

The Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold was held on Tuesday, September 2, 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 in honor of firefighter Charles Potochar.

#### ROLL CALL

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

Councilwoman Shutzer offered a motion to accept Supplemental Minutes July 21, 2014 and Council Meeting Minutes August 4, 2014 and was seconded by Councilman DiBenedetto.

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Kane, Schnurr, Shutzer and Sims voted its adoption; opposed none; Councilman Griffiths abstained on the Supplemental Minutes of July 21, 2014; absent none. Mayor Higgins declared the motion adopted.

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

**“Presentation by Ronnie Dougherty, Principal of the Freehold Intermediate School: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Program.”**

Councilman Schnurr introduced Ronnie Dougherty who is the program director for the Freehold Borough 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center. This program has received a grant from the State of New Jersey which will allow the program to continue for another five years. This summer the program had over 200 students and a majority of the students participated in two hours of academics a day, as well as, 2 hours of recreational activities. He also introduced Dr. Rocco Tomazic, Superintendent of Schools and Annette Jordan, Board of Education President.

Ms. Dougherty stated we’ve had the grant for 10 years and were told that we had a very slim chance of receiving the grant again for the next 5 years because there were 45 applicants. It was such a nice surprise when we were awarded it again. This program allows for our students to have quality after school time. It has become such a part of the culture of our school and community. The program sees on average over 200 students per day and in the summertime we had approximately 230 students. We also offer a program called credit recovery and it allows

students who failed a subject to recover credits needed to move up into the next grade level. In many districts they don't have that opportunity to make up those credits during the summer. We had about 40 credit recovery students from our Intermediate School who were able to go on to the next grade. We are State approved and have a 98% attendance rate.

Ms. Dougherty introduced some of the students:

Raquel, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, stated she liked the help received from the teachers when she has questions on her school work. Her mom works so she isn't there to help her at home.

Spencer Hurley, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, stated he loved the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center. There are a lot of fun programs that we can attend. His favorite program is STEM. STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and math. This program makes his mind work and he especially enjoys the math games. In 21<sup>st</sup> Century you get all of your homework done first, doing your homework in a school environment is great because there are no distractions.

Shannon Logan, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, stated 21<sup>st</sup> Century gives the right environment for people to complete homework and get help that is needed. Her favorite program is sports because it keeps her fit.

Councilman Schnurr congratulated Ms. Dougherty and thanked her for all of her work in getting the grant.

Mayor Higgins stated he has had the opportunity to visit and this is a great program, it is a warm and nurturing place for kids.

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

**“Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold Honoring Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4374 for Their Support on the Freehold World War II Honor Roll Memorial Monument.”**

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 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 4374  
FOR THEIR SUPPORT ON THE FREEHOLD WORLD WAR II HONOR ROLL  
MEMORIAL MONUMENT.

Councilman Schnurr stated that Elks Point has a WW II Honor Roll and it has 1,385 names and it lists almost everyone that was in the war from the Freehold area. The first phase of the project was the crosses. Carl N. Steinberg, James W. Donechie, Jr., and Michael J. Schwenk raised the funds for the second phase of the project which is a WW II monument. This resolution and the next honor their participation in this project.

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

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

**“Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold Honoring Carl N. Steinberg, James W. Donechie, Jr., and Michael J. Schwenk, for Their Support on the Freehold World War II Honor Roll Memorial Monument.”**

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD HONORING CARL N. STEINBERG, JAMES W. DONECHIE, JR., AND MICHAEL J. SCHWENK, FOR THEIR SUPPORT ON THE FREEHOLD WORLD WAR II HONOR ROLL MEMORIAL MONUMENT.

Councilman DiBenedetto expressed his thanks to Councilman Schnurr for all of his work on this project.

Councilman Griffiths stated there are also two other monuments there that were moved from county property.

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

**“Proclamation of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold Declaring the Week of September 7, 2014 through September 13, 2014 as National Assisted Living Week in the Borough of Freehold.”**

Councilwoman Shutzer stated Mayor Higgins and herself will be presenting this Proclamation at the Brookside Assisted Living facility on Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

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

**“Introduction of and Authorization to Publish Ordinance #2014/11 Amending and Supplementing Chapter 2 (Administration and Personnel), Section 2.44 (Police Department) of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Freehold.”**

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 #2014/11 AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 2 (ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL), SECTION 2.44 (POLICE DEPARTMENT) 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 15, 2014 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 Kane stated this is part of the accreditation process.

