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

FREEHOLDERS PRESENT:

STEVEN A. TANELLI, CHAIRMAN

JOHN A. FELICE, CHAIRMAN PRO TEMPORE

DAVID L. GANZ

DR. JOAN M. VOSS

THOMAS J. SULLIVAN

MAURA R. DeNICOLA

FREEHOLDERS ABSENT:

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ALSO PRESENT:

LISA SCIANCALEPORE
CLERK TO THE BOARD

JULIEN X. NEALS, ESQUIRE
ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

EDWARD J. FLORIO, ESQ.
COUNSEL TO THE BOARD

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1 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The meeting is
2 called to order at 7:32.

3 Before we start our meeting, I ask
4 everybody to please silence their phones.

5 Would the Clerk please read the
6 compliance with the Sen. Byron Baer Open Public
7 Meetings Act.

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

20 ROLL CALL

21 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Please call the
22 roll.

23 (At this point in the proceeding roll
24 call is taken with Freeholders DeNicola, Felice,
25 Ganz, Sullivan, Voss, and Chairman Tanelli present,

1 with Vice-Chairwoman Zur absent.)

2 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Evidence of a quorum
3 is present.

4 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Everyone please rise
6 for the Pledge.

7 (At this point in the proceeding all
8 rise for a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.)

9 MOMENT OF SILENCE

10 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: I ask everybody to
11 please remain standing to observe a Moment of Silence
12 for Bergen County Prosecutor's Office Maintenance
13 Supervisor Jeffrey Poppe, who passed away August 5,
14 2016.

15 Jeffrey was involved in many of the
16 county construction projects, including one of the
17 projects on the agenda this evening.

18 Jeff served the Office of the Bergen
19 County Prosecutor with the ultimate loyalty and
20 distinction from 2011-2016. He was a gifted
21 carpenter, a cherished husband, father, and friend.
22 His legacy of hard work, compassion, and humanity
23 will always be remembered by the employees of the
24 County of Bergen.

25 (Whereupon a Moment of Silence is

1 observed.)

2 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

3 MINUTES

4 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Would the Clerk
5 please read the minutes to be accepted.

6 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: August 10, 2016 -
7 Public Session; Freeholder Ganz absent.

8 August 17, 2016 - Work Session;
9 Freeholder Sullivan absent.

10 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Can I have a motion
11 to accept the minutes?

12 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: So moved.

13 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

14 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Second.

15 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

16 (All present Freeholders respond in the
17 affirmative, with noted abstentions, and
18 Vice-Chairwoman Zur absent.)

19 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The ayes have it.

20 HEARING OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC

21 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Can I have a motion
22 to open the meeting to the public?

23 FREEHOLDER VOSS: So moved.

24 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

25 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Second.

1 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

2 (All present Freeholders respond in the
3 affirmative.)

4 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Any opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The ayes have it.

7 We will now have a Hearing of the
8 General Public, with a three-minute time limit in
9 effect, in accordance with Bergen County Freeholder
10 bylaws.

11 The Board attorney will keep the time.
12 When the time of the speaker expires, the timekeeper
13 will announce the time has expired.

14 Please fill out a slip with your name,
15 address, and general topic.

16 Mr. Noble.

17 MR. NOBLE: Yes, I'm back. I want to
18 do this to get it on the record and maybe in the
19 record.

20 It's much worse than it was even the
21 last time I was here, and much, much worse than it
22 was probably a year ago.

23 There is nothing on my property that
24 they don't eat and destroy. I don't mean they just
25 nibble, they destroy. It's going to cost about a

1 thousand dollars, if I choose to replace all the
2 plants that they destroyed this year. They come to
3 my property, to them it's like a roadway to other
4 people's property, but they come through mine every
5 night. I've had 11 in the backyard in the last week,
6 at the same time there were six in the front yard.
7 This is broad daylight. And then on maybe a quarter
8 mile up from where I live, there are three. They
9 were born in someone's backyard. Believe me, they're
10 not cute. They're not Bambi. All they do is destroy
11 property. They carry disease. I find nice little
12 piles of pellets in my backyard, 6 or 7 a week. They
13 come, they drop it.

14 I've got grandchildren. I'd like them
15 to play in my backyard. I mean, they can, but they
16 have to sidestep this. Something -- no, not
17 something has to be done, it has to be addressed.
18 It's not "some thing," you got to do what you have to
19 do. I don't care what you do, kill them, move them
20 up to Upstate New York, neuter them so they can't
21 reproduce, but they're coming fast, and there's a
22 story in someplace that I read that they're now
23 reproducing twice a year, which is really great.

24 Please, I'm begging you here, and I
25 really haven't heard a word from you guys yet in four

1 visits the last 16 months and one probably three
2 years ago.

3 And I went up to the Wildlife Center
4 and asked them, and they smirk. They actually smirk
5 at me, like, "Well, what do you expect us to do?"

6 There are at least 100 trees down from
7 Sandy. Down. Pick them up. They have equipment.
8 Put them next to the fence so they can't go under,
9 which is how they get there, they go under the fence.

10 If you put them out this way, they're
11 not going to jump over, even though they probably
12 have the ability to jump over, and maybe that will
13 stop it. And better than that is, raise the fence.
14 It's eight feet. They're supposed to be able to jump
15 over eight feet, but the people across the street
16 from me have their whole place fenced in, their
17 backyard, and two deer got caught in there two
18 summers ago, they couldn't get out. The adult male
19 actually jumped and ran into the fence, the baby
20 couldn't do anything.

21 So, you know, if you love deer, fine.
22 They're getting hurt. You know they're all over the
23 highways dead, and there's going to be dead on
24 Wyckoff Avenue, there's no question. In fact, there
25 was one on Wyckoff Avenue in Wyckoff, which I was

1 maybe two miles from where it was, and it was there
2 for three days. That's a lovely thing to see for
3 kids.

4 You got to do something. It's not a
5 quality of life. They're ruining everything I try to
6 do with my property.

7 MR. FLORIO: Three minutes, Mr. Noble.

8 MR. NOBLE: My property looks pretty
9 good, and it can't look anything but lousy if these
10 things aren't stopped.

11 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Mr. Chairman, if I
12 could please ask a question?

13 MR. NOBLE: Please do.

14 FREEHOLDER FELICE: They're coming from
15 a park?

16 MR. NOBLE: The Wildlife Center in
17 Wyckoff is directly behind the homes across the
18 street from me.

19 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: And who owns
20 that? Who owns it?

21 FREEHOLDER FELICE: So it's the Borough
22 of Wyckoff?

23 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: No, it's us.

24 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Oh, the county?

