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BERGEN COUNTY
BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2016
COMMENCING AT 7:35 P.M.

FREEHOLDERS PRESENT:

- STEVEN A. TANELLI, CHAIRMAN
- TRACY S. ZUR, VICE CHAIRWOMAN
- DAVID L. GANZ
- DR. JOAN M. VOSS
- THOMAS J. SULLIVAN
- MAURA R. DeNICOLA

FREEHOLDERS ABSENT:

- JOHN A. FELICE, CHAIRMAN PRO TEMPORE

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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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HEARING OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC

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1 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The meeting is
2 called to order at 7:35.

3 Before I begin, I ask everyone to
4 please silence their phones.

5 Will 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, Ganz,
25 Sullivan, Voss, Vice-Chairwoman Zur, and Chairman

1 Tanelli present, with Freeholder Felice absent.)

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

4 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Will everyone please
6 rise 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'd like to ask
11 everyone to please remain standing for a Moment of
12 Silence for Betsy Stagg, who was an employee in
13 Bergen County, very involved in the Flood Commission.

14 (Whereupon a moment of silence is
15 observed.)

16 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

17 MINUTES

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

20 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Minutes to be
21 approved are:

22 September 28, 2016 - Work Session;
23 Freeholder Tanelli was absent.

24 October 5, 2016 - Work Session;
25 Freeholder Tanelli was absent.

1 October 5, 2016 - Public Session;
2 Freeholder Tanelli was absent.

3 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Can I have a motion
4 to accept the minutes?

5 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

6 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Second.

7 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Second.

8 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

9 (All present Freeholders respond in the
10 affirmative, with the noted abstention of Chairman
11 Tanelli, and Freeholder Felice absent.)

12 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Any opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The ayes have it.

15 HEARING OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC

16 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Can I have a motion
17 to open the meeting to the public?

18 FREEHOLDER VOSS: So moved.

19 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

21 (All present Freeholders respond in the
22 affirmative.)

23 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Any opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: We will now have a

1 Hearing of the General Public, with a three-minute
2 time limit in effect.

3 The Board Attorney will keep the time.
4 When the time of the speaker expires, the timekeeper
5 will announce the time has expired.

6 Please fill out a slip of paper with
7 your name, address, and general topic, if you wish to
8 speak.

9 Mr. Powers.

10 MR. POWERS: Chuck Powers, Teaneck and
11 Bergen Grassroots.

12 The county lost a really competent
13 person in losing Elizabeth Stagg. I just found out
14 about it the middle of last week. It was following a
15 conversation with the Riverkeeper and was shocked to
16 hear. It's a real loss for this county.

17 Several of you do know that we have two
18 nights of debates next week, we'll call them
19 "forums," and actually the last time it turned out to
20 be a forum.

21 The Freeholder candidates, seven of the
22 eight, who participated in the League of Women Voters
23 will actually be back, we believe, next Wednesday
24 night, at 7:30, at Teaneck Library auditorium. That
25 will go from about 7:30 to 9:00.

1 And the next evening, we'll have all
2 three candidates for the Constitutional Officers of
3 the county, the Clerk, the Surrogate, and the Sheriff
4 in a similar discussion for about an hour and a half.

5 I think it's an important opportunity
6 for the public to follow-up, and I think that we will
7 build on what we have learned already and that Todd
8 South has been reporting quite adequately in The
9 Record.

10 Let me also say that I was really
11 impressed to see 300 people today. There was a
12 breakfast, and when we only had 50 people, we only
13 offered coffee and cookies, but to get a free
14 breakfast and then hear what we heard this morning
15 about the importance of mental health, both funding
16 and adequate policy, was a really important step.
17 And what we are trying to do with the work that we're
18 trying to do in understanding the decisions that the
19 county is looking at on Bergen Regional is also, I
20 think, extremely important.

