

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold was held on Tuesday, September 3, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in Hudson Manor, 40 Hudson Street.

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).

Mayor Higgins stated "On the occasion of Freehold Borough Senior Citizen Month, it is a pleasure for us to bring your municipal government to you. Our senior citizens in the Borough deserve recognition for the contributions they have made and will continue to make to the culture, economy and character of the community and the nation. We welcome your participation in tonight's meeting and all meetings, so we can listen to and address your issues."

Mayor Higgins thanked the Board of Hudson Manor and Coughlin Management for allowing them to use their facility. He also thanked Mr. Bellina, Mr. Megill and Ms. Jones for coordinating the logistics of holding the meeting at Hudson Manor.

Mayor Higgins asked the senior citizens and veterans to open 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 RONALD GRIFFITHS
PRESENT	COUNCILMAN KEVIN KANE
PRESENT	COUNCILMAN GEORGE SCHNURR
PRESENT	COUNCILWOMAN SHARON SHUTZER
PRESENT	COUNCILMAN JAYE SIMS

Mayor Higgins introduced Lt. Sweetman who was filling in for Chief Roberts.

Councilwoman Shutzer offered a motion to accept the minutes from Executive Session August 5, 2013 and Regular Meeting August 5, 2013, seconded by Councilman Sims.

On roll call Council Members Griffiths, Kane, 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. 5 on the Agenda as follows:

"Presentation by Brett Taft, Open Space Pace."

Sam Landy stated he was here tonight in place of Brett Taft; he gave an overview of the event. He stated this will be the second Open Space Pace and it will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2013 at 8:30 AM. It will begin at the center of town with 80 horses marching down Main Street towards Freehold Raceway. There will be performers from Medieval Times. The celebration is free and will include celebrity amateur races; regular racing all day, and music, concluding with fireworks.

Mr. Landy explained the purpose of the Open Space Pace is to call attention to the fact that horse racing promotes horse farms and open space. People tend to vote on bond issues that designate land for open space in the State of New Jersey. A strong horse racing industry does not cost the taxpayers money for the farms to exist. What is starting to happen is that other states are now allowing slot machines which bring in a much higher purse. This is very damaging to the horse racing industry. There tends to be a lot of negativity towards gambling, but horse racing provides many jobs and is a form of entertainment.

Mr. Landy stated they are hoping for a turnout of about 4,000 people this year and urged everyone to attend.

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

"Proclamation of Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold Declaring September 2013 as Senior Citizens Month."

Councilwoman Shutzer read the proclamation.

Mayor Higgins skipped Item 7 on the Agenda.

Mayor Higgins read Item 8 on the Agenda as follows:

“Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold Honoring William and Marilyn Madden.

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 HONORING WILLIAM AND MARILYN MADDEN.

Councilwoman Shutzer read and presented the Resolution to Bill and Marilyn Madden.

Mr. Madden thanked everyone for the Resolution and stated that this comes as such a nice surprise and if not for the support of his wife, Marilyn, he wouldn't have been able to volunteer for so many years.

On roll call Council Members, Griffiths, Kane, 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:

“Proclamation of Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold Declaring September 2013 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.”

Mayor Higgins read the Proclamation and stated he was contacted by Serena DiMaso, Freeholder Deputy Director who asked that we spotlight the importance of the need for research and awareness to aid in finding cures for pediatric cancer.

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

“Proclamation of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold Declaring September 8 - 14, 2013 National Assisted Living Week.”

Councilwoman Shutzer stated that next week is National Assisted Living Week and in the Borough we have one assisted living facility which is The Brookside. She will present this Proclamation to them, along with the mayor, at their celebration held on September 10, 2013.

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

“Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold Honoring Daniel Cardone, Ryan Tanguay and Nicholas Badamo 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 DANIEL CARDONE, RYAN TANGUAY AND NICHOLAS BADAMO ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR ATTAINMENT OF THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT.

Councilman Schnurr stated these Resolutions were presented to the three Eagle Scouts at a ceremony on August 10, 2013. He explained that advancing through the ranks of Boy Scouts and achieving the status of Eagle Scout is a significant achievement. These scouts are all members of St. Rose of Lima Boy Scout Troop 18.

On roll call Council Members Griffiths, Kane, 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:

“Introduction of and Authorization to Publish Ordinance #2013/12 Amending and Supplementing Chapter 10 (Traffic), Section 10.08.040 (Stop Intersections) and by Amending Chapter 10.44 Traffic Schedule IX (Stop Intersections) of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Freehold.”

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold that an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE #2013/12 AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 10 (TRAFFIC), SECTION 10.08.040 (STOP INTERSECTIONS) AND BY AMENDING CHAPTER 10.44 TRAFFIC SCHEDULE IX (STOP INTERSECTIONS) OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD” 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 Ordinance in the Asbury Park Press and that same shall be further considered for final passage after public hearing at a meeting held on September 16, 2013 and that during the week of said meeting copies of the Ordinance shall be made available at the Clerk’s office to members of the general public who shall request same.

