

The Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold was held on Monday, November 3, 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 DiBenedetto opened the meeting with the Salute to the Flag, followed by a moment of silence.

#### 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
ABSENT	COUNCILMAN JAYE SIMS

Mayor Higgins recognized Former Mayor Roger Kane who was in attendance at the meeting.

Mayor Higgins asked Police Chief Roberts to explain a new program that is happening in the Borough.

Chief Roberts stated that November is “Men’s Health Awareness Month” and to help celebrate this month the police department, mayor and some of the governing body are going to grow facial hair. He suspended the rules against facial hair at the police department in support of this event which does research for prostate cancer.

Mayor Higgins stated Councilman Kane, Councilman Griffiths and himself are participating in this.

Councilwoman Shutzer offered a motion to accept the minutes from the Supplemental Minutes August 4, 2014 and September 2, 2014 and Council Minutes September 15, 2014 and October 6, 2014 and was seconded by Councilman Griffiths.

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Kane, Griffiths, Schnurr and Shutzer voted its adoption; opposed none; Councilman DiBenedetto abstained for the meeting of September 2, 2014; Councilman Sims absent. Mayor Higgins declared the motion adopted.

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

**“Presentation of Commendations by Freehold Borough Police Chief Glenn Roberts to Officer’s Diego Flores and Nicholas Iozzi, Sergeant Christopher Colaner and Ana Diangson.”**

Councilman Kane asked Police Chief Roberts to come up and explain the commendations.

Chief Roberts stated that tonight we are presenting several life saving awards that involved several of our police officers and a civilian nurse from Manalapan Township who saved the life of one of our Borough residents.

Chief Roberts presented the commendations to Officer's Diego Flores and Nicholas Iozzi, Sergeant Christopher Colaner and Ana Diangson who were all instrumental in giving CPR and eventually using our ADD (automatic defibrillator device) to Borough resident Angie Smith on July 26, 2014 at Especially For You Florist.

Ms. Smith thanked everyone involved that day and called them her "angels".

Mayor Higgins recognized and thanked the police officers for everything they do for the Borough.

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

**"Presentation of the 2013 and 2014 John G. McGackin Awards – Kevin Coyne and Annette Jordan."**

Councilman Kane stated this prestigious award dates back to 1986 and what they are going to do based on suggestions from past recipients is take this award up a notch. This year they are awarding two awards. Normally the McGackin Award is given out late in the year for the previous year. So they present 2013 in November of 2014, so after much discussion the committee has decided that next year they will create an event possibly called the "Mayor's Ball" or the "Mayor's Gala" and present the McGackin Award at that event and they will turn the entire night into a fundraiser for the Freehold First Aid. So this year they are awarding the 2013 and 2014 winner and going forward they will award the McGackin Award in the current year.

Councilman Kane recognized the former winners; 1999 Carl N. Steinberg; 2000 Lillie Lam Hendry; 2002 Sheryl Mott; 2003 Roger Kane; 2004 Marlene Rogula; 2006 Mayor Nolan Higgins; 2010 Judi Guy and 2011 Billy Anderson along with Jane McGackin.

Councilman Kane stated the 2013 winner is Kevin Coyne; former councilman, author, little league baseball coach, soccer coach and the Borough Historian.

Mayor Higgins presented the award to his friend and "sidekick" at the reading of the Declaration of Independence, Kevin Coyne.

Councilman Kane stated the 2014 winner is Annette Jordan; Board of Education President, Co-Chair of Olde Freehold Day, Halloween Spooktacular, First Aid fundraiser, coach and she is the epitome of volunteerism.

Councilwoman Shutzer stated Councilman Kane forgot to mention that Ms. Jordan is a member of the Planning Board, Freehold Alliance Against Drugs and Innovation Committee.

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

**“Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold Honoring St. Rose of Lima Church on its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.”**

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 HONORING ST. ROSE OF LIMA CHURCH ON ITS 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY.**

Councilman Griffiths stated Mayor Higgins presented this Resolution to St. Rose of Lima Church at the dinner that they held on October 26, 2014 which celebrated their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Mayor Higgins stated he along with Councilwoman Shutzer also attended the celebration and he recognized Councilman Griffiths for his participation in the St. Rose of Lima Choir.

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

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

**“Second Reading and Public Hearing: Ordinance #2014/13 of the Borough of Freehold, in the County of Monmouth, New Jersey Amending Chapter 10 (Traffic), Schedule 2 (No Parking) 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 Kane:

**RESOLUTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION.**

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

Councilwoman Shutzer stated this ordinance is to correct a problem on Morris Street.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold that an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE #2014/13 OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 10 (TRAFFIC), SCHEDULE 2 (NO PARKING) OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD,” be, and same is hereby adopted on second reading.

