

The Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold was held on Monday, April 20, 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 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
PRESENT	COUNCILMAN JAYE SIMS

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

**“Swearing In and Oath of Office: Aaron Owens, Patrolman, Freehold Borough Police Department.”**

Chief Roberts stated Officer Owens came to us a year and half ago as a special officer, he worked with us full-time and unfortunately we lost him to a college up in North Jersey as a police officer and now he is back with us. He is a good person and I am so proud he came back to us.

Mayor Higgins echoed Chief Roberts’ words, it was a pleasure to have Officer Owens serve in this community as a special officer and we are really pleased and very happy he has come back.

Mayor Higgins swore in Patrolman Owens.

Mayor Higgins recognized all of the policemen who came in support tonight. It is not an easy time to be a police officer and we have a lot of respect and admiration for everything that they do for us.

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

**“NJDOT Route 9 Improvements – William T. Wentzien, Borough Engineer.”**

Mr. Wentzien stated we have been apprized by the NJDOT that they are moving ahead with a major milling and repaving operation along Route 9. It will start just north of Interstate 195 and

continue up to Schibanoff Lane in Manalapan, which is a seven mile stretch. It will only touch a piece of the Borough, but it will affect the Borough. They anticipate this work to start in May and go all the way through the end of November. The actual repaving is going to be in three areas; just north of Interstate 195 to just north of Route 524 in Freehold Township; from the area of Three Brooks Road and the area north of Route 33 and the last is just north of the horse walkway overpass near the Freehold Racetrack to the area of Schibanoff Lane in Manalapan. Even though it is three separate areas because of the way they are connected they affect each other. What will affect the Borough will be the traffic control measures that take place. These measures will be continuously in effect for the entire seven mile stretch. Phase one will entail closing off the two left lanes for the entire run. Phase two entails opening the left lane and closing the right and shoulder lane. The ramps that come off of Route 9 will be coned during that phase. Phase three involves working on the ramps and every time they work on a ramp the ramp will be closed. What will happen is the detouring will involve Freehold Borough. Anytime they close a ramp they are under certain time constrictions by State law, the restrictions are Sunday's from 9:00 PM – 6:00 AM, week days from 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM and they can reopen them from 9:00 PM – 6:00 AM and no closures are allowed on Saturdays. As more details come in from the State he will bring them to the attention of Mr. Bellina who will forward them to the governing body.

Councilman Schnurr stated this is part of the Route 9 work that they've been doing up north in Sayreville and Old Bridge. From commuting Route 9 everyday, even with the construction which is happening now in Manalapan and Marlboro, he tries to avoid Route 9.

Councilman Sims asked if trucks would be detouring through the Borough.

Mr. Wentzien stated he will follow-up with the planning/consulting company.

Councilwoman Shutzer asked if they were widening the road.

Mr. Wentzien stated they are only milling and paving the roadway.

Councilwoman Shutzer asked if they could get a copy of the schedule of the ramp closings.

Mr. Wentzien stated yes, as he gets the information he will forward it to the governing body.

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

**“Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold Honoring Elder Stephen McRae on His Pastoral Installation.”**

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD HONORING ELDER STEPHEN MC RAE ON HIS PASTORAL INSTALLATION.

Councilman Sims congratulated the McRae family; they've been pillars of the community for some time.

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 Authorizing Application for the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Grant Through the County of Monmouth (AKA Drug Enforcement Demand Recovery Program).”**

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR THE GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE GRANT THROUGH THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH (AKA DRUG ENFORCEMENT DEMAND RECOVERY PROGRAM).

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:

**“Second Reading and Public Hearing: Bond Ordinance #2015/7 Providing for Road Design, Paving, Repairs and Restoration, Appropriating \$915,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$697,000 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.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold that a Bond Ordinance entitled “BOND ORDINANCE #2015/7 PROVIDING FOR ROAD DESIGN, PAVING, REPAIRS AND RESTORATION, APPROPRIATING \$915,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$697,000 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 DiBenedetto, Kane, Griffiths, Schnurr, Shutzer and Sims voted its adoption; opposed none; abstain none; absent none. Mayor Higgins declared the motion adopted.

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

**“Second Reading and Public Hearing: Bond Ordinance #2015/8 Providing for the Acquisition of Various Capital Equipment and Improvements to Municipal Buildings, Appropriating \$305,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$289,000 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.

