

BERGEN COUNTY
BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2016
COMMENCING AT 7:34 P.M.

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FREEHOLDERS PRESENT:

- STEVEN A. TANELLI, CHAIRMAN
- TRACY S. ZUR, VICE CHAIRWOMAN
- DAVID L. GANZ
- THOMAS J. SULLIVAN
- JOHN A. FELICE, CHAIRMAN PRO TEMPORE
- DR. JOAN M. VOSS

FREEHOLDERS ABSENT:

- MAURA R. DeNICOLA

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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
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & POLICY

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1 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The meeting is
2 called to order.

3 As we begin, I'd ask all the people in
4 the audience, it's a packed house tonight, if they
5 would please silence their phone, before we get
6 started.

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: Will the Clerk
24 please call the roll.

25 (At this point in the proceeding roll

1 call is taken with Freeholders Felice, Sullivan,
2 Voss, Vice-Chairwoman Zur, and Chairman Tanelli
3 present, with Freeholders DeNicola and Ganz 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 (At this point in the proceeding all
10 rise for a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.)

11 MOMENT OF SILENCE:

12 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Please remain
13 standing for a Moment of Silence for the people of
14 Belgian, after the senseless attacks in their
15 capital. Our thoughts and prayers are with the
16 citizens of the country of Belgium, as they recover
17 from their loss of life, assist those injured, and
18 rebuild, as we know they must.

19 (Whereupon a Moment of Silence is
20 observed.)

21 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

22 Just a quick announcement. We'd like
23 to wish everybody a Happy Easter, as Easter weekend
24 approaches.

25 MINUTES:

1 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Will the Clerk
2 please read the minutes to be accepted.

3 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Minutes to be
4 accepted:

5 February 24, 2016 - Public Session; all
6 present.

7 March 2nd, 2016 - Work Session;
8 Freeholder Zur absent.

9 March 9, 2016 - Work Session; all
10 present.

11 March 9, 2016 - Public Session; all
12 present.

13 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: May I have a motion
14 to accept the minutes?

15 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: So moved.

16 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Second.

17 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

18 (All present Freeholders respond in the
19 affirmative, with noted abstention of Vice-Chairwoman
20 Zur on the 3/2/16 Work Session, and Freeholder
21 DeNicola absent.)

22 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 (Freeholder Ganz is present at 7:36
25 p.m.)

1 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The ayes have it.
2 Freeholder Ganz is on the dais.

3 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Please note that I
4 voted in the affirmative on that.

5 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Got you.

6 HEARING OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

7 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Can I have a motion
8 to open the meeting to the public?

9 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

10 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

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

14 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The ayes have it.

17 We'll now have a Hearing of the General
18 Public, with a three-minute time limit.

19 The Board Attorney will keep the time.
20 When the time has expired, the timekeeper will
21 announce the time has expired.

22 Please fill out a slip of paper with
23 your name, address and topic.

24 Mr. Dunsay.

25 MR. DUNSAY: Good evening.

1 I'm tabling discussion on the bike
2 path, because of an article I read in Reason today.
3 To save time, I printed it out and you should be
4 getting copies. I hope you don't mind sharing, in
5 order to save trees.

6 The article could affect Bergen
7 County's economy, because the film industry is an
8 important part of the metropolitan/New York economy.

9 The article was about the condom
10 mandate for the adult film industry in Los Angeles.
11 This mandate is still being fought in the courts, but
12 there's the threat of the mandate spreading from Los
13 Angeles to the rest of California and even to parts
14 of Nevada and Florida.

15 I see this mandate as a violation of
16 freedom of the press. This mandate makes it
17 impossible to film certain genres of adult film. You
18 know, bareback scenes are essential for films like
19 that, or cream pies, so those entire genres of film
20 would be outlawed, if we can't produce them in
21 America.

22 I also have some skin in the game,
23 because breeding was a large part of the adult novel
24 that I published last year. So if I wanted to make a
25 film version of my novel, it's currently illegal for

1 me to make it in Los Angeles. I hope by the time I
2 get to that point, if I get to that point, I'll be
3 able to produce it in Bergen County.

4 So I'd like you guys to show your
5 support for the film industry by passing a resolution
6 opposing the condom mandate and expressing your
7 support for First Amendment rights.