Councilman Sims stated the Freehold Police Department has recommended that the intersection of Institute Street and Orchard Street be regulated by a stop sign on Orchard Street.

On roll call Council Members Griffiths, Kane, 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. 13 on the Agenda as follows:

“Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold, County of Monmouth, New Jersey Authorizing a License Agreement with J & G Inn Keepers Inc. Doing Business as the Court Jester.”

Councilman Kane 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 A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH J & G INN KEEPERS INC. DOING BUSINESS AS THE COURT JESTER.

Ms. Higgins stated the lease agreement has expired and this is a renewal of the lease agreement for an addition to its building which is partially on Borough property.

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

Mayor Higgins read Item No. 14 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 Griffiths 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 Griffiths, Kane, Shutzer, Schnurr and Sims voted its adoption; opposed none; abstain none; Councilman DiBenedetto absent. Mayor Higgins declared the motion adopted.

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

“Resolution Authorizing Freehold Borough Officials to Submit a Grant Application to the State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation, Trust Fund Authority Act, Fiscal Year 2014.”

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FREEHOLD BOROUGH OFFICIALS TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TRUST FUND AUTHORITY ACT, FISCAL YEAR 2014.

On roll call Council Members Griffiths, Kane, Shutzer, Schnurr 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 Authorizing Tax Appeal Settlement Re: Block 96, Lot 96.01; 39 Brinckerhoff Avenue.”

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX APPEAL SETTLEMENT RE: BLOCK 96, LOT 96.01; 39 BRINCKERHOFF AVENUE.

On roll call Council Members Griffiths, Kane, Shutzer, Schnurr 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 of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold, County of Monmouth, New Jersey Authorizing the Discharge of Mortgage Re: Case No. 111.”

Councilman Schnurr 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 MORTGAGE RE: CASE NO. 111.

On roll call Council Members Griffiths, Kane, Shutzer, Schnurr 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 of the Borough of Freehold, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, Approving the Submission of a Grant Application and Executing a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the 2013 Highway Safety Fund Grant.”

Councilman Kane 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, APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTING A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE 2013 HIGHWAY SAFETY FUND GRANT.

On roll call Council Members Griffiths, Kane, Shutzer, Schnurr 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 of the Borough of Freehold, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, Providing for the Insertion of Special Items of Revenue in the 2013 Budget of the Borough of Freehold Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159).”

Councilman Kane 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 2013 BUDGET OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159).

Councilman Kane explained the Borough received a grant for \$4,853.39 from the New Jersey Department of Transportation Highway Safety Fund.

On roll call Council Members Griffiths, Kane, Shutzer, Schnurr 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 Mayor’s Nomination to the Human Relations Committee:

- a. Tammy Ciok for a term expiring on 12/31/13.”**

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

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAYOR’S NOMINATION TO THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

Councilman Sims welcomed Ms. Ciok to the Human Relations Committee. He also acknowledged some of the members of the Youth Government Program who were in attendance at the meeting.

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

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

“Resolution Approving the Following Applications:

- a. Block Party, 9/7/13, 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM, 81 West Main Street, c/o First**

- Baptist Church of Freehold.**
- b. Block Party, 9/21/13, 2:00 PM – 7:00 PM, (rain date 9/22/13), Broad Street from Manalapan Avenue to Yard Avenue, c/o Leroy Smith.**
- c. Halloween Spooktacular Jack-o-Lantern Contest, 10/26/13, 5:30 PM – 9:00 PM, at the Hall of Records.**
- d. Halloween Spooktacular Parade, 10/27/13, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM, starting on Manalapan Avenue and ending on Lafayette Place.**
- e. Sidewalk Café License, Top-It Frozen Yogurt, 26 East Main Street, Freehold.**
- f. Permanent Taxi Drivers License, Luis Herrera, Howell.**
- g. Permanent Taxi Drivers License, Pedro Isac, Freehold.**
- h. Permanent Taxi Drivers License, Rafael Urioste-Flores, Trenton.**
- i. Permanent Taxi Drivers License, Jaime Gonzalez, Howell.”**

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

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATIONS 21A AND 21I.

On roll call Council Members Griffiths, Kane, 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. 22 on the Agenda as follows:

“Approval of Bills.”

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold that the bills on the attached list in the amount of \$2,625,820.11 be paid as presented.

On roll call Council Members Griffiths, Kane, Schnurr and Shutzer voted its adoption; opposed none; Councilman Sims abstained one line item on the bill list pertaining to the LOSAP program; Councilman DiBenedetto absent. Mayor Higgins declared the motion adopted.