Councilman Griffiths 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, Shutzer and Sims voted its adoption; opposed none; abstain none; absent none. 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 a Bond Ordinance entitled “BOND ORDINANCE #2015/8 PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS TO

MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, APPROPRIATING \$305,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$289,000 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.

Councilman Schnurr stated this is for a dump truck with a brine system, leaf machine, lawn mower, court security cameras, firehouse painting and various improvements to Borough Hall.

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

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

**“Introduction of and Authorization to Publish Bond Ordinance #2015/9 Providing for the Water Meter Replacement Project, Appropriating \$1,500,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,425,000 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.”**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold that a Bond Ordinance entitled “BOND ORDINANCE #2015/9 PROVIDING FOR THE WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROJECT, APPROPRIATING \$1,500,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,425,000 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 approved on first reading; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk be and she is hereby authorized to publish said Bond Ordinance in the Asbury Park Press and that same shall be further considered for final passage after public hearing at a meeting held on May 4, 2015 at 7:00 PM and that during the week of said meeting copies of the Bond Ordinance shall be made available at the Clerk’s office to members of the general public who shall request same.

Councilman DiBenedetto stated these meters will be more accurate for the distribution of water to the user.

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

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

**“Introduction of and Authorization to Publish Bond Ordinance #2015/10 Providing for the Redevelopment of Well Nos. 8 and 9, Replacement of Water Filter No. 2, the Design and Permitting of Well No. 3, and the Acquisition of a Utility Truck, Appropriating \$200,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$190,000 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.”**

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 a Bond Ordinance entitled “BOND ORDINANCE #2015/10 PROVIDING FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF WELL NOS. 8 AND 9, REPLACEMENT OF WATER FILTER NO. 2, THE DESIGN AND PERMITTING OF WELL NO. 3, AND THE ACQUISITION OF A UTILITY TRUCK, APPROPRIATING \$200,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$190,000 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 approved on first reading; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk be and she is hereby authorized to publish said Bond Ordinance in the Asbury Park Press and that same shall be further considered for final passage after public hearing at a meeting held on May 4, 2015 at 7:00 PM and that during the week of said meeting copies of the Bond 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, Griffiths, Kane, 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 Awarding a Contract for an Employee Assistance Program (EAP).”**

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

RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR AN EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP).

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 Authorizing Payment of Length of Service Award Program Benefits (Freehold First Aid & Emergency Squad).**

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM BENEFITS (FREEHOLD FIRST AID & EMERGENCY SQUAD).**

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 Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold Approving Subordination of Mortgage Given to Borough of Freehold Housing Rehabilitation Program Concerning RCA Case Number FBHRP 11-100.”**

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

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD APPROVING SUBORDINATION OF MORTGAGE GIVEN TO BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM CONCERNING RCA CASE NUMBER FBHRP 11-100.**

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 Authorizing Agreement with Downtown Freehold Re: Fireworks Display.”**

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH DOWNTOWN FREEHOLD RE: FIREWORKS DISPLAY.**

Councilman DiBenedetto stated the Recreation Commission will be executing the fireworks display this year, but through the help and sponsorships of Downtown Freehold.

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 Confirming Personnel Appointments/ Actions:**

- a. Retirement of Garry Jackson, Freehold Borough Fire Official, effective June 1, 2015.”**

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

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING PERSONNEL APPOINTMENT/ACTION NO. 16A.**

Councilwoman Shutzer stated it is with regret that we accept his letter of retirement. He has been a longtime employee of the Borough and has served us well.

Mayor Higgins recognized Mr. Jackson for all of his work in the fire bureau. He has done a great job enforcing the rules and making sure our commercial and senior buildings are safe for our residents and visitors.

Councilwoman Shutzer stated during Hurricane Irene, Hurricane Sandy and the Supercell, Garry Jackson was in the senior’s buildings everyday, inspecting to make sure everything was done right.

Mr. Bellina stated this past December during the major water leak that was so deep which affected Brookside Assisted Living, Garry stayed the entire night to make sure everything was ok.

Councilman Schnurr stated that Mr. Jackson is a Class II Member of the Freehold Planning Board and we need to give that some thought.

Mr. Bellina agreed and stated we’ve talked about this and will make a decision soon.

