

The Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold was held on Monday, August 4, 2014 at 7:00 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 Schnurr opened the meeting with the Salute to the Flag, followed by a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL

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

Councilman Sims offered a motion to accept Council Meeting Minutes July 21, 2014 and was seconded by Councilwoman Shutzer.

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

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

“Second Reading and Public Hearing: Bond Ordinance #2014/6 Providing for Various Water/Sewer Utility Improvements and the Acquisition of Various Water/Sewer Utility Equipment, Appropriating \$930,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$900,000 Bonds and Notes to Finance a Portion of the Costs Thereof, Authorized in and by the Borough of Freehold, in the County of Monmouth, New Jersey.”

Mayor Higgins opened the meeting to the public.

There were no comments.

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

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold that a Bond Ordinance entitled “BOND ORDINANCE #2014/6 PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS WATER/SEWER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS WATER/SEWER UTILITY EQUIPMENT, APPROPRIATING \$930,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$900,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY,” be, and same is hereby adopted on second reading.

On roll call Council Members Kane, Griffiths, 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. 6 on the Agenda as follows:

“Second Reading and Public Hearing: Ordinance #2014/8 to Mandate Direct Deposit for Municipal Employees by the Borough of Freehold Pursuant to C.52:14-15f et. seq.”

Mayor Higgins opened the meeting to the public.

There were no comments.

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

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold that an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE #2014/8 TO MANDATE DIRECT DEPOSIT FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES BY THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD PURSUANT TO C.52:14-15F ET. SEQ.” be, and same is hereby adopted on second reading.

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

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

“Second Reading and Public Hearing: Ordinance #2014/9 Amending Chapter 5.48 (Jewelry and Precious Metals), Chapter 5.48.052 (Maintenance of Record of Transactions) and Chapter 5.48.060 (License Fees) of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Freehold.”

Mayor Higgins opened the meeting to the public.

There were no comments.

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

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold that an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE #2014/9 AMENDING CHAPTER 5.48 (JEWELRY AND PRECIOUS METALS), CHAPTER 5.48.052 (MAINTENANCE OF RECORD OF TRANSACTIONS) AND CHAPTER 5.48.060 (LICENSE FEES) OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD” be, and same is hereby adopted on second reading.

Councilman Sims stated this is an online database that we will be participating in along with other local towns to keep track of the merchandise.

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

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

“Second Reading and Public Hearing: Ordinance #2014/10 Amending and Supplementing Chapter 10 (Vehicles and Traffic), Section 10.12 (Parking Generally) of

the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Freehold Prohibiting the Parking of Unregistered Vehicles.”

Mayor Higgins opened the meeting to the public.

There were no comments.

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

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold that an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE #2014/10 AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 10 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC), SECTION 10.12 (PARKING GENERALLY) OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD PROHIBITING THE PARKING OF UNREGISTERED VEHICLES” be, and same is hereby adopted on second reading.

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

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

“Second Reading and Public Hearing: Ordinance #2014/12 Amending and Determining Salaries of Certain Officers, Positions and Employees of the Borough of Freehold, in the County of Monmouth, and Repealing Any and All Other Ordinances Heretofore Adopted Which are Inconsistent Herewith.”

Mayor Higgins opened the meeting to the public.

There were no comments.

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

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold that an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE #2014/12 AMENDING AND DETERMINING SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS, POSITIONS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, AND REPEALING ANY AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH" be, and same is hereby adopted on second reading.

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

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

"Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Repaving of Avenue A, Avenue C, and Park Avenue School Parking Area."

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

RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE REPAVING OF AVENUE A, AVENUE C, AND PARK AVENUE SCHOOL PARKING AREA.

Councilman Schnurr stated in addition to Avenue A and Avenue C, we will be paving the Park Avenue School parking area through an Interlocal agreement with the schools.

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

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

"Resolution Authorizing an Extension of the Interest-Free Grace Period for the Payment of Taxes Due in August 2014."

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION OF THE INTEREST-FREE GRACE PERIOD FOR THE PAYMENT OF TAXES DUE IN AUGUST 2014.

On roll call Council Members Kane, Griffiths, 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:

“Resolution of the Borough of Freehold, County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey Cancelling and Refunding Tax Charges Regarding Block 119, Lot 21.19, 36 Reid Way, Freehold, New Jersey.”

Councilman Schnurr stated Items No. 12 and 13 on the Agenda are both the same. The homeowners are qualified as disabled veterans and are entitled to a full veteran’s disability exemption for this year.

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

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY CANCELLING AND REFUNDING TAX CHARGES REGARDING BLOCK 119, LOT 21.19, 36 REID WAY, FREEHOLD, NEW JERSEY.

