy of paying 100%. This is a policy decision for the governing body.

Questions 47 and 48 are very similar with the longevity schedule. One deals with employees not covered by the collective bargaining agreement and the other deals with employees who are covered. The question is if you want to continue having longevity payments. The employees who are part of collective bargaining agreements are determined through that process.

Question 20 dealt with the surplus and the Finance Committee will have to review and see what kind of policy they would like to create. The analysis that was provided suggests that we are relying on it a little more. If we adopt the 4% of municipal budget into surplus we would fall shy each of the last four years and it has become very difficult now with the levy cap. The new levy cap that was imposed a couple years is a “hard, fast cap”. There is no wiggle room at all.

Councilman Griffiths asked if the 70% for workers comp. is taxable or non-taxable.

Kerry Higgins stated she will look into that and let Councilman Griffiths know.

Mayor Higgins asked the Finance Committee to take the information that has been prepared and at a future meeting work through the details on this and report back to the governing body.

Mayor Higgins opened the meeting to the public.

Jeff Friedman, 3 Broad Street, member of the Freehold Landlord Association handed out a copy of assembly bill 3317 asking the governing body to reconsider their support for the resolution opposing the State legislation regarding the registration and regulations of multi-family dwellings of three units or more. He then read the following statement:

“The legislation that you are opposing is good legislation which is sponsored in the NJ Assembly by a Democratic Assemblyman Jerry Green and Democratic Senator Jeff Van Drew. It is also supported by the bi-partisan Red Tape Review Commission. The proposed legislation only serves to bring a common sense and economically responsible approach to the registration of multi-family dwelling units which would bring a greater enforcement and a greater effectiveness in an economically responsible way. We need not spend our precious local tax dollars to do a job that the State could do better and cheaper. Opposing the State legislation is opposing a logical consolidation of services which will help us economically in these tough times. Currently here in Freehold Borough multi-family dwelling units are required to register with both the Borough as well as the State. The State has the additional responsibility to forward to the municipality all data they collect in the process of their registration process. So there are two different but duplicative registration programs one by the Borough and one by the State. The State registration process is as comprehensive as any municipal process. The State has stricter enforcement and penalty policies that an in-compliant landlord cannot avoid. Tenants under State regulations also have a stronger advocate when they make a complaint about an in-compliant landlord which is then backed up and investigated by the State using State resources.

Under the current legislation opposed by Democratic Assemblyman Green and Democratic Senator Van Drew the Borough will still have every right to inspect when there is a change of ownership, change in tenancy or upon a complaint. The only change to the Borough would be that the Borough would not need to spend additional tax dollar resources to do the duplicative registration process. Meanwhile the time and expense that the Borough code office must dedicate to the registration of these multiple dwelling units, again, could be better spent enforcing the overall property maintenance codes on all properties. The Freehold Landlord Association believes that this would produce a better bang for the proverbially tax dollar buck than having that money spent doing duplicative registration by the Borough.”

Andy Kiely, Freehold Landlord Association and Property Management Company in Freehold Borough, stated he was representing a lot of property owners that have three or more units in the same building and he is in attendance at all of these State inspections and also when the Borough has their three year inspection. The State is very good at what they do it just seems that it is a little ‘much’ as far as the number of inspections. Every time we change tenancy and when a new CO is issued the Borough inspects. If there is ever a complaint, they can inspect. The Borough of Freehold does an inspection every three years and the State does one every five years. This is not about trying to do away with someone’s job or trying to get around anything it is just a duplication on this process and he thinks the Borough could be better suited to focus more on the two family and single family homes that need to be inspected, instead of doing what the State is already doing.

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

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION.

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Griffiths, Kane, 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 Schnurr stated in regards to these bills it should be noted that the League of Municipalities is also against these Senate and Assembly bills and they work for us. In addition to being on the Board of Directors of the afterschool program, he is also a trustee for the Freehold Borough Education Foundation. The foundation raises funds throughout the year and then awards grants based on proposals from teachers. The funds give students a chance to participate in exciting and challenging programs and projects and this year they will be funding 10 grants for new classroom programs. At the January 28, 2013 Freehold Borough Board of Education meeting held at the Freehold Learning Center at 7:00 PM, 17 teachers will be recognized for their new learning plans and the programs range in a wide variety of topics from life skills, reading, writing and music. The grant money for the 10 new educational programs that we raised was given to the teachers and it totaled \$7,325.00.

Councilwoman Shutzer congratulated all of those students who presented in front of us tonight, the staff who have created these wonderful programs both at the high school and in the Borough schools and the families who see to it that their children participate in these programs.

Councilwoman Shutzer stated the Freehold Intermediate School Winter Festival sponsored by the PTO will be on Saturday, January 26, 2013 from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM. It is a pasta dinner and raffle.

Councilwoman Shutzer stated we will look at the handouts provided by Mr. Friedman and Mr. Kiely.

Councilman Sims has no comments this evening.

Councilman DiBenedetto thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He thanked Councilman Schnurr for bringing the afterschool program to their awareness tonight. It was a lovely program. He congratulated the Freehold Boro High School Gymnastics Team.

Councilman DiBenedetto stated Jim Coleman will be dearly missed he was a great asset to the Lake Topanemus Commission and he welcomed Christian Rios to the fire department. He congratulated Mr. Taylor on his 539 fire calls.

Councilman Griffiths also congratulated the Freehold Boro High School Gymnastics team and the young students that were here this evening. Having competed in sports for many years he knows how difficult it is to do it once and to be a 3-peat as a Shore Conference Champion is terrific.

Councilman Griffiths stated as part of his duties as liaison to the Municipal Court he went over and spent about an hour or so today in court and he would like to congratulate Chief Roberts and his men for doing a great job. Today a gentleman became disruptive in the court and he was a little incoherent and he probably wasn't even in the proper place but in any case the police department handled this person with a great deal of patience.

Councilman Griffiths stated as the newest person on council he has been busy during the past 16 days meeting with the mayor, business administrator, the CFO and the Shade Tree Commission. He also took a tour with the mayor and visited public works, the police department and the courts. He attended a day long NJ League of Municipalities seminar for new officials and he will be attending a half day seminar for new officials sponsored by the county.

Councilman Griffiths stated he really enjoyed his first meeting with the Shade Tree Commission and we are fortunate to have a dedicated group who realize not only the storms of 2012 destroyed more trees in Freehold than any other year previously on record. They are also mindful of the need to replant safe trees that will beautify our town without being a hazard to sidewalks, utilities and our homes. They are studying ways to raise funds this themselves, in addition to their budget and to expedite the replanting process.

Councilman Kane thanked everyone for attending the meeting. It was great to see those students from the 21st Century Community Learning Center Program. The Freehold Boro High School Girls Gymnastic Team is a dynasty. Three years ago when they first came up there were a couple freshman and now they are seniors. This group has all new freshmen this year it is great

to see such good athletes in our town.

Councilman Kane stated that Mr. Coleman has moved out of town and that is the reason he is resigning from the Lake Topanemus Commission.

Mayor Higgins stated the Streets and Road Department have been around the Borough one time and have picked up the brush along the street. They will continue to do so.

Mayor Higgins stated that he has had residents call him and say they need the police. Mayor Higgins urged all residents to call 911 if they have an emergency or they can call the police department directly, Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

Mayor Higgins read Item No. 23 on the Agenda as follows:

“EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Personnel Matters

b. Litigation

c. Contract Negotiations.”

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS, LITIGATION AND CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS.

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

There being no further business to discuss, Councilman Schnurr moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 PM, seconded by Councilwoman Shutzer, with All in Favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRACI L. DIBENEDETTO, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

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