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

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

**“Introduction of and Authorization to Publish Ordinance #2014/14 Amending and Supplementing Title 16, (Land Use Procedures), Section 16.24 (Site Plan Review and Approval) of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Freehold, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey.”**

Councilman Schnurr 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 #2014/14 AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING TITLE 16, (LAND USE PROCEDURES), SECTION 16.24 (SITE PLAN REVIEW AND APPROVAL) OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,” be, and same is hereby approved on first reading; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk be and she is hereby authorized to publish said Ordinance in the Asbury Park Press. This ordinance has been referred to the Freehold Borough Land Use Board for their review and recommendations.

Councilman Schnurr stated the Planning Board Attorney, Frank Accisano, suggested this change so that when the planning board is hearing a site plan application and there is excavation, large removal of soil from a site, clearing of a site, placing of any fill on the land, reconfiguration of a parking area or traffic circulation, these things will now be part of the site plan approval.

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

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

**“Introduction of and Authorization to Publish Ordinance #2014/15 of the Borough of Freehold, County of Monmouth, New Jersey Granting Renewal of Municipal Consent to Comcast Cablevision of Monmouth County, Inc. to Construct, Connect, Operate and Maintain a Cable Television and Communications System in the Borough of Freehold, Monmouth County, New Jersey.”**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold that an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE #2014/15 OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY GRANTING RENEWAL OF MUNICIPAL CONSENT TO COMCAST CABLEVISION OF MONMOUTH COUNTY, INC. TO CONSTRUCT, CONNECT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A CABLE TELEVISION AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IN THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD, MONMOUTH COUNTY, NEW JERSEY,” be, and same is hereby approved on first reading.

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 November 17, 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 Griffiths stated Comcast uses Borough property for their lines and poles and they pay us a small fee to use them.

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

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

**“Introduction of and Authorization to Publish Ordinance #2014/16 of the Borough of Freehold, County of Monmouth Amending Chapter 10 (Vehicles and Traffic), Section 10.20.030 (Parking Time Limited in Public Parking Lots, Section 10.20.050 (Court and Broad Street Parking Lot Regulations).”**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold that an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE #2014/16 OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AMENDING CHAPTER 10 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC), SECTION 10.20.030 (PARKING TIME LIMITED IN PUBLIC PARKING LOTS, SECTION 10.20.050 (COURT AND BROAD STREET PARKING LOT REGULATIONS),” 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 November 17, 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 Schnurr stated the Land Use Committee was told by Mayor Higgins to look at the CVS parking lot and they did and they decided to make the parking times the same as the Market Yard Lot and eventually it will have the same signage.

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

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

**“Resolution Authorizing and Adopting the Freehold Borough Police Department Rules and Regulations.”**

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ADOPTING THE FREEHOLD BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

Councilman Kane stated this is part of the accreditation process.

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

Mayor Higgins read Item No. 13 on the Agenda as follows:

**“Resolution Authorizing Monmouth County Mutual Aid Agreement for Police Protection.”**

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MONMOUTH COUNTY MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT FOR POLICE PROTECTION.**

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

Mayor Higgins read Item No. 14 on the Agenda as follows:

**“Resolution Authorizing a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Borough of Freehold and the Superior Officers Association.”**

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD AND THE SUPERIOR OFFICERS ASSOCIATION.

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

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

**“Resolution Authorizing Amendment to Lease Agreement Between Iron Mountain Information Management, Inc. and the Freehold Borough.”**

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN IRON MOUNTAIN INFORMATION MANAGEMENT, INC. AND THE FREEHOLD BOROUGH.

Councilman Schnurr stated there is a parcel of land by Otterson Road near the little league complex where one of the baseball fields has a small portion of the outfield that is in Freehold Township and belongs to Pierce Leahy. This Resolution will authorize us to make an agreement with them and also Freehold Little League to renew the lease.

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

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

**“Resolution Authorizing Freehold Borough to Delete Block 84, Lot 65.08 from the Official Tax Sale List.”**

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FREEHOLD BOROUGH TO DELETE BLOCK 84, LOT 65.08 FROM THE OFFICIAL TAX SALE LIST.