There were no late communications.

Mayor Higgins introduced Mr. Bellina, Borough Administrator, Lt. Sweetman, Ms. Higgins, Borough Attorney, Toni Jones, Borough Clerk’s Assistant and Ms. MacPherson, State Shorthand Reporting Service.

Mayor Higgins opened the meeting to the public.

Martha Wanzer, 40 Hudson Street, stated the Freehold Carnegie Library was hard to access even with the handicap ramp in the back. She asked if a book drop could be placed at the bottom of the ramp. She also questioned why Freehold Borough residents are charged \$100.00 per year to be a member of the Monmouth County Library in Manalapan.

Mayor Higgins replied the Freehold Carnegie Library was opened in the 1920’s and it is one of only a few still in existence.

Councilwoman Shutzer stated that several years ago she went on behalf of the senior citizens to the County Board of Freeholders to request their assistance in the yearly charge for the county library. She was told if you have a local library your taxes go to the town library not the county library and that is why there is a \$100.00 charge. She tried to appeal their decision but was denied. Councilwoman Shutzer will take care of the request for the book drop at the bottom of the handicap ramp.

Al Michenfelder, 30 Jackson Street, stated the Racer’s Club has 12-14 children this year and their next meeting is at the 360 Café.

Jim McAllister, 106 South Street, President of Freehold First Aid, stated the fund drive is not going well. They will be doing their second mailing shortly and he advised the residents that if their donation was mailed recently then they may get a second notice and should disregard it. He also congratulated Bill and Marilyn Madden, as well as, the governing body for honoring the seniors of Freehold Borough.

Minister Brian Major thanked the mayor and council, police department and the fire department for their help during the Hometown Revival on August 31, 2013 at Liberty Park. It was a very successful even, there were between 175 and 250 people in attendance. He also thanked the Freehold Township Health Department and the YMCA for sponsoring a 3 on 3 basketball tournament. He stated he has started helping Jose Rodriguez who had a stroke and his property is in need of repair. Pastor Sparks, Bethel AME Church, has assigned people to help him clean up his property. This will be a very large job; his home is still in disarray from Superstorm Sandy. His goal for 2014 is to help students achieve community service hours by teaching them to take care of people who cannot take care of themselves. Minister Major stated that he would like to host this event every year.

Mayor Higgins stated he attended the event and it was a very well managed event and complimented Minister Major.

Councilman Sims stated he also attended the well run event.

Minister Major presented a plaque dedicated to Chief Glenn Roberts to Lt. Sweetman. The plaque was a thank you for all of Chief Roberts' help in planning the event.

Annette Jordan, 17 Birch Drive, Freehold Borough Board of Education President, stated that school starts on September 9, 2013 and to please remember that Freehold Borough is a walking school district and to please drive carefully.

Carol Lida, 27 Bennett Street, Human Relations Committee Chairperson, stated that this month the mayor and council declared September as Senior Citizen's month and the Human Relations Committee is hosting a Senior Festival on Sunday, September 22, 2013 at the Hall of Records parking lot from 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM. There will be food, vendors and events planned dedicated to senior citizens.

Lillie Hendry, 125 Court Street, President of the Board of Trustees of the Court Street School Education Community Center, announced that the center will offer new programs for children, including a mentoring program to help children make friends entitled "Friends of Children Center". A golf club and a chess club are also planned. These programs will resume Monday, September 9, 2013.

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

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION.

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

Mayor Higgins went back to Item No. 7 on the Agenda:

“Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold Honoring Lillie Ham Hendry.

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 HONORING LILLIE HAM HENDRY.

Councilwoman Shutzer read and presented the Resolution to Lillie Hendry.

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

Mayor Higgins stated the following:

“It was our pleasure and honor to host Lt. Governor, Kim Guadagno in our hometown and we toured and visited Especially For You Florist, Tex Mex Restaurant, Gem Optical and Federici’s Restaurant. The Lt. Governor was interested in our business climate and the state of our businesses since Superstorm Sandy. I also shared the great news that Nestle will be expanding their Freehold plant.

Labor Day marks the unofficial end of the summer season but events in the Borough keep going. Our restaurants have enjoyed a busy summer season and will remain busy through the fall and winter months. Schools will be reopening and our fall season events will be underway.

I am pleased to announce two major improvements to our electrical infrastructure in the Borough. Thanks to help from our JCP&L Area Manager, Gerry Ricchardi, one project is completed and the second will start this month. A new line has been run from the Rhea Street substation to a connection point near East Main Street and Spring Street. In the event of a power outage from the Jerseyville substation and a loss of power to the Rug Mill and Hudson Manor, JCP&L can now provide power from this new connection point. While this is not a solution to the entire area, it does provide power to a neighborhood which otherwise would be out of service.

