

The Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold was held on Monday, October 7, 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: Executive Sessions July 15, 2019, August 5, 2019 and September 16, 2019; Council Meetings September 3, 2019 and September 16, 2019.”

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

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 welcomed Mr. Jim Markey from JCP&L. He explained he is the area representative and welcomed any comments or questions from the governing body.

Mr. Markey stated he is always available and thanked everyone for their patience during the recent storm.

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

“Freehold Regional High School District Referendum - Linda Jewell, Principal, Freehold High School.”

Freehold High School Principal, Linda Jewell gave a short presentation on the upcoming referendum to fund improvements to the high school. She explained why the referendum should be passed and what is specific to Freehold High School including,

increased security measures, repairs to the auditorium, upgrade science classrooms and bleacher repair. She explained the costs and stated all of the items are needed. Mrs. Jewell urged everyone to favorably vote and thanked the governing body for their support.

Councilwoman Shutzer stated the money from the state will be used elsewhere if the referendum does not pass.

Mrs. Jewell added US News and World Report ranked Freehold High School in the top 1,000 public high schools in the nation. She stated information specific to Freehold High School is available.

Councilman Schnurr stated from the tax payers point of view, the new debt replaces the old debt, so it is level. He explained that is similar to what is being done with the water plant.

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

“Water Plant Update – Brian Dougherty, PE, Mott MacDonald.”

Mayor Higgins introduced Mr. Brian Dougherty from Mott MacDonald who has been working on the Water Plant project.

Mr. Dougherty gave an overview of the current water treatment plant which is owned and operated by Freehold Borough. He explained the wells, capacity and operational assessment of the plant. Mr. Dougherty stated an assessment was completed several years ago, he detailed the deficiencies that were found and explained the recommended improvements. He described the decision to construct a new plant fitted with modern controls and state of the art technology. Mr. Dougherty described the design of the new plant and project implementation. He explained the design includes energy efficiency and put the building above the 100-year flood level. Mr. Dougherty explained there will be a bid process and the project will continue to an anticipated 18-month construction phase.

Mayor Higgins thanked Mr. Dougherty for all of his work and stated this is a proactive move on behalf of the Borough. He congratulated everyone who has been involved in moving this project forward.

Councilman DiBenedetto asked what the current backwash is compared to the new backwash of 100,000 gallons.

Mr. Dougherty stated it will be a little more. He stated the new filtration system can take more water per square foot than what is taken in at the plant now. Mr. Dougherty stated the filter area is producing more backwash so its producing more waste. He explained it will be recycled and 10-15% will be disposed of in the sledge drying beds.

Councilman DiBenedetto asked if the new treatment plant can accommodate if new clients in the Township are taken on.

Mr. Dougherty stated the current customers outside the Borough are accounted for in the demand. He stated the plan accounts for some possible redevelopment but there is plenty of capacity if more properties need to be added.

Councilman DiBenedetto asked if there are any security cameras in the plant.

Mr. Dougherty stated they were not included, but can easily be added.

Borough Administrator stated that would be good idea since the staff can do most things remotely.

Councilman Schnurr stated 13% of the meter reads are outside of the Borough.

Councilman Kane stated the new plant and GIS Mapping that has been done will be a tremendous benefit for the town. He explained how issues can be identified and the new plant will provide great water. Councilman Kane thanked Mr. Dougherty for all of his help.

Mr. Bellina announced a percentage of the infrastructure needs to be replaced each year as part of the assessment program. He stated water tanks are going to be inspected shortly, which is an expensive, but necessary undertaking.

Mayor Higgins asked for an update on the field work for the new GIS system.

Mr. Dougherty stated the Water Department has been using the GIS and reporting back any areas that need updating. He thanked Mr. Joe Floudas for using it every day and updating the information.

Mayor Higgins stated both the plant and GIS are going to be such great tools for the residents. He stated having this information in a database is a huge help to the DPW staff.

Councilwoman Jordan asked if the field work information has been shared with the Fire Department.

Mr. Dougherty stated it was brought back to the Administrator and there were areas that need some adjustments. He stated he would follow up with him again to see if that could happen soon.

Mayor Higgins thanked Mr. Dougherty for his update.

