

BERGEN COUNTY
BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2016
COMMENCING AT 7:32 P.M.

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FREEHOLDERS PRESENT:

- STEVEN A. TANELLI, CHAIRMAN
- JOHN A. FELICE, CHAIRMAN PRO TEMPORE
- DR. JOAN M. VOSS
- MAURA R. DeNICOLA

FREEHOLDERS ABSENT:

- TRACY S. ZUR, VICE CHAIRWOMAN
- DAVID L. GANZ
- THOMAS J. SULLIVAN

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ALSO PRESENT:

LISA SCIANCALEPORE
CLERK TO THE BOARD

DR. DOMINIC J. NOVELLI
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

EDWARD J. FLORIO, ESQ.
COUNSEL TO THE BOARD

JARED LUTZ
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1 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The meeting is
2 called to order at 7:32 p.m.

3 Before I begin our meeting, I ask
4 everyone to please take a minute to silence their
5 phones.

6 Thank you.

7 Will the Clerk please read the
8 compliance with the Sen. Byron Baer Open Public
9 Meetings Act.

10 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: In accordance with
11 Section 5 of the Sen. Byron Baer Open Public Meetings
12 Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been
13 provided in the Annual Notice Schedule, which
14 contained the time, date, and location of this
15 meeting, copies of which Notices were forwarded to
16 the official County newspapers, to wit: The Herald
17 News; The Record; and the Star Ledger, and a copy of
18 which was posted on the bulletin board in the Bergen
19 County Justice Center and Administration Building,
20 One Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack, New Jersey, and
21 filed with the Office of the Bergen County Clerk.

22 ROLL CALL:

23 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Please call the
24 roll.

25 (At this point in the proceeding roll

1 call is taken with Freeholders DeNicola, Felice,
2 Voss, and Chairman Tanelli present, with Freeholders
3 Ganz, Sullivan, and Vice-Chairwoman Zur absent.)

4 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Evidence of a quorum
5 is present.

6 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

7 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Everyone please rise
8 for the Pledge of Allegiance.

9 Michelle, would you please lead us?

10 MS. LOGUERCIO: Absolutely.

11 (At this point in the proceeding all
12 rise for a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance,
13 led by Ms. LoGuercio.)

14 INVOCATION:

15 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Tonight we have the
16 pleasure of having Rev. Eddie Spencer IV, from Mt.
17 Calvary Church in Englewood.

18 I'd ask Rev. Spencer to please step
19 forward.

20 REV. SPENCER: Shall we pray.

21 (At this point in the proceeding the
22 Invocation is led by Rev. Spencer.)

23 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: If the Board would
24 please indulge me, the Clerk brought up a great idea
25 that we should present the people that come and give

1 our invocation with a commendation from this Board,
2 as well as a Freeholder pin.

3 I'd like to ask the reverend to please
4 step forward, and if everyone would join me down in
5 the well.

6 (Whereupon, a presentation is made to
7 Rev. Spencer.)

8 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: One announcement.

9 February is Black History Month. The
10 Board of Chosen Freeholders, together with Bergen
11 County Executive Jim Tedesco and the Bergen County
12 African Advisory Committee, invite you to our Black
13 History Month celebration to be held at 6:00 p.m., on
14 Thursday, February 18th, in the County Administration
15 Building.

16 MINUTES:

17 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Will the Clerk
18 please read the minutes to be accepted.

19 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: December 21st, 2015
20 - Public Session; all present.

21 December 30, 2015 - Sine Die Work
22 Session; all present.

23 December 30, 2015 - Sine Die Public
24 Session; all present.

25 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: I'll make a

1 motion on the minutes, Mr. Chairman.

2 FREEHOLDER VOSS: I'll second it.

3 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

4 (All present Freeholders respond in the
5 affirmative.)

6 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The ayes have it.

9 HEARING OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

10 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Can I have a motion
11 to open the meeting to the public?

12 FREEHOLDER VOSS: So moved.

13 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Second.

14 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

15 (All present Freeholders respond in the
16 affirmative.)

17 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The ayes have it.

20 We will now have the Hearing of the
21 General Public, with a three-minute time limit in
22 effect.

23 The Board Attorney will keep the time.
24 When the time of the speaker expires, the timekeeper
25 will announce that the time has expired.