25 MR. NOBLE: Yes.

1 FREEHOLDER FELICE: All right. You're
2 saying that they are jumping -- they're coming under?

3 MR. NOBLE: There's one fence that
4 hasn't been touched in more than 15 years, because
5 the first time I went up to the Wildlife Center, I
6 said, "Hey, you know, fix this."

7 "Oh, okay. Sure. What do you expect
8 us to do?"

9 FREEHOLDER FELICE: So it's a county
10 park that has a fence around it?

11 MR. NOBLE: Yup. And it has a fence
12 around most of it. The entrance where cars go and
13 people go, there's no fence obviously.

14 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Right.

15 MR. NOBLE: And I guess they go that
16 way.

17 I don't know if anybody in Wyckoff has
18 problems. I know people in Midland Park have
19 problems. There's a fellow named Thomas in Midland
20 Park who was quoted in a story in, not The Record but
21 the Suburban News. He and I have spoken. He says he
22 just gives up, you can't do anything. You can't
23 chase them. I mean, the bucks don't run away. They
24 look at you and they drop their head, and I've had
25 that happen to me. The babies, they'll run away, the

1 mothers will run away.

2 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: We spoke before the
3 meeting, so everyone knows. The Administrator and I
4 had a conversation with Mr. Noble before the meeting.
5 We're going to talk about it tomorrow, and see if
6 there's anything the county can do to try to
7 alleviate that problem. It's not just Wyckoff.

8 MR. NOBLE: It's everywhere.

9 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: I rode down the
10 street in Paramus the other day, and there were two
11 clusters right on the lawn on Paramus Road.

12 MR. NOBLE: In Ho-Ho-Kus, they're all
13 over the place. And there's a circle, where you're
14 getting onto Route 17 from Waldwick, there's a circle
15 with lanes all around it, and there are probably four
16 in there. They come out all the time. I mean, you
17 can see ten different deer any day you want.

18 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Freeholder.

19 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Freeholder DeNicola
20 was just showing me a picture of her front lawn that
21 she took when she went home in the interim with deer
22 feeding on the grass.

23 What she suggests is that the Rutgers
24 Cooperative Extension might be able to offer us some
25 suggestions. They have office space here in the

1 county building. Maybe the Administrator could
2 contact them.

3 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Maybe we can take
4 your deer and put them on the Freeholder's lawn.

5 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: They just looked
6 at me.

7 MR. NOBLE: I tried everything there is
8 to try. I've tried hot pepper, Irish Spring soap.
9 We got the spray. I mean, I was paying \$85 a month
10 to get sprayed. It didn't do a thing.

11 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Hopefully we'll get
12 you some information.

13 MR. NOBLE: They ate it the next day.
14 Now they eat directly in front of my door. I can
15 open my door, and here's where they eat. Sooner or
16 later, it's going to be dangerous too.

17 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: How long have you
18 lived there, sir?

19 MR. NOBLE: Since 1987.

20 And until ten years ago --

21 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Was the preserve
22 there in 1987?

23 MR. NOBLE: Yes.

24 Until ten years ago, I said this before
25 here, I could take my daughters outside, "Look,

1 there's a deer."

2 Now they can say, "Hey, grandpa,
3 there's 18 deer."

4 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: I live in
5 Montvale. We have plenty of deer, a ton of them.

6 MR. NOBLE: Montville?

7 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Montvale, or else
8 Mrs. DeNicola would turn me in for fraud, if I lived
9 in Montville.

10 You talk about your shrubs. I had the
11 problem. I changed my shrubbery.

12 MR. NOBLE: I tried.

13 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Just hear me out.

14 I haven't had a problem since I changed
15 the landscaping in my front yard with the plants that
16 they don't eat. I have a six-foot fence, which they
17 do jump over at times, they will jump over, so
18 raising the fence might be an issue. But as far as
19 your plants being eaten, I mean, you know, they love
20 Hostas, so I no longer have Hostas.

21 MR. NOBLE: Do you know that they eat
22 barberry with thorns on it?

23 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: I am just telling
24 you, I don't know who your landscaper is, but you
25 might want to inquire.

1 MR. NOBLE: I'm my landscaper.

2 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: They haven't
3 eaten anything in my front yard in two years.

4 After the meeting, we'll get together,
5 I'll show you a beautiful picture of my landscaping.

6 MR. NOBLE: The euonymus, they chew
7 that to nothing.

8 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Have you
9 approached your local municipality about this?

10 MR. NOBLE: Yes. They said they don't
11 have any power over Wyckoff or the county.

12 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Well, they have
13 the power over the town, they don't have the power
14 over the county park.

15 MR. NOBLE: This is mostly Wyckoff
16 coming to Waldwick, there are some, and like down 17
17 where there is Ho-Ho-Kus and 17, there are others,
18 and I'm sure there --

19 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: So the town
20 offered no solutions to you?

21 MR. NOBLE: None, and I went there 2 or
22 3 times.

23 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Okay. Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Someone will
25 hopefully contact you in the next day or two.

1 MR. NOBLE: Please do. I'm around in
2 the mornings. I'm around in afternoon. I'm retired,
3 with nothing to do except complain.

4 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: You can always
5 get a big German Shepherd.

6 MR. NOBLE: I tried that. We had a dog
7 once, and that didn't work either.

8 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Okay. Mr. Nickels.

9 MR. NICKELS: Good evening, Paul
10 Nickels.

11 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Good evening.

12 MR. NICKELS: I wish Freeholder Zur was
13 here for this, but I was thinking, I brought up about
14 the eviction thing, because people still come up to
15 me and, you know, last minute and say, "I'm going to
16 be evicted, what can I do?"

17 I send them to the center, of course.
18 But there must be a way that there could be a list.
19 Bergen County has resources for homeless prevention
20 and to prevent people, you know, if someone has hit
21 hard times. There's got to be a way to, you know, if
22 it's a privacy act type-of-thing, instead of having
23 them reach out, give them a list or something. I
24 don't know how that works.

25 But let me get this out of the way

1 quickly.

2 Don't forget the NAACP gala, that's up
3 again. You can see Anthony Cureton, as you know, in
4 October.

5 And, of course, Hackensack's Street
6 Fair is coming up in September.

7 You'll see that all on Facebook.

8 What I wanted to talk about was, I went
9 to a press conference, I think it was last week --
10 right? At the Prosecutor's Office.

11 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: September 1st,
12 yes.

13 MR. NICKELS: Yes.

14 I mean, I never like to hear drug
15 addicts, I'll say, being arrested, but to get them
16 the help they need is great. And I know there's more
17 beds at Bergen Regional. But now I think you're
18 going to see hopefully, if we haven't seen it
19 already, that there's a whole gap of people that
20 still just don't have places to go, like transitional
21 housing, supportive housing, you know, with the
22 mental health field and addiction services.

