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BERGEN COUNTY  
BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS  
EMERSON, NEW JERSEY  
PUBLIC MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2016  
COMMENCING AT 7:31 P.M.

FREEHOLDERS PRESENT:

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

FREEHOLDERS ABSENT:

NONE

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ALSO PRESENT:

LISA SCIANCALEPORE  
CLERK TO THE BOARD

LARA RODRIGUEZ  
DEPUTY CLERK TO THE BOARD

STEPHANIE GALLINA  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

CATY POLANCO  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

DR. DOMINIC J. NOVELLI  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

EDWARD J. FLORIO, ESQ.  
COUNSEL TO THE BOARD

JARED LUTZ  
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & POLICY

JOHN DANUBIO  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & POLICY  
and DIRECTOR OF POLICY RESEARCH

MAYOR LOUIS J. LAMATINA

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CHRIS KNOLLER

COUNCILMAN BRIAN DOWNING

COUNCILMAN JOHN LAZAR

ROBERT S. HOFFMANN, EMERSON BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR

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HEARING OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC

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

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

5                   Thank you.

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

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

21 ROLL CALL:

22                   CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Please call the  
23 roll.

24                   (At this point in the proceeding roll  
25 call is taken with Freeholders DeNicola, Felice,

1 Sullivan, Voss, Vice-Chairwoman Zur, and Chairman  
2 Tanelli present, with Freeholder Ganz absent.)

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

5 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

6 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Would everyone  
7 please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

8 Mayor Lamatina, will you please lead  
9 us?

10 MAYOR LAMATINA: Certainly.

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

14 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Before we begin, I  
15 just wanted to take a moment to thank the Mayor, the  
16 Council Members who are here present, for allowing us  
17 to have our first 2016 meeting on-the-road in  
18 Emerson.

19 This is something that a lot of us have  
20 campaigned on, opening the county programs up to  
21 other towns all over, where people can't get down on  
22 a Wednesday night to Hackensack. So this is our  
23 opportunity to bring our meetings on-the-road to hear  
24 the concerns of residents in different areas of  
25 Bergen County. So we'd just like to thank you for

1 welcoming us into your home. Hopefully we can have a  
2 dialogue tonight with residents and find out what's  
3 on the residents' minds in Emerson and how the county  
4 can help.

5 MINUTES:

6 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: So without further  
7 ado, will the Clerk please read the minutes to be  
8 accepted.

9 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: February 3rd, 2016  
10 - Work Session; absent: Freeholder Ganz.

11 February 9, 2016 - Work Session;  
12 absent: Freeholder Ganz.

13 February 9, 2016 - Public Session;  
14 absent: Freeholders Ganz, Sullivan and Zur.

15 February 17, 2016 - Work Session; all  
16 present.

17 February 24, 2016 - Work Session; all  
18 present.

19 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Can I have a motion  
20 to accept the minutes?

21 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: So moved.

22 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Second?

23 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Second.

24 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

25 (All present Freeholders respond in the

1 affirmative, with the noted abstentions.)

2 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The ayes have it.

5 Thank you.

6 HEARING OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

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

9 FREEHOLDER ZUR: So moved.

10 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Second.

11 CHAIRWOMAN VOSS: All in favor?

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

14 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The ayes have it.

17 We will now have a hearing of the  
18 public, with a three-minute time limit in effect.

19 The attorney will keep the time.

20 When the time of the speaker has  
21 expired, the timekeeper will announce that the time  
22 has expired.

23 Please fill out a slip, if you'd like  
24 to speak, with your name, address, and general topic.

25 I'd like to first start, please, with

1 Mayor Lamatina.

2                   MAYOR LAMATINA: Good evening. Thank  
3 you.

4                   This does feel weird being at this end  
5 of the dais. I guess I have to get used to it for  
6 this evening.

7                   Thanks for coming. As I said to County  
8 Executive Tedesco, when we swore in our candidates  
9 this year, Emerson is happening. We had 200 people  
10 here. We promoted three officers. We hired a new  
11 officer. Things were packed. Things are happening  
12 in Emerson. We are very excited about it.

13                   We're terribly excited about your help  
14 with the road, which is going forward, as we  
15 discussed earlier. A very nice meeting with the  
16 County Executive on Monday, and it looks like this  
17 will be starting when the school year ends in June of  
18 this year. And a lot of my residents don't believe  
19 it, but what I tell them is look at the poles  
20 outside, they're in the middle of the sidewalks.  
21 There's electrical work going on every day, so this  
22 is going to get done.

23                   And with that being done, we are going  
24 to redevelop our downtown. Again, it wouldn't happen  
25 but for the road being done. So we're very grateful

1 to you and the County Executive, and we're getting a  
2 lot of things done here. I know you guys noticed  
3 that.

4 You also sent up your Mayor McPartland  
5 from Edgewater was up here looking around the town  
6 for economic development issues. He was up for three  
7 hours a couple of weeks ago. So we were very happy  
8 to have him up here.

9 Thanks for coming.

10 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you, Mayor.