8 Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you, Mr.
10 Dunsay.

11 Hank Bordowitz.

12 MR. BORDOWITZ: Actually my friend here
13 can go first.

14 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: You want to reverse
15 it, you want to go first?

16 Lou Vellucci.

17 MR. VELLUCCI: I don't have anything
18 more important than him, but we came in together and
19 he thinks just because I have attended one of these
20 meetings, I go first.

21 But, anyway, you've probably seen me
22 last time. Thank you very much for all the support.
23 We were trying to work for the circus for the animal
24 rights with Julio Connor.

25 I'm pretty known in the state as an

1 animal rights activist. So I'm here today for just a
2 few minutes of your time.

3 First of all, we do have an upcoming,
4 unfortunately -- we did a lot of protesting about
5 this -- the bear hunt coming now in October.

6 What's the matter?

7 FREEHOLDER VOSS: No, I hate hunting.

8 MR. VELLUCCI: What we're trying to do,
9 we're trying to distinguish between trophy hunting
10 and get a little more ethics in the sport. So we
11 look at this as a trophy hunting. We kind of proved
12 it is a trophy hunt. We had a lot of time, I just
13 want to alert you, if we don't do anything, the way
14 the law is structured, in October they're going to be
15 shooting bows and arrow, archery. So it's very
16 cruel, and I'm just giving a heads up from my other
17 animal colleagues, some of which are at another
18 meeting today in Hackensack. So heads up on that.

19 What they wanted to do, they wanted to
20 see the mayors of 500 municipalities in New Jersey.
21 That doesn't make much sense, so as I'm driving over,
22 I thought: Why not counties? Obviously Sussex
23 County is going to be hard, but if you get 20 of 21
24 counties to step up to the plate, because I've done a
25 lot of research into this, and DEP we're not too

1 happy with, they have 11 people on the board, five of
2 them are hunters and five of them are farmers, and I
3 have nothing against farming. And when they did the
4 public comments, as you probably know, 92 percent of
5 the public didn't want to have this hunt. So they
6 went ahead and snuck it in with a seven-year plan,
7 and so just heads up on that. Maybe we can do
8 something to stop that in October, because that's
9 upcoming. We don't think it's a moral thing for the
10 state, and, as Sen. Lesniak said, I was down in
11 Trenton to lobby, he said we wants to make Jersey a
12 humane state. And, not only that, you want to try to
13 make this a humane country, especially with the Cecil
14 killing, that's No. 1 on the animals, for the State
15 of New Jersey.

16 You're the leaders. You're Bergen
17 County. So maybe we can set a good example for the
18 state, because we're not getting too far with this
19 administration on the state level, so maybe the
20 county.

21 The other thing I'm here for, I'm very
22 proud that I'm employed right now at Bergen Community
23 College. I'm very happy with the new president, I've
24 only been there three years, but she's fantastic. I
25 see lots of good things happening, the new building,

1 and so I had to do a little research, because I'm
2 just an adjunct and I'm not getting paid too much, so
3 I was like, what can we do here? So I'm not here to
4 complain, but I think I might have somewhat of a good
5 solution for a lot of different things.

6 I know it's funded by tuition, some
7 state aid, maybe some county aid, I'm not sure of the
8 exact numbers.

9 MR. FLORIO: Three minutes, Mr.
10 Vellucci.

11 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Please wrap it up,
12 you have three minutes.

13 MR. VELLUCCI: So, oh, just like the
14 state, so real quick.

15 What I'm here to do is to ask that our
16 adjuncts, hopefully, can get some more money. We're
17 making about half of what Montclair is making. I
18 know no one wants any more property taxes, but New
19 York State, they do have county taxes, sales taxes,
20 some way to get some revenue in to help our college,
21 so our president can continue to do good things but
22 also to give the adjuncts what I consider more fair
23 pay.

24 On a personal note, my ex-wife is not
25 happy with how much money I'm making, so I need to

1 make more.

2 So I didn't know there was a
3 three-minute limit. I just got out of the car.

4 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Mr. Chairman, if I
5 can speak. I know there's a great due diligence
6 going on as far as with the circus and the exotic
7 animals or wild animals, if you can call it that.
8 Certainly I've been persuaded to support that, but I
9 know that the administration is working very, very
10 hard with County Counsel and the Parks Department, as
11 well as the Chairman, Freeholder Tanelli, regarding
12 this so that it's done right. We're not going to
13 agree on all things, but when it comes to circus
14 animals, I think it's just kind of not the right time
15 for us to be continuing doing what we're doing with
16 that.