21 We had five of the quite expert panel
22 members: The author of the new law that allows for
23 the county to form an authority; one of your own
24 members, John Felice, not here tonight, but did a
25 very lovely job in articulating an excellent

1 perspective on the question; the head of Health
2 Services for Paramus; the Secretary Treasurer of the
3 HPAA, the organized leader for Bergen Regional
4 employees; and then Renee Steinhagen, who actually
5 has known this issue for a very long time as a public
6 interest lawyer. And they came together in a very
7 interesting way around one issue, that actually was
8 the same issue at which the county's own Advisory
9 Committee had left the county as well, which was in
10 the course of trying to work through this very
11 complex set of issues that you folks will be making
12 decisions about, be sure that you take the time to
13 get it right, because that is the sort of fundamental
14 message. They all cohered around that, those are
15 very different people having quite different
16 perspectives, if you know them, and to have them sort
17 of cohere on that particular recommendation.
18 Recognizing you have a great start with the county
19 report on that set of tasks, and then to try to
20 figure out how, as you implement that now at the end
21 of a 19-year contract and moving forward with the
22 importance of that facility in the context of trying
23 to provide an ecosystem of protection, particularly
24 for mental health and addiction.

25 Thank you.

1 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you,
2 Mr. Powers.

3 Mr. Moretti.

4 (Short pause.)

5 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Mr. Moretti, you
6 want me to go to the next person and come back to
7 you?

8 MR. MORETTI: That would be okay.

9 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Great.

10 Mr. Noble.

11 MR. NOBLE: Good evening. You know why
12 I'm here.

13 I need to know some things, and I think
14 we need some dialogue here.

15 I need to know whether the Board sees
16 my problem as a problem? Do you recognize it as a
17 problem or only a circumstance? Because it's a
18 problem for me, it's worse again than it was three
19 weeks ago. You said you would do something. Someone
20 called, a woman called, she seemed to be sympathetic,
21 she seemed to be on topic, she seemed to be real
22 good, and that's the last time I heard from her was
23 about 10 days after the last meeting. So it's been 2
24 or 3 weeks, I don't know.

25 In the last three days, I have seen in

1 three adjacent yards, 6, 11 and 7 deer. That's 24.
2 The most I ever saw before was 11, before this year.

3 Do you really think this problem is
4 going away? Do you really think that you can sit
5 back and do nothing and just have the deer population
6 decrease? It's not going to happen. You've got to
7 kill the damn things. I mean it, kill them. Get
8 them out of there. No more, "Let's do something,"
9 kill them. Get them out of there like other places
10 do. Get them out of there the way they get rid of
11 the bears.

12 They are dangerous animals. They have
13 disease. They leave crap all over my yard. They eat
14 everything I own. 27 plants have been destroyed this
15 year. 27! They average about \$15 apiece. That's
16 just this year. I have bought 23 bottles of deer
17 spray. Doesn't work a bit.

18 You say you're going to do something,
19 you have solutions and suggestions, none of it works.
20 The only thing that is going to work, unless you
21 build a damn fence that keeps them in the Wildlife
22 Center, is to kill them.

23 I have asked you. I've been nice.
24 I've been cordial. I've even been happy here. But
25 you don't do anything. You do zero.

1 This woman called and, again, she
2 seemed pretty good. I don't know who she is, I
3 didn't take her name down, that was my fault. I
4 haven't heard from her. And again the deer are
5 destroying everything I own.

6 I'd like to know why I -- I had a
7 quality of life, I worked at it. I like to maintain
8 my yard. I spend a lot of money on it. I like doing
9 it. I can't do it anymore. I have nothing left to
10 take care of. They eat every damn plant. There's
11 one thing that's been there for 29 years, untouched,
12 two nights ago it was destroyed.

13 We had a whole bunch of Lantana in the
14 front yard. I had someone take them out to put in
15 mums. There was one plant that had been there that
16 was exposed. In one night, after it was sprayed, it
17 was eaten to nothing. Another \$20. So what? But
18 you don't do anything. Where do I go if I don't come
19 to you?

20 MR. FLORIO: Three minutes.

21 MR. NOBLE: The police aren't going to
22 do it.

23 Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Mr. Noble, since
25 your last visit, I've had conversations with the

1 Administrator, and he's going to address you on this
2 issue.

3 MR. NOBLE: Speak, please.

4 ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NEALS:

5 Mr. Noble, that was Deborah Yankow --

6 MR. NOBLE: That's who it is, yes.

7 ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NEALS: --
8 who is part of our Animal Control, because we've been
9 trying to have discussions about potential solutions.
10 We've had discussions now, we've engaged with the New
11 Jersey state Fish, Game and Wildlife in terms of
12 potential plans. As you know, you mentioned the
13 recent bear hunt that was in Essex County, for
14 example, and every few years there's particular hunts
15 that happen there. You have to submit an overall
16 plan to be able to start engaging in the hunt
17 process, so to speak.