11 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Thank you.

12 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Mr. Nickels.

14 MR. NICKELS: Good evening.

15 Paul Nickels.

16 Good to see you all. Nice to be on the  
17 road, get out of Hackensack for a little while.

18 Basically, there's a couple of  
19 problems, but I'm still working on some stuff, so  
20 I'll get that together for the next Freeholder  
21 meeting, some situations.

22 But, as you know, I always like to talk  
23 about the free discount cards for everybody, you  
24 know, people that don't have insurance or  
25 underinsured or low insurance. I've had to use

1 these. For your pets too. If I had to pay cash, I  
2 would have paid \$40, and ended up paying \$13. So  
3 that's a good thing.

4 The other thing is -- oh, I forgot my  
5 notes.

6 There's actually a warning that I want  
7 to tell people about going around. I've been working  
8 on this for the last few weeks. It's an email going  
9 around about mystery shopper or secret shopper. And  
10 I'm working -- it's a good thing, it's ironic that  
11 right after Freeholder Tedesco had spoke at his year  
12 address speaking about the Consumer Affairs  
13 Department, so I reached out to them and they're  
14 looking into that. But I spoke to a lot of different  
15 agencies. It's not even worth looking into those.  
16 There are legitimate secret shopper ones, and then  
17 after I did my story on it, I got the email, and it  
18 looks really, really legitimate too.

19 And the Stigma-Free thing is going  
20 really well, and that's in my updated resource guide.  
21 So I will hand this to Jared.

22 But other than that, everything is  
23 going all right and it's nice to be here in Emerson.

24 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

25 MR. NICKELS: Thank you.

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

3                   Mr. Price.

4                   MR. PRICE: Welcome to Emerson.

5                   I am Billy Price, a friend of that  
6 gentleman over there for a long, long time. And he  
7 told me not to embarrass him, but I am anyway.

8                   I am a Bergen County resident all my  
9 life, River Edge, Haworth, Tenafly, Emerson. I  
10 didn't go far. Vietnam.

11                   My thing is, I've been in this town  
12 probably 18 years now. Trying to get out of this  
13 town is hell. I live on this side of town. Coming  
14 down this road, impossible.

15                   So we're making progress here. Thank  
16 you very much. That's what I wanted to say to  
17 everybody here.

18                   Also, we're in the process, like the  
19 Mayor said, we're having people coming in with the  
20 building over there with what they want to do. I  
21 would like to see the Mayor and you guys, I say make  
22 this train stop before Kinderkamack Road, because the  
23 train comes through, the gates come down.

24                   No matter how much money we pour into  
25 this project, we're still going to have a tough time

1 getting out. So I believe in the Mayor. With his  
2 tenacity, got himself elected in this town. I'm very  
3 proud of him. He came to my house. He came to  
4 everybody's house. So he's got tenacity. I know you  
5 do. Don't give up. New Jersey Transit, we can beat  
6 them.

7 That's about all I have to say. I  
8 could say more.

9 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Thank you.

10 (Laughter.)

11 MR. PRICE: Okay. Thanks again.

12 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

13 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Mr. Chairman, I  
14 just have one question for the gentleman.

15 When you wake up at 10:00, how do you  
16 have any traffic?

17 He's been retired from our local  
18 union -- how many years you have been retired, Bill?

19 MR. PRICE: 12, 13.

20 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Don't tell me you  
21 know about traffic, when you get up at 10:00 in the  
22 morning.

23 MR. PRICE: Jealous.

24 (Laughter.)

25 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you,

1 Mr. Price.

2 Would anyone else like to approach the  
3 Board?

4 (No response.)

5 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Okay. May I have a  
6 motion to close the meeting to the public?

7 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: So moved.

8 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Second.

9 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

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

12 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The ayes have it.

15 RESOLUTIONS OF UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

16 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Will the Clerk  
17 please read the Resolutions on the Consent Agenda.

18 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Resolutions of  
19 Unanimous Consent are: 197-16 through 205-16 and  
20 207-16 through 254-16.

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

23 FREEHOLDER ZUR: So moved.

24 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Second.

25 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Please call the

1 roll.

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

6 NONCONSENT RESOLUTIONS:

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

9 If so, will the Clerk please read them.

10 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Yes.

11 #206-16 is a "Resolution authorizing  
12 purchase order to Metro Flag Inc. - Provide United  
13 States Flag (Black Tip), Bid No. 16-16."

14 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: I'll make a  
15 motion on that resolution, Mr. Chairman.

16 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: I'll second that.

17 So the reason this was put on  
18 Nonconsent, unfortunately Freeholder Ganz did not  
19 make it to the Public Meeting, but he asked for this  
20 to be put on the Nonconsent agenda is because of the  
21 cost differential of the size of the flag that's  
22 being purchased, costing more than flags almost 3 or  
23 4 times the size. And although he was going to  
24 support this, he just wanted to make a comment.  
25 Unfortunately he is not here.