23 Like Spring House is for women, I
24 brought this up at the press conference, Spring House
25 is for women, but I know only one for men, but it's a

1 Christian-based thing, which is great, but not
2 everybody wants that, you know. So there's a problem
3 with supportive housing, and it's really sad, because
4 there are people right now that are in jail because
5 there's no other place for them to go.

6 And Bergen Regional, I mean, I spoke to
7 that union guy that was here the last time, and I
8 liked a couple things he said. We were talking, like
9 back in the '80s, when I used to go there for
10 therapy, it was really nice, you sat for like a half
11 hour and you talked and then you got your medication.
12 And now it's like a meat market, five seconds, you're
13 talking to the guy, there's no therapy. I mean,
14 trust me, I like Tom Rosamilia, he's really honest,
15 but something has got to change with that hospital.

16 I know there's 12 organizations or
17 companies that want to buy it. I don't know if this
18 is the right way to put it, because I don't want to
19 sound negative, but, you know, in Alcoholics
20 Anonymous there used to be a saying, if you do the
21 same thing twice, expecting different results, that's
22 insanity.

23 So, I mean, you know, hopefully things
24 can be straightened out with Bergen Regional, because
25 I'm getting a lot of, you know, people that get

1 discharged, not only from psych, I'm talking about
2 the regular side of the hospital, you know, a lot of
3 people that get discharged that really shouldn't,
4 that I don't think should be and stuff like that.
5 But, you know, I don't really know what to do about
6 that, but there definitely is a need for supportive
7 housing for men.

8 MR. FLORIO: Three minutes, Mr.
9 Nickels.

10 MR. NICKELS: And that's it.
11 Thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Okay.

13 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Thank you, Paul.

14 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Mr. Nickels?

15 ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NEALS: Just
16 on the housing issue, can I give you a phone number,
17 it's a rapid re-housing program that the Housing
18 Authority has.

19 MR. NICKELS: Oh, I'm the resource guy,
20 I know all about it.

21 ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NEALS: So
22 you have that number?

23 MR. NICKELS: Oh, yes.

24 The problem is, the people that are
25 being evicted don't know about this stuff until the

1 last minute. That's what I was thinking about.

2 Thank you so much.

3 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Marisa Cefali.

4 MS. CEFALI: Hi. This is my first time
5 visiting here. Very nice to meet you all.

6 I live in Hillsdale, New Jersey.

7 There is an application before the
8 Planning Board for a 49-unit apartment building to be
9 built rather close to my home. It's supposed to be
10 built on, there's eight acres of land, six of which
11 is wetlands, only two of the acres are not wetlands,
12 because there was a massive amount of dumping at one
13 time and it's above grade.

14 The wetlands borders the Pascack Brook.
15 I don't know if you're familiar with Waste
16 Management. It's right down the block from there.

17 The big problem we have right now is
18 thanks to this whole COAH thing and all the towns are
19 in a kind of almost being bullied that they have to
20 worry about the COAHs that they may have to meet,
21 they have blinders on with that.

22 The problem with this particular
23 project is the DEP's permit expired in July. The
24 permit is five years old. It was issued before
25 Sandy.

1 According to the DEP, this property
2 isn't in a flood zone. But according to FEMA, it is.
3 And I have an example for you here.

4 This is the project. This blue here is
5 the actual building itself. This is my neighbor's
6 home right here. That's going to be right butt up
7 against the project.

8 This is the FEMA map. If you put the
9 FEMA map up to it, this whole, this is all LAE, it's
10 a flood zone, no question about it, all flood zone.

11 According to the builder, he doesn't
12 even need flood insurance. So we're going to put 49
13 apartment buildings on an all flood area.

14 The worst part about this is, once you
15 do that, all the runoff is going to go right into the
16 Pascack Brook. Right down from the Pascack Brook is
17 the Beechwood section, that gets flooded out
18 terribly, that Hillsdale is now looking to buy homes
19 to help those people. It goes from there to the
20 Oradell Reservoir to Hackensack.

21 Impervious areas can transport runoff
22 more quickly than natural areas. This shortening of
23 the transportation and the travel quickens the
24 rainfall runoff response to the drainage area,
25 causing flow in the downstream waterways to peak

1 faster and higher than natural conditions.

2 Right next to this property is the
3 Public Service substation.

4 MR. FLORIO: Three minutes, miss.

5 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: So Diane --

6 MS. KANFOR: Donna.

7 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Donna, if you want
8 to just continue the next three minutes.

9 Before you continue, we did have a
10 phone conversation.

11 MS. CEFALI: Yes.

12 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: I recommended that
13 you speak to your state legislature, because this
14 Board does not have the authority over your local
15 Planning Board. So the attorney could cover that,
16 kind of like when we already had that conversation
17 over the phone, although you're coming to us and
18 asking us about the project, the project is really
19 not controlled by this legislative body. So the
20 Planning Board is your local Planning Board and
21 Zoning Board, it's your local municipality, so I
22 don't know what this Board could do.

23 MS. CEFALI: What about the flood part
24 of it, who is right? Is FEMA right or is the DEP
25 right? I mean, that's a big problem.

1 MR. FLORIO: If it's a Planning Board,
2 a local Planning Board issue, which is still outside
3 the jurisdiction of the county government and this
4 legislative body, there are sometimes avenues by
5 which you can appeal decisions of your local Planning
6 Boards to either the County Planning Board. And
7 depending upon what kind of a matter it is, that
8 might end up with an appeal that then stands before
9 this Board for consideration, which would be within
10 its jurisdiction.

11 But, as it presently stands, there's
12 really nothing that any of the Freeholders can do,
13 other than allow you to have your three minutes and
14 put your concerns on the record.

15 MS. CEFALI: So should we go to the
16 county with these flooding issues?

17 MR. FLORIO: I think it's still a local
18 issue, it's still a Hillsdale municipal issue. And
19 then you have to exhaust your remedies through the
20 process at the local land use board, and then take it
21 up to the level of appeal that follows that.

22 MS. CEFALI: Because it's not going to
23 be just a Hillsdale flooding issue. This is going to
24 go downstream all the way to Hackensack. We all know
25 the flooding in Bergen County, right? So if you

1 lived there long enough --

2 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Excuse me.

3 Have you gone to the Mayor and Council
4 of the various towns and the Planning Boards of the
5 various towns?

6 MS. CEFALI: They all go back to our
7 mayor, yes.

8 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Can you just speak
9 in the mic.

10 MS. CEFALI: It all filters back to our
11 new mayor.

12 MS. KANFOR: Who is pushing the
13 apartments.

14 MS. CEFALI: Because we have the COAH
15 problem. And, you know, you have, I guess, what they
16 consider the lesser of the two evils.

17 I mean, I don't know, to me, regardless
18 of what anybody wants to do, as a county or even a
19 state, who determines the flood zone? Does FEMA?

