

The Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold was held on Monday, February 4, 2019 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).

Councilwoman Rogers 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	COUNCILWOMAN ANNETTE JORDAN
PRESENT	COUNCILMAN KEVIN KANE
PRESENT	COUNCILWOMAN MARGARET ROGERS
PRESENT	COUNCILMAN GEORGE SCHNURR
PRESENT	COUNCILWOMAN SHARON SHUTZER

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

**“Approval of Minutes: Council Meeting December 17, 2018 and Executive Session January 7, 2019.”**

Councilman DiBenedetto offered a motion to accept the minutes and was seconded by Councilman Kane:

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Kane, Schnurr and Shutzer voted its adoption; opposed none; abstain Jordan and Rogers (December 17, 2018); absent none. Mayor Higgins declared the motion adopted.

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

**“Introduction of and Authorization to Publish Ordinance #2019/1 to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14).”**

Councilwoman Jordan offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Kane:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold that an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE #2019/1 TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4045.14).” 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 shall be further considered for final passage after public hearing at a meeting held on February 19, 2019 at 7:00 PM 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, Jordan, Kane, Rogers, Schnurr and Shutzer 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 Borough of Freehold, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, Amending Temporary Appropriations for 2019.”**

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

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2019.

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Jordan, Kane, Rogers, Schnurr and Shutzer 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:

**“Introduction of and Authorization to Publish Bond Ordinance #2019/2 Providing for the Purchase and Installation of Parking Meter Pay Stations in Municipal Owned Parking Lots Appropriating \$150,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$142,500 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 Kane 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 an Ordinance entitled “BOND ORDINANCE #2019/2 PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF PARKING METER PAY STATIONS IN MUNICIPAL OWNED PARKING LOTS APPROPRIATING \$150,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$142,500 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 Ordinance in the Asbury Park Press and that shall be further considered for final passage after public hearing at a meeting held on February 19, 2019 at 7:00 PM 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 he is fine with the Bond Ordinance to get the ball rolling, but said issues related to parking management and decisions must be made on the following before the actual purchase and installations are done. He stated there are three big questions:

1. What will be locations for the paid parking, the lots and/or streets
2. Time limits and parking turn-over rates
3. What will be the pricing

Councilman Schnurr stated once these questions are answered, a financial analysis can be done, just like what was done for the water plant. He stated the analysis can figure out return and how much per year can be used to maintain the lots that the meters are in. Councilman Schnurr raised other questions such as parking permits, what type of technology will be used, what type of enforcement is needed and the residential areas around the lots that may be effected. He stated outreach must be held with residents, visitors, Monmouth County and Freehold Center Partnership before anything is purchased.

Councilman Kane agreed this is just to get the ball rolling. He stated there will be ample opportunity for stakeholder involvement and discussion through a series of meetings. Councilman Kane stated everything that was brought up will be discussed.

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Jordan, Kane, Rogers, Schnurr and Shutzer 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 Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold Authorizing the Planning Board to Undertake a Preliminary Investigation for Redevelopment.”**

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD AUTHORIZING THE PLANNING BOARD TO UNDERTAKE A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION FOR REDEVELOPMENT.

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Jordan, Kane, Rogers, Schnurr and Shutzer 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 of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold Authorizing Initial Environmental Study of a Portion of Redevelopment Area.”**

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD AUTHORIZING INITIAL ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY OF A PORTION OF REDEVELOPMENT AREA.

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Jordan, Kane, Rogers, Schnurr and Shutzer 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:

**“Resolution Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Freehold for Code Enforcement, Building Inspection and Plan Review Services.”**

Councilwoman Rogers offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Jordan:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF FREEHOLD FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT, BUILDING INSPECTION AND PLAN REVIEW SERVICES.

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Jordan, Kane, Rogers, Schnurr and Shutzer 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:

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

- a. **Resignation of Jamie Bennett as a member of the Freehold Borough Planning Board, effective January 23, 2019.**
- b. **Appointment of Jose Geronimo as a Regular Member of the Freehold Borough Planning Board to fill an unexpired term to December 31, 2020.**
- c. **Appointment of Katherine Mulholland as Director of the Freehold Public Library, effective February 4, 2019, pending successful completion of New Jersey Civil Service Procedures.”**

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

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS/ACTIONS:  
11A-11C.**

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Jordan, Kane, Rogers. Schnurr and Shutzer 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 Approving the Following Applications:**

