

The Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold was held on Monday, February 2, 2015 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 Griffiths 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
PRESENT	COUNCILMAN JAYE SIMS

Mayor Higgins read Item No. 4 on the Agenda as follows:

“Second Reading and Public Hearing: Ordinance #2015/1 of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold, County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey Amending and Supplementing Chapter 10 (Traffic), Section 10.08.040 (Stop Intersections) and by Amending Chapter 10.44 Traffic Schedule IX (Stop Intersections) of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Freehold.”

Mayor Higgins opened the meeting to the public.

There were no comments.

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

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.

Councilman DiBenedetto 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 #2015/1 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE

BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 10 (TRAFFIC), SECTION 10.08.040 (STOP INTERSECTIONS) AND BY AMENDING CHAPTER 10.44 TRAFFIC SCHEDULE IX (STOP INTERSECTIONS) OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD,” be, and same is hereby adopted on second reading.

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. 5 on the Agenda as follows:

“Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold Honoring Harry Burt on the Occasion of his Retirement.”

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD HONORING HARRY BURT ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT.

Councilwoman Shutzer stated this Resolution was presented to Harry Burt at his retirement luncheon.

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. 6 on the Agenda as follows:

“Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold Authorizing a Person to Person and Place to Place Transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License #1315-33-008-008, BK Thick Shake LLC to FR Park Food Service, Inc.”

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD AUTHORIZING A PERSON TO PERSON AND PLACE TO PLACE TRANSFER OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE #1315-33-008-008. BK THICK SHAKE LLC TO FR PARK FOOD SERVICE, INC.

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 Authorizing an Increase in the Finance Department Change Fund.”

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT CHANGE FUND.

Councilman Schnurr asked where this money is kept.

Mr. Bellina replied in the safe in Borough Hall.

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:

“Resolution of the Borough of Freehold, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey Authorizing Compensation Payment to Patrolman Keith J. Bailey Upon His Retirement.”

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 AUTHORIZING COMPENSATION PAYMENT TO PATROLMAN KEITH J. BAILEY UPON HIS RETIREMENT.

Councilman Sims stated we are fulfilling our contractual obligations to Mr. Bailey.

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. 9 on the Agenda as follows:

“Resolution Approving the Following Applications:

- a. Temporary Taxi Driver License, Angel Cruz, Freehold.**
- b. Temporary Taxi Driver License, Jorge Lazaro, Freehold.**
- c. Temporary Taxi Driver License, Vicenta Pantoja, Freehold.**
- d. Temporary Taxi Driver License, Juan Gonzalez, Freehold.**
- e. Temporary Taxi Driver License, Bernabe Pantoja, Freehold.**

- f. **Taxi Owner Licenses (5) – Express Taxi.**
- g. **Taxi Owner Licenses (2) – Cris Taxi.**
- h. **Taxi Owner License (1) – Marco’s Taxi.**
- i. **Taxi Owner License (1) – K.B. Taxi Service.**
- k. **Taxi Owner License (1) – Gonzalez’s Taxi.**
- l. **Solicitor License, Tony Roach c/o Trinity Solar, going door to door to provide information regarding solar panels from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM, beginning 2/4/15.**
- m. **“Fill the Boot”, Goodwill Hook & Ladder Company, Freehold Fire Department, intersection in front of Elk’s Point, 4/3/15 from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM and 4/4/15 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, 11/27/15 from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM and 11/28/15 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. c/o Nick Palumbo Sr.**
- n. **Raffle License No. 1-15, Park Avenue Elementary PTO, Gift Basket Raffle, 3/7/15, 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM.”**

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

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATIONS NOS. 9A – 9N.

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Kane, Schnurr, Shutzer, Griffiths and Sims voted its adoption; opposed none; Councilman Sims abstained from Item No. 9M; absent none. Mayor Higgins declared the motion adopted.

Mayor Higgins read Item No. 10 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 \$2,564,499.01 be paid as presented.

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Kane, Griffiths, Schnurr and Sims voted its adoption; opposed none; Councilwoman Shutzer abstained; absent none. 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 read Item No. 12 on the Agenda as follows:

Mayor Higgins asked for public comments.

There were none.

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

Mayor Higgins asked for council comment.

Councilman Schnurr stated the February library newsletter is out and everyone should have a copy. Mayor Higgins, Councilwoman Shutzer and I attended the Habitat for Humanity Grand-Opening, which was an open house and it is a great addition to the Borough.

Mr. Bellina stated they are starting another project in the Borough in late April.

Councilman Schnurr stated the Freehold Borough Public School 21st Century afterschool program is offering help with standardized testing. In the packet there was an update regarding Best Practices and it said the policy is here to stay, however one of the recommendations that was made is that the State might provide advanced notice of the questions to be asked.

Councilman DiBenedetto had nothing to report.

Councilman Sims congratulated Mr. Gatto on becoming a grandfather.

Councilman Kane had nothing to report.

Councilman Griffiths stated on the update to the Best Practices they objected to the idea that there was no incentive. The Human Relations Committee is moving forward on Volunteer's Day, but their meeting for tomorrow is cancelled so he will have more information on that forthcoming.

Councilwoman Shutzer stated the Municipal Alliance was forced to reschedule their craft fair due to a lack of crafters.

Mayor Higgins reported that he attended the New Jersey Conference of Mayors winter summit in Trenton and sat with some very interesting mayors and heard Senate President Sweeney speak and talk about the financial state of municipalities and the lack of money in the transportation trust fund. This was an interesting seminar and he was very glad he attended it.

Mayor Higgins called for a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Sims offered the motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman DiBenedetto:

MOTION TO ADJOURN.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRACI L. DIBENEDETTO, RMC
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