1 Please fill out the cards with your
2 name, address, and general topic.

3 Obviously we're not crowded tonight,
4 but if anybody else would like to speak, I do have a
5 few here, please fill out the card.

6 So we'll start with Matt Smith.

7 MR. SMITH: Good evening. My name is
8 Matt Smith. I am an organizer with Food & Water
9 Watch. I no longer live in Bergen County, but I
10 represent the 3,000 plus members that Food & Water
11 Watch has here in towns throughout the county. I'm
12 here tonight to speak about the Pilgrim Pipeline.

13 I again want to thank the county for
14 the previous resolution that was passed opposing the
15 current version of the pipeline, citing concerns to
16 public health, to drinking water, particularly in the
17 Ramapo River basin, where 800,000 residents source
18 their drinking water.

19 That river basin is also connected to
20 the regional water source for the North Jersey Water
21 Commission, so water is back-pumped into the
22 reservoirs in Wanaque that feed towns like Oradell
23 reservoir and towns throughout Bergen County in times
24 of drought.

25 So a spill or an impact from a major

1 oil pipeline, where spills are more and more common,
2 we're seeing headlines throughout the country, the
3 disasters of oil spills, we appreciate the county's
4 response and specifically the Freeholders' resolution
5 opposing that.

6 We recently had another conversation
7 with Chairman Tanelli, who I think brings a lot of
8 reassurance to the residents in the towns who would
9 be directly impacted by this pipeline, that
10 additional measures will be pursued, and specifically
11 following up on questions that were presented to the
12 county administration back in October that have gone
13 unaddressed.

14 While there is no public forum to
15 address the county administration, I'm coming here
16 tonight, A; to just say that the constituents who
17 expressed those concerns have been waiting since
18 October for answers and have been patiently and
19 diligently waiting and following up. But that's more
20 on the administration side, that's not necessarily
21 for the Freeholders.

22 We really appreciate Chairman Tanelli's
23 commitment to look into those questions for us. And
24 I guess we will wait and see and, you know, hopefully
25 we'll be coming back at the next meeting with more

1 news to work through as we try and protect our
2 communities, our drinking water, our public health,
3 from this pipeline proposal.

4 So thank you very much.

5 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

6 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Thank you.

7 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Alexander Hutchison.

8 MR. HUTCHISON: Tonight I address the
9 Freeholder Board, I come here to talk about the
10 homeless mentally ill, and ask if the Freeholders
11 could provide services for mentally ill people, like
12 housing the ones that are homeless.

13 I'm begging you in my heart asking you
14 to open your hearts and help these people get into
15 housing, provide money, maybe to Vantage, to buy more
16 houses and other centers, plus other housing
17 programs.

18 I ask this, because I suffer from
19 mental illness myself. I've been a consumer advocate
20 since 1982, and I've always done this to help people
21 with mental illness, and I will continue to do it.

22 Thank you.

23 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Thank you.

24 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Thank you.

25 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you very much.

1 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Mr. Chairman, if I
2 may?

3 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Yes.

4 FREEHOLDER FELICE: As chairman of the
5 budget for this 2016 year, I can assure you that we
6 will take every effort to make sure that people that
7 need our help will get it.

8 MR. HUTCHISON: Thank you.

9 FREEHOLDER FELICE: As difficult as it
10 may be financially, I commit to you that each of us
11 up here will do our best to make sure.

12 MR. HUTCHISON: Thank you very much. I
13 appreciate it.

14 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Thank you, Mr.
15 Chairman.

16 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you,
17 Freeholder.

18 Mr. Dunsay.

19 MR. DUNSAY: Good evening.

20 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Good evening.

21 MR. DUNSAY: As environment
22 commissioner in River Edge, one of my main goals has
23 been to provide better transportation options for
24 people who cycle.

25 Bicycle routes are very important for

1 preventing cars from hitting into cyclists.

2 Now, one idea I had is for extending
3 the Hackensack River walkway. Currently it's in bits
4 and pieces along the Hackensack River in Hackensack,
5 and there's a segment that goes from Sears through
6 Johnson Park, through FDU, and then behind the
7 technical school, and it stops at Roue 4.