18 So we've had conversations with Fish
19 and Wildlife, and this is a problem that is actually
20 statewide. The deer population has exploded
21 statewide. There's many urban cities who never had
22 deer problems, that they're having deer problems as
23 well. So you should know that there is work that's
24 being done.

25 MR. NOBLE: I'm safe in assuming it is

1 recognized as a problem?

2 ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NEALS:

3 Absolutely.

4 MR. NOBLE: Because that's a step that
5 I never heard before. And I've been going over what
6 I heard here and what I've said, and I'm sorry if I
7 shouted, and I did -- but I'm not sorry. I've done
8 everything I can do that's legal. I throw rocks at
9 the damn things, and I hit one the other day. I hope
10 I hurt it. Because something has to change. It just
11 can't be this way anymore, or else I just move, and
12 then you'll have other people move in and won't give
13 a damn about their property. There's a real
14 situation here of people who want to get out of this
15 crap, who want to give up their houses, because
16 they're just sick of putting up with damage and all
17 the money. Jesus, I'm retired and I'm living
18 comfortably, but I don't have enough money to buy new
19 plants every hour.

20 MR. FLORIO: Mr. Noble, you should be
21 aware and you may be aware of these kinds of things.

22 MR. NOBLE: Angry.

23 MR. FLORIO: Well, I wasn't going to
24 say that. This issue is not within the jurisdiction
25 of the county to take the kind of action that you're

1 asking for.

2 MR. NOBLE: Whose jurisdiction is it?

3 MR. FLORIO: As Mr. Neals just said,
4 the administration has been in contact with Fish,
5 Game and Wildlife. It's a state issue. If
6 everything coalesces and the problem has been
7 recognized as being statewide, some kind of remedy
8 such as what you're interested in having done might
9 be in the offing, but it's outside the power of the
10 county and this Board really to take the action that
11 you're looking for.

12 MR. NOBLE: This is my eighth trip, no
13 one ever told me that this isn't in your
14 jurisdiction. I've never heard that before. Because
15 if I knew it, I would go to the state. I figured I
16 should go through channels.

17 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Well, in fairness,
18 the few times you came, there was a discussion
19 whether the fence was broken, which is a county piece
20 of property, so I understand why you came here, and
21 that's what we were trying to kind of address.

22 MR. NOBLE: I can invite you all, come
23 and see, my neighbors came over the other day and
24 they haven't been there in a while, they walked in
25 the back, they said, "It looks terrible here, why is

1 that? You always keep things so neat."

2 I said, "I can't. It doesn't matter
3 what I do."

4 They have chewed up one plant, I don't
5 know what it's called.

6 MR. FLORIO: Time's up, Mr. Noble.

7 MR. NOBLE: Please, just let me know,
8 and ask Deborah to give me a call, because then maybe
9 I can go to someplace. It's Trenton, I assume.

10 ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NEALS: It
11 is Trenton.

12 I will have Ms. Yankow keep you abreast
13 of what our efforts are with the communication we
14 have with Trenton also.

15 MR. NOBLE: All right. Have a nice
16 night.

17 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

18 Mr. Moretti.

19 MR. MORETTI: Salvatore Moretti, Alpine
20 Drive, Paramus.

21 I have mentioned that after three
22 years, I sent down a 1,500 page report on Bergen
23 County, located next to Manhattan, and housing for
24 some years, since 1907, The Bergen Evening Record,
25 which apparently had its criminal reputage rewritten

1 in New York City.

2 I think it is noteworthy that when I
3 was born, I was born the same year that the boat, the
4 ship was turned back from Hamburg, Germany, when it
5 attempted to land in Havana, Cuba. And it attempted
6 to land there May 28th of 1939.

7 I was born in the winter of 1939, but
8 my birth certificate advances to the spring, May 28th
9 of 1940, which is strange.

10 But another strange thing I noted when
11 I was doing my 1,500 pages is, I did a research
12 project on the 75 libraries in BCCLS, and I noted
13 that Thomas Szasz in psychiatry was virtually
14 nonexistent in the BCCLS 75 libraries.

15 He is concerned with, as anyone in that
16 field such as myself knows, the politics and
17 psychiatry, the uses of psychiatry by politics. One
18 of his books is "Law, Liberty and Psychiatry." The
19 other is "The Age of Madness." The other is "The
20 Myth of Mental Illness." The other is "The Theology
21 of Medicine." And none of them is available in
22 BCCLS, nor indeed is the works of Konrad Lorenz and
23 Robert Ardrey.