1                   Freeholder DeNicola, if you'd like to  
2 say a word about it.

3                   FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Certainly.

4                   These are the flags that get placed on  
5 the graves of veterans throughout Bergen County and  
6 also used for some of the ceremonies.

7                   And historically we noticed that this  
8 particular size is more costly than flags that are  
9 larger, probably because they're used for that  
10 purpose and particularly at this time of year.

11                   We have sent resolutions to the state  
12 Legislature to look into this, because it was our  
13 understanding that this was actually governed by  
14 state statute.

15                   Now we might not be so certain of that,  
16 that things may have changed, and we may be able to  
17 order different sizes in the future.

18                   It is the size that is typically used,  
19 the post of the flag is large so it can go deeply  
20 into the ground and yet the material of the flag  
21 won't touch the ground. So that's why it's generally  
22 chosen by the Department of Veterans Services. So we  
23 will follow-up.

24                   CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

25                   Please call the roll.

1 (At this point in the proceeding roll  
2 call is taken and Resolution #206-16 is passed by a  
3 vote of six in favor, with Freeholder Ganz absent.)

4 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: There are no  
5 resolutions pulled or tabled.

6 ORDINANCES:

7 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Okay. Introduction  
8 and First Reading of Ordinance 16-5.

9 Will the Clerk please read the  
10 ordinance by title only.

11 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: "AN ORDINANCE  
12 AMENDING THE GOLF FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE USE OF BERGEN  
13 COUNTY GOLF COURSES AND FACILITIES."

14 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Can I have a motion  
15 to introduce the ordinance?

16 FREEHOLDER VOSS: So moved.

17 FREEHOLDER ZUR: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Call the roll.

19 (At this point in the proceeding roll  
20 call is taken and Ordinance 16-5 is passed by a vote  
21 of six in favor, with Freeholder Ganz absent.)

22 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Ordinance 16-5  
23 passes First Reading.

24 COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM FREEHOLDERS:

25 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: So we will now have

1 our Freeholder Committee Reports.

2 I'd like to ask Freeholder Sullivan if  
3 you'd like to begin.

4 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Thank you,  
5 Chairman.

6 First, again, to reiterate what  
7 Chairman Tanelli said, I want to thank Emerson for  
8 hosting us tonight. This is a wonderful venue, and  
9 it's great to get out and meet other areas of the  
10 county. This happens to be my area of the county.  
11 Tanelli is going to have to leave breadcrumbs to get  
12 home.

13 Thank you, Emerson, for your  
14 hospitality. It is really appreciated.

15 This evening the Freeholder Board  
16 passed Resolution #235-16, which authorizes our  
17 Community Transportation Division to continue Bergen  
18 County's Job Access Reverse Commute Program, which  
19 will assist low income residents with a ride to the  
20 closest New Jersey train station.

21 As the Chairman of the Freeholder  
22 Transportation Committee, I applaud our staff and  
23 Public Works for making this program possible.

24 Also, last Saturday I attended the  
25 First Annual SOS Veterans Breakfast, where our very

1 own Julia Orlando, the Director of Bergen County  
2 Health and Human Services Center, and A.J. Luna, the  
3 Director of Veterans Services, were honored with an  
4 award for their excellent public service. The goal  
5 here is to make sure that no veteran who has served  
6 his country is homeless. We can thank Julie and Al  
7 for the amazing work that they do to make sure the  
8 county is committed to helping those who make the  
9 ultimate sacrifice for their country.

10 I'm happy to say, through the Mayor's  
11 Challenge, which the government, the President, and  
12 Michelle Obama, they challenged all the mayors to do  
13 this in all the different cities and all the  
14 different counties to make sure our veterans are  
15 taken care of and they're not homeless.

16 As you know, that's a problem. And to  
17 me, it's a problem for people that served our  
18 country, that we can't help them find a place to  
19 live.

20 I am happy to tell you that Bergen  
21 County at the moment has zero veterans in Bergen  
22 County that are homeless, due to this program.

23 Julia and A.J. are doing such a  
24 fantastic job, I can't speak highly enough about it.  
25 And, again, when I became a Freeholder, one of the

1 first things I said is that I will never pass a  
2 budget that cuts veterans services. It's something  
3 that if we can't honor our veterans, especially with  
4 what we've gone through in the country in the past  
5 few years, we're in the wrong place.

6 Thank you to Julia and thank you to  
7 A.J. for all they do for our veterans. And I was  
8 very proud to be a presenter on that day. There were  
9 a lot of people in the room, Congressman Pascrell,  
10 and the sentiment was this is our country and thank  
11 you to all the veterans who served, I appreciate  
12 that.

13 Also on Friday, Freeholder Zur and  
14 myself attended the heroin opioid presentation put  
15 together by the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office to  
16 a group of approximately 500 students at Bergen  
17 Catholic High School.

18 As you know, the epidemic is spreading  
19 in New Jersey, that's why it's an epidemic, and we  
20 have to continue to support all these outreach  
21 programs for our young residents, to educate them  
22 before they get to be addicted.