On roll call Council Members Kane, Griffiths, 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 Borough of Freehold, County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey Cancelling and Refunding Tax Charges Regarding Block 89, Lot 4, 26 Lincoln Place, Freehold, New Jersey.”

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

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY CANCELLING AND REFUNDING TAX CHARGES REGARDING BLOCK 89, LOT 4, 26 LINCOLN PLACE, FREEHOLD, NEW JERSEY.

On roll call Council Members Kane, Griffiths, 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. 14 on the Agenda as follows:

“Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to Execute an Amendment to the 2012-14 Agreement with Monmouth County for Cooperative Participation in the Community Development Program Pursuant to the Interlocal Services Act.”

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2012-14 AGREEMENT WITH MONMOUTH COUNTY FOR COOPERATIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THE INTERLOCAL SERVICES ACT.

Councilman Griffiths stated this is a change in language that HUD created that requires the Borough to change their language in the ordinance.

On roll call Council Members Kane, Griffiths, 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. 15 on the Agenda as follows:

“Resolution Approving the Mayor’s Nomination for Appointment to the Historic Preservation Commission:

- a. Susan Zuber – Term expires December 31, 2016. This appointment will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Rob Sive.”**

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

RESOLUTION APPROVING MAYOR’S NOMINATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION.

Councilman Schnurr stated the reason that Rob Sive is resigning is because he is going to be the new Freehold Borough Little League president.

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

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

“Resolution Approving the Mayor’s Nomination for Appointment to the Innovation Committee:

a. Don Schaffner – Term expires December 31, 2014.”

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

RESOLUTION APPROVING MAYOR’S NOMINATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE INNOVATION COMMITTEE.

Councilman Griffiths stated when the Innovation Committee was formed we decided there would be five members and while we did turn down some volunteers, Mr. Schaffner has expertise in creating websites and that is a talent and an ability we don’t have amongst the five current committee members.

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

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

“Resolution Approving the Mayor’s Nomination for Appointment to the Recreation Commission:

a. Paul A. Jensen – Term expires December 31, 2015.”

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

RESOLUTION APPROVING MAYOR’S NOMINATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE RECREATION COMMISSION.

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

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

“Resolution Confirming Personnel Appointments/Actions:

- a. Appointment of Vincent Hynes as a member of the Freehold Fire Department’s Juniors Program, effective August 4, 2014.**
- b. Termination of Christian Rios as a member of the Freehold Fire Department, Richardson Engine Co. 2, effective July 30, 2014.”**

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

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS/ACTIONS NOS. 18A – 18b.

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

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

“Resolution Approving the Following Applications:

- a. **Precious Metal License, Cellwave, LLC, 10 West Main Street, approval through 12/31/14.**
- b. **Canning, World Cup All Star Cheerleading, 8/16/14, 8/17/14 and 9/6/14, 9/7/14 from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM at the Intersection of Main and South Street.**
- c. **Block Party, Avenue A & C and Throckmorton Street, 8/24/14, from 12:00 PM –9:00 PM c/o Cheryl Allen.**
- d. **Hometown Revival, Liberty Park, 8/16/14, Rain date 8/30/14, from 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM, c/o Minister Brian Major.**
- e. **Family Festival, New Beginnings Agape Christian Center, 133 Throckmorton Street, 9/27/14, from 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM. c/o Deacon Clarence Cyrus.”**

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

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION NO. 19A – 19E.

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

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

“Approval of Bills.”

Councilman Kane 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 the bills on the attached list in the amount of \$2,234,350.83 be paid as presented.

On roll call Council Members Kane, Griffiths, Schnurr and Shutzer 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:

“Clerk – Late Communications.”

There were none.

Mayor Higgins opened the meeting to the public.

Mr. Bill Madden, 10 Vredenburg Avenue, stated the Freehold First Aid is having their annual fund drive and they've set a goal of raising \$150,000 and to date they have \$80,000. They've received one-third of their envelopes back already. In the month of May their squad was extremely busy and answered over 400 calls.

Councilwoman Shutzer asked for a sign to be placed in front of Borough Hall.

Councilman Griffiths stated MONOC has taken over Red Bank's round the clock first aid duties. Red Bank is paying \$30,000 for this service but the people being transported will have to pay MONOC directly.

Ms. Barbara Oliver, 71 Center Street, stated a few weeks ago she heard a lot of noise in front of her house. She called the police department and was told she had the wrong number and then she called 911 and the dispatcher asked her so many questions that she got very frustrated. She explained to the dispatcher that she lives on the corner of Center Street and First Street, a block from the police station and why couldn't they just send a police officer to this location. She's not sure if the police ever came. She is upset that she couldn't talk to a policeman directly.

