

The virtual Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold was held on Monday, June 15, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. through online video conference.

Mayor Kane 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).

Chief Dispenza opened the meeting with the Salute to the Flag, followed by a moment of silence in remembrance of those that have lost their lives to COVID-19.

#### ROLL CALL

PRESENT	MAYOR KEVIN KANE
ABSENT	COUNCILMAN MICHAEL DIBENEDETTO
PRESENT	COUNCILWOMAN ANNETTE JORDAN
PRESENT	COUNCILMAN ADAM REICH
PRESENT	COUNCILWOMAN MARGARET ROGERS
PRESENT	COUNCILMAN GEORGE SCHNURR
PRESENT	COUNCILWOMAN SHARON SHUTZER

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

**“Approval of Minutes: Council Meeting June 1, 2020.”**

Councilman Reich offered a motion to accept the minutes and was seconded by Councilwoman Shutzer.

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

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

**“Introduction of and Authorization to Publish Bond Ordinance #2020/12 Providing for Improvements to Various Roads, Appropriating \$1,100,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$752,000 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 Schnurr offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold that an Ordinance entitled “BOND ORDINANCE #2020/12 PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS ROADS, APPROPRIATING \$1,100,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$752,000 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 Ordinance in the Asbury Park Press and that shall be further considered for final passage after public hearing at a meeting held on July 20, 2020 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 explained the streets that will be repaved are Frances Drive, Berkley Place and Yard Avenue.

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

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

**“Public Hearing and Resolution Adopting the 2020/2021 Budget of the Special Improvement District.”**

Mayor Kane opened the meeting to public comments.

There were no comments.

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

**RESOLUTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION.**

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

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

**PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2020/2021 BUDGET OF THE SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT.**

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

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

**“Resolution Confirming the Special Assessment Roll of the Special Improvement District.”**

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

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL OF THE SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT.**

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

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

**“Resolution Authorizing Payment of Funds Collected on Behalf of the Special Improvement District.”**

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF FUNDS COLLECTED ON BEHALF OF THE SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT.**

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

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

**“Resolution of the Borough of Freehold, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, Amending Temporary Appropriations for 2020.”**

Councilman Schnurr 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 2020.**

Councilman Schnurr explained the appropriations cover the period from the beginning of the fiscal year to the final budget adoption, which has not been done.

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

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

**“Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold Authorizing the Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Stokes Street Roadway Improvements Project.”**

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE STOKES STREET ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

Councilman Schnurr stated this is for the paving of Stokes Street.

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

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

**“Resolution Authorizing Renewal of a Shared Services Agreement for the Western Monmouth Active Shooter Training Group.”**

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE WESTERN MONMOUTH ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING GROUP.

Councilwoman Shutzer explained this will cost \$660.00 for shared training with several other communities, led by Freehold Township.

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

Mayor Kane read Item No. 12 on the Agenda as follows:

**“Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold Authorizing Professional Services Agreement with Pennoni for Preparation of a Redevelopment Plan.”**

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF  
FREEHOLD AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH  
PENNONI FOR PREPARATION OF A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN.

Councilman Schnurr asked if KFM pays for this service.

Borough Attorney, Kerry Higgins responded yes, the original proposal included this and it has been paid and is in escrow.

Councilman Reich reported this resolution allows for a Redevelopment Plan for 26 Court Street and 2-4-6 Broad Street area.

Ms. Higgins confirmed the area was already declared an area in need of redevelopment, now a Redevelopment Plan needs to be prepared and adopted.

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

Councilman DiBenedetto entered the meeting at 6:44 PM.

Mayor Kane read Item No. 13 on the Agenda as follows:

**“Resolution Pledging to Review Police Policies and Engage the Entire Community by Including a Diverse Range of Input, Experiences and Stories.”**

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

RESOLUTION PLEDGING TO REVIEW POLICE POLICIES AND ENGAGE THE  
ENTIRE COMMUNITY BY INCLUDING A DIVERSE RANGE OF INPUT,  
EXPERIENCES AND STORIES.

Councilwoman Shutzer highlighted several points in the Resolution.

Mayor Kane stated he has signed this online and works closely with the Police Department. He stated Freehold Borough is 1 of only 17 towns out of 53 in Monmouth County that has an accredited police department. He explained their operating procedures are monitored and scrutinized constantly and they do a great job. Mayor Kane stated this is not an indictment on the Police Department, it is just a process to make everyone better.

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

Mayor Kane read Item No. 14 on the Agenda as follows:

**“Resolution Authorizing Contract for Purchase of Real Property.”**

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY.**

Councilman Schnurr asked about the retro cost.