23 The key is education. I've been saying  
24 it from day one on the Freeholder Board. It's  
25 something that I know all my colleagues up here are

1 very passionate about, but it's something that I've  
2 made my priority and I will continue to make my  
3 priority.

4                   We need education. We need to make  
5 sure that our children don't fall into this trap.  
6 And, listen, you know, it's not you think of a junkie  
7 in an alley, it's everyday people, it's people that  
8 are commuting from Bergen County into Paterson, or  
9 from Essex County, all over the place, to buy drugs,  
10 young people from good homes and good parents.

11                   So we need to educate our children at a  
12 young age to make sure that this doesn't happen. And  
13 I'm just going to tell you, they did a phenomenal job  
14 there that day, the detectives, a wonderful job.  
15 Sitting in the audience, I wasn't sure if these kids  
16 got it, but I have a couple of friends who have kids  
17 in Bergen Catholic and they called me the other  
18 night. I had one friend in particular told me, they  
19 come home from school, they ask their kid, who's a  
20 senior, "Hey, Tom, how was your day?"

21                   "It was good."

22                   That night they had a 30-minute  
23 conversation about what went on at the seminar. And  
24 if that doesn't speak volumes, I don't know what  
25 does.

1                   So kudos to the Bergen County  
2 Prosecutor's Office and to everyone that's involved  
3 in tackling the heroin epidemic, and I'm here to do  
4 anything I can.

5                   That's my report. Thank you.

6                   CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you,  
7 Freeholder.

8                   Freeholder Voss.

9                   FREEHOLDER VOSS: Thank you, Chairman.

10                  I also want to say thank you to  
11 Emerson. It's a beautiful little town. I drive  
12 through it very frequently, and I know that you're  
13 going to be doing great things in the future in terms  
14 of development and letting people get out and get to  
15 their jobs on time.

16                  I'm kidding.

17                  I think almost all of us participate.  
18 I just want to echo what Freeholder Sullivan said,  
19 education is, without equivocation, our most  
20 important priority, because that is the key to  
21 everything. And I think almost all of us  
22 participated in Read Across America, and just getting  
23 the kids enthusiastic about reading and learning.

24                  I taught seniors in high school, and so  
25 to go in and look at the little third graders or

1 fifth graders and see how enthusiastic they are, and  
2 then we have to make sure they keep that enthusiasm.

3           At the other end of the spectrum, last  
4 week I went to Ramapo College, because they had the  
5 Bergen County Association of School Administrators.  
6 And I'll tell you, what we have in terms of  
7 technology for our schools, but we have to teach the  
8 teachers all of the things that are out there that we  
9 should be using in school to make the kids really  
10 want to learn. And I was playing with this machine,  
11 I'll tell you, I wish I was back in the classroom  
12 again, it was for a biology class, and you could get  
13 all the organs of the body in 3D, and then you had a  
14 little poker as if you were in the operating room  
15 performing the procedure. It is just mind-boggling.  
16 And so we're doing very good things in education.

17           March is a month where we celebrate  
18 many, many things, and this is Women's History Month,  
19 but March 8th was International Women's Day.

20           And if you read the newspapers, you  
21 will see the struggles that women had to go through  
22 just to get the right to vote. And here in the  
23 United States, we women didn't get the right to vote  
24 until 1920, and many other countries gave that right  
25 way, way before we did.

1 I'm very happy to see that more and  
2 more women are being elected to positions, whether  
3 it's on their town councils or in the state  
4 legislature. Everybody should participate, because  
5 that's our civic duty. We all have professions, but  
6 giving back to our community is very important.

7 This is also National Social Workers  
8 Month. Many people do not realize all of the  
9 services that we have here in Bergen County for  
10 people who need Social Services, with a beautiful new  
11 building in Rochelle Park. And anyone who needs  
12 assistance, please utilize those facilities. And  
13 there is not one town in all of Bergen County where  
14 there are people who are not on food stamps. There  
15 are so many people on food stamps in this economy.  
16 So if you know somebody who needs services, tell them  
17 where to go in Rochelle Park.

18 This is also Developmental Disabilities  
19 Month, and one of my goals in life is to see that  
20 towns provide housing for people with disabilities.

21 If you go up to Allendale, they have  
22 two wonderful facilities there. Tenafly just built a  
23 facility. My town of Fort Lee is building a  
24 facility. For people with disabilities, it's  
25 important that they become part of the community,

1 that they are able to develop to their fullest  
2 potential. And, as I said, if every town built a  
3 series of apartments for people with disabilities, we  
4 wouldn't have some of the problems that we have in  
5 society today.

6 Let's see, there's one more thing, I  
7 think.

8 Our County Executive, who is doing a  
9 wonderful job, gave the State of the County Address  
10 last week, and Bergen County is right on target. I'm  
11 so proud of the things that we're doing. We will  
12 continue to work very, very hard for all of residents  
13 of Bergen County.

14 Thank you very much, Chairman.

15 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you,  
16 Freeholder.