24 I've put this together, there's about
25 48 pages on my survey of the 75 libraries. I have a

1 cover letter.

2 I also responded to a request to show
3 up at an open house at my Demarest estate, 32 acres,
4 along Hillside Avenue. And when I showed up, I had
5 been living there for 10 years, and this town news
6 were thrown on the lawn. It had a request to show up
7 at the school.

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

10 MR. MORETTI: And when I did so, they
11 called the police.

12 Here's the report.

13 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you,
14 Mr. Moretti.

15 Can I have a motion to close the
16 meeting to the public?

17 FREEHOLDER VOSS: So moved.

18 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

19 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

21 (All present Freeholders respond in the
22 affirmative.)

23 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Any opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The ayes have it.

1 RESOLUTIONS OF UNANIMOUS CONSENT

2 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Will the Clerk
3 please read the Resolutions on the Consent Agenda.

4 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Resolutions on
5 Consent tonight are: #1022-16 through #1066-16.

6 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Can I have a motion
7 to accept the Resolutions on the Consent Agenda?

8 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: So moved.

9 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Please call the
11 roll.

12 (At this point in the proceeding roll
13 call is taken and the motion is passed by a vote of
14 six in favor, with Freeholder Felice absent.)

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 none.

19 ORDINANCES

20 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: We'll now go on to
21 the three ordinances for First Reading and
22 Introduction.

23 Introduction and First Reading of
24 Ordinance 16-26.

25 Will the Clerk please read the

1 Ordinance 16-26 by title only.

2 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: 16-26 is, by title:

3 "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS
4 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY THE COUNTY OF BERGEN,
5 APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$4,725,000
6 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,499,000
7 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY TO FINANCE PART OF THE
8 COST THEREOF."

9 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Can I have a motion
10 to Introduce Ordinance 16-26 as read by the Clerk?

11 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

12 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Will the Clerk
14 please call the roll.

15 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Freeholder
16 DeNicola?

17 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Abstain.

18 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Freeholder Felice
19 is absent.

20 Freeholder Ganz?

21 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Aye.

22 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Freeholder
23 Sullivan?

24 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Yes.

25 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Freeholder Voss?

1 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Yes.

2 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Freeholder Zur?

3 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Yes.

4 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Chairman Tanelli?

5 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Before I cast my
6 vote, I just wanted to mention three quick things
7 from this ordinance.

8 I know we don't normally have comments
9 on the First Reading, but this ordinance has a few
10 things in it that pertain to safety, fencing,
11 security, some things that were mandated that we do
12 at the Overpeck landfill that has to happen. Also,
13 the Darlington clubhouse that for 20 years there's
14 been no improvement. So this is a very comprehensive
15 county parks plan that's long overdue. It also
16 includes our Winter Wonderland that the County
17 Executive has talked about having Bergen County parks
18 a destination year round. So I'm going to vote in
19 the affirmative on this.

20 Thank you.

21 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Mr. Chairman, may
22 I make a comment --

23 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Sure.

24 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: -- as you did?

25 My abstention is related to the

1 discussion we had earlier at the work meeting. We
2 have \$60 million in park capital funding in older
3 balances, and Mr. Luppino, the Treasurer, is going to
4 answer a number of questions that were asked.

5 Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Great. Thank you.

7 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: So Ordinance 16-26
8 passes First Reading.

9 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Introduction and
10 First Reading of Ordinance 16-27.

11 Will the Clerk please read Ordinance
12 16-27 by title only.

13 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: The title is read
14 as follows:

15 "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING WEIGHT
16 LIMITS ON CERTAIN BERGEN COUNTY BRIDGES."

17 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Can I have a motion
18 to introduce the ordinance?

19 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: So moved.

20 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Please call the
22 roll.

23 (At this point in the proceeding roll
24 call is taken and the Introduction and First Reading
25 of Ordinance 16-27 is passed by a vote of six in

1 favor, with Freeholder Felice absent.)

2 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Ordinance 16-27
3 passes First Reading.

4 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Now we're going on
5 to Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 16-23.

6 Will the Clerk please read Ordinance
7 16-23 by title only.

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

12 A copy of the Notice of Hearing and
13 Ordinance No. 16-23 was duly posted, pursuant to
14 N.J.S.A. 40A:2-17, on Friday, October 7, 2016.