17 But I want to thank Chairman Tanelli
18 for working diligently with County Counsel and the
19 other departments in making sure when we do come up
20 with a resolution or an ordinance, I should say, it's
21 going to be done right. So thank you, Mr. Chairman.

22 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

23 Freeholder Voss.

24 FREEHOLDER VOSS: I just want to say I
25 worked very hard when I was in Trenton to stop the

1 bear hunts --

2 MR. VELLUCCI: Thank you.

3 FREEHOLDER VOSS: -- because they are
4 inhumane. And we have to do something, either give
5 them birth control pills but not hunt them. And I
6 tried very hard to keep bows and arrows out of the
7 hunting, and they always sneak them in. So what I
8 recommend to you is get in touch with as many members
9 of the Assembly and the Senate, get a very active
10 letter-writing campaign and stuff like that, because
11 they will pay attention to a vast amount of mail
12 coming in. And the bear hunt, that's why I had the
13 reaction I had, because I can't stand any cruelty to
14 animals.

15 MR. VELLUCCI: Thank you. Your name
16 has come up. I know you help us a lot, and we're
17 already on that. Yes, we're working with senators,
18 assembly people.

19 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Very active in animal
20 rights.

21 MR. VELLUCCI: Thank you.

22 FREEHOLDER VOSS: So anything I can do.

23 MR. VELLUCCI: Thank you very much. I
24 didn't know about the three-minute warning. Sorry
25 about that.

1 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: You're good. Next
2 time you come, we'll give you 2:40.

3 MR. VELLUCCI: Sorry about that.
4 Thanks a lot. All right.

5 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Mr. Bordowitz.

6 MR. BORDOWITZ: Basically you asked me
7 to gather some numbers for you. Some that are on
8 paper here, some that are more or less hearsay but
9 good hearsay. The hearsay first would be that the
10 Bergen County adjuncts, Bergen Community College
11 adjuncts, the highest pay grade for an adjunct at
12 Bergen is about the bottom line for an adjunct at
13 Union. That's just where it stands. I don't know
14 what caused that, but that's where it stands.

15 Which means that an adjunct professor
16 who's teaching the students of Bergen County, trying
17 to get them a secondary education, are making about
18 between \$10 and \$18 an hour, once you figure in prep
19 for classes, grading papers, things of that nature.
20 And it's not something that a professor can live on.

21 Now, it used to be that adjuncts, of
22 course, were people who were businesspeople, other
23 professionals who wanted to teach, wanted to play it
24 forward. But, of late, there's been a whole class of
25 people, academics without portfolio as it were, who

1 have to adjunct because 70 percent of the classes at
2 Bergen are taught by adjuncts. And they just
3 eliminated a whole class of full-time employees, and
4 it's just a rough situation. Living in one of the
5 richest areas on the planet, it seemed kind of odd
6 that the educators would be taken care of as we are.

7 If you wish, I could leave you some of
8 the background material.

9 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Sure.

10 MR. BORDOWITZ: Thank you very much.

11 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

12 MR. BORDOWITZ: I just wanted to say my
13 piece.

14 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: I just want to let
15 you both know that this Board takes education,
16 especially in the community college, very seriously.

17 Since this Board has been together,
18 over the course of the last three years, we
19 reinstated \$5 million that was cut by the previous
20 administration before we got here. So that was the
21 start of the decline of some of the things that we've
22 been able to reinstate by refunding some of that
23 money back. Especially, Bergen Community College has
24 a tremendous reputation. So I just want you to know,
25 we have an educator on this Board, so we take our

1 education and our academies, our technical schools,
2 and our community college very seriously. So I just
3 want to thank you guys for bringing that to our
4 attention.

5 MR. VELLUCCI: Thank you very much.

6 MR. BORDOWITZ: I appreciate that.

7 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: With that, I'd like
8 to take a motion to close the public session.

9 FREEHOLDER FELICE: So moved.

10 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

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

14 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The ayes have it.