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 Approving the Following Applications:**

- a. Sidewalk Cafe License, Stefano’s Pizza, 35 East Main Street.**  
**b. Sidewalk Café License, Alycia’s Bistro, 52 West Main Street.**  
**c. Memorializing - Parade Application, Freehold Boro Little League, 4/18/15, 9:00 AM -10:00 AM, 4/19/15 (rain date), starting at the Broad Street Parking**

**Lot and ending at the Little League Complex.**  
**d. Temporary Taxi Drivers License, Amanda Robles, Freehold.”**

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

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATIONS NOS. 17A – 17D.

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. 18 on the Agenda as follows:

**“Approval of Bills.”**

Councilman Kane 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 the bills on the attached list in the amount of \$1,655,577.92 be paid as presented.

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:

**“Clerk – Late Communications.”**

There were none.

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

**“Committee Reports.”**

Councilman Schnurr stated as the liaison to the public library they will be doing some plantings in front of the library and that will be done through the FCP in conjunction with a Girl Scout troop. The Library Commission is looking at broadening some of the services they provide and one of things that they are thinking about is providing event/museum passes. They are working on how they can do this in a cost effective manner and offer them to the public at no or minimal cost.

Councilman Schnurr stated at the next meeting he will be going over the Memorial Day Parade. They will be sponsoring a fundraiser at The Cabin on April 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM and 20% of the check total goes to the Memorial Day Parade to pay for the bands that perform.

Councilman Schnurr stated the Planning Board is hearing a few applications this Wednesday, the first is Caballero Plumbing and Heating on Bannard Street, they are looking to add an addition to one of their buildings, Delray Holding on Orchard Street is planning to build duplexes similar to what is across the street and at 54 Main Street, there is a proposed crafting distillery business.

Councilman DiBenedetto stated Public Safety will be meeting later in the month. The Public Works Department are getting out and filling the potholes. If you go to the Public Works building on Center Street, you will see a fence that will be put up, and it will have a more pleasing look.

Councilman DiBenedetto stated the Recreation Commission has been very busy. The Easter Egg Hunt went very well. He thanked Jeff Friedman for being the bunny and the Freehold Fire Department for bringing the bunny over to the children. We are involved in the Bicycle Safety Program, which will be running June 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. The Recreation Commission has made a donation towards that. The program is about a half hour and the children will learn how to ride a bike, wear helmets and other safety ideas.

Councilman DiBenedetto stated the Family Running Club came to them and the Sunrise Optimists Club has been very gracious and donated money towards the running club to underwrite some of the fees for children and families in the Borough. They will begin on April 28<sup>th</sup>, it is a mile and a quarter down the Henry Hudson Trail. This is a family event and we encourage everyone to come out. The Peanut Holloway Walkathon will be held on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM at Freehold Boro High School.

Councilman DiBenedetto stated as for the FCP, everything is brightening up around town. There are a lot of great bands scheduled to perform. Freehold Idol starts the second Wednesday in June and the concerts start the third week in June.

Councilman DiBenedetto stated there was some discussion about the poles we hang banners on. The pole by Rita's Ices is damaged and it is no longer useful. They are thinking about installing a pole over by El Meson and also down on Throckmorton Street.

Councilman DiBenedetto stated he was out of town during the most recent Historic Preservation Committee meeting.

Councilman Sims stated the Youth Government Program had their trip to Washington DC which was a success. We had a full tour of the White House and we went to the Museum of Natural History. After the museum trip we had a break for lunch, it was the Cherry Blossom Festival and we got to see thousands of people and traffic. The traffic was a blessing because we were headed to our tour at the Capitol Building and there was an unfortunate incident that occurred steps from where the bus dropped the kids off. We were unable to make it inside of the Capital Building due to the incident that happened.

Mayor Higgins stated this trip was something these students will remember forever.

Councilman Kane congratulated Councilman Sims on his successful trip with the Youth Government Program. He congratulated Rob Sive who took over as President of the Freehold Boro Little League and that was probably the best day, weather wise, in Opening Day history.