15 The title is read as follows:

16 "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS
17 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY THE COUNTY OF BERGEN,
18 APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$2,485,000
19 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,485,000
20 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY TO FINANCE PART OF THE
21 COST THEREOF."

22 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Can I have a motion
23 to open the hearing on Ordinance 16-23 to the public?

24 FREEHOLDER VOSS: So moved.

25 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

1 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Second.

2 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

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

5 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Any opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The ayes have it,
8 the public hearing is now open, with a five-minute
9 time limit, to speak about Ordinance 16-20 only at
10 this time.

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

14 Seeing nobody wishing to speak, may I
15 have a motion to close the hearing on Ordinance 16-23
16 to the public?

17 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

18 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Second.

19 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

20 (All present Freeholders respond in the
21 affirmative.)

22 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Any opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The ayes have it,
25 the public hearing on Ordinance 16-23 is now closed.

1 Is there any board discussion or
2 comment on Ordinance 16-23?

3 (No response.)

4 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Not seeing any, may
5 I have a motion to adopt Ordinance 16-23?

6 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: So moved.

7 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Second.

8 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Please call the
9 roll.

10 (At this point in the proceeding roll
11 call is taken and the Second Reading and Adoption of
12 Ordinance 16-23 is passed by a vote of six in favor,
13 with Freeholder Felice absent.)

14 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Ordinance 16-23 is
15 adopted on Second Reading.

16 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Second Reading and
17 Adoption of Ordinance 16-24.

18 Will the Clerk please read Ordinance
19 16-24 by title only.

20 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: The Proof of
21 Publication of Ordinance, Notice of Public Hearing
22 was published in The Record and Herald News on
23 Sunday, October 9, 2016, and is on file in my office.

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

1 N.J.S.A. 40A:2-17, on Friday, October 7, 2016.

2 The title is read as follows:

3 "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS
4 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY THE COUNTY OF BERGEN,
5 APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$1,715,000
6 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,632,500
7 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF COUNTY TO FINANCE PART OF THE
8 COST THEREOF."

9 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: May I have a motion
10 to open the hearing on Ordinance 16-24 to the public?

11 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

12 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: 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 ayes have it,
19 the public hearing is now open, with a five-minute
20 time limit, to speak about Ordinance 16-24 only at
21 this time.

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

25 Not seeing anyone from the public

1 wishing to speak, may I have a motion to close the
2 hearing?

3 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

4 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Second.

5 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

6 (All present Freeholders respond in the
7 affirmative.)

8 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Any opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The ayes have it,
11 the public hearing on Ordinance 16-24 is now closed.

12 Is there any board discussion or
13 comment on Ordinance 16-24?

14 (No response.)

15 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Not seeing any, may
16 have a motion to adopt?

17 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: So moved.

18 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Second.

19 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Please call the
20 roll.

21 (At this point in the proceeding roll
22 call is taken and the Second Reading and Adoption of
23 Ordinance 16-24 is passed by a vote of six in favor,
24 with Freeholder Felice absent.)

25 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Ordinance 16-24 is

1 adopted at Second Reading.

2 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Second Reading and
3 Adoption of Ordinance 16-25.

4 Will the Clerk please read the
5 Ordinance 16-25 by title only.

6 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: The Proof of
7 Publication of Ordinance, Notice of Public Hearing
8 was published in The Record and the Herald News on
9 Sunday, October 9, 2016, and is on file in my office.

10 A copy of the Notice of Hearing and
11 Ordinance No. 16-25 was duly posted, pursuant to
12 N.J.S.A. 40A:2-17, on Friday, October 7, 2016.

13 The title is read as follows:

14 "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS
15 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY THE COUNTY OF BERGEN,
16 APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000
17 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$952,000
18 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY TO FINANCE PART OF THE
19 COST THEREOF."

20 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Can I have a motion
21 to open the hearing on Ordinance 16-25 to the public?

22 FREEHOLDER VOSS: So moved.

23 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: May I have a second?

24 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Second.

25 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

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

3 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Any opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The ayes have it,
6 the public hearing is now open, with a five-minute
7 time limit, to speak about Ordinance 16-25 only at
8 this time.

9 The Board Attorney will keep the time.
10 When the time of the speaker expires, the timekeeper
11 will announce that the time has expired.

12 Anyone wishing to speak?

13 (No response.)

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

16 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

17 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

19 (All present Freeholders respond in the
20 affirmative.)