15 RESOLUTIONS OF UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

16 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Will the Clerk
17 please read the resolutions on the consent agenda.

18 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Resolutions on
19 Consent: 255-16 through 295-16, 297-16 through
20 304-16, 306-16 through 326-16, and 328-16 through
21 337-16.

22 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: May I have a motion
23 to accept the Resolutions on the Consent Agenda?

24 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

25 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Second.

1 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Please call the
2 roll.

3 (At this point in the proceeding roll
4 call is taken and the Resolutions of Unanimous
5 Consent are passed by a vote of six in favor, with
6 Freeholder DeNicola absent.)

7 NONCONSENT RESOLUTIONS:

8 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Are there any
9 Resolutions of Nonconsent, pulled or tabled?

10 If so, will the Clerk please read them.

11 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: We have a
12 Resolution of Nonconsent, #296-16 is a "Resolution
13 authorizing Board Appointment - Northwest Bergen
14 County Utilities Authority - John J. Danubio.

15 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: So moved.

16 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Second.

17 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Call the roll.

18 (At this point in the proceeding roll
19 call is taken and Resolution #296-16 is passed by a
20 vote of six in favor, with Freeholder DeNicola
21 absent.)

22 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Also a Resolution
23 of Nonconsent is #327-16, which is a "Resolution
24 authorizing Board Reappointment - Bergen County
25 Improvement Authority - Jeffrey Alan Bader."

1 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: May I have a motion,
2 please?

3 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

4 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Second.

5 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Call the roll.

6 (At this point in the proceeding roll
7 call is taken and Resolution #327-16 is passed by a
8 vote of five in favor, with Freeholder DeNicola
9 absent and Freeholder Felice voting nay.)

10 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: It passes.

11 And then we have one resolution that
12 was pulled, #305-16.

13 ORDINANCES:

14 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: We will now go on to
15 our Ordinances for Second Reading and Adoption.

16 Second Reading and Adoption of
17 Ordinance 16-4.

18 Will the Clerk please read Ordinance
19 16-4 by title only.

20 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Proof of
21 Publication of Ordinance, Notice of Public Hearing
22 was published in The Record and the Herald News on
23 Sunday, February 28, 2016, and is filed in my office.

24 A copy of the Notice of Hearing and
25 Ordinance No. 16-4 was duly posted, pursuant to

1 N.J.S.A. 40A:2-17 on Friday February 26, 2016.

2 The title is as follows:

3 "BOND ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF BERGEN
4 APPROPRIATING \$24,888,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE
5 ISSUANCE OF \$23,650,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY
6 TO FUND RESERVES FOR THE COUNTY OF BERGEN SELF
7 INSURANCE FUND."

8 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: May I have a motion
9 to open the meeting to the public?

10 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

11 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: 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 The public hearing is open, with a five-minute time
19 limit in effect. The Board Attorney will keep the
20 time.

21 Anybody wish to speak on Ordinance
22 16-4?

23 MR. FLORIO: There are no speakers,
24 Chairman.

25 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Motion to close.

1 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Second.

2 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: May I have a motion
3 to close and adopt the ordinance?

4 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

5 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Second.

6 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Please call the
7 roll.

8 (At this point in the proceeding roll
9 call is taken and the Second Reading and Adoption of
10 Ordinance 16-4 is passed by a vote of six in favor,
11 with Freeholder DeNicola absent.)

12 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Ordinance 16-4 is
13 now adopted.

14 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Second Reading and
15 Adoption of Ordinance 16-5.

16 Will the Clerk please read the
17 Ordinance by title.

18 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Proof of
19 Publication of the Ordinance, Notice of Public
20 Hearing was published in The Record and the Herald
21 News on February 28, 2016, and is on file in my
22 office.

23 A copy of the Notice of Hearing and
24 Ordinance No. 16-5 was duly posted, pursuant to
25 N.J.S.A. 40A:2-17 on Friday, February 26, 2016.

1 The title is read as follows:

2 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GOLF FEE
3 SCHEDULE FOR USE OF BERGEN COUNTY GOLF COURSES AND
4 FACILITIES."

5 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: May I have a motion
6 to open the meeting to the public?

7 FREEHOLDER VOSS: So moved.

8 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Second.

9 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

10 (All present Freeholders respond in the
11 affirmative.)