Borough Attorney, Kerry Higgins responded changes still need to be made. She stated plans need to be reviewed by both sides. Ms. Higgins explained this authorizes moving forward and not agreeing to the contract until it is all down.

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

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

**“Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold, County of Monmouth Waiving Sidewalk Café and Temporary License Fees for Outdoor Sales and Dining for 2020 Due to COVID-19 Restrictions.”**

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

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH WAIVING SIDEWALK CAFÉ AND TEMPORARY LICENSE FEES FOR OUTDOOR SALES AND DINING FOR 2020 DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS.**

Councilwoman Jordan stated this allows for outside dining, waiving the normal licensing fees for this year only.

Councilman Schnurr added downtown is the lifeblood of the economy in Freehold Borough and it needs to be jump started.

Councilwoman Shutzer stated a strong downtown is a strong community.

Mayor Kane stated he stopped downtown prior to the meeting and all the restaurants are excited and it was great to see people downtown again.

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

Mayor Kane read Item No. 16 on the Agenda as follows:

**“Approval of Bills.”**

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold that the bills on the attached list in the amount of \$556,663.78 be paid as presented.

Councilman Schnurr noted the top two bills:

1. \$286,590.00 – Payroll
2. \$197,305.00 – Monmouth County Dispatch Service (911)

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

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

**“Clerk – Late Communications.”**

**Human Relations Committee – Beautification Contest Winner.”**

Councilman Reich announced the Beautification Contest winners; the D’Angelo-Fernandez Family of 160 South Street. He read a message from the Human Relations Committee and stated they won gas grill from Home Depot.

The D’Angelo-Fernandez family stated they worked together and Boro pride is why they beautified their home. They thanked everyone and invited them to drive by and see the house.

Councilman Reich made a motion to name the D’Angelo-Fernandez Family as this year’s Beautification Contest Winner, seconded by Councilwoman Jordan.

Mayor Kane thanked the homeowners for putting the time and effort into their property.

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

Mayor Kane read item No. 18 on the Agenda as follows:

**“Item for Discussion:**

**Redevelopment Presentation – Salvatore Alfieri, Esq. representing Auto Pro (Auto Body Repair Shop), Market Yard/Hudson Street, Block 62, Lots 23.01 & 24.”**

Borough Attorney, Kerry Higgins explained the application was before the governing body previously to present a plan for redevelopment of their property in the Market Yard. She

explained there were changes to the plans, which will be detailed. Ms. Higgins introduced the attorney for the applicant, Mr. Salvatore Alfieri.

Mr. Alfieri explained the new plan has new lot lines due to the purchase of an adjacent property. He introduced the project architect, Greg Clark to describe the other details.

Ms. Higgins entered the following into the record: A-1 (4 pages), A-2 (1 page) and A-3 (3 pages)

Mr. Clark explained the plans as seen on Exhibit A-3. He stated this will bring all of the current work done outside into the proposed building. Mr. Clark described the exterior which includes material approved by the Borough and reducing the number of garage doors. Mr. Clark stated the colors will be earth-tone and the overall intent is to create a historically contextual facade that will fit in with the Market Yard and town as a whole.

Borough Attorney, Kerry Higgins swore in Mr. Joe Kociuba, PE, PP, Engineer and Greg Clark, Architect.

Mr. Kociuba described the building size, lot size and proposed subdivision of Lot 24, leaving the home and creating a parking area. Mr. Kociuba explained the proposed parking and space requirements. Mr. Kociuba reported the application adds two spaces to the Market Yard Parking Lot and needs relief in several areas including lot coverage, parking setbacks and side setback. He reviewed the proposed parking spaces and parking requirements.

Councilman Schnurr asked how many feet are between the house and the new rear.

Mr. Kociuba responded approximately 60 feet.

Mr. William Wentzien, Borough Engineer added it is actually 50 feet.

Councilman DiBenedetto questioned when the two dumpsters are emptied, the easement runoff and light spillage.

Mr. Kociuba stated the property owner said garbage is removed bi-weekly, the drainage currently goes there with no problem and the applicant is proposing to only reroute to the storm drain and he described the outside lighting.

Ms. Higgins questioned why there is a designated employee parking place which results in only one additional parking space in the Market Yard.

Mr. Kociuba stated the designated employee space was a result from the previous negotiations and confirmed it is one additional public parking space to the lot.

Mr. Wentzien stated the space is within the Market Yard property, but right next to the refuse location which hinders the opening of the enclosure if a car is parked there.

Mr. Kociuba stated the application is eliminating four spaces and restriping one further down, so only three are being removed. He stated if this is designated as an employee space there is still an increase of two spaces.

Mr. Alfieri stated the space was designated as an employee only space so there would be no problem accessing the dumpsters.

