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BERGEN COUNTY  
BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS  
HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY  
PUBLIC MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2016  
COMMENCING AT 7:33 P.M.

FREEHOLDERS PRESENT:

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

FREEHOLDERS ABSENT:

NONE

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ALSO PRESENT:

LISA SCIANCALEPORE  
CLERK TO THE BOARD

DR. DOMINIC J. NOVELLI  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

EDWARD J. FLORIO, ESQ.  
COUNSEL TO THE BOARD

JARED LUTZ  
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & POLICY

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1 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The meeting is  
2 called to order at 7:33.

3 Before I begin the meeting, I'd please  
4 ask everyone to 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, Felice,  
25 Sullivan, Voss, Vice-Chairwoman Zur, and Chairman

1 Tanelli present, with Freeholder Ganz absent.)

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

4 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

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

9 (Freeholder Ganz is present at 7:34  
10 p.m.)

11 MOMENT OF SILENCE:

12 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Please remain  
13 standing so that we can observe a Moment of Silence  
14 for Curtis Deyrup, Principal Data Systems Programmer  
15 for the County of Bergen.

16 Mr. Deyrup was employed by the county  
17 for over 13 years. Our thoughts and prayers are with  
18 he and his family.

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

21 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

22 MINUTES:

23 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Will the Clerk  
24 please read the minutes to be accepted.

25 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Minutes to be

1 accepted:

2 March 22, 2016 - Work Session; all  
3 present.

4 March 22, 2016 - Public Session;  
5 Freeholder DeNicola absent.

6 March 22nd, 2016 - Work Session;  
7 Freeholder Felice absent.

8 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: I'll make a  
9 motion on the minutes.

10 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Move the minutes.

11 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

12 (All present Freeholders respond in the  
13 affirmative, with noted abstentions.)

14 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The eyes have it.

17 Before we open, do we have everybody  
18 here yet?

19 Okay. We'll do open public. May I  
20 have a motion to open the Public Meeting?

21 FREEHOLDER VOSS: So moved.

22 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Second.

23 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Second.

24 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

25 (All present Freeholders respond in the

1 affirmative.)

2 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The ayes have it.

5 We will now have a hearing of the  
6 general public, with a three-minute time limit in  
7 effect. The Board Attorney will keep the time. When  
8 the time of the speaker has expired, the timekeeper  
9 will announce that the time has expired.

10 Please fill out a slip of paper with  
11 your name, address, and general topic.

12 Mr. Lento.

13 MR. LENTO: Nicholas Lento, L-E-N-T-O,  
14 Cliffside Park, New Jersey.

15 I'm here to speak in opposition to the  
16 Pilgrim Pipeline.

17 A number of people were here a couple  
18 of weeks ago. I couldn't make it to that meeting, so  
19 I figured I'd try to come in tonight and put in my  
20 two cents.

21 The Pilgrim Pipeline is a dangerously  
22 stupid and insanely irrational project that has  
23 absolutely no upside for anyone, except possibly for  
24 the investors, obviously, and eventually the wealthy  
25 and powerful individuals and corporate entities that

1 will probably wind up extracting massive profits from  
2 the ensuing catastrophic disasters that will  
3 inevitably come to pass as a result of any  
4 significant failure of the pipeline at any point in  
5 the future, 5 years, 10 years, 20 years, 2 months,  
6 whatever.

7           Water utilities will profit by having  
8 their product, that is, clean potable water, in short  
9 supply.

10           Environmental cleanup companies will  
11 thrive, and manufacturers of filtration systems will  
12 cash in to the tune of billions of dollars to try to  
13 cleanup the dirty, sludgy, toxic Bakken crude oil  
14 which eventually hit the fan. It's going to happen,  
15 sooner or later. The risk/reward ratio is not good.

16           Scores of municipalities in New Jersey  
17 and New York State have already passed resolutions  
18 against this project. Most of them have been  
19 municipalities that would be directly affected by the  
20 immediate impacts of construction and pollution,  
21 etc., in their immediate environment, but I assure  
22 you, ladies and gentlemen, that once the rest of the  
23 State of New Jersey, especially in the north, gets  
24 wind of the potential impacts on our water supply,  
25 that you will find massive numbers of people, to the

1     tune of millions, realizing that the danger to their  
2     water supply, not just in terms of health but in  
3     terms of dollars, both are important obviously,  
4     outweighs whatever benefit can come from that  
5     pipeline.

6                     We can conserve our way out of the need  
7     for this additional petrochemical supply.

8                     I believe also that the state Assembly  
9     has passed a resolution against this, and I  
10    understand that the state Senate is eventually going  
11    to pass a resolution.

12                    Now, I realize that resolutions are not  
13    binding, but they're an expression of political and  
14    moral outrage at a stupid project that is not needed.

15                    I believe that the County Executive in  
16    our Bergen County, Executive Tedesco, is a good man,  
17    and I believe he cares about the well-being of his  
18    constituents.