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

Mayor Higgins read Item No. 17 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).” (Body Armor Replacement Program)**

Councilman DiBenedetto 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). (BODY ARMOR REPLACEMENT PROGRAM)

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Kane, Griffiths, Schnurr and Shutzer voted its adoption; opposed none; abstain none; Councilman Sims 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, 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).” (Police Youth Academy)**

Councilman DiBenedetto 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). (POLICE YOUTH ACADEMY)

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

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

**“Resolution Confirming Personnel Appointment/Action:**

- a. **Appointment of Rev. Dirk Reinken as a member of the Human Relation Committee, to fill the unexpired term of Sheryl Mott to December 31, 2016.”**

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

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING PERSONEL APPPOINTMENT/ACTION NO. 19A.**

Councilman Griffiths stated he was sorry we lost Sheryl Mott but Rev. Reinken will be a good addition to the committee.

Councilwoman Shutzer stated Rev. Reinken is the new pastor at St. Peter’s Church.

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

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

**“Resolution Approving the Following Applications:**

- a. **Canning (Fill the Boot), Freehold Fire Department, Good Will Hook & Ladder, 11/28/14 – 11/29/14, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, at all 4 traffic signals by Elks Point.**
- b. **5K, Born to Run, Freehold Running Club, 11/28/14, 10:30 Am – 12:30 PM, starting at Court Street Parking Lot and ends at Hall of Records.**
- c. **Raffle License #29-14, St. Rose of Lima School, On-Premise Draw Raffle, 12/5/14 and 12/7/14 from 8:00 AM-2:00 PM at 51 Lincoln Place.**
- d. **Raffle License #30-14, St. Rose of Lima School, On-Premise Draw Raffle, 12/5/14 and 12/7/14 from 8:00 AM-2:00 PM at 51 Lincoln Place.**
- e. **Raffle License #31-14, St. Peter’s Church, 50/50 Raffle, 11/22/14, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM at 33 Throckmorton Street.**
- f. **Raffle License #32-14, Congregation Agudath Achim, Year Round Pull Tabs for 2015, 59 Broad Street.**
- g. **Raffle License, #33-14, 50/50, Freehold Soccer League, Inc., 12/6/14, 9:00 PM, 70 East Main Street.**
- h. **Bingo License, #4-14, Women’s Club Freehold Jewish Center, Tuesdays in 2015, 7:00 PM – 10:30 PM, 59 Broad Street.**
- i. **Bingo License, #5-14, Congregation Agudath Achim, Wednesdays in 2015, 7:00 PM – 10:30 PM, 59 Broad Street.”**

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

**RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATIONS NO. 20A – 20I.**

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

Mayor Higgins read Item No. 21 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 \$3,576,583.39 be paid as presented.

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

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.

Jim McAllister, President of the Freehold First Aid Squad, stated that Bill Madden was unable to attend the meeting this evening. He stated on October 8<sup>th</sup> three crews answered 28 calls in 8 hours time. They are already at 400 calls for October and will handle 4,000 calls this year with only 30 active members. He also thanked the governing body for their “gala” idea. The proceeds will greatly benefit the first aid squad.

Pat Yeager stated this is the first time since she’s been attending the meetings that it feels like “old Freehold”, everyone’s been friendly to everyone and she has thoroughly enjoyed the meeting so far. She stated she was here a few months ago in reference to a summons she received for having a motor home in her yard. She met Ms. O’Connor, Code Enforcement Officer, in court and Ms. O’Connor advised her and her husband that the ticket was written against an old ordinance. She along with her husband came to speak to the Mayor on Thursday and he did not know of any new ordinances and she asked tonight to get a straight answer from someone official as to where she can park her motor home on her property.

Mayor Higgins asked Ms. Higgins to explain why she was summoned.

Ms. Higgins stated she will get in touch with Ms. O'Connor and she will be in touch with Ms. Yeager.

Judy Thorpe, 3 Haley Street, is very concerned with speeding on Haley Street. She would like the speed bumps put back, there are a lot of children on Haley Street. Ms. Haley asked Mr. Bellina why they were removed; she stated she remembers him telling her that residents complained about them. She would like proof of who complained. She also remembers Mr. Bellina stating the bumps were also removed for engineering reasons.

Mr. Bellina stated in the redesign and reconstruction of the roadway the speed bumps had to be removed.

Chief Roberts took all of Ms. Thorpe's complaints and went to the churches and asked them to address the issue during their Sunday Masses. The chief has his officers going out there on Sunday mornings and there are officers patrolling Haley Street. He also had the speeding report from the speeding box and the report that was prepared on September 23<sup>rd</sup> stated that 3.1% of the vehicles traveled in excess of 31 mph. The average speed on Haley Street was 26 mph. The enforcement box was out there during the week and weekend. Out of 5,934 vehicles, 4,256 travelled below 25 mph, about 1,500 were between 26 mph and 30 mph and only 4 were 36 and above. The enforcement box recommended that no enforcement is required for that street, but we are still out there enforcing the street.