Councilman Schnurr stated he will be voting "no" on this tonight. There have been very few things that have come up about how our police department is run. There have been very few news stories done that show our police department in a negative way. We've had numerous discussions regarding whether our town should take the route of keeping the police chief model or whether we should go the route of a public safety director, which is a civilian running the police department. There have been so many stories in the News Transcript regarding this and when Chief Roth retired we did a lot of due diligence. He is voting "no" because we've already looked into this and we kept the police chief model and in his opinion that model is working. In 1996 our crime rate was 53.2 per 1,000 and in 2011 the crime rate was down to 23.6 per 1,000. At present the crime rate is less than half and he believes the police chief model is working well and we don't need a "political appointee" running the police department.

Councilwoman Shutzer stated she will be voting "yes" to this ordinance. This does not create the position of a police director. This gives us the option, if at any time down the road, we think it might be a good idea and it is in keeping with the recommendation that she has heard repeatedly from the police community.

Councilman Sims stated he is in agreement with Councilman Schnurr and he will also be voting "no" in this matter. He is a fan of the current model with having a police chief in place. He has worked in a police department and has also worked closely with the sheriff's department and he thinks it would create a complex situation as to rank and to who answers to whom.

Councilman Griffiths stated he would probably vote "yes" for this ordinance and the reason is that the civilian police director is not a law enforcement person, their not entitled to or allowed to perform law enforcement duties. What they do is they establish rules and regulations for the police department as stated in this ordinance. They oversee purchase requests, they keep records of all transactions, submit annual reports to the governing body to assess the police department operations, they develop the annual budget and they analyze crime statistics. These things will relieve the police chief of administrative duties and create another position and the position would not be a fulltime position.

Councilman Kane stated as part of the police accreditation process, The Rodgers Group recommended that we put this into our ordinance. It doesn't mean we are going to appoint a public safety director, it just gives us an option down the road, if that's the way we choose to go. It has nothing to do with the police department right now.

Councilman DiBenedetto stated he will base his vote from information that he obtained from going to seminars which discussed the pros and cons of both a director and a chief. He agrees the police chief model has done well in this town. Most of the directors are law enforcement officers that have served their time and have done well. We have put Chief Roberts in the best position that he can be to serve his men today and next week. He has gone through extensive training and is currently still in training. We have given him every opportunity to prove himself, which he has and will continue to. But the future, we don't know what it holds.

Mayor Higgins stated he agreed with his colleagues who will be voting in the affirmative, this is just another "tool" that we can put in our toolbox in case it is needed in the future.

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

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

**“Resolution Awarding a Contract for Refuse and Recycling Collection Services for a Three (3) Year Period.”**

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

**RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR REFUSE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICES FOR A THREE (3) YEAR PERIOD.**

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

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

**“Resolution Authorizing Fireworks Display – Open Space Pace, September 20, 2014.”**

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FIREWORKS DISPLAY – OPEN SPACE PACE,  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2014.

Mayor Higgins stated the Open Space Pace is an event that's been held in town to promote the racetrack, harness racing and the horse racing industry profession. It has been very successfully attended in the past few years and will be held on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Kane stated with the recent news coming out of Atlantic City regarding the casinos closing, he encouraged everyone to support this.

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Kane, Griffiths, 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 Borough of Freehold, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, Providing for the Insertion of Special Items of Revenue in the 2014 Budget of the Borough of Freehold Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159). (\$5,000.00 – 2014 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Statewide Labor Day Crackdown)**

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

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD, COUNTY OF  
MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION  
OF SPECIAL ITEMS OF REVENUE IN THE 2014 BUDGET OF THE BOROUGH  
OF FREEHOLD PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159). (\$5,000.00 –  
2014 DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER STATEWIDE LABOR DAY  
CRACKDOWN)

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Kane, Griffiths, 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 of the Borough of Freehold, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, Providing for the Insertion of Special Items of Revenue in the 2014 Budget of the Borough of Freehold Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159). (\$1,819.43 – 2014 Bulletproof Vest Partnership)**

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

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEMS OF REVENUE IN THE 2014 BUDGET OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159). (\$1,819.43 – 2014 BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP)

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Kane, Griffiths, 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 Borough of Freehold, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, Providing for the Insertion of Special Items of Revenue in the 2014 Budget of the Borough of Freehold Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159). (\$1,793.62 –Library, Appleyard Garden)**

Councilman Schnurr 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 2014 BUDGET OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159). (\$1,793.62 – LIBRARY, APPELYARD GARDEN)

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Kane, Griffiths, 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 of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold Supporting the Use of a “No Passing Zone” on Route 79 in the Borough of Freehold as Recommended by the New Jersey Department of Transportation.”**

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD SUPPORTING THE USE OF A “NO PASSING ZONE” ON ROUTE 79 IN THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Kane, Griffiths, 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 Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement Between Freehold Township and Freehold Borough for Licensed Water Treatment Plant Operational Services.”**

Councilwoman Shutzer stated we have two licensed water plant operators in town and if something were to happen that both of them would be unavailable during an emergency this gives us a contingency plan. We will be sharing this service with Freehold Township.