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

“Second Reading and Public Hearing: Bond Ordinance No. 2019/7 Amending in Part Bond Ordinance No. 2017-3 Adopted on February 6, 2017, Providing for the Design and Construction of New Water Well No. 10, in Order to Increase the Appropriation Therefor by \$300,000 for a Total Appropriation of \$1,650,000 to Increase the Authorized Bonds and Notes to be Issued to Finance a Portion of the Costs Thereof by \$300,000 for a Total Debt Authorization of \$1,600,000, and to Increase the Allocation of the Appropriation to Costs Permitted Under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20, 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 Kane offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Shutzer:

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION.

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.

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 an Ordinance entitled “BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2019/7 AMENDING IN PART BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2017-3 ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 6, 2017, PROVIDING FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW WATER WELL NO. 10, IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION THEREFOR BY \$300,000 FOR A TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$1,650,000 TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZED BONDS AND NOTES TO BE ISSUED TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF BY \$300,000 FOR A TOTAL DEBT AUTHORIZATION OF \$1,600,000, AND TO INCREASE THE ALLOCATION OF THE APPROPRIATION TO COSTS PERMITTED UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20, 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, 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:

“Second Reading and Public Hearing: Bond Ordinance No. 2019/8 Amending in Part Bond Ordinance No. 2018-2 Adopted on March 19, 2018, Providing for the Construction of a New Water Treatment Plant, in Order to Increase the Appropriation Therefor by \$6,700,000 for a Total Appropriation of \$7,200,000 to Increase the Authorized Bonds and Notes to be Issued to Finance a Portion of the Costs Thereof by \$6,700,000 for a Total Debt Authorization of \$7,175,000 and to Increase the Allocation of the Appropriation to Costs Permitted Under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20, 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.

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

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION.

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.

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 “BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2019/8 AMENDING IN PART BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2018-2 ADOPTED ON MARCH 19, 2018, PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW WATER TREATMENT PLANT, IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION THEREFOR BY \$6,700,000 FOR A TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$7,200,000 TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZED BONDS AND NOTES TO BE ISSUED TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF BY \$6,700,000 FOR A TOTAL DEBT AUTHORIZATION OF \$7,175,000 AND TO INCREASE THE ALLOCATION OF THE APPROPRIATION TO COSTS PERMITTED UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20, 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, 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 Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement to Conduct a Preliminary Investigation: 26 Court St – Block 36; Lot 9.01, 2 Broad St – Block 36; Lot 7, 4 Broad St – Block 36; Lots 6 & 6.01 and 6 Broad St – Block 36; Lots 5 & 5.01.”

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO CONDUCT A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION: 26 COURT ST – BLOCK 36; LOT 9.01, 2 BROAD ST – BLOCK 36; LOT 7, 4 BROAD ST – BLOCK 36; LOTS 6 & 6.01 AND 6 BROAD ST – BLOCK 36; LOTS 5 & 5.01.

Councilman Schnurr explained this is a result of KFM Partnership requesting a preliminary investigation be done to determine if the properties can be designated as an area in need of redevelopment, which is a standard that is established by the NJ Municipal Land Use Law.

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 of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold Declaring and Designating the Center Core as an Area in Need of Rehabilitation.”

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 DECLARING AND DESIGNATING THE CENTER CORE AS AN AREA IN NEED OF REHABILITATION.

Councilman Schnurr explained this is to continue the planning process in order to achieve the Transit Village Designation for the downtown area around the bus station. He stated the difference between this plan and previous plans was; the outreach that was done, the relationship to the county plans and the relationship to state redevelopment in regards to the Transit Village designation. Councilman Schnurr stated this needs to be done to move forward with any downtown development.

Borough Administrator, Joseph Bellina stated there are two more redevelopment plans pending.

Borough Attorney, Kerry Higgins stated there is currently a Downtown Freehold Core Redevelopment Plan that the council has been operating under since 2008. She stated

there have been numerous adjustments and the NJTPA were helpful in consolidating it. She added they recommended some expansion to the original boundaries and changes to the plan itself.

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 Approving Change Order Number 1 for the Repaving of Phyllis Road.”

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

RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR THE REPAVING OF PHYLLIS ROAD.

Councilman DiBenedetto stated this a net decrease in the contract for \$390.14.