12 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The ayes have it.
15 The public hearing is now open, with a five-minute
16 time limit in effect. The Board Attorney will keep
17 the time.

18 MR. FLORIO: There are no speakers.

19 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

20 May I have a motion to close and adopt?

21 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

22 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Second.

23 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Please call the
24 roll.

25 (At this point in the proceeding roll

1 call is taken and the Second Reading and Adoption of
2 Ordinance 16-5 is passed by a vote of six in favor,
3 with Freeholder DeNicola absent.)

4 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Ordinance 16-5 is
5 now adopted.

6 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

7 COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM FREEHOLDERS:

8 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Now we will have
9 Freeholder Committee Reports -- Freeholder Felice.

10 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Mr. Chairman, if I
11 may, because it is getting to the holiday season, I
12 would like to make a motion to suspend committee
13 reports for this evening.

14 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: I don't think we're
15 going to get support for that this evening, but if
16 anyone would like to second that. I like your
17 efforts, though.

18 No second.

19 MR. FLORIO: The motion fails.

20 FREEHOLDER FELICE: It's awful quiet in
21 here.

22 MR. FLORIO: The record will reflect
23 that the motion has failed.

24 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: We'll now have
25 Freeholder Committee Reports.

1 Freeholder Sullivan.

2 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Good evening.

3 Thank you.

4 Thank you, Freeholder Felice, for that
5 attempt.

6 Just a few things.

7 Last week the Freeholder Board, we had
8 our meeting-on-the-road in Emerson. It was a great
9 time, good people there. I want to thank the Emerson
10 Mayor and Council for welcoming the Freeholder Board.

11 It's been an issue for Freeholders Zur
12 and Tanelli to do that, and I want to thank them for
13 upholding that, their promise.

14 I hope everyone had a happy St.
15 Patrick's Day. I think everyone here marched in the
16 St. Patrick's Day parade in Bergenfield, my hometown.
17 It was great to see a lot of old friends, and they
18 were still in good shape before the parade was over,
19 so it was good to talk to them, but one of my
20 favorite events. I wonder why, right?

21 Over the weekend, I also attended
22 Bergenfield's first, called "One Town, Many Stories"
23 event. It celebrates the diversity amongst
24 Filipinos, Spanish, the Jewish community. I had the
25 pleasure also of meeting Chef Amaya from the TV show

1 "Master Chef Junior." She made Bergen County very
2 proud that day. She volunteered her time. This girl
3 I don't know how old she is, 8, 9-years-old, was just
4 a wonderful young lady and her parents were so nice.
5 She was so happy to cook for everyone that was there.
6 It was a wonderful event. It was their first annual,
7 and I hope it continues.

8 I also had a meeting with Mayor
9 Birkner; Chief Regino and his lieutenant; Sue Debiak,
10 who is a coordinator of the addiction services, about
11 Narcan and Greater Bergen County.

12 It was a very informative meeting. We
13 exchanged ideas. Some ideas we're going to try to
14 partner with some local drugstores. You know that
15 you could now buy Narcan over-the-counter, and there
16 are some downsides to Narcan, that when you come out
17 of the Narcan, you can become very violent, and a lot
18 of people don't know that. So, we're going to try to
19 partner with some local pharmacies, when they sell
20 the Narcan, to put a flyer out to give to the people
21 that purchase it to warn them of that, and also to
22 ask them to inform the police department. We're
23 working on it, I don't know where it's going to go,
24 it's just an initiative of mine that I want to do. I
25 think it would be very helpful, when the police come

1 to someone's house, if they know that the person has
2 a history, and they can deal with it and keep people
3 safe.

4 Some of the people obviously that are
5 at risk are the people administering the Narcan. So
6 a lot of people don't know, a lot of the parents of
7 people don't know that when you administer this
8 drug -- excuse me, this antidrug -- that you could
9 have an adverse reaction. And it's something we need
10 to get out there.

11 With Mayor Birkner's help, I'm going to
12 try to bring it to the Pascack Valley first and see
13 how it works. Hopefully we'll get cooperation.

14 I also want to thank my colleagues on
15 the Freeholder Board for passing Resolution #260-16,
16 which provides \$55,000 for a halfway house service
17 for men through the Greater Bergen Community Action.