19                    Their well-being is far more important  
20    than potential profits of this entity, the Pilgrim  
21    Pipeline Corporation, its few investors.

22                    The problem I foresee -- how much time  
23    do I have left, sir?

24                    MR. FLORIO:   Ten seconds.

25                    MR. LENTO:    Ten seconds.

1 MR. FLORIO: Nine.

2 MR. LENTO: Okay.

3 It comes down to pay-to-play; a billion  
4 dollar project like this creates a lot of political  
5 weather.

6 I assure you, in my humble opinion,  
7 that this would not have gone as far as it has, had  
8 it not been for the fact that very wealthy entities  
9 are in some way, shape or form contributing monies or  
10 doing something behind the scenes --

11 MR. FLORIO: Three minutes.

12 MR. LENTO: -- to influence policy.  
13 This is bad policy and it's bad politics.

14 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Please wrap up.

15 MR. LENTO: As a citizen of the state,  
16 I warn you, what is happening to the government in  
17 Flint, this is Flint times 1,000 in its potential.  
18 And if you allow this to happen passively, you are  
19 just as guilty as promoting it publicly.

20 Enough said for now. I'll be back.

21 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Just so you know,  
22 Mr. Lento, last year this Board passed a resolution  
23 in opposition.

24 Thank you.

25 Mr. Nickels.

1 MR. NICKELS: Good evening.

2 Paul Nickels, N-I-C-K-E-L-S.

3 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Good evening.

4 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Hi, Paul.

5 MR. NICKELS: Good to see you all.

6 I'm very concerned. I'm sure you're  
7 all starting to hear and see things on social media  
8 and hear through the grapevine about FFS, the Fee For  
9 Service Medicaid. I'm very concerned about that, and  
10 I'm sure you're going to be hearing from the people  
11 from the Mental Health Department about how  
12 serious -- I don't know, I'm still trying to get to  
13 the bottom of it myself -- I think it's the Governor  
14 that's doing this, and it's going to impact a lot of  
15 people. And it's very scary to think, you don't need  
16 an expert to say that if someone is on anti-suicidal  
17 or anti-homicidal medication and needs therapy, can't  
18 get it, what's going to happen?

19 The next thing is, unfortunately I've  
20 been getting calls still about all area hospitals  
21 illegally discharging homeless onto the streets.

22 One of the last occasions or one of the  
23 more serious ones was before the snowstorm. I was  
24 sick, I haven't had time to get to you, I would have  
25 gotten to you guys earlier, but Bergen Regional

1 Medical side, a person called me crying, said they  
2 were discharging me onto the street knowingly and  
3 willfully. And I told them to tell the nurse to tell  
4 the doctor that it's illegal to discharge homeless to  
5 the streets, and they said in the background, "We  
6 don't care."

7 And, unfortunately, I did call the  
8 supervisor at that time and I did get a little upset  
9 and was a little rude, and I'm sorry for that, but  
10 she didn't care. And then I called after the next  
11 shift, and a really nice supervisor said, "Oh, my  
12 gosh, let me see what we can do." But she had  
13 already been discharged.

14 Holy Name, Bergen Regional, Hackensack,  
15 are all still illegally discharging homeless onto the  
16 streets. And I know it's nice weather now, but this  
17 was in a snowstorm. I don't know if these doctors  
18 think they can do whatever they want to do. I don't  
19 think that's right. I know they're supposed to have  
20 a discharge plan.

21 Well, on the good side, I've been  
22 promoting the Mental Health Law Project, which I  
23 think is back on track. I think it's back on track.  
24 There were a couple of people that, you know, they  
25 had lost some people, but they're in the process of

1 getting people back. One case, a person was going to  
2 become homeless that was in a wheelchair. And how  
3 could someone send someone out into the streets in a  
4 wheelchair? That's beyond me. But that's neither  
5 here, nor there. So the Mental Health Law Project  
6 stepped in and saved this person from eviction. So I  
7 think that's trying to end on a good note, you know.  
8 So it's good to see you all.

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

11 MR. NICKELS: I'm over pneumonia.  
12 Three minutes. Right on time.  
13 Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Mr. Moretti.

15 MR. MORETTI: A couple of years ago, I  
16 made note of Gellius historical issues of form and  
17 content. I also indicated I was going to be putting  
18 together some material, which would be relevant with  
19 respect thereto.

20 In Paramus, where I am a resident, on  
21 Monday, the mayor noted that Paramus has an AAA bond  
22 rating.

23 The issue here is, of course, that the  
24 George Washington Bridge, in being constructed in  
25 1931, produced heavy traffic into Paramus at the

1        juncture of Routes 4 & 17, resulting in the business  
2        in Paramus. And the master plan currently under  
3        discussion indicates that a number of Mt. Laurel  
4        units are to be constructed pursuant to the state  
5        statute.