Ms. Thorpe questioned why Haley Street can't have the same signage as Murray Street.

Mr. Bellina stated that we applied for grant funding for paving Murray Street in 2015 and in all likelihood the strips will probably be removed there as well.

Councilwoman Shutzer stated that they received so many complaints about speeding on Murray Street and Barkalow Avenue so at the request of the residents we put in the strips, but we've received nothing but complaints about them.

Mr. Bellina stated we will re-assess the situation with the municipal engineer and see what can be done.

Councilman Kane stated there used to be an old hump on Haley Street which slowed down the cars but that was removed when the road was resurfaced.

Al Michenfelder thanked Councilman Kane from the Racer's Club for Olde Freehold Day. They will be at Freehold Tire from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM. He asked for trees to be removed from Vineyard Park. He congratulated Annette Jordan and Kevin Coyne on receiving the McGackin Award.

Councilwoman Shutzer 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 and Shutzer voted its adoption; opposed none; abstain none; Councilman Sims absent. Mayor Higgins declared the motion adopted.

Mayor Higgins asked for council comments.

Councilman Schnurr recognized the police officers for the fine job that they do. He congratulated the McGackin Award winners, both are very deserving recipients and the idea for some sort of “gala” is a great idea.

Councilman Schnurr stated that the Foodstock Food Drive raised 38,700 pounds of food and they received over \$10,000 in monetary donations. The Freehold Borough Afterschool Program’s 21<sup>st</sup> Century Program had on average over 230 children attend their afterschool program.

Councilman Schnurr stated the next fundraiser for the Memorial Day Parade Committee will be on Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at The Cabin Restaurant.

Councilman Schnurr stated in addition to the candidates, which he is one, Public Question #2 on the ballot asks the public whether to approve a Constitutional Amendment that dedicates State funds for Open Space, Farmland and Historic Preservation and changes the existing dedication of funds for water programs, underground storage tanks and hazardous clean-ups. He explained that he is in favor of this for two reasons, he is a member of the Sierra Club, America’s oldest, largest and most influential environmental organization and secondly as a Freehold Borough resident he is for this, as well. Regarding the Open Space Program, Freehold Borough really doesn’t benefit from that, because we are almost completely built out. We certainly have many underground storage tanks that need to be dealt with and he thinks this will benefit Freehold Borough.

Councilwoman Shutzer congratulated the police department and Ms. Diangson. She also congratulated the McGackin Award winners and Jane McGackin Maury for being here with us. She said if you are on the Email blasts then you received the Alliance Newsletter and there are some very scary things going on in regards to drugs.

Councilwoman Shutzer stated the Senior Holiday Party will be Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM and you must be 62 years of age or older to attend and if you are interested in attending you must call the Borough Clerk’s office on November 20<sup>th</sup> after 10:00 AM.

Councilwoman Shutzer had a great time when she went to visit the 5<sup>th</sup> graders at Park Avenue Elementary School. She talked to the students about being involved citizens and a voter. She thanked Lillie Hendry, Mayor Higgins, Kevin Coyne and Carl N. Steinberg for working with the students from 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Councilman Kane thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He expressed his congratulations to the police officers and the McGackin Award winners. He said next year’s “Gala” event will probably start off small maybe something at the American Hotel but anything that benefits the first aid is a great thing. He also urged everyone to come out and vote.

Councilman Griffiths also congratulated Kevin Coyne and Annette Jordan, two worthy recipients of the McGackin Award. He also congratulated the police officers and the nurse that helped save our Borough resident. Christine Gregory gave him a book entitled, “Why Would Anyone Want to Cut Down a Tree”. This is a very informative book and the Shade Tree Commission is looking to get more of these books.

Councilman Griffiths stated the Innovation Committee is getting close to making recommendations to the governing body regarding the redesign of our website. We are meeting with vendors on November 11<sup>th</sup>. He also wished Mayor Higgins a Happy Birthday.

Councilman DiBenedetto congratulated the McGackin Award winners and the police officers who received commendations this year. For the residents that spoke at tonight’s public portion, hopefully we can help out with your concerns. He stated the polls are open from 6:00 AM – 8:00 PM and he encouraged everyone to vote.

Mayor Higgins recognized the McGackin Award Committee and Councilman Kane for all of his work on the awards tonight. He congratulated Chief Roberts and his officer’s, their work makes us proud. The next meeting will be Monday, November 17, 2014.

Councilman Kane thanked Traci DiBenedetto for all of her work coordinating the awards.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilman DiBenedetto moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM, seconded by Councilman Griffiths with all in favor and Councilman Sims absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

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TRACI L. DI BENEDETTO  
BOROUGH CLERK