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP AND FREEHOLD BOROUGH FOR LICENSED WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATIONAL SERVICES.**

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

**“Resolution Waiving the Fee for the Borough Wide Yard Sale.”**

Councilman DiBenedetto stated the Borough wide yard sale will take place on Saturday, October 11, 2014 with a rain date of Sunday, October 12, 2014.

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

**RESOLUTION WAIVING THE FEE FOR THE BOROUGH WIDE YARD SALE.**

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

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

**“Resolution Confirming Personnel Appointments/Actions:**

- a. Retirement of Harry E. Burt as Supervisor, Water & Sewer Department, effective February 1, 2015.**

- b. Resignation of Tashawna Davis as Substitute Crossing Guard, Freehold Police Department, effective August 15, 2014.”**

Councilwoman Shutzer stated Harry Burt has been a longtime employee of the Borough and he has served us well. We accept this resignation with regret and wish him all the best in his retirement.

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

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

**“Resolution Approving the Following Applications:**

- a. Block Party, 9/20/14, 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM, Stokes Street between Broad and East George Street. c/o F. Gill.**
- b. Freehold Area CROP Walk for Hunger, 10/19/14, 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM, 3 mile or 1 mile routes beginning and ending at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church. c/o Rev. Dr. Patricia Medley, Freehold Clergy Association.**
- c. Procession, Brotherhood of the Lord of Miracles, St. Rose of Lima Church, 10/19/14, 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM, starting at 12 Throckmorton Street and ending at church on corner of McLean Street.**
- d. Halloween Spooktacular Jack-o-Lantern Contest, 10/25/14, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM, at the Hall of Records.**
- e. Halloween Spooktacular Parade, 10/26/14, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM, starting on Manalapan Avenue and ending on Lafayette Place.**
- f. Canning for Pediatric Cancer, students from Penn State University, 11/7/14 – 11/9/14, at the intersections of South Street and Park Avenue and South Street and Main Street.**
- g. Raffle License #24-14, Olive Branch Lodge No. 16 F&AM, Casino Night, 11/1/14, 6:00 PM – 11:00 PM, 2 Dutch Lane Road.**
- h. Raffle License #25-14, Lions Club of Freehold Township, Draw Raffle, 11/25/14, Basile’s Italian Restaurant, 536 Park Avenue.**
- i. Raffle License #26-14, Freehold High School PTSO, Draw Raffle, 11/13/14, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM, 2 Robertsville Road.**
- j. Raffle License #27-14, 9/20/14 & 10/2/14, Freehold Boro Music Parents Association, FHS home football games.”**

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

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION NO. 19A – 19J.

Ms. Higgins stated on Item 19F the hours will be from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM.

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

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

**“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 \$3,660,161.97 be paid as presented.

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

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

**“Acknowledgement of Correspondence from Abbington Engineering, LLC, Freehold Center Core Redevelopment Land Area Review: Urban Barber Shop & Salon, 39 East Main Street.”**

Mr. Bellina explained under our old ordinance we are required to have an additional review by the redevelopment authority. The ordinance has been changed so that if the use was consistent with the requirements of the zone the applicant would no longer have to go before mayor and council, which is a savings to them of time and money as long as the engineer certifies that it is consistent with the plan.

Mayor Higgins read Item No. 22 on the Agenda as follows:

**“Clerk – Late Communications.”**

There were none.

Mayor Higgins opened the meeting to the public.

Ms. Barbara Oliver, 71 Center Street, stated she raised some issues at the last meeting.

Mayor Higgins replied the sheriff and Lt. Dawson were in touch with her and he believes these issues have been resolved.

Chief Roberts stated these issues were resolved. He also addressed Ms. Oliver regarding the speeding situation and the police department did do a report and we are going to set-up a speed trailer.

Ms. Oliver stated she really likes Chief Roberts and that he was a good man and she didn't want anything to happen to him.

Ms. Higgins replied this ordinance will not eliminate the position of police chief.

Ms. Ann White, 48 Bond Street, asked when the Borough was going to pave Bond Street. She has lived there for 49 years and the street has only been paved one time. Bond Street, Liberty Street, First Avenue, Second Avenue and Third Avenue are all loaded with potholes. She also does not agree with Item No. 9 on the Agenda. She asked if this was going to be a paid position.