8 I've been trying to get momentum to
9 have it extended all the way to Commerce Way along
10 the river through mostly county property and then
11 down Commerce Way, so that's close to the border of
12 River Edge and Hackensack, near the von Steuben
13 house.

14 I was delighted to see in November that
15 the Hackensack Mayor and Council unanimously passed a
16 resolution supporting this idea, and it was reported
17 on newjersey.com. So I'd like to read a few excerpts
18 from that article to update you on the progress.

19 So the article says the governing body
20 announced its unanimous support for the proposed
21 extension of the Hackensack River walkway. The Mayor
22 and Council passed a resolution at the November 23rd
23 meeting, which proclaimed the city's support of a
24 proposal to extend the walkway to Hackensack River
25 County Park.

1 It goes on to say, the walkway pieces
2 in place were constructed when businesses along River
3 Street shifted from heavy industry to commercial
4 properties. Referring to the Hackensack Riverkeeper
5 founder, Capt. Bill Sheehan, one of the conditions
6 for granting permits to build along the river were
7 for developers to construct sections of the walkway
8 with the end goal of connecting them.

9 Though the developers ended up building
10 pieces of the walkway on their riverfront properties,
11 sections of the walkway, some similar in terms of
12 design, while others are not, were not connected,
13 Sheehan said.

14 According to officials, the proposed
15 extension would take the walkway from Hackensack
16 River County Park, along Roue 4, all the way to the
17 Steuben house, also known as the Zabriskie Steuben
18 house in River Edge.

19 Mayor John Labrosse called the idea of
20 an expansion as great. "It's a very nice river walk
21 area," he said, "It's a beautiful part of the river,
22 and I think it would be a great addition to the
23 county and state to do that."

24 The expansion project, if it is
25 ultimately approved, would not be funded by the city,

1 but rather by the county.

2 And the article ends by saying the
3 Hackensack Riverkeeper program director, Capt. Hugh
4 Carola, said if indeed the walkway is completed, it
5 will definitely be an amenity that people will use
6 and enjoy. Sheehan alluded to the same, adding that
7 the walkway would also assist his organization with
8 its message of defending the environmental quality of
9 the estuary, river, and watershed, and the quality of
10 life for people and creatures that inhabit the
11 immediate area.

12 MR. FLORIO: Three minutes, Mr. Dunsay.

13 MR. DUNSAY: So you can see that the
14 riverkeepers are in favor of this extension, so is
15 the Hackensack Mayor and Council. The next step is
16 to get River Edge onboard, which I'm working on. I
17 hope you'll support this idea.

18 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

19 If you'd like to speak, there's a form.

20 Tataum Ledden.

21 MS. LEDDEN: My name is Tataum Ledden,
22 and I'm here to talk about mistreatment at the Bergen
23 County Homeless Shelter.

24 I was recently a resident there, and I
25 am there hopefully for housing. I have a time limit

1 to get my two children back. I just had my second
2 daughter four months ago.

3 I was wrongfully treated and kicked out
4 for not a legit reason. Me and my husband that also
5 lived there got into a dispute, and he was forced and
6 then later that night to order a restraining order
7 against me, and was threatened that if he did not get
8 a restraining order, that he would be kicked out as
9 well. And they are restricting me from going back
10 there and are trying now to further make the
11 restraining order permanent. And they're forcing
12 him, otherwise he will lose his place there as well.

13 And they're telling me that they could
14 not help either of us with housing, when we're both
15 legally eligible for housing. I've been chronically
16 homeless, he has as well. And I just wanted to know
17 if anyone can help me resolve this issue?

18 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NOVELLI: Well, I
19 take it when you were pursuing shelter there, you
20 went through a process. Did you go through the
21 Housing Authority on the second floor?

22 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Excuse me one
23 second. I think the best thing to do is, we'll have
24 one of our aides take your information, and whichever
25 Freeholder sits and is responsible, will sit with the

1 administration and sit with you and see if there is
2 anything that can be done and we'll look at it a
3 little bit closer, rather than trying to solve it
4 right here. So I'll have my aide, we'll get your
5 contact information, if you want to stay until the
6 end of the meeting, one of us will sit with you.