18 This is an important step, providing
19 treatment for men who are battling a particular
20 diction, and I'm glad we're continuing on these
21 efforts.

22 As you may know, Bergen County
23 currently provides a halfway house for women through
24 the Spring House program. I think Bergen County
25 should explore operating a halfway house program for

1 men in a similar situation as Spring House, and we've
2 talked about that. We're are going to try to do our
3 best to bring that to fruition. Our colleagues on
4 the Freeholder Board, we continue to support and
5 advocate for more beds.

6 Last year Freeholder Voss, myself and
7 Freeholder Zur, we petitioned Bergen Regional for 10
8 additional detox beds. I'm happy to say they are
9 here, and we're not going to stop. If the person is
10 ready to be detoxed and wants help and we don't have
11 beds for them, we're losing the battle.

12 And then on Monday, March 28th, the
13 Bergen County Prosecutor's Office is hosting a
14 roundtable discussion on the heroin epidemic. I look
15 forward to working with all the people from around
16 our county to brainstorm some ideas to combat this
17 epidemic. I think that every report I've ever given,
18 I've mentioned heroin addiction, and I'm not going to
19 stop mentioning it and I'm going to continue to
20 combat it.

21 Thank you, Chairman.

22 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you,
23 Freeholder.

24 Freeholder Ganz.

25 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Thank you, Chairman.

1 A short report from me tonight.

2 It's actually been a very busy week and
3 a half. We had the Bergen County Education
4 Association's annual dinner; the Korean American
5 Association's fundraising dinner. And, in addition
6 to that, there was a great beefsteak over in Paramus
7 that I have to say excellent, excellent meal.

8 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Where was that,
9 Freeholder?

10 FREEHOLDER GANZ: 205 Robin.

11 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: There you go.

12 FREEHOLDER GANZ: I'm not sure whose
13 building it was, but I did recognize a number of
14 familiar faces.

15 I've taken to going back to church on
16 Sundays and also on Saturday night, and you'll be
17 pleased to know that religion is alive and well in
18 the County of Bergen. We're coming up now to
19 religious season that's going to span a number of
20 weeks. Because of the odd coincidence of Passover
21 being so many days after Easter, it will be at the
22 end of April. Easter Sunday, of course, is coming up
23 this weekend.

24 It wouldn't be Easter for me if I
25 didn't talk about Bergen Wellness for a minute,

1 because I know that some kids are going to be getting
2 chicks and Easter bunnies. And these chicks and
3 Easter bunnies are probably going to need
4 antibiotics, and the Bergen Wellness card that we
5 have here also works for pets.

6 Yes, friends, Bergen Wellness card for
7 pets can give a discount of up to 30 percent for your
8 pet. And, thus, if your cat needs tuna flavored
9 amoxicillin, this is the program for you. The Glen
10 Rock Pharmacy, by the way, is one of several in the
11 area that does compounding.

12 The program was initiated by the
13 Freeholders a number of years ago, and, fortunately,
14 more than 30 percent of the cost of drugs for humans
15 as opposed to drugs for pets, which are all made to
16 human specifications, is available. More than
17 \$14 million has been saved by Bergen County residents
18 who have used the program. More than 50,000 people
19 have participated in it. It doesn't cost anything.
20 You can get the card right on the Freeholder website.

21 And, so, dear friends, the sales pitch
22 on Bergen Wellness is concluded for tonight.

23 I wish you all a very Happy Easter and
24 Zisden Pesach.

25 Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman, that

1 was my report.

2 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

3 Freeholder Voss.

4 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Thank you, Chairman.

5 I just want to piggyback on what Freeholder Sullivan
6 was talking about, because I have read many, many
7 articles recently about what parents need to be aware
8 of in terms of understanding where their kids may be
9 storing drugs, and, if their child is starting to act
10 a little funny, some of the telltale signs. You've
11 got to educate yourself, because, as Freeholder
12 Sullivan said, this is an epidemic and it transcends
13 every socioeconomic strata. And almost everyday I
14 read the obits, and I can't tell you the number of
15 young people who probably, although it doesn't say in
16 the newspaper, died as a result of an overdose and
17 not getting Narcan or whatever to possibly save them.