21 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Any opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The ayes have it,
24 the public hearing on Ordinance 16-25 is closed.

25 Is there any board discussion or

1 comment on ordinance 16-25?

2 (No response.)

3 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Not seeing any, may
4 I have a motion to adopt Ordinance 16-25 as read by
5 the Clerk?

6 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: So moved.

7 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Second.

8 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Please call the
9 roll.

10 (At this point in the proceeding roll
11 call is taken and the Second Reading and Adoption of
12 Ordinance 16-25 is passed by a vote of six in favor,
13 with Freeholder Felice absent.)

14 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Ordinance 16-25 is
15 adopted at Second Reading.

16 COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM FREEHOLDERS

17 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: We'll now have
18 Freeholder Committee Reports.

19 So, a few people had made requests not
20 to have them tonight and a few would like to have
21 them. I'd ask everyone to please keep them within
22 the time limits, please be conscious of everybody's
23 time.

24 So I'm going to start with Freeholder
25 Sullivan.

1 people together in the county. It was wonderful.
2 Freeholder DeNicola and I presented the awards, and
3 it was nice to see. We had a good time there.

4 Getting back with the parks, you know,
5 these are the things that we do in our parks just to
6 add value and quality of life to us, so I'm very big
7 with the parks.

8 We're continuing and we're moving
9 forward with public/private partnerships in our parks
10 to hold the line on the burden of the taxpayer paying
11 all of this money. A classic example is the
12 dinosaurs. We all know that that is going to be
13 wonderful, when that starts going full throttle.
14 We'll be sharing in the profits, and we'll be able to
15 take those profits and invest them in the parks to
16 save taxpayer funds. I think it's a wonderful idea
17 we brought to the county.

18 Like I said, I'll be brief, but today
19 Freeholder Voss and I attended the Stigma-Free
20 Legislative Breakfast. A lot of things went on. The
21 thing that really was stressed was how the state and
22 the federal government is reducing the amount of
23 money given to mental health.

24 Whereas, we here in Bergen County
25 recognize the problem, we're being more progressive,

1 it doesn't seem to be getting the attention that it
2 really deserves at the state and federal levels. And
3 these are things we're going to be continuing to
4 petition our state legislators about, which is why I
5 think it was a great thing. They were all in the
6 room today. I know Freeholder Voss, I'm not sure if
7 Maura made it, I didn't see her, so I know they
8 announced you.

9 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: I sat in the
10 back.

11 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: This is something
12 this Freeholder Board is completely together on. We
13 need to continue to fund mental health.

14 I'm sure Joan and Maura will give more
15 facts, but the one thing that really stood out to me
16 is that 20,000 people are going to lose service
17 because of the cuts by the state and federal
18 government, and that's not acceptable.

19 We as a county will do our part, as we
20 have in the past, but we need to get the word out and
21 we are going to get the word out. A breakfast like
22 today, where all the legislators are in the room,
23 there were some wonderful keynotes, there were some
24 wonderful speakers, a gentleman from Michigan who
25 spoke on this and how it started in Michigan. And

1 basically the same warning signs have been fired here
2 in New Jersey, and we need to step up and petition
3 our legislators to make sure that although Bergen
4 County is doing a wonderful job in my opinion, we
5 increased mental health because we realize there's an
6 issue, it's not getting the type of play it needs.

7 When I realize we're cutting these
8 funds and we're going to wind up paying more in
9 hospital bills and in indigent care, because they're
10 not going to have anywhere to go to get medicine, it
11 was just something that was an eye-opener, and,
12 again, we will continue in Bergen County to do our
13 part.

14 Thank you, Chairman.

15 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you,
16 Freeholder.

17 Freeholder Voss.

18 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Just one thing, I
19 know everyone is interested in the upcoming election.
20 I went to a demonstration of the new voting machines
21 we're going to have. They are really, really
22 state-of-the-art. It will make voting much clearer
23 for many people, and there's great security measures
24 being taken, so, you know, as I said, many people
25 have been worried about the voting machines, but

1 they're in great shape.

2 I just want to mention that, Freeholder
3 Sullivan, this was a very, very important breakfast
4 that we went to this morning, and we're facing a
5 crisis in mental health funding. And I will be
6 talking about it much more, but I know that all of us
7 want to go home and watch the debate, so I will keep
8 my remarks very short.

9 That's it. Thank you.

10 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you,
11 Freeholder.