7 MS. LEDDEN: Okay. Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Wayne Narucki.

9 DR. NARUCKI: I'm Dr. Wayne Narucki.
10 I'm a Rutherford resident, and a member of the Save
11 the Williams Center core group in Rutherford.

12 Some of you know, I'm sure, that there
13 is a lot of momentum behind the Save the Williams
14 Center movement, and there's a lot of public interest
15 in Rutherford as well to revive this Performing Arts
16 Center.

17 There was a structural study that I
18 believe was completed in the late fall of 2015, and I
19 was hoping to get, if possible, a comment on where
20 the county is as far as reviewing that report and
21 just to express our group's desire, once again, to
22 meet with the county to discuss the future of the
23 Williams Center as well.

24 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: To my knowledge,
25 because, you know, I've met you with you guys a

1 number of times, and being from down South Bergen,
2 the Williams Center is an interest of mine as well.
3 To my knowledge, checking with the administration,
4 unless you can add to that, that study has not been
5 delivered to the county yet. It may have been
6 completed, but to my knowledge, it has not been
7 delivered to the County Executive yet. And once it
8 is, I'm sure we'll make it available. And I would
9 hope that we would be able to sit down and go over it
10 in detail.

11 DR. NARUCKI: Okay. Great.

12 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NOVELLI: If I
13 might, Chairman?

14 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Yes.

15 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NOVELLI: The plan
16 is that once we have that in hand, we will sit down
17 with our professionals that are in-house and review
18 what the outside engineering has concluded and
19 recommended within their report. And then we'll be
20 able to get our arms around the center, so to speak,
21 a little bit better and offer some kind of direction
22 there.

23 DR. NARUCKI: Okay. Great. Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

25 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Could I just, to

1 clarify, because I've been following up on this too.

2 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Yes.

3 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: It is going to
4 come back to the Department of Public Works, though,
5 right, the Phase I study?

6 It's my understanding it's completed,
7 it needs an internal review --

8 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NOVELLI: Correct.

9 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: -- through Public
10 Works, and then we'll have a meeting on where to go
11 or how to interpret it.

12 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NOVELLI:
13 Freeholder, you're correct, ultimately you're
14 absolutely correct, because that is a facility that
15 technically falls under Public Works and has been
16 cared for by the Division of General Services for
17 years and years and years.

18 You're absolutely right, it would be an
19 issue for Public Works, for Mr. Dressler and the
20 Division of General Services, and working with
21 Planning and Engineering, particularly with the
22 engineering side.

23 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Okay.

24 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NOVELLI: So they
25 can review that and offer their recommendations on

1 the findings as well.

2 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Okay. Great. A
3 lot of people are anxiously awaiting that.

4 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NOVELLI:
5 Absolutely. No doubt.

6 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Anyone else?

7 (No response.)

8 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Not seeing anyone
9 else, can I have a motion to close the hearing?

10 FREEHOLDER VOSS: So moved.

11 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Second.

12 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

13 (All present Freeholders respond in the
14 affirmative.)

15 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The ayes have it.

18 RESOLUTIONS OF UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

19 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Will the Clerk
20 please read the resolutions on the Consent Agenda.

21 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: #113-16 through
22 #157-16.

23 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: I'll make a
24 motion on the resolutions.

25 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Can I have a second?

1 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Second.

2 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Please call the
3 roll.

4 (At this point in the proceeding roll
5 call is taken and the Resolutions of Unanimous
6 Consent are passed by a vote of four in favor, with
7 Freeholders Ganz, Sullivan, and Vice-Chairwoman Zur
8 absent.)

9 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Are there any
10 resolutions on nonconsent, pulled or tabled?

11 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: There are none.

12 COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM FREEHOLDERS:

13 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Okay. We'll now
14 have Freeholder committee reports.

15 I'd like to start tonight with
16 Freeholder Felice.

17 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Thank you, Mr.
18 Chairman.

19 If I just may take a moment of this
20 Board's time.

21 Over the past three and a half years,
22 I've had the pleasure to have as my aide and has
23 become such a good friend, Michelle LoGuercio.