- a. Raffle License #7-19, Columbian Club of Freehold, 50/50, 5/18/2019, 8:00 PM, 70 East Main Street.**
- b. Raffle License #8-19, St. Rose of Lima Church, 50/50, 6/18/2019 to 6/22/2019, 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM, 16 McLean Street.**
- c. Raffle License #9-19, St. Rose of Lima Church, off premise 50/50, 6/22/2019, 10:00 PM, 16 McLean Street.**
- d. Taxi Owner License, Irma Castro, Elite Limo & Car Service, (4 Cars)**
- e. Taxi Owner License, Juan Gonzalez, Gonzalez’s Taxi, (3 Cars)**
- f. Taxi Owner License, Keith Berman, KB Taxi Service (4 Cars)**
- g. Taxi Owner License, Guadalupe Hinojosa, Omega Taxi (2 Cars)**
- h. Taxi Owner License, Michael Nwachukwu, Regional Taxi (2 Cars)**
- i. Taxi Owner License, Vicenta Pantoja, Marco’s Taxi (1 Car)**
- j. Taxi Owner License, Bernabe Pantoja, Express Taxi (11 Cars)**
- k. Taxi Owner License, Hristos Kontizialis, Cris Taxi (2 Cars)**
- l. Permanent Taxi Driver License, Michael Beierschmitt, Freehold**
- m. Temporary Taxi Driver License, Michael Nwachukwu, Freehold**
- n. Temporary Taxi Driver License, Jahswill O. Obinna, Freehold**
- o. Temporary Taxi Driver License, Juan Gonzalez, Freehold**
- p. Temporary Taxi Driver License, Angel Cruz, Freehold**
- q. Temporary Taxi Driver License, Joel Pantoja, Freehold**
- r. Temporary Taxi Driver License, Gerardo Garcia, Freehold**
- s. Temporary Taxi Driver License, Leoncio M. Reyes, Freehold**
- t. Temporary Taxi Driver License, Matther E. Barry, Freehold**
- u. Temporary Taxi Driver License, Juan S. Gonzalez, Freehold**
- v. Precious Metal License, Freehold Jewelers, 33 West Main Street**
- w. Massage Establishment License, Freehold Body Care, 8 Court Street**
- x. Massage Therapist License, Kaleria V. Lamotkins, Freehold.”**

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

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS: 12A – 12X.**

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Jordan, Kane, Rogers, Schnurr and Shutzer 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:

**“Approval of Bills.”**

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold that the bills on the attached list in the amount of \$2,742,310.47 be paid as presented.

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Jordan, Kane, Rogers, Schnurr and Shutzer 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:

**“Clerk – Late Communications.”**

There were none.

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

**“Public Comments”**

Mr. Sal Aversano, stated he is looking forward to playing downtown again this summer and asked if he could play in the Market Yard only and no longer play in front of the library on weekends.

Councilman DiBenedetto stated that is a sidewalk and there is a lot of foot traffic. He stated that is not a designated entertainment location as there are in other areas downtown.

Mr. Aversano stated he has been playing there on weekdays and there does not seem to be a problem.

Borough Administrator Joe Bellina suggested Mr. Aversano contact the Police Department for appropriate locations that will not harm the businesses nor restrict pedestrians from moving through the area.

Mr. Aversano stated he has a good relationship with the people that work in the restaurants.

Mayor Higgins suggested he will be in touch with Captain Dispenza.

Councilwoman Shutzer made a motion to close Public Comments, seconded by Councilman Kane.

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Jordan, Kane, Rogers, Schnurr and Shutzer 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:

**“Council Comments.”**

Councilman Schnurr reported he attended the Medal of Honor ceremony and it was very well done. Councilman Schnurr reported there is fundraiser at the Cabin for the Memorial Day Parade on February 19<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Schnurr reported he attended the Freehold Armory Deployment Ceremony on January 27<sup>th</sup> for 200 families and soldiers from the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 114<sup>th</sup> Infantry, Bravo Co. of the New Jersey Army National Guard. He stated it was a moving ceremony and the soldiers were being deployed to the Middle East. He wished them a safe return.

Councilwoman Rogers had no comments.

Councilwoman Shutzer no comments.

Councilman DiBenedetto stated he recently attended the Freehold First Aid Installation Dinner along with Mayor Higgins and Councilwoman Shutzer and wished them the best in 2019. Councilman DiBenedetto wished everyone a Happy Valentine’s Day and added the medal ceremony was wonderful.

Councilwoman Jordan had no comments.

Councilman Kane thanked everyone for coming and announced the St. Patrick’s Day Parade will be Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM.

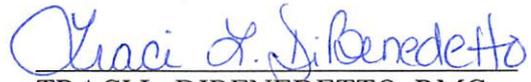
Mayor Higgins stated Freehold was very honored to have Congressman Smith, Freeholder Burry and all that turned out for the ceremony earlier that day, recognizing the return of a Pvt. Fallon’s Civil War Medal of Honor. He thanked Muriel Smith and Glenn Cashion for making this happen.

Councilman Kane offered a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Shutzer:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



TRACI L. DIBENEDETTO, RMC  
BOROUGH CLERK

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