17 Freeholder Felice.

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

20 First, I would like to thank the  
21 Emerson Council, the people of Emerson, for inviting  
22 us into their home.

23 I go through Emerson every week to go  
24 to the Shop Rite, and when I go cycling, I always cut  
25 through Emerson from River Edge, so it's kind of my

1 second home.

2 I would like to speak about the  
3 Ordinance 16-05 regarding the fees for the golf  
4 courses.

5 I hope that we get to the fees  
6 revisions for parks. Many of the nonprofits would  
7 like to use the parks, and are getting charged costs  
8 for that. So certainly that's something that I hope,  
9 for the record that I'm stating this, that we look at  
10 in the very near future.

11 I too am looking forward to having the  
12 budget presented to this body, since I'm the Budget  
13 Chair. My responsibility is to make sure that we get  
14 the hearings done in an efficient manner, open  
15 manner, transparent manner, and a cooperative manner  
16 with all my colleagues on the Freeholder Board.

17 One of the biggest parts of the budget  
18 is health care. And as we move forward in this time  
19 of the budget season, we have to take care of the  
20 business of providing health care for our employees  
21 and for their families, but we have to also look at  
22 ways to improve the management of disease states that  
23 our employees incur, and provide them with the  
24 ability to get the appropriate care, not just treat,  
25 but prevent. But once you're then diagnosed, how and

1 which to then go through the continuum of getting the  
2 type of care to bring you back to a place of status,  
3 of a good place to be.

4 Health care costs are rising  
5 significantly, double digits, and if we don't do  
6 something, then there will be less money to do other  
7 things in our county.

8 (Freeholder Ganz is present at 7:54  
9 p.m.)

10 FREEHOLDER FELICE: So I look forward  
11 to the budget being presented. I look forward to  
12 having a very comprehensive budget season. I expect  
13 to do that in five days, and then work with my  
14 colleagues to make sure that the people of Bergen  
15 County, as well as the taxpayers, are looked after.

16 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

17 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you,  
18 Freeholder.

19 Freeholder DeNicola.

20 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Thank you, Mr.  
21 Chairman.

22 Well, this is the part of the committee  
23 reports where you've heard a lot of what we all were  
24 doing already this month, and I don't want to be  
25 redundant but I do want to elaborate on one of the

1 events that Freeholder Voss had already mentioned.  
2 That was the Bergen County Association of School  
3 Administrators, the Ed Surge Tri-State Summit. That  
4 took place on February 26th at Ramapo College. It  
5 was just under 600 educators in the gym up there, and  
6 it was all about integrating technology into the  
7 classroom.

8                   What was so incredible about that 3D  
9 model and the 3D printer that could actually bring  
10 that model to life was that all of that came from our  
11 Bergen County schools. That particular 3D exhibit  
12 was from Maker Space, and all of that technology that  
13 supported the program that day was done by Frank and  
14 his army, who is behind the camera this evening here.  
15 It was phenomenal. It really was. It was a great  
16 way for us to show New York, the rest of New Jersey,  
17 and Connecticut that we are at the cutting edge of  
18 technology in the classroom.

19                   So I want to give a shout out to them  
20 and say thank you and a job well done.

21                   Another event was in Westwood on  
22 March 1st, and that was the Pascack Valley March for  
23 Meals Kickoff. That was attended by many of the  
24 local mayors and chiefs of police.

25                   In fact, Mayor Lamatina was there as

1 well. It was Jeanne Martin, Pascack Valley Meals on  
2 Wheels, with a number of guest speakers, to talk  
3 about Senior Services.

4 We have a lot of Senior Services that  
5 are provided in Bergen County, both by the county and  
6 by nonprofit organizations, but not everybody is  
7 aware of where they are, particularly when you need  
8 them. And there isn't always a connect between those  
9 services as well. There's a lot of good people doing  
10 a lot of great things, sometimes in silos.

11 So we had a good opportunity to talk  
12 about where you can go to find these resources,  
13 particularly when you know someone, have someone in  
14 your family or there's a citizen in a town who  
15 suddenly is in need, not necessarily meals alone but  
16 personal assistance, medical attention,  
17 transportation.

18 In Bergen, Senior Services comes under  
19 the Department of Human Services, while Health  
20 Services comes under the Department of Health  
21 Services.

22 There's some crossover there, but we'll  
23 get you in the right direction. So if anyone needs  
24 anything, you definitely can contact us at the  
25 Freeholder Office, Dr. Mangieri at the Department of

1 Health Services, or Jane Linter at the Department of  
2 Human Services.

3 I also want to mention that we have  
4 another organization now in Bergen County called the  
5 "Senior Coalition." It's a large and very diverse  
6 group. We meet once a month, and our mission is to  
7 keep Bergen affordable for aging in place. It's not  
8 easy, but it's a great group of people with a lot of  
9 ideas. It includes a number of elected officials,  
10 including the mayor of Tenafly. We also have members  
11 from other counties who have successfully piloted  
12 some of the programs that we hope to present before  
13 governing bodies at the end of the year.