20 I mean, as citizens, if you're in a
21 flood zone, you're paying FEMA. If they say you're
22 in a flood zone, you have to pay FEMA. So who is
23 right, FEMA or the DEP? We can't even get that
24 answer. Forget going before the mayor, can we even
25 find out who can tell us the proper flood issue?

1 MS. KANFOR: We keep getting the
2 runaround. No matter where we go, we keep getting
3 the runaround.

4 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The Administrator
5 wants to talk about the flood maps.

6 ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NEALS:
7 Especially post-Sandy, with regard to the
8 determination of the flood zones, and there's federal
9 regulations now talking about the consequences in
10 terms of requirements for insurance and being able to
11 receive emergency funds in disasters, with that
12 pressure from the federal government, if they've
13 determined it to be a flood zone, that's pretty much
14 the localities almost have their hands tied at this
15 point, because there's going to be consequences for
16 anyone who lives in those areas, if they don't get
17 the necessary flood insurance, etc., etc.

18 So, as far as the determination, if
19 it's in a flood zone, once they have changed the
20 whole map designations post Sandy, there's a lot of
21 consequences that will follow if you don't recognize
22 the new FEMA determination of what the new flood
23 elevations are in those areas.

24 MS. CEFALI: Okay.

25 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Mr. Chair, if I

1 could just share with the public, you know, I was on
2 the Planning Board in River Edge, I was the Chairman
3 of the Planning Board. The mayor appoints. And I
4 don't know what type of form of government, but
5 usually the mayor appoints the members of the
6 Planning Board, but the bottom line is that those
7 members are ultimately responsible for making a
8 recommendation and voting to approve a site
9 application or site plan for that.

10 I'm going to ask a question, if I may,
11 Mr. Chairman. I know if there's sometimes an appeal
12 of a decision by a Planning Board, it goes to a
13 judge, would it be a Superior Court judge or would it
14 be -- I know it was Judge Harris in Bergen County, a
15 lot of the appeals went to him.

16 MR. FLORIO: That was Superior Court.

17 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Right.

18 So there are a couple of avenues.

19 If you go back, there was a situation a
20 couple of months ago with a supermarket and an
21 application that came before us in Wyckoff, if I'm
22 not mistaken, but there's a couple. But my
23 suggestion would be, if the Chairman would let me
24 just give a recommendation, is to speak to and go to
25 the Planning Board meeting.

1 Has it been presented to the Planning
2 Board?

3 MS. CEFALI: We've been there for three
4 years. We just seem to go nowhere.

5 FREEHOLDER VOSS: I was on the County
6 Planning Board, and I can't remember anybody coming
7 to make an appeal, but it might be worth their while
8 to come and explain to the county.

9 MS. CEFALI: So there's a County
10 Planning Board?

11 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Yes.

12 MS. CEFALI: So we were just like,
13 where do we go from our Planning Board? We don't
14 know.

15 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: But the County
16 Planning Board does not normally address local town
17 issues, unless it comes before the appeal.

18 MR. FLORIO: And the jurisdiction of
19 the County Planning Board is limited as well.

20 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Freeholder.

21 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: I wanted to ask a
22 question. If the Planning Board has rendered a
23 decision? Has this been approved yet?

24 MS. CEFALI: No, it's coming down.

25 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: So the public

1 hearings are still taking place in Hillsdale?

2 MS. CEFALI: Well, of course the
3 builder has a lawyer, a very loud, boisterous lawyer,
4 and we don't have the funds to protect us.

5 MR. FLORIO: Three minutes, Mr.
6 Chairman.

7 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: If you could finish
8 up.

9 MS. CEFALI: So, anyway, we're at the
10 point now, up until now we could only ask questions,
11 we can't even --

12 MS. KANFOR: If we can even ask
13 questions. They won't let us ask questions.

14 MS. CEFALI: Hopefully now we're going
15 to have open, where we can say what we want. You
16 know, you live in a small town, you know what's going
17 on all the time. It comes back that it's a done
18 deal, you know, when people are swimming down that
19 street, we came and we --

20 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: I just have a
21 question.

22 Is there any designation in your master
23 plan on how many units per acre for affordable
24 housing?

25 MS. CEFALI: No, because we don't even

1 have a zoning for apartments.

2 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: So you don't have
3 a COAH plan?

4 MS. CEFALI: The COAH plan right now
5 we're at 123. But, as you all know, we're waiting
6 for the third round, so nobody knows.

7 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: You said this is
8 by a creek, is that what you said?

9 MS. CEFALI: Oh, it's by the Pascack
10 Brook.

11 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: There are (c)(1)
12 designations where you can't build too close to a
13 creek that came out approximately six years ago. Am
14 I correct?

15 MR. FLORIO: As I understand it, yes,
16 Freeholder.

17 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: So I think that's
18 something you need to ask your planning board, if the
19 (c)(1) designation was taken into account.

20 MS. CEFALI: Well, yeah, because it's
21 eight acres and he's building on the farthest corner.

22 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: I don't want to
23 get into this, the Chairman is right, this is really
24 a local issue, if you're telling me there's a lot of
25 wetlands, it goes by usable area. If you got an acre

1 here that's right next to the wetlands, that's not
2 valid. So your question to the Planning Board for
3 them: Has the (c)(1) designation been taken into
4 account, that's just one of the questions you should
5 ask.

6 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

7 Seeing no one else wishing to speak,
8 may I have a motion to close?

9 FREEHOLDER FELICE: So moved.

10 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

11 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Second?

12 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

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

16 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Any opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The public session
19 is now closed.

20 RESOLUTIONS OF UNANIMOUS CONSENT

21 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Will the Clerk
22 please read the resolutions on the Consent Agenda.

23 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Resolutions on
24 Consent are:

25 933-16 through 945-16, 947-16 through

1 957-16, and 959-16 through 980-16.

2 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: May I have a motion
3 to accept the Resolutions on the Consent Agenda --

4 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

5 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: -- as read by the
6 Clerk.

7 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Second.

8 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Please call the
9 roll.

10 (At this point in the proceeding roll
11 call is taken and the Resolutions of Unanimous
12 Consent are passed by a vote of six in favor, with
13 Vice-Chairwoman Zur absent.)

14 NONCONSENT RESOLUTIONS

15 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Are there any
16 Resolutions of Nonconsent, pulled or tabled?

17 If so, will the Clerk please read them.

18 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: There are.

19 #946-16 is a Resolution authorizing to
20 increase YWCA Area Plan Contract award by 20 percent
21 from July 1st, 2016 through December 31st, 2016.

22 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: May I have a motion
23 to introduce?

24 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

25 FREEHOLDER FELICE: I'll second that.

1 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Mr. Chairman, if
2 I just may make a comment.