6                    My concern, of course, is the issues  
7        with historical and scientific bases for the  
8        construction of the bridge and, of course, with the  
9        development of the neutron. Here in the neutron in  
10       approximately the same time, 1930-1931, was the  
11       development of the Atomic Bomb Project and the  
12       Manhattan Project.

13                   So I would draw your attention to this,  
14        inasmuch as I was an associate with Mr. Wittgenstein  
15        during World War II, and, of course, the issue of  
16        mental languages which I pursued in philosophy at GW  
17        University in Washington and sat on the meetings in  
18        the White House thereto.

19                   I thank you.

20                   CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Justin Frasche.

21                   MR. FRASCHE: Hello. Hi.

22                   So, first, thank you, Freeholder Zur.

23                   I wanted to thank her, because she  
24        helped a lot with the Social Services debacle that I  
25        had. I just wanted to share that, because I haven't

1       been here in a while. And, yeah, you helped out, so  
2       thank you.

3                       That said, on a slightly darker note, I  
4       want to go back to what Paul said. I'm also very  
5       concerned about the Medicaid Fee For Service. It  
6       seems to me that it's very crucial for certain people  
7       to get their medication, seeing as how I work at a  
8       place for the mentally ill, and it only makes sense  
9       that these people should be able to access medication  
10      more easily, not less easily. So I would like to  
11      second what he said about the Medicaid Fee For  
12      Service issue.

13                      But, again, thank you.

14                      And that's all.

15                      VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: You're welcome.

16                      CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Great.

17                      Christy DeGeorgis.

18                      MS. DeGEORGIS: I have some handouts.  
19      I only made five, because I didn't realize there were  
20      10 people.

21                      FREEHOLDER FELICE: I'll share with  
22      Joan.

23                      FREEHOLDER VOSS: Okay.

24                      MS. DeGEORGIS: Just so you can follow  
25      along.

1                   CHAIRMAN TANELLI:   Okay.

2                   MS. DeGEORGIS:   So I'm here hoping that  
3   the county will pursue a resolution which would  
4   encourage towns to ban the retail sale of puppies and  
5   kittens in pet shops.

6                   To date, four counties in New Jersey  
7   have passed such a resolution.   It's our hope that  
8   you'll give us the opportunity to discuss the reasons  
9   why we think passing a resolution would serve the  
10  best interests of the community.

11                  Most recently, I don't know if you're  
12  aware, but Just Pups in Paramus, there was an  
13  incident where the police arrived and there were some  
14  puppies in bad condition in the van, so the store was  
15  closed for a while.

16                  So, I feel like while a lot of public  
17  is sort of upset about that, it's a great time to  
18  segue into making some progress.

19                  Camden County was the most recent  
20  county to pass -- actually, the Freeholders passed a  
21  resolution that encourages the individual  
22  municipalities to ban the retail sale of pets.

23                  It's kind of embarrassing, but out of  
24  all the counties in New Jersey, Bergen County has  
25  seven pet stores that sell puppies.

1                   And the reason why a lot of people  
2                   don't like pet stores selling puppies is simply  
3                   because they come from puppy mills. It's an issue  
4                   that, at the federal level, it's constantly shot down  
5                   by the big agricultural committees, because they  
6                   think if they give the dogs in the mills better  
7                   conditions, larger cage sizes, access to vet care,  
8                   exercise, sunlight, that it's going to go to the pigs  
9                   and the cows and the chickens, you know, so that's  
10                  why.

11                  So in response to the federal level  
12                  doing nothing about the terrible conditions of the  
13                  dogs in puppy mills, many municipalities -- this  
14                  whole sheet is filled with them -- and counties  
15                  across the U.S. have passed retail sale bans. It  
16                  should be led by the county. So there's so many  
17                  amazing towns that have passed it, like West  
18                  Hollywood, California; Austin, Texas; Coral Gables,  
19                  Florida; Randolph, New Jersey; Voorhees, New Jersey;  
20                  there are many towns in New Jersey, Cherry Hill,  
21                  Laurel Springs, Westville, Pine Hill, Jackson.

22                  So, I would love to help Bergen County  
23                  do that.

24                  I believe you're all in receipt or you  
25                  should be in receipt of a letter sent by someone from

1 The Humane Society. She would be more than happy to  
2 attend a future meeting.

3 And, basically, this is the resolution  
4 that Camden County passed. It's a very simple three  
5 page resolution.

6 MR. FLORIO: Three minutes, Ms.  
7 DeGeorgis.

8 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Your time has  
9 expired.

10 MS. DeGEORGIS: Okay.

11 MR. FLORIO: Can you give a copy of  
12 that resolution to the young man?

13 MS. DeGEORGIS: Yes.

14 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: It's attached.

15 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: I just want you to  
16 feel confident that this Board, hopefully will, in  
17 the near future, pass something.