14 The last thing I want to mention is  
15 something that happened this morning. It was a  
16 Stigma-Free networking breakfast at Bergen Regional  
17 Medical Center. It was an incredibly positive event  
18 about mental illness. It was packed. There were  
19 representatives from towns that have passed the  
20 Stigma-Free resolution and have put together advisory  
21 committees. There were other members of governing  
22 bodies and just citizens who were looking to see what  
23 towns have already done. There were non-profit  
24 organizations there. It was a good opportunity to  
25 see what Bergen is doing, which is a lot.

1                   Thirty-seven towns to date have passed  
2 the Stigma-Free resolution, as has the Board of  
3 Chosen Freeholders here, but there is still a  
4 tremendous amount of work to be done.

5                   We talk about a number of issues in the  
6 county, homelessness among our veterans, heroin use  
7 among young and others, and very often there's an  
8 underlying mental health issue that precipitates a  
9 lot of these other problems. So we are on our way.  
10 I don't know if Emerson has passed the resolution  
11 yet. Have they, Mr. Borough Administrator?

12                   MR. HOFFMANN: No, we have not.

13                   FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: We'd be happy to  
14 get that resolution to you, so the Council and the  
15 Mayor can consider it and become a part of that army  
16 in Bergen County.

17                   And that's my committee report.

18                   CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you,  
19 Freeholder.

20                   Freeholder Ganz.

21                   FREEHOLDER GANZ: Thank you, Chairman.

22                   I apologize for being late. I was  
23 unavoidably detained in Hackensack.

24                   I'm delighted to be here in Emerson  
25 this evening. I've forgotten how pleasant a drive it

1 is and how it makes Hackensack look like New York  
2 City.

3 I thank you for the warm welcome that  
4 you've given us, and it's nice to see some fresh  
5 faces that don't otherwise tend to come to our  
6 Freeholder meeting.

7 I want to talk for a minute about  
8 literacy, Chairman, and Read Across America.

9 I participated in two events in the  
10 last week, one at the Roosevelt School, the other at  
11 the Washington School, in Lodi and Garfield  
12 respectively. I did something in Garfield that I  
13 wanted to do for the longest time, and, that is, I  
14 went out and my Freeholder aide went out and was able  
15 to find a Dr. Seuss book in Spanish and English, on  
16 the same page.

17 I'm bilingual. I lived in Mexico in  
18 the 1960s with a Mexican family. And I can translate  
19 in Spanish reasonably well, but this is designed to  
20 rhyme so that it has the same general sense of what  
21 the English language portion of it is, but it's done  
22 in Spanish with Spanish rhyme.

23 And I asked the children in the class  
24 if anybody spoke Spanish, and I did it in Spanish.

25 They all raised their hands.

1                   And when I told them that they were  
2 going to hear Dr. Seuss in English and Spanish, they  
3 were just absolutely thrilled.

4                   I think I'm going to make this a  
5 regular part of my Read Across America program,  
6 because I bought the book. And when I do it, just so  
7 that you know, a lot of people will sit in chairs, I  
8 sit on the floor and let the kids surround the books,  
9 and it's a lot of fun. It really teaches these kids  
10 that reading is fun, and I make them participate  
11 because, as everybody knows, when you have Thing One  
12 and Thing Two, you can add one and one and get --

13                   AUDIENCE VOICE: Two.

14                   FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Dos.

15                   FREEHOLDER GANZ: Very good.

16                   But the kids, they all have read these  
17 Dr. Seuss books time and time again, and they really  
18 enjoyed participating. When I saw that they were  
19 getting bored, I started editing the Spanish down  
20 into shorter sentences.

21                   The other day I was at the American  
22 Muslim Union's 18th Annual Brunch, which was held  
23 this past Sunday. This is really an organization  
24 that's dedicated to making sure that all races, all  
25 religions get together, talk about each other's

1 problems, and work on solutions before they happen.

2 I want to congratulate our new  
3 Prosecutor, who was at the brunch. And I have to say  
4 that the guest speaker was from Georgetown  
5 University, which is my alma mater. And the guest  
6 speaker was talking about many things that I did,  
7 that gave it a completely different twist for me to  
8 look at, and was chatting briefly with the  
9 Prosecutor, who was from Georgetown University School  
10 of Foreign Service, which is my alma mater again, and  
11 President Clinton's alma mater as well. And I have  
12 to say that these are remarkably bright people, and I  
13 probably wouldn't get into Georgetown today, but it  
14 was a great school to go to at the time.

15 I also had the opportunity this weekend  
16 to go to the Sicilian Federation's 20th Annual Gala,  
17 where our County Executive, Jim Tedesco, was honored  
18 as "Man of the Year."

19 I took the opportunity to bring my  
20 dance shoes with me, and a few of you were asked to  
21 have your feet stepped on as we went around the room.

22 I congratulate our County Executive on  
23 this remarkable achievement.

24 Now, normally at this point in time my  
25 colleagues groan, because they know I'm going to talk

1 about Bergen Wellness. But I'm going to talk about  
2 it right now strictly because I have a whole new  
3 audience who probably never heard about it.