3 I intend to abstain on this resolution.
4 I am on the Board of Directors of the YWCA, though I
5 will not benefit in any way from this.

6 Thank you.

7 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Sure.

8 Please call the roll.

9 (At this point in the proceeding roll
10 call is taken and Resolution #946-16 is passed by a
11 vote of five in favor, with Freeholder DeNicola
12 abstaining and Vice-Chairwoman Zur absent.)

13 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: The next one is
14 Resolution #958-16, which is a Resolution authorizing
15 contract with Paving Materials & Contracting LLC to
16 provide new roadway to DPW facility on Bergen
17 Regional Medical Center property, Paramus, New
18 Jersey.

19 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Can I have a motion
20 to introduce that?

21 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

22 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Second.

23 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Please call the
24 roll.

25 (At this point in the proceeding roll

1 call is taken and Resolution #958-16 is passed by a
2 vote of five in favor, with Freeholder DeNicola
3 voting nay and Vice-Chairwoman Zur absent.)

4 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Mr. Chairman, I
5 just want to make a comment that this is necessary,
6 because this wasn't included in the original plan,
7 and this was something we had to do because it wasn't
8 addressed properly in the prior administration.

9 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you,
10 Freeholder.

11 Also, I'd like to just comment to the
12 fact that this facility right now is a much more
13 functional facility with the improvements and
14 enhancements that have been done. With the office
15 moved up there, this is almost going to be the
16 central hub for our DPW and the offices that will be
17 up there.

18 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Mr. Chairman, if
19 I could just add too. It is larger, it is more
20 expensive, and it is a different roadway plan than
21 was originally discussed.

22 Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: You're absolutely
24 right, Freeholder, the other one was actually
25 creating an entire intersection to get into the

1 facility, this one is using the Bergen Regional
2 Medical Center as an entranceway. And there was some
3 concern about the tunnels being safe or not, and I
4 believe this also addresses some of that issue too,
5 just so we're all aware of that.

6 ORDINANCES

7 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Please read
8 Ordinance 16-18 by title only.

9 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Proof of
10 Publication of Ordinance, Notice of Public Hearing
11 was published in The Record and the Herald News on
12 August 28, 2016, and is on file in my office.

13 A copy of the Notice of Hearing and
14 Ordinance No. 16-18 was duly posted, pursuant to
15 N.J.S.A. 40A:2-17, on Friday, August 26, 2016.

16 The title is read as follows:

17 "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS
18 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY THE COUNTY OF BERGEN,
19 APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$3,393,500
20 THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF
21 \$3,225,000,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY TO
22 FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF."

23 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: May I have a motion
24 to open the hearing to Ordinance 16-18 to the public?

25 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

1 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Second.

2 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

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

6 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Any opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The ayes have it.

9 The public hearing is now open, with a five-minute
10 time limit, to speak about Ordinance 16-18 only at
11 this time.

12 The Board Attorney will keep the time.

13 When the time of the speaker has expired, the
14 timekeeper will announce that the time has expired.

15 Anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance
16 16-18?

17 (No response.)

18 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Not seeing anyone,
19 may I have a motion to close the hearing?

20 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

21 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Second.

22 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

23 (All present Freeholders respond in the
24 affirmative.)

25 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Any opposed?

1 (No response.)

2 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The ayes have it.
3 Is there any discussion by the Board on
4 16-18?

5 (No response.)

6 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Seeing none --

7 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Mr. Chairman, if
8 I could?

9 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Freeholder.

10 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Briefly.

11 At the last meeting, when this
12 ordinance was introduced, I abstained. I did have a
13 discussion with the Treasurer. My concern is that
14 during the budget hearings, we had actually reduced
15 this number by \$100,000, though that change hadn't
16 been reflected in the budget that went to Trenton.
17 It was in part because of vehicles, and then also a
18 metal detector had been donated to the county and
19 didn't need to be purchased.

20 So I just ask, I know there's a lot in
21 here necessary, that when we do move forward, that
22 that's kept in mind so we don't borrow up to the
23 amount of the ordinance.

24 Thank you.

25 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Okay, Freeholder.

1 May I have a motion to adopt Ordinance
2 16-18 as read by the Clerk?

3 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

4 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Second.

5 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Please call the
6 roll.

7 (At this point in the proceeding roll
8 call is taken and the Second Reading and Adoption of
9 Ordinance 16-18 is passed by a vote of six in favor,
10 with Vice-Chairwoman Zur absent.)

11 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Ordinance 16-18 is
12 adopted on Second Reading.

13 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Would the Clerk
14 please read Ordinance 16-19 by title only.

15 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Proof of
16 Publication of Ordinance, Notice of Public Hearing
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18 Sunday, August 28, 2016, and is on file in my office.

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2 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY TO FINANCE PART OF THE
3 COST THEREOF."

4 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: May I have a motion
5 to open the hearing on Ordinance 16-19 to the public?

6 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

7 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Second.

8 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

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

11 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Any opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The ayes have it.
14 The public hearing is now open, with a five-minute
15 time limit, to speak about Ordinance 16-19 only at
16 this time.

17 The Board Attorney will keep the time.
18 When the time of the speaker has expired, the
19 timekeeper will announce that the time has expired.

20 Anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance
21 16-19?

22 (No response.)

23 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Not seeing anybody,
24 may I have a motion to close the hearing on Ordinance
25 16-19 to the public?

1 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

2 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

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

6 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Any opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The ayes have it.

9 The public hearing is now closed.

10 Is there any Board discussion or
11 comment on 16-19?

12 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Mr. Chairman?

13 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: That's twice.

14 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Yes, it is.

15 One brief comment, and I do intend to
16 vote in the affirmative on this as well. But it's a
17 follow-up comment also to the public hearing on the
18 capital portion of the Sheriff's budget. And I
19 understand there is a lot in here that law
20 enforcement needs. It's a comment regarding vehicle
21 purchase, that now all vehicles purchased for law
22 enforcement have been moved into the capital budget,
23 and all vehicles will be SUVs. And I just want to
24 make the request moving forward that we consider
25 appropriate vehicle purchase in operating once again

1 for other uses, as this is the more expensive way to
2 go.

3 Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you,
5 Freeholder.

6 FREEHOLDER GANZ: I want to comment on
7 that, if I may?

8 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Sure, Freeholder.

9 FREEHOLDER GANZ: SUVs are specifically
10 permitted under state law to be capitalized, and this
11 takes advantage of that, and whether it is more, one
12 way or the other, depends on the vehicle.

13 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Right now, it's
14 all.

15 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you,
16 Freeholder.

17 May I have a motion to adopt 16-19 --

18 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

19 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: -- as read by the
21 Clerk.