Ms. Higgins stated the sub-division and site plan are within the jurisdiction of the Planning Board and the remainder lot, Lot 24, will become non-compliant in lot coverage and area. She confirmed the new lot, Lot 24.02 will merge with the existing lot so that will not be non-compliant.

Mr. Kociuba stated that is correct.

Ms. Higgins stated the rear portion of the Hudson Street lots are in a Neighborhood Zone in which an auto related use is not permitted. She stated a plan amendment would be required. She stated the Neighborhood Zone runs through for the whole area.

Mr. Wentzien confirmed it is true for the three lots to the left and three lots to the right are in the Neighborhood Zone. Lot 23-01 is an isolated lot in the Downtown Zone. He said there is more than one way to deal with merging a portion of the Neighborhood Zone into the Downtown Zone.

Ms. Higgins speculated it would be a Use Variance from the Planning Board. She confirmed that all of the Hudson Street lots are in the Neighborhood Zone. She stated that is one thing Council needs to look at and determine what needs to be done.

Mr. Kociuba stated a plan amendment might be the cleanest so, once sub-divided, it can be designated as part of the Downtown area.

Councilman Schnurr asked if that was done, would a Use Variance be needed.

Ms. Higgins stated no.

Mr. Kociuba stated technically yes, because of the conditional use standard issue.

Ms. Higgins stated because the increase is more than 20%, it may require an amendment to the 2019 Rehabilitation Plan or if it would be a Use Variance.

Mr. Kociuba quoted from the Redevelopment Plan, "Any relief from standard otherwise governed by NJSA 40:55 D-70D, shall require that this Rehabilitation Plan be amended."

Ms. Higgins asked if all three signs in the front are needed.

Property Owner Sebastian Cina, Jr. was sworn in and testified he is not sure what the actual signs will be. He stated there was a discussion between the architect and his father.

Ms. Higgins stated that is a Site Plan issue and can be deferred to the Planning Board.

Councilman DiBenedetto asked if the application has gone before Historical Preservation Commission.

Councilman Reich stated they would and most buildings in the Historic Commission area can only have one building sign.

Councilman Schnurr stated it needs to be decided if the application needs a Use Variance.

Ms. Higgins stated an amendment to the plan is needed because that is what the Redevelopment Plan states.

Mr. Wentzien added that is from two points of view. One being for the use itself and second, the expansion of more than 20%.

Ms. Higgins confirmed the use in a Neighborhood Zone needs to be addressed and because it's an expansion of 20%, that would also require a plan amendment.

Mr. Wentzien stated the applicant is under the Land Use portion of the new Core Zone, which requires action by the governing body. He stated these are the two main issues and the rest of his report outlines all the bulk and design criteria so Council is aware of the full picture. Mr. Wentzien highlighted Item #9, is everything that will effect public property and that there are other elements that need governing body approval in their own right.

Ms. Higgins stated the swap of parking spaces requires a cross license agreement between the Borough and the applicant and it can be easily done. She stated consent will have to be granted because their plan requires Freehold Borough owned property.

Mr. Alfieri stated this has been previously discussed and a draft license agreement has been prepared and it can be moved along quickly.

Ms. Higgins stated the following actions are needed;

1. The governing body authorizes Pennoni to amend the 2019 plan addressing the Neighborhood Zone issue and the expansion of more than 20%. That will be introduced as an Ordinance.
2. Agree to enter into a cross license agreement with the applicant regarding parking spaces as set forth, stating anytime the agreement is rescinded or revoked, the business can be shut down.

Ms. Higgins stated the applicant cannot go to the Planning Board until the plan is amended. Ms. Higgins suggested a vote to draw up an amendment to the plan and upon return do an approval for the agreement.

Mayor Kane opened the meeting to the public.

There were no comments.

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

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

Councilwoman Shutzer made a motion for a Plan Amendment for auto related uses and expansion, seconded by Councilman DiBenedetto.

Councilwoman Jordan stated she will be voting no because she has a problem with changing the Core Redevelopment Plan which restricts some businesses and not others.

Councilman Schnurr stated he understood and if it were a new auto use he'd agree, but the applicant had previously received approval, has spent a lot of money and does feel it's not fair to tell them no at this point.

Councilwoman Jordan stated she was not on council when the applicant appeared before and stated it is not permitted under the secondary space for that neighborhood it states not permitted and that is what the new Core Redevelopment Plan states.

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

Mayor Kane asked Mr. Jeff Friedman, Freehold Center Partnership, to provide a short report detailing the SID Budget. Mr. Friedman explained the funds are raised through donations, sponsorships and events. He explained their cooperation with other non-profit organizations and detailed some of the projects done around town including flower pots and other things that bring people to the downtown and support the businesses.