18 I looked at all the other counties'  
19 resolutions and there's no substance to them. We  
20 want to pass a resolution supporting the Senate and  
21 Assembly bill. There's an Assembly bill by  
22 Assemblyman Lagana. So I would prefer if this Board  
23 passed a resolution that had some teeth to it versus  
24 just a ceremonial resolution saying that we don't  
25 like the fact that there are puppy mills.

1 MS. DeGEORGIS: Well, it's ceremonial,  
2 but then also in the sense it basically tells the  
3 municipalities, yes, we're encouraging you to pass  
4 ordinances.

5 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Right, but if they  
6 do it on the state level, it would supercede whatever  
7 they do in the municipality.

8 I just want to let you know, I believe  
9 we're all in agreement that this Board will be  
10 passing a resolution, but it will be one with a  
11 little more teeth to it.

12 MS. DeGEORGIS: All right. Well, thank  
13 you very much.

14 (Applause.)

15 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: If no one else  
16 wishes to speak, may I have a motion to close the  
17 meeting to the public?

18 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: So moved.

19 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

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

23 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The ayes have it.

1 We're now closed.

2 PRESENTATION TO WRESTLING CHAMPIONS:

3 I'm just letting everyone know, we're  
4 going to break from our normal routine to go to the  
5 well. We have a couple of celebrities with us, we  
6 have a couple of champions from the State of New  
7 Jersey's wrestling program.

8 First of all, I'd like to welcome  
9 everybody and thank you for coming. I know you guys  
10 are very busy, and I'm sure your time is demanded  
11 elsewhere, but Bergen County wanted to recognize our  
12 Bergen County champions. We had six total this year.

13 In no particular order, I'm just going  
14 to mention your name and a few of your  
15 accomplishments.

16 Please come up. I have not only a  
17 commendation from the Board of Freeholders, but also  
18 I have a certificate from the County Executive, who  
19 sends his apologies, he would have loved to have been  
20 here, more importantly that two of the individuals  
21 that won state championships are from his hometown of  
22 Paramus.

23 So first on the list is Shane Griffith.  
24 Shane is not only a onetime state champ, but he's a  
25 two-time state champ. Last year, as a freshman, he

1 beat a two-time defending champion in the finals;  
2 this year missed most of the season with a knee  
3 injury; only had four matches before he went into the  
4 districts; ended the season 15/0 and repeated as a  
5 state champ.

6           Anyone who knows wrestling, just trying  
7 to keep yourself in wrestling shape when you're not  
8 actually wrestling, I don't know how you did it, so I  
9 would like to commend you for that.

10           (Applause.)

11           CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Also, there's only  
12 been a handful of four-time champs, so we're looking  
13 for at least two more. No pressure. I'm sure nobody  
14 said that to you yet.

15           Next we have Eric Chakonis from Don  
16 Bosco. So Eric was --

17           (Applause.)

18           CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Eric was the  
19 285-pound champion. He couldn't be outdone. He  
20 couldn't let his brother outdo him, who won the state  
21 championship last year, so Eric, as a junior, won  
22 this year, he was 46/17 with 45 pins.  
23 Congratulations, Eric.

24           MR. CHAKONIS: Thank you.

25           (Applause.)

1                   FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: He would destroy  
2 you, Freeholder.

3                   CHAIRMAN TANELLI: I can last at least  
4 30 seconds, right, coach? Tell him. I can at least  
5 hold him for 30 seconds.

6                   Next from Bergen Catholic we have Joe  
7 Grello, another two-time champ, who finished this  
8 year ranked 10th in the country.

9                   FREEHOLDER VOSS: Wow!

10                  CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Along with Joe, I  
11 just want to mention Kevin Mulligan as well, because  
12 Kevin and Joe are taking their talents down to  
13 Rutgers, who this year, for the first time, qualified  
14 all 10 guys for the NCAA championships for the first  
15 year in the Big 10. So you guys are going to a  
16 program, I'm sure you guys are going to elevate it  
17 even further. Kevin is also a two-timer and Kevin  
18 finished ranked sixth in the country.

19                  These guys I can't handle.

20                  So I think that only leaves Kyle  
21 Cochran.

22                  So, Kyle was the most exciting match to  
23 me, no offense to anybody else, but as I'm watching  
24 the match, he paused for a second with time running  
25 out. I just wanted to know, I was talking to your

1 coach earlier, what possessed you to give the kick at  
2 the last second? Did somebody from the corner yell  
3 to you or just --

4 MR. COCHRAN: No, just my reaction.

5 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Unbelievable! If  
6 anybody gets an opportunity, he won it in the last  
7 second. They thought that he might not have even  
8 possibly scored, so they went back to the videotape  
9 to review it. He won the championship after beating  
10 a returning state champ who beat him two times  
11 earlier in the year, so a tremendous accomplishment.

12 (Applause.)