18 Just as a point to go along with that,
19 this is "Social Services Awareness Month," and today
20 we went up and we met with many of the people who
21 work for the county in Social Services. People don't
22 realize what wonderful services we have in Bergen
23 County, mental health services.

24 Years ago, when I was first getting
25 involved in politics, I think the statistics were one

1 in ten people might have a mental issue. Today it's
2 one in four. And we have services here in the county
3 that can help. We have child services, and we are
4 the only county that has domestic violence
5 counseling. We have several groups that meet. And
6 it's not just domestic violence against women, it's
7 domestic violence against men. And with counseling,
8 these problems can be avoided. And with some of the
9 social situations we have today, there is more
10 domestic violence than there has been in the past.

11 This is also Women's History Month, and
12 last night this room was filled to capacity with
13 people who were honoring, I think we had 21 women.
14 We honor women who sometimes are the unsung heroes.
15 These are not women in politics, these are women who
16 do all kinds of things in education, in law
17 enforcement, and just bringing attention to the
18 contributions.

19 Just as a point, women make up
20 53 percent of our population, and, in most instances,
21 we have less than 20 percent of the elected rolls, on
22 the federal, the state, or the local level.

23 Just as a point, there are 50 states;
24 six have women governors, that's it. And
25 interestingly enough, it's never on the East Coast,

1 it's always in the West where things start.

2 And I just brought a little tidbit of
3 information last night that I found.

4 Outwater Lane is a major road around
5 here. And Capt. Outwater was a man in the American
6 Revolution who distinguished himself, and he was one
7 of the first people elected to the New Jersey
8 Assembly. And one of his first laws that he got
9 passed was a law granting women the right to vote.

10 Women voted in New Jersey from 1779
11 until 1807, and then the guys knocked it out.

12 So it took until 1920, before we got
13 that right back. But I digressed.

14 Women's History Month is very, very
15 important.

16 We had a lot of St. Patrick's
17 celebrations. Always really good. We had really big
18 ones in my town and in Bergenfield.

19 The Bergen County Education
20 Association, a fabulous dinner.

21 People in education really stay abreast
22 of what's going on in politics, and we have some of
23 the finest schools in Bergen County.

24 And this is also Colorectal Cancer
25 Awareness Month, and I just want to say to people,

1 don't be frightened, colonoscopies are not that bad.
2 And when you're over a certain age, it really is in
3 your best interest to go and have one of these,
4 because the alternative is not very good.

5 On that note, I will say Happy, Happy
6 Easter to everybody and a healthy one as well.

7 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you,
8 Freeholder.

9 Before I go to the next report, I just
10 want to congratulate Freeholder Voss, who happened to
11 be one of the honorees last night and also doubled as
12 the person who gave the keynote address. So we would
13 just like to congratulate you and let everyone know
14 that in the hallway outside, all the honorees are on
15 the wall with a photograph and a bio open to the
16 public, anyone that would like to actually read about
17 the distinguished women who were honored last night.

18 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Freeholder Zur.

20 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Let's not forget
21 about the Junior Women who are also selected from the
22 high schools, young women who are our future leaders
23 who were also honored last evening as well.

24 Thank you, Chairman.

25 I spent the last two days focusing on

1 Project Search. We just had our technical meeting,
2 and with all the key stakeholders, we allocated last
3 year, this Board, money to get this ball rolling and
4 it's going to be launched this school year. Right
5 now is the time that we're starting to accept
6 applications for young adults who are 18 to 21 years
7 old, who have developmental disabilities. This is a
8 wonderful internship program that will give them
9 three distinct internships at either Hackensack
10 Hospital or Holy Name Hospital and will give them
11 portable job skills. This program has a 73 percent
12 placement rating. Where the statistics in New
13 Jersey, there's a 37 percent employment rate for
14 adults with disabilities, this program has a
15 73 percent placement rating. Nationwide they have
16 over 400 sites. It is really a template for success,
17 because it blends the successes of the Department of
18 Developmental Disabilities, Department of Vocational
19 Rehabilitation, as well as the school systems to
20 really give these kids every opportunity to have
21 meaningful employment going forward.

22 So there was a really wonderful brain
23 trust for the last two days that spent handling all
24 the nuts and bolts and making sure we're ready to get
25 this program off the road. If anyone has any

1 questions, please feel free to go on the website, or
2 call 201-343-8830 or you can reach out to me, I'll
3 happily provide you with the application. We're
4 going to be able to provide 24 internships this year,
5 and we're excited to get this off the ground.