Mr. Friedman explained the changes in event schedules due to COVID-19 and is looking to re-open the town in a big way once all the restrictions are lifted. He explained the marketing plan has had to change as well. Mr. Friedman stated the Downtown Freehold Facebook averages over 20,000 visitors per week and was recently named one of the nation's most charming Main Streets. He stated Downtown Freehold holds public meetings open to the community and business owners to attend and there are regular business hours available as well. Mr. Friedman stated despite the budget being passed prior the health issues, they want to maintain it because they want to be in the best financial shape possible in the fall and spring to provide their patrons and businesses the best opportunity to succeed.

Mr. Friedman thanked the Mayor and Council and offered to answer any questions.

Mayor Kane thanked Mr. Friedman for all of his help during health crisis, especially with the Food Safety Net Program.

Mayor Kane read Item No. 19 on the Agenda as follows:

**“Public Comments.”**

There were no comments.

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

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

Mayor Kane read Item No. 19 on the Agenda as follows:

**“Council Comments.”**

Councilman DiBenedetto apologized for entering late due to personal reasons. He thanked the Mayor, Administrator and Attorney for everything they have done with the Downtown during this crisis and stated civic organizations and clubs have not been forgotten. He stated it has been a financial stress on the downtown and thanked everyone for their patience as adaptations are made to keep the businesses going. Councilman DiBenedetto wished everyone well.

Councilwoman Jordan invited everyone to come downtown and have a meal outside and support the downtown businesses.

Councilman Reich thanked everyone for joining the meeting. He reminded everyone to be safe and follow the guidelines so everyone can get through this. Councilman Reich stated this is the time when small businesses need us the most and encouraged everyone to support them. He congratulated all the graduates and stated they should be proud of all the hard they did this year.

Councilwoman Rogers expressed her pleasure with the recent community meeting and the discussions that were addressing systemic racism. She stated steps are being taken to ensure systemic racism is eradicated from the governing body, police department and anywhere it may exist. Councilwoman Rogers announced she, the Mayor and representatives from the Police Department will be joining the District 11 Legislatures on a virtual call regarding community policing and relations. She offered to send the link to anyone that wanted to join in. Councilwoman Rogers invited anyone who wants to improve the community to reach out as we all need to work together and have these difficult conversations. She stated a few projects are in the planning phases. She encouraged everyone to wear a mask and be safe.

Councilman Schnurr stated there is not a pandemic rule book that relates to the budget. He stated leaving the SID Budget the way it is the way to go, there is a light at the end of tunnel and everyone wants to get Freehold back to normal or a new normal. Councilman Schnurr explained the governing body is continuing to do all the things that need to be done such as the

street paving bond ordinance and grant applications that were passed at this meeting. Councilman Schnurr stated hopefully the next time the governing body meets things will be back to normal and he is looking forward to going to a restaurant.

Councilwoman Shutzer stated she is so proud of the town and the way it has come together and the way everyone has worked together to take care of all the residents and businesses during this crazy time. She explained the food distribution at Park Ave. school will end as of June 30<sup>th</sup> and thanked those that have continually helped with the food distribution program. Councilwoman Shutzer stated all of the food distributions were a big part of what has kept this town going and she hopes all of the volunteers can be rightfully recognized. She wished everyone well and said it is no time to let down your guard. Councilwoman Shutzer congratulated all of the graduates.

Councilman DiBenedetto asked to recognize Mr. Joe Berryman and all of the custodians at Park Avenue for all of their work.

Mr. Gallo stated the progress of Freehold is going along. He reported there are a lot of good things in progress that COVID hasn't interfered with like parking solutions, paving and capital improvements. He stated as soon as this virus can be put behind us, we will be ready to rock and roll.

Mayor Kane stated as things open up, the virus is still around. He stated the Borough was effected severely and everyone has worked hard to get us to the point of plateau and have fewer cases. He asked everyone to support the downtown and try to get your lives back to normal, but continue to be cautious and aware of the virus. He encouraged everyone to wear a mask and wash your hands. Mayor Kane announced the Freehold Borough Equality Initiative which will create a model for other towns to follow. He stated our town may have 12,000 residents but everyone is in this together and we are working together to create a town we can all be proud of. Mayor Kane stated everyone is welcome to join the community conversations with the District 11 Legislators and Senator Gopal is very committed to this cause. Mayor Kane wished everyone well and instructed people to be careful while out.

Councilwoman Shutzer offered a motion to adjourn, 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 Kane declared the motion adopted.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



TRACI L. DIBENEDETTO, RMC  
BOROUGH CLERK