13 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: So, before I ask  
14 everyone to come down, I just want to congratulate  
15 the coaches on a great job. Coach Bell and the coach  
16 from Bergen Catholic, finished fourth in the country  
17 this year. I know if Shane was healthy, it would  
18 have been a little higher, but we must make sure you  
19 kids remain healthy.

20 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: I want to thank  
21 you guys for letting Tanelli relive his youth.

22 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: He's a friend of  
23 mine too, believe it or not.

24 So we're missing -- unfortunately, one  
25 of the champions couldn't make the meeting tonight,

1 but I want to let everybody know just exactly what he  
2 accomplished, because they only come around once in a  
3 while. So the individual that wasn't able to join us  
4 was another Bergen Catholic wrestler, Nick Suriano,  
5 who finished this year ranked No. 1 in the country at  
6 126 pounds. He's pretty much in everybody's top 10  
7 pound-for-pound all-around wrestler. He's a  
8 four-time BC East champion. BCE is an invitational  
9 tournament where everybody from all over the country  
10 comes. He's a four-time champion, this year winning  
11 the 126-pound state championship. He became only the  
12 second wrestler in New Jersey to ever go undefeated  
13 and win four championships. He finished his career  
14 with a spotless 159/0 record. He ended his high  
15 school year with 69 pins, 21 technical falls, 33  
16 major decisions, and only had been taken down once  
17 over his career. This year was named the Outstanding  
18 Wrestler for 2016.

19 Nick will also be wrestling next year.  
20 He's moving on to PENN State, who just won their  
21 fifth national championship as a team out of the last  
22 six years. So, New Jersey and Bergen County is  
23 expecting big things from Nick. Unfortunately, I'm  
24 sure he's being pulled in 100 different directions,  
25 so I'd just like to ask coach, if you can please pass

1 along our congratulations to Nick. And Coach Pataro  
2 is here and Coach Arole.

3 There's people up here that have  
4 competed and understand the commitment of coaches and  
5 wrestlers, but also wrestling is one of those sports,  
6 where, when they can't eat or they had a rough day  
7 working out and they come home, the parents play a  
8 pivotal role in keeping them level and keeping them  
9 going to practice the next day or taking them to club  
10 practice. So you should all be commended for the job  
11 that you've done and how successful your son has  
12 been. I wish you all the very best in the future.

13 Thank you.

14 (Applause.)

15 RESOLUTIONS OF UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

16 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: So we're going to  
17 move on to resolutions.

18 Will the Clerk please read the  
19 resolutions on the Consent Agenda.

20 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Resolutions 397-16  
21 to 411-16 and 413-16 to 464-16.

22 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Can I have a motion  
23 to accept the Resolutions of Unanimous Consent?

24 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Move the Consent  
25 Calendar.

1 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Second.

2 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Call the roll,  
3 please.

4 (At this point in the proceeding roll  
5 call is taken and the Resolutions of Unanimous  
6 Consent are passed by a unanimous vote.)

7 NONCONSENT RESOLUTIONS:

8 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Are there any  
9 resolutions on Nonconsent, pulled or tabled?

10 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: There is one.

11 #412-16 is a "Resolution authorizing  
12 release of Performance Bond - Site Plan No. 8105 -  
13 Presbyterian Church at Franklin Lakes."

14 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Can I have a motion?

15 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

16 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Second.

17 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Call the roll,  
18 please.

19 (At this point in the proceeding roll  
20 call is taken and Resolution #412-16 is passed by a  
21 vote of six in favor, with Freeholder DeNicola  
22 abstaining.)

23 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Any resolutions  
24 pulled or tabled?

25 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: There are none.

1 COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM FREEHOLDERS:

2 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Okay. We will now  
3 have Freeholder Committee Reports.

4 Freeholder Sullivan.

5 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Okay. Thank you.

6 Good evening to everybody that's still  
7 out there. I'll be brief, Chairman.

8 As the Chairman of the Freeholders'  
9 Transportation Committee, I want to remind the public  
10 that the New Jersey Senate Legislative Oversight  
11 Committee is hosting the Port Authority of New York  
12 and New Jersey for a hearing in our chambers on  
13 Monday, the 25th of April, 10:00 a.m.

14 I'm glad that Sen. Gordon and our  
15 representatives in the New Jersey Senate are  
16 incorporating Bergen County residents in what should  
17 be very interesting dialogue on issues like the  
18 construction of a new bus terminal in Manhattan.

19 I'm also proud that the Bergen County  
20 Executive is authorizing a Shared Services Agreement  
21 with the boroughs of Alpine, Closter, Harrington  
22 Park, Haworth, Northvale, Norwood, and Rockleigh for  
23 a 911 dispatch.

24 As we continue to add more towns to our  
25 state-of-the-art 911 center in Mahwah, we can save

1 the taxpayers' dollars while making services to our  
2 public more efficient.

3 I just would like to wish everyone a  
4 Happy Passover.

5 And that concludes my report.

6 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you,  
7 Freeholder.