22 Please call the roll.

23 (At this point in the proceeding roll
24 call is taken and the Second Reading and Adoption of
25 Ordinance 16-19 is passed by a vote of six in favor,

1 with Vice-Chairwoman Zur absent.)

2 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Ordinance 16-19 is
3 adopted on Second Reading.

4 COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM FREEHOLDERS

5 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: We will now have
6 Freeholder Committee Reports.

7 Freeholder Sullivan.

8 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Thank you,
9 Chairman.

10 I just wanted to wish everyone a happy
11 Labor Day. I know that Labor Day weekend is over. I
12 just want to remind everyone what Labor Day is all
13 about. Just like all our other holidays, it's a
14 holiday to honor people who gave us the weekends,
15 honoring the people who stood up for what's right,
16 and who work hard every single day and go to work.

17 As a union electrician, that's one of
18 my prior holidays. And I just think that we need to
19 remember how this country was built, on hard work,
20 and that's labor.

21 So I just want to say, I hope everyone
22 enjoyed their Labor Day weekend, and it was a safe
23 weekend. It obviously brings us to the end of
24 summer, which is unfortunate, especially, even though
25 it's going to be 90 degrees tomorrow, my air

1 conditioning just broke. But as an electrician, I'll
2 try to fix that when I go home tonight.

3 MR. FLORIO: You better.

4 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: I will do my
5 best.

6 Also, you know, remember that some of
7 our jobs have been moved overseas, and some people
8 don't want to pay a fair day's pay for a fair day's
9 work. And hopefully Labor Day raises awareness for
10 higher paying jobs in our country.

11 Last week I attended Music in the Barn,
12 the Wortendyke Barn, an historic site in Park Ridge.
13 Cynthia Forster runs it. She's the Director of
14 Bergen County's Division of Cultural & Historic
15 Affairs. She does a concert every month there, and
16 it's really nice. You sit out on the lawn there, you
17 enjoy some rhythm and blues, was the one that was
18 there last month. They'll have two more, one at the
19 end of September, one at the end of October.

20 If you live in the area or you just
21 need something to do that day, go on the county
22 website and look it up. It's really just a relaxing
23 time. I'm proud as a Bergen County Freeholder to go
24 there and represent the Freeholder Board and show
25 people the great things we do with our historic

1 sites.

2 I also attended some school supply
3 drives at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Hackensack and
4 Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Englewood. Hundreds of
5 students and their parents came to celebrate with
6 barbecues, music, games, and, of course, they
7 received the backpacks with school supplies.

8 It was nice to see so many people, so
9 many smiling faces, and all the donations that were
10 made to help the people of those two communities.
11 They even made me dance. Thank God there's no video
12 of that. It was really a fun time.

13 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: What a
14 disappointment!

15 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Why is everybody
16 laughing?

17 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: You should see me
18 cut a rug.

19 (Laughter.)

20 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Rev. Jackson, he
21 was very impressed, by the way. I'll tell you that.

22 I also attended last week a ribbon
23 cutting ceremony at the new emergency room at
24 Hackensack University Medical Center at Pascack
25 Valley.

1 This has been going on for years. This
2 was a bitter battle for years. Being a resident of
3 the Pascack Valley, I think it's very important to
4 have a hospital in that area.

5 A few years back, they did the beds,
6 they did the transition, they never moved the
7 emergency room upfront. Pascack Valley always had
8 the emergency room in the back. It felt like you
9 were going in a dungeon.

10 Now they have a beautiful
11 state-of-the-art emergency room. I think there's 20
12 examination rooms. It is just phenomenal.
13 Hackensack University Medical Center and Meridian
14 teamed up on this.

15 And speaking about Labor Day, there
16 were some great paying jobs there. There are going
17 to be more, but the most important part is there's
18 health care available in that region of the county,
19 which after the Pascack Valley Hospital closed down,
20 there was none.

21 So I'm very proud that that has made
22 its way back and is going to prosper. It's really a
23 first class facility now.

24 Lastly, I think everyone up here
25 attended the Rutherford Street Fair on Labor Day.

1 That seems to be a tradition. It's a great place to
2 meet people. You see everybody out there, Freeholder
3 DeNicola, myself, all out there stumping. But it's a
4 good camaraderie, and I appreciated seeing everyone
5 out there. It was a great day for a street fair, and
6 I want to thank Rutherford for hosting it.

7 And that's my report.

8 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you,
9 Freeholder.

10 Freeholder Ganz.

11 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Thank you. I'll try
12 to be brief.

13 Last week I made my way over to the
14 homeless shelter for the kickoff of a new partnership
15 between the Department of Human Services and the
16 Housing Authority and Eastwick College. This was the
17 college's culinary school, and they utilized the
18 kitchen at the shelter to learn about preparation and
19 restaurant management.

20 I'd like to suggest, Mr. Chairman, that
21 you offer an invitation to Eastwick to prepare a meal
22 at the homeless facility and bring it over here for
23 us on a Wednesday.

24 I did speak to the people at the
25 homeless shelter to see whether they would entertain

1 such a proposal, and they said that they would
2 consider it.

3 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Great.

4 Thank you, Freeholder.

5 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Going back to school,
6 it was a very strange feeling, because for the first
7 time in maybe 20 years, all the kids are out of
8 school, out of college and working. Novel.

9 I have to say I was at Mount Calvary
10 and also Mount Olive for the backpacks, and I know
11 that a number of the Freeholders participated
12 financially in making donations or actually bringing
13 physical product for the kids' backpacks and the
14 school program.

15 I know that it's very much appreciated
16 by the congregation and also by the kids.

17 I have a bunch of other stuff, but I
18 just want to talk about Bergen Wellness for a second.

19 The Bergen Wellness Program, for those
20 of you who are unaware of it and haven't heard about
21 it here at our Freeholder meeting over the last ten
22 years, this is a great device that saves you money on
23 everything from prescription drugs for you to
24 prescription drugs for your pet. And, in addition to
25 that, there are also human drugs that are available

1 at a substantial discount.

2 The card is free. You can get it at
3 the address that Frank Fuchs is going to insert on
4 the video of this between my fingers (indicating).
5 And I think you'll find it's a great program. More
6 than \$14 million worth of prescription drug savings
7 have been utilized by Bergen County residents.

8 Former Freeholder McPherson was with
9 her mom in Philadelphia, and her mother needed a
10 hearing aid. Hearing aids are expensive. A good
11 pair of hearing aids can run anywhere from \$3,000 to
12 \$6,000. Her mom picked a \$2,800 hearing aid, and
13 she's been carrying the Bergen Wellness card for
14 years in her pocket, and Bernadette said, "Let me see
15 if this really works."

16 And she presented it to the hearing aid
17 people, and they gave her a discount. So the \$2,800
18 hearing aid was \$900 total cost, discount on the
19 spot.