24 The most important thing that any
25 elected official can have is somebody that you can

1 have in confidence, that you can bounce things off
2 of, that you can have someone that will be there day
3 in and day out, whether you're running for office and
4 the ups and downs of that, certainly, but also of
5 governance. And I just wanted to thank Michelle for
6 making my experience over the last three and a half
7 years such a very, very positive one. Whenever
8 Michele walked into the room, it would light up,
9 people would smile. She did a wonderful job with the
10 budget hearings last year, which they said could not
11 be done, and it could not have been done if it wasn't
12 for Michelle.

13 So, Michelle, I'd like you to join me
14 in the well, I have something for you.

15 (Applause.)

16 MS. LOGUERCIO: Thank you, John.

17 FREEHOLDER FELICE: That is my
18 Freeholder report.

19 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Freeholder DeNicola.

20 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Oh, thank you,
21 Mr. Chairman.

22 I feel, you know, not so loved all the
23 way over here.

24 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: You could have slid
25 down.

1 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Move on down.

2 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: I do quickly want
3 to mention three important events that I attended,
4 many with some of my colleagues.

5 The first was a celebratory dinner that
6 was given by the Division of Community Development
7 for the American Dream New Homeowners Program.

8 That's a program that you don't always
9 hear a lot about, but it takes a tremendous amount of
10 work on the part of our employees and community in
11 Community Development in helping families who face
12 challenges in securing mortgages to buy a new home
13 here in Bergen County. I know the Chairman was with
14 me, we saw many happy families there, children who
15 were attending schools in new neighborhoods where
16 they were in, and they were most grateful new
17 taxpayers, they were still smiling, and we welcomed
18 them to their new Bergen County life.

19 So that was wonderful.

20 The second was last week's EMT
21 graduation in Paramus at our emergency services
22 training facility, one of the largest classes ever,
23 194 EMTs. Our guest speaker was the Police
24 Chief/Fire Chief of Paramus, Kenny Ehrenberg. He did
25 wear his police chief uniform. I guess I should note

1 that. But it's another example of how we really rely
2 so heavily on our volunteers for critical services,
3 not only here in Bergen County but throughout New
4 Jersey.

5 Where would we be without these EMTs?
6 Without our firefighters?

7 It's up to us to continue to support
8 them for all of the time that they and their families
9 give to the rest of us. I always joke that I'm very
10 good to my ambulance corps in Franklin Lakes, so when
11 I have my heart attack in my kitchen, they'll
12 respond.

13 But it was wonderful to see, and the
14 programs are growing. And we do have the finest
15 instructors in the State of New Jersey.

16 The last thing was the free Narcan
17 training that was given right here in the Learning
18 Center. It was a program in conjunction with Care,
19 who out of Morris County was able to secure a grant
20 for Narcan training for emergency service personnel,
21 for professionals, like counselors, and so, so
22 importantly, for the loved ones of the addicted.

23 It's just a tool, Narcan, to revive
24 those who overdose. The unfortunate thing is, many
25 times those who are addicted go on to find their next

1 high and need to be revived again, but it does give
2 us another opportunity to make a connection, to work
3 with them for a better life, hopefully a life free of
4 addiction, because certainly if Narcan isn't used,
5 their odds of achieving that are zero.

6 So it was great to see standing room
7 only there. Our Office of Addiction Services did a
8 tremendous job. They all were there that night. Sue
9 Debiak and Judy, Marlene, and Aaron Delaney, who
10 really made the connection and made it happen.

11 The very last thing I want to mention
12 is a new resolution that was placed on our agenda
13 tonight. It's Resolution #157-16, and that's for the
14 auction of the Zabriskie Street parcel.

15 I look forward with my colleagues to
16 the sale of that property. As you know, it was the
17 DPW and also the Bergen County Police station, and
18 it's time to bring that money back to the taxpayers
19 of Bergen County. So hopefully we see a lot of
20 buyers competing for that great parcel of property in
21 a wonderful section of Hackensack.

22 And that's the end of my report.

23 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you,
24 Freeholder.

25 Freeholder Voss.

1 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Thank you, Chairman.
2 I'm going to massacre my Chinese, but
3 gung hee fatt choi, because this is Chinese new year,
4 the Year of the Money, 4713. So I hope it's going to
5 be a very happy year for everybody.