8 Freeholder Voss.

9 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Thank you, Chairman.

10 I just want to call attention to, I'm a  
11 Rotarian as well as a Freeholder, and one of the  
12 things we do is to have the Gift of Life. And what  
13 we do is to bring children who need heart surgery,  
14 and we pay for them to come here and doctors  
15 volunteer. We've helped hundreds and hundreds of  
16 children. So if you ever see an opportunity to give  
17 a Gift of Life, please do that.

18 A few weeks ago, actually about a week  
19 and a half ago -- I love animals, and I want to tell  
20 that young lady that I will do everything in my power  
21 to see that animal cruelty and especially puppy mills  
22 are a thing of the past.

23 Animals are so important to us. At the  
24 stable at Overpeck, they are starting a program,  
25 which I'm very, very enthusiastic about, and it's

1 using horses, which have great empathy with human  
2 beings, to help our veterans who suffer from PTSD.  
3 And these animals also have a great rapport with  
4 children who are on the autism spectrum and special  
5 needs.

6 So, if you get an opportunity to  
7 support some of these initiatives, I would be very,  
8 very happy.

9 Last Sunday was Autism Awareness Day at  
10 the zoo at Van Saun Park. It was a beautiful day,  
11 and I'm sure that many of the Freeholders were there.

12 The zoo was for free that day, so  
13 parents with children with special needs could come  
14 and participate in all of the activities.

15 I just want to tell people that one in  
16 41 children in New Jersey is on the autism spectrum,  
17 so we have to pay very close attention.

18 I'm on the board of Project Literacy.  
19 And, again, I want to say to people, if you know an  
20 adult who has difficulty reading or who cannot read  
21 at all, please get in touch with me or just look up  
22 Project Literacy. It is for adults. It is for free.  
23 It is done one-on-one, it is not a classroom setting,  
24 so everybody gets an individual education plan, which  
25 I heartily agree with. And we have many, many

1 thousands of people living in Bergen County who  
2 should avail themselves of this service. All of the  
3 teachers are volunteers, and so there is no charge.  
4 So if anybody needs any help, let me know.

5 Last Sunday, many of us went to Bris  
6 Avrohom to make matzo. It was a wonderful  
7 experience. I think that some people may be aware of  
8 the fact that the Greek Easter is going to be  
9 May 1st, and the Orthodox Church cannot celebrate  
10 until Passover has been observed, because the last  
11 supper was a Seder. So we have two Easters on the  
12 calendar this year, as well as a Passover.

13 I want to say Happy Passover, Good  
14 Pesach to everybody who is observing.

15 One of the important things I think we  
16 have to do is to make children aware of how important  
17 it is to vote.

18 Yesterday, I was at a high school with  
19 some of my friends. We were giving registration  
20 forms to kids who were going to turn 18, and I was  
21 telling them about the importance of voting, and how  
22 one vote could make a tremendous difference. We've  
23 had several of the elections for the state Assembly  
24 won, I think the last time by five votes, one person.  
25 In my town, a very popular mayor was up for his

1 second term and everybody said, oh, he's a shoe-in,  
2 it's not going to be any problem, so a lot of people  
3 just assuming he was going to win did not come out  
4 and vote. He lost by six votes.

5 So what I want to emphasize is the  
6 importance of every vote counting. I could go on,  
7 because I'm a history teacher, but I won't bore you  
8 with that, but it's very important that we get the  
9 kids. And I have to say this year the election for  
10 president is one that really has gotten a lot of  
11 young people involved. Whether you're on one side or  
12 the other, it's just a good learning experience.

13 That's my report.

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 Last week I attended a Health Care  
21 Advisory meeting regarding the future of Bergen  
22 Regional. And as we move forward with this  
23 committee, no stone is being left unturned. We're  
24 looking at everything, everything, everything, in  
25 ways that I couldn't imagine when I first got on the

1 board. It's very complex, but I believe in the final  
2 outcome that the committee members and both branches  
3 of government are going to do the right thing. So I  
4 continue to look forward to serving and having a very  
5 positive outcome for the people of Bergen County and  
6 for the people of New Jersey, because many of the  
7 people that are treated now are from outside Bergen  
8 County, so we can't forget that.

9 As important as the Health Care  
10 Advisory Board, the budget, you know, is our  
11 responsibility. Our biggest responsibility is the  
12 budget.

13 I understand the County Executive will  
14 be presenting the budget to this body next Wednesday.  
15 I will not be here, but I'll have some comments for  
16 the record that I will present in my being absent.  
17 But, nevertheless, we're going to have hearings from  
18 May 2nd to the 6th, and it is going to be full. We  
19 did it last year, and we're going to do it again, and  
20 it's going to be bipartisan. It's going to be  
21 insightful, it's going to be compassionate, and it's  
22 going to be considerate for both people that get our  
23 services and receive our services from the county  
24 government, but also for our taxpayers.