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 of the Borough of Freehold, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey Cancelling Tax Charges Regarding Block 85 Lot 13, 74 Institute Street, Freehold, NJ and Block 78 Lot 4, 9 Otterson Road, Freehold, NJ.”

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

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY CANCELLING TAX CHARGES REGARDING BLOCK 85 LOT 13, 74 INSTITUTE STREET, FREEHOLD, NJ AND BLOCK 78 LOT 4, 9 OTTERSON ROAD, FREEHOLD, NJ.

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:

“Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA).”

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBA).

Councilwoman Jordan explained this is to replace six air packs for the fire department.

Councilman DiBenedetto stated these are state of the art and are great safety tools.

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:

“Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold, County of Monmouth Authorizing a License Agreement with St. Peter’s Episcopal Church on a Portion of Borough Property.”

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AUTHORIZING A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH ST. PETER’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH ON A PORTION OF BOROUGH PROPERTY.

Councilman Schnurr stated this is in regards to a connection into the storm water system from St. Peter’s into the CVS lot. He added there is already a Developers Agreement with St. Peter’s that references an approved plan.

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. 15 on the Agenda as follows:

“Resolution of the Borough of Freehold, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Compensation Payment to Teri A. Stich Upon her Retirement.”

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

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING COMPENSATION PAYMENT TO TERI A. STICH UPON HER RETIREMENT.

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:

“Resolution Confirming Personnel Appointments/Actions:

- a. Thirty day Medical Leave of Absence for Chief Robbie Bailey, Freehold Fire Department, until October 19, 2019.**
- b. Resignation of Andre Jones, Special Laborer, Streets & Roads Dept., effective September 20, 2019.**
- c. Appointment of Anthony Guglielmo as a probationary member of the Freehold Fire Department, Good Will Hook & Ladder Co., effective October 7, 2019.**
- d. Appointment of Edward T. Mirkin as a probationary member of the Freehold Fire Department, Good Will Hook & Ladder Co., effective October 7, 2019.”**

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

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS/ACTIONS NOS. 16A – 16D.

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 noted Fire Chief Bailey is doing fine after his surgery and on behalf of the governing body, best wishes are extended to him.

Mayor Higgins read Item No. 17 on the Agenda as follows:

“Resolution Approving the Following Applications:

- a. Memorializing Canning Application, Freehold Elks Lodge #1454, 10/5/19, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the intersections of East Main St./Center St./Spring St./Broadway and Main St. and South St. Rain date: 10/12/19.**
- b. Block Party, 10/20/19, 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM, Stillwell Place.**

- c/o Amelie McAndrews
- c. **Raffle License #29-19, BPOE Freehold Elks Lodge #1454, Merchandise Raffle, 12/15/2019, 73 East Main Street.**
 - d. **Raffle License #30-19, BPOE Freehold Elks Lodge #1454, 50/50, 3/15/2020, 73 East Main Street.**
 - e. **Raffle License #31-19, All Fur Love Animal Rescue, 50/50, 10/19/19 at the Freehold Elks Lodge, 73 East Main Street.**
 - f. **Raffle License #32-19, All Fur Love Animal Rescue, Gift Basket Raffle, 10/19/19, at the Freehold Elks Lodge, 73 East Main Street.”**

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

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS: 17A –17F.

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. 18 on the Agenda as follows”

“Approval of Bills.”

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 the bills on the attached list in the amount of \$2,432,673.93 be paid as presented.

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Jordan, Rogers, Schnurr and Shutzer voted its adoption; opposed none; abstain Kane (#19-01402 & #19-01403); 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:

“Public Comments”

Mr. Dalton Gollinge, 25 Murray Street, currently attending Rutgers University. As part of his Political Science curriculum, he is to attend a public meeting and bring up a subject of concern. Mr. Gollinge explained his fond memories of Kruiise Night and his

disappointment in its cancellation. He stated he was told it discontinued because of noise complaints. Mr. Gollinge asked the governing body to explain why Kruse Night was originally cancelled and if it could return as a Borough tradition and bring increased revenue for the businesses on Main Street.