20 This is a great program. It doesn't
21 cost you anything to get the card. The point of sale
22 is where it's deducted, and this is a program brought
23 by your Board of Chosen Freeholders.

24 I encourage you to do it. Look on the
25 website to find out more about it. And this benefit,

1 we know precisely on prescription drugs, because we
2 get a report on that, we know anecdotally the best
3 buy for hearing aids, where you go for the top of the
4 line for \$6,000, you can get it in this area for
5 roughly half that price or \$3,000.

6 I wish you all a very good and
7 beginning start of the school year, and coming up
8 soon the Jewish holiday for the new year.

9 Thank you very much, Chairman. That
10 concludes my report.

11 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you,
12 Freeholder.

13 Freeholder Voss.

14 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Thank you, Chairman.

15 I'm sure that everybody was unhappy to
16 see the end of summer come, but there were many, many
17 great fairs, and one of them was in Lodi, the St.
18 Joseph Feast. It was a good time. I think it lasted
19 about four days. And it is very nice to see
20 communities come together and everybody, you know, be
21 very proud of their community.

22 On Sunday, I went to the Filipino
23 American Festival at Overpeck. One of the fun things
24 was, we always get an opportunity to say hello to
25 people, and they asked me to go on stage and explain

1 what a Freeholder is. And it's amazing how many
2 people have absolutely no clue about the services
3 that we provide here in Bergen County and what
4 Freeholders are. We're the only state that uses that
5 particular term, and so people scratch their heads
6 when they hear it. But I explained that years ago
7 people couldn't run for office or vote unless they
8 had owned land freely and unencumbered. So I don't
9 know if that means a lot to people, because I don't
10 think we have to conform to those rules anymore, but
11 the term still prevails.

12 Next Wednesday, on the 14th of
13 September, Bergen County is going to host a senior
14 citizens picnic at Van Saun Park. Hundreds and
15 hundreds of seniors will come out. It's one of the
16 many nice things I think Bergen County does for its
17 citizens. As I said, it's in Van Saun Park. I
18 believe that most of the communities bus their
19 seniors to the picnic. It's a really, really good
20 day and a lot of fun.

21 Freeholder DeNicola and I are very,
22 very, very concerned with our military. And every
23 opportunity we get to do something good for the
24 military, we take advantage of that opportunity. And
25 today I had a wonderful experience, and I wish other

1 towns would do what my town does, and actually it was
2 my Rotary Club and the VFW who have a monument in the
3 center of town, and we try to honor people who have
4 served our nation in all the various branches of the
5 military, both men and women.

6 I was so happy today, because two of my
7 former students who graduated in 1966 were honored.
8 They're very much alive and well, but both of them
9 served in the Vietnam War, and they were so honored
10 and we were so honored that we were able to pay
11 respect and honor to them while they were still alive
12 and kicking. And we'll be doing a lot more of that.

13 I think that we have to constantly
14 remember how much we are indebted.

15 The first year I taught, one of my
16 students, who was also in the class with these two
17 gentlemen, joined the military right after graduation
18 and went to Vietnam and was killed. And every
19 Memorial Day, I make sure that I keep his name alive,
20 because I think that people have to remember that a
21 lot of 18-year-olds never got to be 19.

22 One other thing. Freeholder DeNicola
23 is on the Board at the YWCA. And the lady who is the
24 CEO of the Y is another one of my students. I'm so
25 proud of my kids, I can't tell you, they're all over

1 the place and doing great things. And two days ago,
2 she wrote a very good editorial in The Bergen Record
3 and it concerned the young people who are going back
4 to school, particularly the young people who were
5 going to college and being away from home living in
6 dorms.

7 The amount of sexual assault on college
8 campuses is rampant. We have to start giving our
9 kids instructions on how to protect themselves, from
10 kindergarten on all the way up through high school,
11 because one in five girls will have an incident
12 during the course of their college career, and this
13 has to stop. We have to teach people to be
14 respectful to each other and to take care of each
15 other.

16 One other thing I want to talk about,
17 and I will finish with this. We have wonderful
18 services for disabilities here in Bergen County.

19 On September 25th, the Disability
20 Awareness Day is going to be at the zoo in Van Saun
21 Park. And this is also sponsored by the Bergen
22 County Freeholders and by the Division on
23 Disabilities, Human Services. It's for free. Go
24 there, because you will learn a tremendous amount of
25 what we're trying to do to help people with

1 disabilities and to stamp out intolerance of people
2 who have disabilities.

3 So that, Chairman, is my report. Thank
4 you very much.

5 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you,
6 Freeholder.

7 Freeholder Felice.

8 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Thank you, Mr.
9 Chairman.

10 I would like to speak to the matter of
11 the recent bill that was line item vetoed by the
12 Governor regarding the Oversight Board for Bergen
13 Regional.

14 As me being on the Task Force with my
15 colleague, Freeholder Zur, I was concerned about the
16 totality of the bill having a complete veto of that
17 legislation. Some parts of the legislation were
18 vetoed, and I did read in The Record that Sen.
19 Weinberg was somewhat comfortable that she could work
20 around that, and hopefully in short order that Senate
21 bill will be reconstituted and resubmitted for, I'm
22 not sure whether it be sent back to the Governor's
23 desk for signature or it has to go through committee
24 or it has to be voted again, but, nevertheless, the
25 overall arching principles, and I know some people

1 spoke to this during public session, is: How do we
2 move forward with Bergen Regional? What kind of care
3 is going to be provided in a very complex health care
4 environment and with people that this is their area
5 of last resort? In the health care community, we
6 don't see a lot of psychiatric, we don't see a lot of
7 behavioral. So for many residents, not just from
8 Bergen County but in the whole northeast or the
9 northern part of New Jersey, this is their last hope.

10 So I think we made an extraordinary
11 effort of the committee to make sure that there's
12 going to be that oversight. Obviously the devil's in
13 the details, and the how and which the new management
14 organizations, let me just articulate that it will
15 not be sold, Bergen Regional. It will still be under
16 the license of the Bergen County Improvement
17 Authority. We will not be managing day-to-day, but
18 with this Oversight Board, we'll have the ability to
19 manage the vision of it and how and which that care
20 is provided in a very complex health care
21 environment, as I just mentioned.

22 So I look forward to the bill finally
23 being made into law and having its Oversight Board
24 populated. Hopefully, before I leave, it can be
25 done. I hope it would be, since the end of the

1 legislative session is the end of the year. So I
2 just hope that occurs and we can move forward with
3 the next stage of the history of Bergen Regional, how
4 it's going to provide services to the residents of
5 Bergen County.

6 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

7 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you,
8 Freeholder.

9 Freeholder DeNicola.

10 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Thank you, Mr.
11 Chairman.