Mayor Higgins replied yes this would be a paid position. He asked if the Streets and Roads department could go and address the potholes.

Mr. Mike Burt, 13 Brookwood Drive, stated that he also disagreed with Item No. 9 on the Agenda. He has lived in this town for 67 years and in that time he has only seen one bad police chief. These guys have done an excellent job and he believes in hiring from within because they know the town, the people and personnel. He cannot see how this will benefit us and the hiring of a police director would cost us money.

Mayor Higgins reconfirmed that this ordinance will not eliminate the police chief position.

Mr. Reggie Sims stated he agreed with Mr. Burt on this issue. He was at a couple meetings when this was discussed and the wording from the last one to this one is totally different and he feels the Borough is trying to "slip something under the covers". If the governing body wanted to do this than why not get input from the community. You want to bring in an outside agency in here doing recommendations and they don't know this town. There is a Police Chiefs Association and if we need help then they would help the police chief.

Ms. Christine Gregory, 42 West George Street, thanked everyone for attending her father's memorial service.

Ms. Judy Thorpe, 7 Haley Street, also disagreed with Item No. 9 on the Agenda. She is very concerned with the speeding on Haley Street, where there are a lot of children. She stated they removed the speed bumps and she is afraid someone is going to get hurt. On Murray Street they have 13 different speed precautions and on Haley Street there are only 4. She would like the speed bumps put back in.

Chief Roberts stated a few years ago Ms. Thorpe brought up this issue and the police department hung up some signs and he will have his guys go out there again.

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

#### RESOLUTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION.

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

Mayor Higgins asked for council comments.

Councilman Schnurr stated Supplee, Clooney Auditors would like to come before the council on October 6, 2014 to give a five minute presentation regarding their efforts to collect food for the hungry.

Councilman Schnurr stated he is still very involved with youth baseball and he wanted to announce that Farrah Builders Baseball league, which has put out some major league players, is practicing at the baseball field at Freehold Intermediate School so if you are able to, stop by and check out a practice.

Councilwoman Shutzer stated that September is Senior's Citizens Month in the Borough and the September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at Hudson Manor. Also, Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> the Human Relations Committee is sponsoring Senior Appreciation Day. She also offered her condolences to the Potochar family. She also acknowledged the Superintendent of Schools, Board President and Ronnie Dougherty for attending the meeting.

Councilman Sims had no comment.

Councilman Kane offered his condolences to the Potochar family. He reminded the residents that the fall rabies clinic is on Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM. He also congratulated everyone who worked on the World War II Memorial.

Councilman Griffiths also congratulated everyone on the WW II Memorial. This is a perfect example of the commitment of a non-profit veteran's organization working on a goal. He also stated the weekend of September 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> will be very busy in the Borough. On September 20<sup>th</sup> there is the Open Space Pace and a Confederate Civil War encampment at the museum and on September 21<sup>st</sup> there is Senior Appreciation Day at the Hall of Records. If you are a senior or are disabled and need transportation to Senior Appreciation Day, we will have the senior bus up and running and if you are not in one of the senior buildings if you call 732-431-7599 anytime between 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM and you can schedule a pick-up. This is not just a senior event and the Human Relations Committee has been working very hard on this.

Councilman DiBenedetto congratulated everyone on the memorial dedication. He also stated the downtown concerts are still going strong on Wednesday's from 7:00 PM-9:00 PM. He encouraged everyone to sign up for the borough wide garage sale. This enables us to put your address on a brochure that lists where you live on our map. He also thanked Wawa for bringing food to the needy people at the Rug Mill.

Mayor Higgins recognized everyone associated with the WW II Memorial. For many of us in town, our father, grandfathers, brothers and sisters are recognized on that monument and we are very proud of it. At our last meeting Mr. Baldwin was here and asked us to look at the CVS dumpsters and Mr. Bellina and I checked this out and there have been some processes put in place to help with the situation.

Mayor Higgins stated we received an email from Marie Chapman who is a resident in town and a landlord and she has some issues on the landlord registration process which took place this year, I've distributed the complaints to the governing body, administrator, attorney and code enforcement office and will be looking at a solution to this.

Mayor Higgins stated on Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> there will be a historic walk scheduled in the afternoon. We will walk through town and Kevin Coyne, the Borough Historian, will talk about Freehold's presence during the Civil War.

Mayor Higgins recognized Mr. Bellina for 10 years of services to the Blue Claws.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilwoman Shutzer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 PM, seconded by Councilman Griffiths with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

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TRACI L. DI BENEDETTO  
BOROUGH CLERK