12 Freeholder DeNicola.

13 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Thank you, Mr.
14 Chairman.

15 It is true, we are facing a crisis when
16 it comes to behavioral health, especially now with
17 the pending fee-for-service legislation and so many
18 nonprofit organizations, in addition to government
19 entities, are going to see a reduction in
20 reimbursement, and it's going to become herculean in
21 order to continue to provide services and programs in
22 the way they have been provided in the future, unless
23 there are some changes. And we don't even know how
24 that's going to impact Bergen Regional Medical Center
25 yet. So we've got a lot of people who are working on

1 this issue, and we're looking for a better outcome.

2 I want to mention too, I was also at
3 the fall festival with Freeholder Sullivan. Rutgers
4 Cooperative Extension was there, of course. They're
5 our agra agency. And Joel Flagler, whose been with
6 the county for over 30 years, had organized all of
7 our master gardeners and the 4H clubs. They give
8 tremendously to our county park system. They don't
9 always get the accolades they deserve, but they do
10 hundreds of hours of volunteer work in the parks.

11 I also attended the "Tree of Addiction
12 Conference," which was presented by the Center for
13 Alcohol and Drug Resources. That's the Bergen County
14 Prevention Coalition and a part of Children's Aid and
15 Family Services. They had a couple of hundred people
16 there at the Glenpointe Marriott talking about
17 addiction. It remains one of the biggest epidemics
18 that we face in public health. We certainly are
19 working in many different ways to attack the issue.
20 The Prosecutor's Office has been incredibly
21 supportive, because we know we can't arrest our way
22 out of it. We really have to treat those victims,
23 but we also have to go upstream to find the source of
24 the addictions too.

25 So, it was good to see all of these

1 different and diverse professionals and agencies
2 together to discuss that.

3 And following up on that, the other
4 night I attended the recovery coach graduation. This
5 is the new grant funding program which is
6 peer-to-peer counseling.

7 One of the biggest issues we have with
8 addiction is not necessarily getting those arrested
9 or in need to detox, but get them from detox to
10 rehab, both short-term and long-term, and, of course,
11 transition into life. It's that continuum of care.

12 So these counselors went through more
13 than 30 hours of training, and they are recovering
14 addicts. They really showed a tremendous amount of
15 courage to share this part of their life during the
16 training and also to be on call for those Narcan
17 saves, so that they can go to the hospitals and
18 encourage them to sign in for detox, to take a road
19 toward recovery, and to talk to them as someone who
20 has been there themselves.

21 And the last thing I'll quickly talk
22 about, although there is so much, is today's
23 "Domestic Violence Symposium."

24 This was sponsored by the Prosecutor's
25 Office at the Lyndhurst Bergen Community College

1 campus, and the first half of the day was presented
2 by Dave Cohen and Sian Millard from our own
3 Alternatives to Domestic Violence. There were a
4 couple of hundred attendees, a lot of law
5 enforcement, a lot of professionals, a lot of
6 organizations that support victims of domestic
7 violence.

8 We, and I've spoken about this before,
9 have a premier Alternatives to Domestic Violence
10 division. It's one of the only in the state that is
11 a part of county government. And we treat not only
12 the victim, but the offender. And there was a lot
13 learned today. And if I could just give a very few
14 facts.

15 What precipitated this was last year
16 there were 27 homicides in Bergen County, 19 of them
17 were the result of domestic violence or family
18 violence. That's 70 percent.

19 This year we have five homicides so
20 far; every single one is the result of domestic
21 violence. And it's growing on our campuses, it's
22 growing among teenagers, and it's something as well
23 that we have to work together in a cooperative way to
24 stay on top of.

25 And I'll end there, because I know we

1 want to get done.

2 Thank you, Chairman.

3 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

4 Freeholder Ganz.

5 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Thank you, Chairman.

6 I'll try to be brief.

7 What is very apparent from each of the
8 things that has been talked about is that unlike
9 circumstances that are not planned, these are
10 intended consequences of the legislation. It's
11 designed to take people off of government aid, off of
12 government assistance, and to take them away from the
13 treatment that they need.

14 I can tell you from personal experience
15 with my son, I took him to AA meetings in the
16 morning, NA meetings at night, every day for three
17 years. This is insidious, and ultimately it cost him
18 his life. I'm a Gold Star family, and it's time the
19 government really addressed the issue.