25 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

1                   CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you,  
2 Freeholder.

3                   Freeholder Zur.

4                   VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Thank you,  
5 Chairman.

6                   As I have no voice and laryngitis, my  
7 committee report will be short.

8                   The most important thing I want to talk  
9 about is Project Search. Project Search is an  
10 internship program that we piloted at this Board. We  
11 allocated the funds to start, and is an internship  
12 program for young adults with disabilities. It will  
13 be at Hackensack and Holy Name hospitals. It will  
14 give these young adults portable job skills. The  
15 placement rate for this program is 73 percent,  
16 whereas employment for those with disabilities in the  
17 State of New Jersey is only 37 percent.

18                   Applications are available now at  
19 [BergenWorkforce.org/projectSearch](http://BergenWorkforce.org/projectSearch).

20                   The applications must be completed by  
21 April 29th. Please make sure that you get your  
22 application in, and, more importantly, discuss this  
23 with your school district and make sure it is an  
24 appropriate placement, and we can have this as a  
25 conversation and incorporate it into IEPs. It is a

1 wonderful program, and it is going to give 24 young  
2 adults wonderful opportunities for meaningful,  
3 permanent employment.

4           Additionally, we passed this evening a  
5 resolution I feel very strongly about, which is  
6 #403-16, which provides legal counseling to older  
7 adults. This is where individuals who are making  
8 applications for reverse mortgages can go ahead and  
9 get some legal guidance, making sure it is really an  
10 appropriate decision for them, before they fall prey  
11 to predatory lending practices. This is an  
12 opportunity for making sure that senior citizens in  
13 our community are not being taken advantage of and  
14 that they are getting the deal that they need to  
15 ensure their ability to age in place and ensure their  
16 ability to continue to live and thrive throughout  
17 their old age.

18           Additionally and finally, this week I  
19 attended a rally for Equal Pay Day sponsored by  
20 Congressman Pascrell drawing attention to the fact  
21 that women are still paid \$0.79 to the dollar of  
22 their male counterparts. While we in Bergen County  
23 have good representation on this Board and women make  
24 up over 50 percent of the population but usually only  
25 a quarter of our legislators, we need to have more

1 women involved in the process, and I encourage  
2 everyone who wants to get involved to throw their hat  
3 in the ring to make sure we have a seat at the table  
4 so we're not what's on the menu.

5 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Freeholder, it's  
6 good to hear your voice get stronger as you go on.

7 Freeholder DeNicola.

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

10 I'll begin by thanking my colleagues in  
11 passing Resolution #430, which recognizes "The Month  
12 of the Military Child."

13 As the mother of a son and a  
14 daughter-in-law actively serving in the military, and  
15 knowing their families and friends and all of these  
16 young children who serve along with their parents and  
17 the stress that they're under, it's so important that  
18 we remember them and acknowledge what they live  
19 through as well.

20 In recognizing an extraordinary  
21 military family, I have to tell you about a dinner I  
22 attended over the weekend. It was the Korean  
23 Community Center Gala, and the honoree was Capt.  
24 Jason Pak. He's a 2011 graduate of the United States  
25 Military Academy, and when he graduated, he and his

1 father, a retired colonel, J.T. Pak, became the first  
2 Korean Americans to graduate from West Point. And he  
3 gave such an unbelievable talk that was filled with  
4 just positive resilience for this country and  
5 service. And what made that so special was, a few  
6 short months after his graduation, he was deployed to  
7 southern Iraq. And shortly after he arrived, he  
8 stepped on an IED and lost both his legs and a number  
9 of fingers, and still he could be an inspiration to  
10 the rest of us there.

11 I have to say, you came away with all  
12 for this family, all for this young man, and  
13 certainly a humble pride for all who serve.

14 Following, I attended the "Free Turkeys  
15 Korean American Foundation Concert of Love," it was  
16 called. And it certainly was, aside from beautiful  
17 professional music from choirs and dance performances  
18 to operatic performances as well, the honored guests  
19 were veterans of the Korean War. And I know my  
20 father is a veteran of the Korean War, they're all in  
21 their 80s now, and they were there, and they were  
22 embraced and they were thanked. And the residuals  
23 from this concert go to help support and feed the  
24 homeless and the orphans that come from Northern  
25 Korea, a situation that still is with us today.

1           I want to acknowledge that our Division  
2 of Veterans Services had a Resource Fair today, very  
3 successful. Breakfast was provided by the Bergen  
4 Volunteer Center. They distributed many things to  
5 veterans who came from across Bergen County. And at  
6 the end of the day, they delivered all of the flags  
7 to those that are going to place them on graves at  
8 cemeteries across Bergen for Memorial Day. Those are  
9 the flags that we approved a number of meetings ago.