4 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Paul Nickels  
5 spoke about it.

6 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Freeholder Ganz, we  
7 just want you to know that Mr. Nickels took care of  
8 it during the public session, but by all means.

9 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Well, if you heard it  
10 from Mr. Nickels, I'll just show the card and tell  
11 you, you can use it as a major saver. This can save  
12 you 30 percent, not only on your own drugs, but also  
13 for animals. Mimi the cat takes tuna flavored  
14 amoxicillin from here, and she also gets diabetic  
15 insulin.

16 The diabetic insulin is quite  
17 remarkable, because it is for human insulin use. She  
18 and I are both diabetic, and we both use the same  
19 insulin. I switched to her brand, and my numbers and  
20 my A1 C3s went down 50 points. There's no reasonable  
21 medical explanation for this, other than the fact  
22 that Mimi, maybe she gave me a CAT scan, I'm not  
23 sure.

24 Anyway, that almost concludes my  
25 report.

1                   St. Patrick's Day is coming up faster  
2 than any of us think. The real St. Patrick's Day is  
3 known in the Ganz household as Kathy Ganz's birthday,  
4 and I predict she's going to have a wonderful day. I  
5 wish a happy St. Patrick's Day to all of you, and  
6 because this is going to broadcast out, to those who  
7 celebrate Easter, very Happy Easter, and those who  
8 celebrate Passover, Pesach Sameach.

9                   That concludes my report, Mr. Chairman.

10                  CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Before we continue  
11 on the Committee Reports, I would just like to know,  
12 Freeholder Ganz, would you like to vote on the  
13 Consent Agenda that was voted on earlier?

14                  FREEHOLDER GANZ: Yes, I would. And I  
15 would remove my objection to it and put it on the  
16 Consent Agenda. If the Consent Agenda has passed, I  
17 will vote on it.

18                  CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Great. Thank you  
19 very much.

20                  Freeholder Zur.

21                  FREEHOLDER ZUR: Thank you so much,  
22 Chairman.

23                  You know, we did the voting part of  
24 this really quickly. What those of you who don't see  
25 the full process, is we have a Work Session that goes

1 on before this, where we get to hash out a lot of the  
2 details regarding the different resolutions and  
3 ordinances that are before us.

4 One of the ordinances that I just  
5 wanted to draw some attention to this evening was  
6 Resolution #212, which passed, which will be  
7 providing sizable services. As Freeholder Voss said,  
8 it is an issue near and dear to both of us on how we  
9 in this county provide for adults with developmental  
10 and disabilities, and this resolution will provide  
11 sizable funding.

12 And another resolution that we passed  
13 this evening as well, which is #199, talks about  
14 we're going to be going out to bid for food services  
15 in the county building, and there will be a new  
16 change where that RFP that will go out will include  
17 language that will encourage them to hire individuals  
18 with disabilities to work in the county building.

19 I just want to note those two items of  
20 business that were on our agenda tonight.

21 Like my colleagues, I was kind of all  
22 over the place literally.

23 I started, since our last meeting, in  
24 Israel on a legislation mission with 16 different  
25 legislators, high level meetings, with not only like

1 the Ambassador and the Speaker of the Knesset, but  
2 also looking at programs and the way that they do  
3 things in Israel for special soldiers, training as  
4 far as security is concerned, education, six  
5 different stem programs. And the conversations that  
6 we had there are going to be fodder for me to  
7 bringing forward a whole bunch of issues as the year  
8 goes on. So it was a really worthwhile trip, both  
9 from getting to know legislators from all over the  
10 state and some key committees, particularly health,  
11 but also to have this interchange. This was one  
12 where we all paid our own way. There was no taxpayer  
13 dollars that were spent, but it was a really valuable  
14 exchange.

15 I came back to speaking at the  
16 Meadowlands Chamber of Commerce with Freeholder  
17 Chairman Tanelli on their exit issues event, which  
18 really gave us an opportunity to have exchange with  
19 different leaders in the business community about  
20 their concerns and highlight some of the things that  
21 we're getting to do in the county both to stimulate  
22 economic development, which, Mayor, you touched on  
23 which is piled off of the mayor's meeting that we had  
24 and really engaged in a lot of those discussions  
25 about the role that the county can play both in

1 workforce development and economic development  
2 throughout the county.

3 As Freeholder Sullivan said, when we  
4 were at the presentation for the Prosecutors, it was  
5 one of the most emotional that I had been to. There  
6 was a woman from Allendale who lost her son who is  
7 part of this program. And I think her words, the  
8 words of those recovering addicts, the detectives, it  
9 was really a very powerful presentation. And if any  
10 municipality wants to take advantage of having this  
11 in their school systems, please, reach out to us,  
12 reach out to the Prosecutor's Office, and we will do  
13 what we can to get that set up in short order.

14 This is an epidemic that we're only  
15 going to win by getting in front of this education  
16 and getting our kids to be part of the solution.