6 Many of us went to the Bleshman School
7 for their jump-a-thon. This is one of the nicest
8 things that I do every single year. Bleshman is a
9 school for severely handicapped children, but the
10 people who work there are so wonderful, most of the
11 children have a one-on-one aide, and they get them
12 involved in things so that they get some of the joys
13 of life. And the jump-a-thon, of course, was for
14 collecting money for the Heart Fund, and that was a
15 day where everybody wears red, even all of us here in
16 the county. And I believe Bleshman has been doing
17 this for 21 years, and has raised thousands upon
18 thousands of dollars for the Heart Fund. So God
19 bless those children and their teachers.

20 That day I also went, Bergen Community
21 College has one of the most wonderful dental hygiene
22 programs, and every year they have a program called
23 "Give Kids a Smile," where children can come in and
24 get free dental checkups, and it's just a really
25 wonderful thing. And Bergen Community will very

1 shortly have an entire building that's going to be
2 devoted to health care education. And I always said
3 to my students, think about where the jobs are
4 needed, and those are the things that you should
5 major in to further your education.

6 This is also Black History Month, and
7 we'll be doing several programs here. We've been
8 honoring Black History Month since 1975, and there
9 will be several programs here at the county to
10 celebrate all the contributions that
11 African-Americans have made to our country.

12 One last thing, which I think is very,
13 very important. There's a program here in Bergen
14 County called "Project Literacy." You might not be
15 aware of this, but most people think we have the most
16 affluent county and that everything is wonderful. We
17 have a very large proportion of people who are
18 totally illiterate, and Project Literacy is a program
19 that is for people over the age of 18. It's right
20 here in Hackensack. And if you go on Facebook and
21 you look up Project Literacy of Greater Bergen
22 County, it will give you all the specifics. It's
23 100 percent free, all of the instructors are
24 volunteers. And it's just such a wonderful thing,
25 and the people who don't read well or cannot read at

1 all, this is the perfect opportunity and it's free.
2 I'm very much involved in this, and I'm trying to get
3 some funds for materials so that they can add as many
4 people as possible. Right now we have over 33 people
5 enrolled in the program, and we've got to help
6 everybody who needs this.

7 Mr. Chairman, that is my report.

8 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you,
9 Freeholder.

10 I only have a few things this evening.
11 This past Friday was National Wear Red
12 Day held here in the county downstairs. It was to
13 raise awareness about the No. 1 and No. 5 killer of
14 women, heart disease and stroke. So we always take
15 the picture downstairs where all the employees,
16 everyone participates and wears red for the day, just
17 to show us, it's a beautiful sight to see everybody
18 coming together for such for a cause.

19 I also like to wish Michelle all the
20 best as she moves on.

21 Our Freeholder aides do not have it
22 easy. They coordinate our schedules, they make sure
23 that we are where we are supposed to be, they are
24 informed on a lot of issues, and they do a lot of our
25 follow-up, so it's not an easy chore. I'm sure

1 Freeholder Felice was not the easiest person to work
2 for.

3 FREEHOLDER FELICE: I object.

4 (Laughter.)

5 FREEHOLDER FELICE: You're right.

6 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Can I have a second
7 on that?

8 So I just want wish you all the best.
9 It's been a pleasure.

10 MS. LOGUERCIO: Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Then lastly, tonight
12 we passed unanimously #132-16, which was the
13 continuation of a JAG grant, the Edward Byrne
14 Memorial Justice Assistance grant. Basically helps
15 with Megan's Law with the Prosecutor's Office, where
16 we have an agency that coordinates all Megan Law
17 matters full-time. And one of the most important
18 things to highlight is they're able to coordinate
19 with all the municipalities so that everybody knows.
20 Everyone up here, as I'm sure there's everyone that
21 watches these broadcasts or comes to these meetings,
22 our children's safety is first and foremost.

23 What interested me the most about this
24 was as a councilman in North Arlington, I was able to
25 work with the Megan Kanka Foundation for two years

1 affirmative.)

2 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: We are adjourned.

3 (Whereupon, the Public Meeting is

4 adjourned at 8:04 p.m.)

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