Mayor Higgins congratulated Mr. Gollinge on his college career. He explained Kruse Night has been discussed several times since its cancellation. Mayor Higgins explained the event is a victim of its own success, outgrew the downtown area and it became very expensive to operate. Mayor Higgins acknowledged it was a very successful night for downtown, especially the restaurants and requests are made occasionally to bring it back.

Councilman Kane stated the event got too big to manage and the Downtown Center Partnership came up with the concert series and other events to fill the void and they have done a great job with their new events. Councilman Kane stated it became too big.

Councilwoman Shutzer added it was not only expensive but there was a public safety issue involved and it was too big to handle.

Mayor Higgins asked if Mr. Gollinge attended the concerts and events that are currently held downtown.

Mr. Gollinge stated he does sometimes.

Mayor Higgins reported they have been very successful and Downtown Freehold does a great job. He stated downtown is alive and well and the restaurants are thriving. Mayor Higgins suggested he contact Mr. Jeff Friedman with any suggestions or if he'd like to get involved.

Councilwoman Shutzer asked if verification of his attendance is needed for his professor. She offered to have the governing body sign her agenda for him to provide as proof.

Mr. Gollinge stated his professor checks the minutes once published. He thanked the governing body.

Mr. Jeff Friedman, Freehold Center Management Corporation, announced the upcoming concert, movie night and Jazz & Blues Festival. He announced the upcoming Flavor of Freehold will support the Municipal Alliance Against Substance Abuse. Mr. Friedman announced the holiday events will start in December. He thanked everyone for their continued support.

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

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. 21 on the Agenda as follows:

“Council Comments”

Councilman Schnurr stated he agrees with Mr. Gollinge and would like to see Kruise Night return in some way. He announced the Library’s monthly newsletter is available. Councilman Schnurr stated he received several complaints about campaign signs being placed at Elks Point. He stated the Veterans were offended as Elks Points should be considered hallowed ground and no campaign signs should be allowed. Councilman Schnurr stated the campaign signs were removed and stated nothing should be put up on Elks Point as it is disrespectful.

Councilwoman Rogers thanked everyone for attending and reported the upcoming Downtown Freehold events as well as all of the Spooktacular festivities. She encouraged everyone to attend at least some of the events.

Councilwoman Shutzer reported hydrant flushing will be on October 16th. She encouraged everyone to attend Flavor of Freehold which benefits Alliance To Prevent Substance Abuse and explained how the evening works. Councilwoman Shutzer stated the Jazz Festival is also a great activity with vendors, food trucks and several stages of entertainment.

Councilman DiBenedetto stated he agreed with Councilman Schnurr regarding Elks Point and relayed a story on how seriously the veterans feel about that location. He thanked everyone for coming and wished a Happy Yom Kippur.

Councilwoman Jordan stated the Municipal Alliance launched PSAs to be played in 14 movie theaters at the AMC movie complex at Freehold Raceway Mall. She announced Participatory Budget Committee will be presented on October 21st and voting on each of the seven project submissions will be open until November 15th.

Councilman Kane thanked everyone for attending. He announced Food Stock will be collecting non-perishable food items on October 19th at Freehold Township Independent Fire House and explained what a great charity it is which is now in its 10th year.

Mayor Higgins reported on the opening of the Bruce Springsteen exhibit at the Monmouth County Historical Association on Court Street, stating it was a tremendous event with 700 people in attendance. He explained the exhibit is open for 12 months and will attract visitors from all over who will then visit the businesses and restaurants downtown. He stated it showcases Bruce’s background and the history of Freehold Borough. Mayor Higgins commended the Police Department on a great job that night.

He stated the Police Department also responded to a recent incident and the parties involved stated the Chief and officers were caring, sensitive and professional. Mayor Higgins congratulated Chief Dispenza on another job well done.

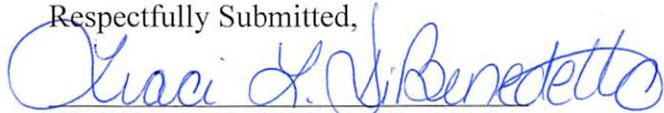
Mayor Higgins called up Mr. Dalton Gollinge to ceremoniously close the meeting.

Councilwoman Shutzer offered a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Schnurr.

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 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



TRACI L. DIBENEDETTO, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

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