Mayor Higgins stated he will look into this and if she ever has any other issues she should come and see him.

Ms. Sandy Taylor, 13 Kiawah Avenue, stated she also called the police department at 732-462-1234 and had the same problem as Ms. Oliver. Then she called again and after numerous rings a "male" answered and told her not to call this number because they have to run from one area of the police station to another to get the phone.

Mr. Tom Baldwin, 3 Vought Avenue, stated there is a big pothole on Bannard Street between Vought Avenue and Bowne Avenue.

Mayor Higgins stated Mr. Bellina is writing this down and it will be filled tomorrow.

Mr. Baldwin stated there are two large dumpsters in an enclosure right behind CVS Pharmacy and the only thing the enclosure is doing is concentrating the smell and it is so bad you can't open the back door. It wasn't that bad before they put the enclosure. He also asked about a traffic light on the corner of Throckmorton and Main Street. If you can't put a traffic light there, couldn't a police officer direct traffic? He also would like the clock downstairs in front of Borough Hall fixed or taken down.

Mayor Higgins stated they received an estimate to repair the clock and it costs a significant amount of money to repair the clock. We asked the Rotary Club and they haven't given us an answer yet. We are aware of it and we're hoping the Rotary Club will add it as a project.

Ms. Oliver stated she would like the machine that measures the how fast a car is driving on her street because there has been a lot of speeding lately.

Mayor Higgins stated he will discuss that with the police chief.

Ms. Deborah Freeman, 32 Bannard Street, stated she was very disturbed by the article she read in the News Transcript regarding the immigrant children coming to Freehold. She asked why we are always being dumped upon. There are so many homes in the town of Freehold up for sale and so many that have gone into foreclosure. Our children are not being educated with the promise of a thorough and efficient education because we cannot afford it. This has nothing to do about race, it is about money and space. The schools are overcrowded and the classrooms are bursting at the seams. What is the benefit to us, the taxpayers. She loves this town but she cannot stay here if her children are not receiving the benefit of their fair share of a good education. The teachers are overwhelmed already. The schools are already renting classrooms at West Freehold Elementary School and next year we have two other schools that we will have to rent from. Freehold Borough has 14 half-way houses. She asked who is funding them. She is also upset because even though we live in Monmouth County we cannot use the Monmouth County Library because Freehold Borough has their own library which she feels is antiquated.

Councilman Griffiths stated it is a matter of money and space and if they were to redo the Abbott School Districts we would probably qualify. What that would mean is that Freehold Borough which now receives \$9.6 million dollars a year from state aid for education would receive more like Asbury Park's \$55.3 million dollars to educate 350 more students than we have. Freehold Borough schools are bursting at the seams. The state is failing us in education aid and the federal government is failing us in enforcing any kind of immigration laws and they are not picking up the tab.

Councilwoman Shutzer stated the Board of Education and the Administration from the Freehold Borough public schools are working diligently with some key people from the state to try to find some answers to many of your questions. She stated the council feels the exact same frustration that she feels. If you go back through the history of the town, we've tried many, many avenues to try and solve some of these problems.

Ms. Freeman feels we are too quiet. We need to protect our town.

Ms. Higgins stated there are restraints by the Constitution that you cannot interfere with people's ability to move in and out. The federal government has emasculated the rights of the local governments to take action. We've written letters to all of our elected officials stating towns like Freehold Borough are getting none of the financial aid and are bearing the entire financial burden. The school or the municipality does not have the right to question anyone as to whether they are here legally or illegally. What the schools can do is verify residency.

Councilwoman Shutzer stated a group of parents, teachers and administrators have been to Trenton twice about this issue.

Mr. Baldwin asked how many children were coming and he understands the financial situation but how can anyone begrudge 20 or 30 children. He stated Freehold has a history of intolerance.

Ms. Dona Couzens, 709 Zlotkin Circle, stated there are already a lot of undocumented children in our school system which is placing a tremendous burden on them. The statistics that she heard were that 85% of the immigrants coming over the border are 15-23 years old and the majority of these young adults are involved with the drug cartels.

Mr. Bob Taylor, 13 Kiawah Avenue, stated there are laws regarding illegal immigrants crossing the border without paperwork. There is also a big fear with what is happening in Africa. Years ago immigrants had to come through Ellis Island. We cannot support the whole world.

Ms. Oliver stated she heard on the radio a week ago that they were already here and they've been placed in homes.

Ms. Couzens stated that the government budgeted for these children two years ago.