Councilman Kane stated there is so much happening at Lake Topanemus. Two weeks ago they had their spring clean-up. It was also the biggest turnout they've had for volunteers coming to

clean up the park. If you haven't been out there recently, you really need to go and see how great it is. They've just entered into an agreement with Freehold Raceway and every year they go through and scrape their stone dust, the commission uses it at the pond for all of their trails. Our DPW employees went over to the track and got the stone dust and then they had volunteers spreading it throughout the entire park. On May 16<sup>th</sup> there will be a flag dedication at 9:00 AM, Kyle Cannon, Borough resident, just completed his Eagle Scout project and it included putting a flagpole at Lake Topanemus and from 10:00 AM until 6:00 PM there will be an Irish Festival at the lake.

Councilman Kane explained to Mr. Baldwin that the Olde Freehold Day Committee is meeting every Wednesday, the problem is normally they meet here at Borough Hall, but Wednesday night is the busiest night for meetings and there is no room so people have been volunteering their homes. The location has been changing but as soon as he finds out there is a meeting being held at this building, he will let you know.

Councilman Kane stated there will be a fundraiser at Applebee's to benefit the Olde Freehold Day Committee on June 6<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM. Mr. Bellina received a letter from L.L. Bean that they were looking for another site to do what they call "Discovery Classes" these are for kayaking, stand up paddle boarding and fly casting and they've been looking for a location near the mall. The representative came out the day of the clean up, met with commission members, he loved it and brought his supervisor back the following Monday and they've entered into an agreement, which is in attorney review. They will start doing classes out there and they will run from Memorial Day to Labor Day on the weekends.

Councilman Griffiths congratulated Councilman Sims on the Youth Government Washington DC trip and to Garry Jackson on his retirement. The Human Relations Committee, within the next few days, will be going out to various organizations within the Borough and the area. On June 13<sup>th</sup> the committee will be holding the first "Volunteer's Day" and they are attempting to recruit people who want to get involved in the town or in the county. Volunteerism is the backbone of our community.

Councilman Griffiths stated the Shade Tree Commission has been reviewing the posters from the annual Arbor Day Poster Contest and the awards will be held on April 24<sup>th</sup> at the Park Avenue School Complex. St. Rose will be rescheduled because they are having Confirmation that day. They are also starting their tree planting program for residents that want trees in the space between the curb and side walk, they should call the Borough at 732-462-4200.

Councilman Griffiths stated the Innovation Committee will hopefully see the fruit of all of their hard work because the Borough website is in the process of getting updated.

Councilwoman Shutzer wished Garry Jackson well on his retirement. She welcomed Officer Owens back to the Borough. She is hoping that the Shade Tree Commission will take a trip down West George Street because they've lost a lot of trees.

Councilwoman Shutzer stated the Advisory Council on Aging will be meeting tomorrow. The Board of Education on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:15 AM, 90 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be coming to Scudder Hall and she invited the governing body.

Councilwoman Shutzer stated the Freehold Alliance Against Substance Abuse fundraiser which is a golf outing will be June 16<sup>th</sup> at Jumping Brook Golf Course. She attended the "Nip it in the Bud" program which was held at Barkalow Middle School in Freehold Township. It was a wonderful program with professionals and specialists in the area of marijuana issues. We hear about the millions of dollars that Colorado is taking in by legalizing marijuana but we don't hear about

are the millions of dollars that they have to spend to combat the problems it has created. The scariest fact that she heard was that marijuana is about 7 times stronger than before because of all of the synthetics. The synthetics make it so impure that nobody knows what they are getting.

Councilwoman Shutzer stated the Peanut Holloway Walk-a-Thon (it is really called the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk for Kids) and it benefits our community YMCA on Center Street. It will be at the track at Freehold Boro High School on May 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM and there is a \$5.00 donation to walk.

Councilwoman Shutzer stated Park Avenue Elementary PTO will be hosting a giant yard sale on April 25<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of April 26<sup>th</sup>. The money raised will be used to provide field day and field trips.

Mayor Higgins stated Lynn Reich has gotten the Mayor's Fitness Campaign off to a good start. The Mayor's Clean-up Day will be held on May 16<sup>th</sup> and it is an opportunity to get our yards in order and there will be a paper shredder coming that afternoon.

Mayor Higgins asked for public comments.

There were none.

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

Councilwoman Shutzer offered the motion to Adjourn, seconded by Councilman Sims:

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.

The council meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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TRACI L. DIBENEDETTO, RMC  
BOROUGH CLERK

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