6 Additionally, in the last couple weeks,
7 we went to the clergy breakfast, which the topic of
8 the clergy breakfast was body cameras. And the
9 policy that we're in the process of formulating for
10 the Sheriff's Department has been in the forefront,
11 but it really was an opportunity for discussion
12 amongst so many people within our community about the
13 challenges of getting this program off the ground and
14 the benefit it has to our community as far as
15 transparency, accountability on all sides. So it was
16 a really wonderful interchange.

17 Additionally, this week I had the
18 privilege of touring Hackensack University Medical
19 Center, not only the Cancer Center, but also I went
20 to see the future home of where the medical school is
21 going to be on the Clifton/Nutley border, on the
22 former Hoffmann-LaRoche site.

23 What an incredible building it is, I
24 have to tell you. It is going to be a wonderful
25 medical school, and also school for nursing that

1 partners with Seton Hall University. And the job
2 opportunities and the opportunities for economic
3 development will span not only the borders of Essex
4 and Passaic counties but into southern Bergen County
5 as well. It is going to be really wonderful, once
6 they get that off the ground.

7 We had also the first meeting of the
8 LGBTQ Advisory Committee. What a wonderful group of
9 people who are volunteering their time to make sure
10 that the voices of the LGBTQ community are heard in
11 all county policies and so many different issues that
12 are affecting them. So I wanted to thank all of the
13 volunteers for the hard work that is yet to come and
14 for the path that they're going to blaze as far as
15 setting their agenda for going forward.

16 Also I wanted to highlight the fact
17 that on the note that both Freeholder Voss and
18 Freeholder Sullivan made this evening, there's a
19 wonderful program going on called "Hidden in Plain
20 Sight," which is highlighting that. So I want to
21 thank all the people who put that together in the
22 County of Bergen, it's taking place at Indian Hills
23 High School, but it is highlighting to our parents on
24 what are the telltale signs, and that is such a key
25 thing, Freeholder Voss, you nailed it right on the

1 head, as far as giving parents and caregivers the
2 tools to be able to help those in need.

3 Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

4 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

5 Freeholder Felice.

6 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Well, since I made
7 a motion to disband the committee reports and it was
8 voted down, I have my life story -- no, I'm only
9 kidding.

10 I was born in Paterson, New Jersey,
11 1958, but I just want to say, I'm looking forward to
12 the budget coming before us. I know there's been
13 some issues regarding healthcare and bail reform,
14 which was very informative, but, once again, a
15 mandate that's not being funded, so we're going to
16 have to pay the price literally for that.

17 Also I'm still very excited about
18 working on the Bergen Regional Task Force, because,
19 as we move forward, we're really getting I think to a
20 point where it's becoming more clear what can be done
21 and what can't be done. I appreciate certainly
22 serving with Freeholder Zur, and I just want to say
23 it's a pleasure having those very open and
24 transparent dialogues with the entire committee and I
25 am very honored to be on that board. So, you know,

1 that's something that's going to be outlasting all of
2 our legacies for the next 50 years, what happens
3 there, but I think we're on the right path, I think
4 we're doing it for the right reasons, and I just want
5 to thank the County Executive for asking me to
6 participate on that board.

7 With that, I'm ending my report, and
8 wish everyone a great holiday.

9 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

10 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you,
11 Freeholder.

12 I'll be shorter than everyone.

13 First, I'd like to thank Gina Chun and
14 Michael Spadavecchia from our Academies. Our camera
15 people, they do a great job. It's a great program.
16 We're happy to have you, and happy to have everyone
17 participate in our meetings.

18 I want to wish everyone a very Happy
19 Easter.

20 Also, tonight we appointed quite a few
21 people, or we approved the appointment of quite a few
22 and the reappointment. I'd like to wish them all the
23 very best and thank them for their public service.

24 On that, I will take a motion to close
25 the meeting.

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FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Second.

CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

(All present Freeholders respond in the affirmative.)

CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Opposed?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The ayes have it.

We are adjourned.

FREEHOLDER GANZ: Time noted, 8:12.

(Whereupon, the Public Meeting is adjourned at 8:12 p.m.)

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