12 Just following up on what Freeholder
13 Felice just said about the legislation, during our
14 work meeting, the County Administrator and also our
15 Freeholder Counsel had agreed to put together an
16 overview of that legislation at a subsequent work
17 meeting, which I think would be good for all of us
18 and certainly good for the public to understand
19 better what's going to happen as that hospital moves
20 forward.

21 I wanted to speak first about something
22 that Paul Nickels had mentioned during the public
23 session, and that was in regard to Spring House, a
24 transitional housing that we have here, actually on
25 the campus of Bergen Regional Medical Center.

1 There is a resolution on our agenda
2 this evening, #934, is accepting funds for Spring
3 House.

4 Paul, and I was there with him,
5 attended a press conference given by the Prosecutor
6 on September 1st, last Thursday. And it was in
7 regard to a new initiative called "Helping Hands."

8 What that initiative is trying to do
9 is, once raids have taken place, once people have
10 been arrested for possession or drug use, there is an
11 effort to get those people, and they are young, they
12 are old, they are retired policemen, they are nurses,
13 to get them into detox, and then hopefully into rehab
14 and on the road to a better life.

15 We know that heroin is an absolute
16 epidemic, as is opiate addiction, across the nation
17 and very much so here in Bergen County. We want to
18 eliminate the drugs on the street, but we also want
19 to turn lives around. And I know that two of the
20 words that were used very often were "seamless" and
21 "continuum."

22 We don't want to lose people between
23 the gaps, between the arrest and their next use,
24 between detox and rehab, and it's a lifelong journey
25 to stay rehabilitated.

1 This was the first time that this
2 initiative had taken place. There is so much more
3 work to be done.

4 I do want to also give a shout-out to
5 our Office of Alcohol and Drug Dependency. If anyone
6 out there needs any kind of advice, any follow-up,
7 any information regarding where they can go and who
8 they can speak to, they can call this office here in
9 Bergen County, and that number is 201-634-2740.

10 We do have programs in place to help
11 them.

12 I also wanted to mention that those 12
13 of the 40 who were arrested who did accept detox
14 happened to go to Bergen Regional. We do have other
15 resources that we work with and that the Freeholders
16 support, but it was very important that they were
17 there as well and that those beds were available.

18 Many of my Freeholders have already
19 spoken about all of the events that have taken place
20 across the county and that we all have gone to
21 together. And Freeholder Sullivan and I have used a
22 tremendous amount of sunscreen over the last couple
23 of months, I will say that.

24 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Because we're
25 both Irish.

1 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: It's the Irish in
2 us, right, exactly.

3 But it is wonderful to see so many
4 people outside, so many municipalities, so many
5 positive events surrounding community and outdoor
6 activities, history, culture, and the arts over the
7 last several weeks.

8 Today I also attended the first day of
9 school for Bergen County Christian Academy, right
10 here in Hackensack. And it is true, there is nothing
11 like the first day of school. It just smells
12 different on the first day of school. Everyone is so
13 happy. The kids are so positive. Sneakers are new
14 or clean. It's a great thing. And I do wish all of
15 our families and all of our children across Bergen
16 County a very, very successful academic year and
17 maybe a cup of tea for a lot of mothers out there,
18 once they get their kids off.

19 I want to mention again that the Elder
20 Abuse Conference that's organized by the Prosecutor's
21 Office and was begun by former Freeholder Bernadette
22 McPherson will take place on October 14th up in
23 Mahwah at the Law and Public Safety Institute.

24 I quickly want to add to Freeholder
25 Voss' comments about Helen Archontou, who is the CEO

1 of the YWCA. It was an incredible op-ed piece that
2 was published in The Bergen Record two days ago, and
3 the numbers are staggering.

4 FREEHOLDER VOSS: They are.

5 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: One in five young
6 adult females in college will be assaulted and one in
7 16 young men. Those numbers are from the National
8 Sexual Violence Resource Center, and that's in light
9 of the fact that 90 percent of assaults are never
10 reported, so the numbers are certainly much higher
11 than that. It does speak to the fact that we need
12 education, we need training, we need understanding,
13 and it does have to begin in kindergarten. It's
14 about how we treat one another, how we respect one
15 another, and then how we deal with all of the other
16 issues, the independence, the substance abuse that
17 kind of takes place as well, and add to a climate
18 that is not the way we want to behave, certainly not
19 the way we want our children to behave or to be
20 treated by others.

21 We have a Division of Alternatives to
22 Domestic Violence right here in Bergen County as
23 well, and it is phenomenal. It has a unique program
24 that doesn't only treat the victim, it also treats
25 the offender, so that you can break the cycle of

1 domestic violence. And they too have a phone number:
2 201-336-7575.

3 They have a hotline. They're available
4 for help and advise, as well.

5 And that, Mr. Chairman, is the end of
6 my report.

7 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you,
8 Freeholder.

9 Every month a lot of things get covered
10 that we all attend, so I try not to repeat what other
11 people have already mentioned.

12 Last Wednesday, the city of Teaneck and
13 the Teaneck Township came out to honor the great
14 community advocate, Mayor Lizette Parker, and named a
15 street in her honor. They had a street fair there.
16 It was truly an honor for somebody who was an
17 advocate for so many. Just a tremendous tribute.

18 I know this won't air for 9/11, which
19 is coming up quickly. I'm sure this will not be on
20 by then. There's certainly so many 9/11 memorials.

21 Last year, we all commented on the fact
22 that we can never forget that horrific day, and it
23 seemed like towns were doing away with their
24 ceremonies. This year thankfully a lot of those
25 towns are back on the schedule. We have a full plate

1 on 9/11 of towns that are honoring those that
2 perished that day, not just from their communities
3 but around the country.

4 I want to welcome, and, first of all, I
5 would like to thank everybody on behalf of my family
6 for the prayers and support last week. We welcomed
7 my grandson, Landon Noah. He had some complications,
8 and through everybody's prayers, he's hopefully going
9 to come home. He still has some challenges. I can
10 tell you, the outpouring of support made it a little
11 more bearable. So I just want to thank everybody for
12 their support.

13 As Freeholder Ganz would do, I'm going
14 to show you a picture of my grandson (indicating).

15 I'm just going to close by saying
16 school is open. I'm asking everybody to please drive
17 safely. Don't forget the little children that don't
18 know any better that might step off the curb. So
19 just go a little bit slower, don't be in such a rush,
20 leave a little earlier.

21 So that concludes my report.

22 With nothing further to come before
23 this Board, I'll take a motion to adjourn.

24 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

25 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Second.

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CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

(All present Freeholders respond in the affirmative.)

CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Any opposed?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The ayes have it.

We are now adjourned at 8:35.

(Whereupon, the Public Meeting is adjourned at 8:35 p.m.)

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