Ms. Freeman stated she wouldn't begrudge any children a fair chance at life. It's the principle and we are being taken advantage of.

Mr. Baldwin stated from his understanding most of these immigrants are children.

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

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION.

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

Councilman Schnurr stated the first time he heard about the immigrants coming to the Borough was when he read the article in the News Transcript. The governing body received no heads up from the county, state or federal government. He stated on a different note, as the liaison to the veteran's groups, there will be a dedication for the new World War II Honor Roll at Elk's Point on September 1st at 10:00 AM.

Councilman Schnurr stated the Freehold Borough Library received five chrome book computers for the children's room at the library from the Freehold Borough Education Foundation. These chrome books are the same as what the children are using at school.

Councilwoman Shutzer congratulated the mayor and all of the people who participated in the paddling with the mayor at Lake Topanemus. There was a nice crowd that attended. She also

thanked the mayor's wife, Christine, Bobby Higley and Chris Kean for being there. She stated on Tuesday, August 5, 2014 at 5:00 PM at the Hall of Records parking lot is National Night Out. Our local police force will be present and there will be lots of activities for the kids.

Councilwoman Shutzer offered her condolences to the Biddle family. She congratulated the participants and families of the Youth Police Academy. Their graduation was last Friday night and this program is a two week very intensive program of training these kids. There were 34 kids who graduated.

Councilwoman Shutzer stated tonight on the Agenda we had another person join our Junior Firefighter program and she reminded the residents that the program is financed in big part by the proceeds received from the clothing bin out back by the auxiliary firehouse.

Councilwoman Shutzer stated she was not going to debate the Freehold Borough Schools but she knows Deborah Freeman and she is here because she sees what is happening in the schools everyday.

Councilman Sims had no comment this evening.

Councilman Kane thanked everyone for attending the meeting this evening and voicing their concerns. It is exactly what we need to hear. There are different sides and different opinions on every issue. We didn't know what was happening until we read the news article. Based on our past track record we have to be very careful about what we say. This is something that needs to be talked about and it needs to be talked about at many levels, way above us. This is a financial problem, the middle class cannot afford it. The country is getting to a breaking point and something severe is going to happen.

Councilman Kane congratulated the participants who graduated from the Youth Police Academy and he also offered his condolences to the Biddle family. He urged all of the residents to donate to the first aid squad and stated the department is always looking for volunteers.

Ms. Couzens stated there is a Monmouth County Freeholder's meeting on Thursday night and she asked if this is where this topic should be brought up.

Councilwoman Shutzer stated the clerk's office would find out the date and time of the meeting and that she would contact her tomorrow morning.

Councilman Griffiths congratulated the police department on another very success Youth Police Academy. There were 34 graduates but there 35 children listed on the program and the reason was they adopted an honorary member a young boy named Tyler Sodden from East Providence, Rhode Island, who is 7 years old and has been through 45 surgical procedures for leukemia.

Councilman Griffiths stated the Innovation Committee is still working on improving the Borough's website and there are blue copies of the survey on the table. He enjoyed the discussion this evening and he enjoyed hearing from the residents regardless of whether it is what we want to hear.

Ms. Higgins stated the Monmouth County Freeholder's meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays and their phone number is 732-431-7387. The Workshop Meeting is on August 7th at 2:00 PM and the Regular Meeting is the same day at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Higgins congratulated the Youth Police Academy and stated this is a fantastic program. After the program a couple stopped him and said that their child was in one of the very first programs and this program changed this young person's life and he was now pursuing a career in law enforcement. The second meeting in September will be held at Hudson Manor. The meeting is on Monday, September 15th at 6:30 PM. We dedicate September as "Senior's Month" in the Borough of Freehold. Everyone is welcome. The first meeting in September falls on Tuesday, September 2nd because of Labor Day.

Mayor Higgins stated the paddle at the pond event was a success and it promotes outdoor activity, Lake Topanemus and it gives residents an opportunity to meet with the governing body in a very informal basis and just share thoughts. He also welcomed Pastor Lorraine from the First United Methodist Church.

Ms. Couzens stated she lives in Briarwood West and one of her neighbors told her that there was a party outside and they were having a barbeque. A small fire broke out and when she called 732-462-1234 she was told there was nothing they could do so she called the fire department and got the recording. This was on a Saturday and she feels this is something that should be addressed.

Mayor Higgins stated they will look into this because someone should be answering that phone number.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilwoman Shutzer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM, seconded by Councilman Griffiths with all in favor, and Councilman DiBenedetto absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRACI L. DI BENEDETTO
BOROUGH CLERK