17 To that end, I went to the opening also  
18 of West Bergen Mental Health Care Center, which is  
19 expanding its reach into Mahwah.

20 I went today as well to a training for  
21 law enforcement on bail reform and the formation of  
22 the Central Judicial Processing Court, which we're  
23 going to hear about in much more depth next week, but  
24 we have a lot of changes that are going to be coming  
25 as far as how we handle arraignments and bail going

1 forward in the county and how we react to it as a  
2 Freeholder Board.

3 And, finally, I was very privileged  
4 this week not only to read "One Fish, Two Fish, Red  
5 Fish, Blue Fish," but also to serve at the MC for  
6 Sen. Menendez's Angelina Menendez Trailblazer Award.  
7 There were six women, one of whom was from Bergen  
8 County. She started the Korean Center at Holy Name  
9 Hospital. But there were five other amazing women  
10 doing incredible things throughout the state, and one  
11 of the takeaways, there was a quote one of them used  
12 in their speeches about, it doesn't hurt one candle  
13 to light another candle. And that is something that  
14 we as women have to continue to do for each other, as  
15 we, not only in women's history month but always and  
16 encourage the next generation to be getting involved.

17 That is my report, Chairman.

18 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you,  
19 Freeholder.

20 So wrapping up each meeting, as you  
21 notice, most Freeholders, we attend a lot of things,  
22 we attend a lot of things together. So rather than  
23 repeat what my colleagues have said, I just want to  
24 first begin by, Mayor, again thanking you, the  
25 Administrator, the Council members who were kind

1 enough to come tonight, opening your house to let us  
2 come and take our show on the road. I think it's  
3 very important. Tracy and I ran both times on the  
4 platform where we need to have open government, we  
5 need to get into as many communities as possible.

6 Rutherford was very informative.  
7 There's things that we find out when we get out on  
8 the road and take our meetings out that we wouldn't  
9 know sitting in Hackensack, so it's very important to  
10 us. So we'd just like to thank you for starting our  
11 2016 On The Road Meetings tonight.

12 I again would like to thank the staff.  
13 Without the staff, it looks like everything is really  
14 smooth and easy, that's not the case, what they do  
15 every day is really difficult, especially when we ask  
16 them to take what we do at 4:30 and transplant it to  
17 another municipality at 7:30 is not easy. I'd like  
18 to thank each and every one, and our Clerk. They  
19 make it look smooth and really easy, and you make us  
20 look good sitting up here.

21 I'd like to start quickly by just  
22 congratulating Emerson and Park Ridge, I'm a  
23 wrestling family, on winning the first Bergen County  
24 State Group Two State Championship. I tried to  
25 coordinate having both wrestling teams here tonight

1 to give them an honor, but unfortunately Park Ridge  
2 is having their awards ceremony tonight, and half the  
3 team is from Park Ridge, they wouldn't have been able  
4 to be here. So hopefully we can have you guys come  
5 to Hackensack for an awards ceremony so we can honor  
6 the wrestling team.

7 Also, in the last two meetings we did  
8 pass a couple of resolutions that impacted Emerson.  
9 One, we furthered the open space process, where now  
10 they're having their public hearing where Emerson is  
11 receiving a \$20,000 Open Space Grant for Centennial  
12 Park Community Garden Project. Hopefully that will  
13 continue at the other meeting. We will be awarding  
14 either the end of this month or early April.

15 Also, we passed Resolution #165-16 on  
16 February 24th that awarded \$300,000 to the Emerson  
17 Veterans Supportive Housing Project, which will be  
18 used to build 14 units that will house homeless  
19 and/or disabled veterans. A portion of those funds  
20 will come from federal grant monies from the U.S.  
21 Housing and Urban Development, and Bergen County  
22 Division of Community Development will serve as a  
23 pass-through for these funds.

24 The Emerson Veterans Supportive Housing  
25 Project is a partnership between Emerson American

1 Legion, who owns the property, and the Bergen County  
2 Housing Development Corporation, who will lease and  
3 operate the housing.

4 So my feeling is this Board reaches not  
5 just a few towns, but all 70 municipalities, in one  
6 way or another. And that's why we need to have a  
7 partnership be able to work with all the governing  
8 bodies in Bergen County to make sure we're moving  
9 forward.

10 So that concludes my report.

11 If there's no further business before  
12 this meeting, I'll take a motion to adjourn.

13 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Move to adjourn.

14 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Second?

15 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Just a quick  
17 announcement.

18 Our next Work Session meeting will be  
19 held Wednesday, March 16th, at 4:30, in the Gerald  
20 Calabrese Meeting Room.

21 Our next Work and Public Session  
22 Meetings will be 4:30 and 7:30 respectively on  
23 Tuesday, March 22nd.

24 All in favor of adjourning?

25 (All present Freeholders respond in the

1 affirmative.)

2 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The ayes have it, we  
5 are adjourned.

6 Thank you.

7 (Whereupon, the Public Meeting is  
8 adjourned at 8:15 p.m.)

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