

The Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold was held on Monday, December 1, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Mayor Higgins stated 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 Sims opened the meeting with the Salute to the Flag, followed by a moment of silence for Mrs. Baldwin who passed away this week.

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Higgins stated Councilwoman Shutzer is participating in Mrs. Baldwin's memorial service which is being held at the same time as this meeting.

Councilman Griffiths offered a motion to accept the minutes from the Council Meeting held on November 17, 2014 and was seconded by Councilman DiBenedetto.

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

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

“Second Reading and Public Hearing: 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.”

Mayor Higgins opened the meeting to the public.

There were no comments.

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

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold that 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”, and same is hereby adopted on second reading.

Councilman Schnurr stated this ordinance will require site plan review and approval for anything that has an impact on parking requirements, as well as excavation, removal of soil, placing fill on the land and things of that nature.

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

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

“Introduction of and Authorization to Publish Ordinance #2014/17 Amending Chapter 10 (Vehicles and Traffic), Section 10.24 (Permit Parking Areas) of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Freehold.”

Councilman Kane 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 #2014/17 AMENDING CHAPTER 10 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC), SECTION 10.24 (PERMIT PARKING AREAS) OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD,” 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 December 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.

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

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

“Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Monmouth for Police Communications (Dispatch) Services.”

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH FOR POLICE COMMUNICATIONS (DISPATCH) SERVICES.

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

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

“Resolution Appointing Individuals to the Memorial Day Parade Committee.”

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

RESOLUTION APPOINTING INDIVIDUALS TO THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE.

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

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

“Resolution Approving the Following Applications:

- a. Raffle License #34-14, Off-Premise Raffle, Freehold Lodge 1454, BPO Elks, 8/22/15, 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM, 73 East Main Street.”**

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

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION NO. 9A.

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

Mayor Higgins read Item No. 10 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 \$2,502,580.77 be paid as presented.

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

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

“Clerk – Late Communications.”

There were none.

Mayor Higgins opened the meeting to the public.

Andrew Jacobson stated he has lived in this town for more than 50 years and he’s seen many improvements and congratulated the governing body for all of their hard work.

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

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION.

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

Mayor Higgins asked for council comments.

Councilman Schnurr stated the teen library does service projects and they are making chocolate candy treats for local soup kitchens on December 10th. The library will be applying for a grant through the Freehold Borough Education Foundation for a teen book Nook.

Councilman Schnurr stated in regards to land use the building opposite 7-Eleven, which is where the old Mellon Farms was, will hopefully be occupied soon.

Councilman Sims had nothing to report.

Councilman Kane thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He offered his condolences to the Baldwin family on the passing of Mrs. Baldwin. This Saturday, December 6th is the Senior

Holiday Party at 1:00 PM at the Elks. Councilman Kane spoke very highly of Councilwoman Shutzer and if it wasn't for her there probably wouldn't be a party and there would be many senior citizens that wouldn't get a chance to celebrate the holidays.

Councilman Griffiths stated hopefully on the next agenda the Innovation Committee will be making recommendations to the Borough website. We are also getting close to getting our contracts for the Shade Tree Commission to take down hazardous trees.

Councilman DiBenedetto also offered his condolences to the Baldwin family and also the Ketcham family from Barkalow Avenue. It is a busy month for Downtown Freehold, there are a lot of holiday events going on starting with the Tree Lighting on December 2nd which will be from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM, the rain date is December 3rd and if it is raining on December 2nd you can check Downtown Freehold's website after 12:00 PM to see if they will be using the rain date. The Santa Train will be on December 13th from 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM. This is a great event that the PBA puts on. He thanked Joe Garafola from Conrail who helps us out tremendously by getting the train into town. The Menorah lighting will be on December 18th at 5:00 PM. There are three restaurants in town that are having Breakfast with Santa they will all be from 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM, December 6th at Café 360, December 13th at Sweet Lews and December 14th at The American Hotel. There will be carolers downtown on December 18th, 19th and 20th from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM.

Mr. Bellina stated that Joe Garafolo has been very instrumental in helping us get the new railroad crossings downtown.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilman DiBenedetto moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM, seconded by Councilman Griffith, with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRACI L. DI BENEDETTO
BOROUGH CLERK