The second project includes the replacement of lines in the area of the Hall of Records and the businesses and residents of that neighborhood. The project will necessitate the shutdown of service for one evening from 10:00 PM – 6:00 AM. All those affected will receive a notice from JCP&L prior to the shutdown. This replacement will provide improved service to that area.

Our tree cutting service is continuing and our new e-mail system is up and running. Please register for this program if you are not receiving our Borough e-mails. Our next project will be improvements to the Borough website.

Last Thursday, I attended a mayor’s breakfast meeting at Governor Christie’s residence in Princeton. We received an update on storm recovery, property tax reform and other items of importance.”

Mayor Higgins asked the council for their comments.

Councilman Schnurr congratulated Tammy Ciok for her appointment to the Human Relations Committee. He also thanked all the volunteers who help on committees in the Borough. He congratulated Bill and Marilyn Madden, and read one sentence from their Resolution, “Bill and Marilyn have given countless hours of compassionate service in order to protect and improve the lives of our residents.” He also congratulated Lillie Hammer. He served with her on the planning board for many years.

Councilman Schnurr stated the mayor mentioned the Lt. Governors visit to the community. This really underscores the efforts of the entire council. As far as economic redevelopment goes, two things the Land Use Board just approved was an upstairs expansion to A & J Sneakers, 23 West Main Street and a new owner is moving into the old Le Roy Kay Building on Throckmorton Street which will employ 10-15 employees.

Councilman Schnurr thanked Mayor Higgins for orchestrating the meeting here at Hudson Manor.

Councilwoman Shutzer exclaimed she was so happy to have the meeting at Hudson Manor for “Her Seniors”. She thanked the employees of Hudson Manor and its Board of Directors. She also thanked all of the Borough employees for making it happen, as well as, Councilman Sims for driving the bus.

Councilwoman Shutzer stated the rabies clinic will be held Thursday, September 12, 2013 from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM at the firehouse annex. There will be a Caregivers Meeting on Monday, September 9, 2013 at 6:30 PM at 51 West Main Street. There will also be a Senior Citizens Activity Day on Sunday, September 22, 2013.

Councilwoman Shutzer thanked Bill Madden for his 61 years of service to the Freehold First Aid. She also congratulated Lillie Hendry for everything she has done for Freehold Borough.

Councilman Sims congratulated Lillie Hendry and Bill and Marilyn Madden. He stated on Friday, August 30, 2013 he represented the council at the Freehold Pop Warner annual pep rally. He stated it was well run and a lot of fun. As liaison to the Human Relations Committee, he welcomed

and congratulated Tammy Ciok to the committee and praised her children for being a part of the Youth Government Program. He also acknowledged the students from the Youth Government Program who were in attendance at the meeting.

Councilman Sims thanked Mayor Higgins, Mr. Bellina, Councilmember's Shutzer and Griffiths for their involvement in moving the meeting to Hudson Manor.

Councilman Griffiths stated as the liaison to the Shade Tree Commission, the commission is working on revisions to the ordinance to allow residents to plant trees on Borough property. They are still waiting for results from an application for a grant. Councilman Griffiths introduced Christine Gregory who is the Chairperson of the committee.

Ms. Gregory stated, as you know, we had major devastation to the Borough trees last year due to all the storms. The Shade Tree Commission is selling t-shirts for \$10.00 as a fundraiser. The front of the t-shirt says "Freehold Borough Shade Tree Commission" and the back says, "It's Cool to Be Shady!"

Councilman Griffiths thanked Mayor Higgins and Councilwoman Shutzer for their work in organizing the meeting at Hudson Manor. He congratulated Bill and Marilyn Madden and Lillie Hendry.

Councilman Griffiths stated he read a quote from the Asbury Park Press that the mayor of Marlboro Township praised Downtown Freehold and said he wanted to copy it in Marlboro.

Councilman Griffiths asked everyone to drive carefully because school is starting next week and he wished all of his Jewish friends a Happy New Year and Yom Kipper.

Councilman Kane stated how nice it was to hear that other towns are trying to do what we do here in Freehold. He congratulated Tammy Ciok and all the volunteers that help in the town.

Councilman Kane urged everyone to look at the website for Open Space Pace so they could see what Sam Landy was explaining and how important this project is. He stated the parade will start down Main Street on September 21, 2013.

Councilman Kane thanked the Board of Hudson Manor and Coughlin Management, for allowing the meeting here tonight. He also congratulated Marilyn and Bill Madden and Lillie Hendry. He asked for everyone to say a prayer for the military and their families during this crisis with Syria and he asked for a round of applause for all the veterans at the meeting.

Mayor Higgins called for a motion to adjourn.

Councilwoman Shutzer offered the motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Griffiths.

MOTION TO ADJOURN.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

ANTOINETTE JONES
CLERK'S ASSISTANT