20 The election is something that ought to
21 concern all of us. This past Sunday, I was at the
22 Galilee United Methodist Church in Englewood, and I
23 heard the pastor speak, as I heard over the past
24 20 weeks many other pastors speak about the impending
25 election.

1 They're not advocating one candidate or
2 another, they're simply saying that what you need to
3 do is you need to see what these candidates have
4 delivered in the past and what they're going to
5 deliver in the future. And if their idea of the
6 future corresponds with yours, then they're a
7 candidate you should consider. And if they have a
8 different view on life, well, you could have a
9 different view in the ballot box.

10 I note on a bright note that the voter
11 registration deadline closed yesterday, and as of
12 October 5th, more than 200,000 people have registered
13 to vote throughout the state and 27,000 additional
14 people in Bergen County alone, compared with under
15 17,000 four years ago. So I think that this new
16 group of registrants can make the difference.

17 Finally, it wouldn't be a Freeholder
18 evening meeting night if I didn't talk about the
19 Bergen Wellness card.

20 This remarkable card can be used for
21 people or pets. And I'm going to ask Frank Fuchs,
22 I'm holding the card up for Frank, would you be kind
23 enough to insert both the telephone number and the
24 discount card http address.

25 This can save you serious money if you

1 have a cat that requires tuna-flavored amoxicillin.
2 You can get a 30 percent discount if you use this
3 card where the druggist does compounding. There's
4 one I am aware of at least not too far from my home,
5 that's the Glen Rock Pharmacy.

6 This costs absolutely nothing. It's
7 free. It was brought to you by the Freeholders more
8 than 10 years ago, and more than 42,000 people use
9 it, and consumer savings to date is over \$14.5
10 million dollars.

11 You can also use it for your own drug
12 use, legal drugs prescribed by a physician, and in
13 addition to that, great discounts on hearing aids.

14 Former Freeholder McPherson took her
15 mother shopping for a hearing aid in Philadelphia and
16 used the Bergen Wellness card, which she carried in
17 her wallet for 10 years. Her mom picked out a
18 hearing aid that cost about \$3,000. With the Bergen
19 discount, it was 900 bucks. That's right in the
20 bottom line.

21 That concludes my report.

22 I thought I'd just want to say, because
23 I don't know when this is going to go on the air,
24 that it's been a privilege to serve with each of you
25 and you should recognize the hard work that all of

1 these Freeholders do.

2 Thank you very much, Chairman.

3 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you very much,
4 Freeholder.

5 Freeholder Zur.

6 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Thank you very
7 much, Chairman.

8 Tonight we passed Resolution #1065,
9 which recognized National Disabilities Employment
10 Awareness Month. To that end, this week we had the
11 Assistant Commissioner of Labor come and we unveiled
12 Project Search, which we had the opportunity to tour
13 both Holy Name and Hackensack Hospitals, who are our
14 partners in this program, along with the Workforce
15 Development Board, the Department of Vocational
16 Rehabilitation, and the Department of Developmental
17 Disabilities, the school districts, the
18 not-for-profits, Friendship House and ARC.

19 It takes a village to raise a child.
20 It takes a village to make sure that we also get
21 these young people incorporated into the workforce.
22 And hearing their stories about the pride that they
23 have and the jobs that they're doing in these
24 hospitals and the confidence that this program is
25 instilling in them, it was one of those days, my

1 cheeks hurt from smiling so hard about the work that
2 we all did by forwarding that program and getting
3 that moving.

4 So congratulations to all of us.

5 We are having, on November 30th, a
6 Project Search information session for next year's
7 class. It's going to be from 6 to 8:00 p.m. at 296
8 East Ridgewood Avenue in Paramus.

9 If you have a student or know a student
10 who might be interested in doing this program, it's
11 for 18 to 21 year olds, in the last year of their
12 education, please come out and apply. This has a
13 73 percent placement rating nationwide and really is
14 an amazing program we're all very proud of.

15 Thank you very much, Chairman.

16 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you,
17 Freeholder.

18 I'm going to waive my report until next
19 meeting, in order to let everyone get out of here
20 quickly.

21 With nothing further to come before
22 this Board, may I have a motion to adjourn?

23 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

24 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Second.

25 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

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(All present Freeholders respond in the affirmative.)

CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Any opposed?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The ayes have it, we are adjourned at 8:20.

(Whereupon, the Public Meeting is adjourned at 8:19 p.m.)

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