10           I also want to mention something  
11 incredible that happened yesterday. As many of you  
12 know, I'm now on the board of Bergen County's YWCA.  
13 And yesterday their healingSPACE launched an app, and  
14 it's an app to support victim's of sexual violence.  
15 There was a press conference at their offices here in  
16 Hackensack. It was attended by the Prosecutor, by  
17 Assemblywoman Valerie Huttler, who spoke on her  
18 legislation before the Assembly to help with  
19 prevention and education for sexual assault.

20           The idea is, as young people become  
21 more aware of crimes of sexual violence and assault,  
22 that they have a resource in their toolkit, which is  
23 something that they use everyday, their phone. And  
24 you can download the app at the Apple Store or Google  
25 Play. You go to YWhealingSPACE, one word, it's a

1 free download, and it's there if you ever need it. I  
2 encourage any young person to do it, so that if they  
3 ever find themselves in a situation where they don't  
4 know what to do, they can look for help.

5 I also want to mention that last night  
6 I went before the Mayor and Council of Teaneck and  
7 presented Access for All. The acting mayor for the  
8 meeting was Mohammed Hameeduddin. I guess the mayor  
9 was sick and the deputy mayor wasn't there, so he was  
10 serving as facilitator that night.

11 What was so great was following the  
12 presentation, he immediately made a motion that was  
13 seconded by Councilman Jason Castle and unanimously  
14 approved by the council to work toward establishing  
15 Access for All.

16 So we have yet another town that's  
17 onboard. We're almost halfway there to getting  
18 Access for All committees. Those are committees that  
19 are advisory for citizens with disabilities  
20 established throughout all 70 municipalities in  
21 Bergen County, and that is certainly our goal.

22 That's my report, Mr. Chairman.

23 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you,  
24 Freeholder.

25 Freeholder Ganz.

1                   FREEHOLDER GANZ: Thank you, Chairman.

2                   The last couple of weeks have been busy  
3 for me. I found myself at Community Baptist Church  
4 on one occasion, and at Mount Calvary on two  
5 occasions, and this Sunday I made the 7:30 AM service  
6 at Mount Olive. There was one other visitor there at  
7 that hour. And when I was called upon, I was pleased  
8 on behalf of this Board to congratulate Rev. Gregory  
9 Jerome Jackson on completing 32 years as the leader  
10 of this important congregation located right here in  
11 Hackensack.

12                   When I mentioned that the resolution  
13 that the Board routinely passes to honor individuals  
14 named the day after Reverend Jackson, the  
15 congregation erupted in applause, extending Rev.  
16 Jackson's surprise. It just worked out very, very  
17 well.

18                   I went from there to Bris Avrohom for  
19 the annual matzo baking event. I have an apron that  
20 my wife obtained that has my name on it, and Tracy  
21 liked the bowtie, which is also --

22                   FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Matching.

23                   FREEHOLDER GANZ: -- matching, and a  
24 matzo, matzo man.

25                   FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: It's a matzo

1 apron.

2 FREEHOLDER VOSS: And tie.

3 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Yes.

4 I took the occasion last week to get a  
5 new pair of glasses. I used the Bergen Wellness card  
6 and saved \$750 by using it at Target right here in  
7 Hackensack, also an example of shopping locally to  
8 your benefit.

9 The Bergen Wellness card, which you can  
10 use for pets, as well as for medication for  
11 yourselves, guarantees for the pets at least a  
12 30 percent discount, and for individuals as much as  
13 42 percent off the price of drugs. The glasses were  
14 at least 30 percent off, and I bought three-pair, one  
15 for reading, one for the computer, and one for  
16 bifocals, and \$750 savings. And another great reason  
17 for you to be able to get your pair, you can simply  
18 contact any Freeholder, you can go to the Freeholder  
19 website, you can call the number right here, which  
20 Frank Fuchs is putting in between my hands and so  
21 forth.

22 I just want to take the opportunity,  
23 having baked a matzo, to now tell those of you who  
24 celebrate Passover, to enjoy it, please have a Sweet  
25 Pesach, a Zisden Pesach to all.

1 Thank you so much.

2 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you,  
3 Freeholder.

4 I just want to thank my Freeholder  
5 colleagues for the work that they put in each week  
6 and in between meetings. Obviously, anyone that  
7 watches these shows see exactly the time and effort  
8 that goes into all of these things that we end up  
9 sitting on and meetings that we go representing this  
10 Board.

11 I just want to mention the one thing  
12 that I did on Saturday. I ran the Habitat for  
13 Humanity Race-to-Build 5K. Yes, I did get beat by a  
14 13-year-old, but I finished 15th out of about 130  
15 people, not bad, even though I did try and trip him.

16 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: You said that for  
17 the record.

18 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Now on video.

19 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: That's all right.

20 I just want to also thank Jessica  
21 Schlimmer and Gina Chun for their efforts tonight  
22 working our cameras. We appreciate you hanging in  
23 there filming our meetings for us.

24 (Applause.)

25 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: So without anything

1 further before this Board, I'll take a motion to  
2 adjourn.

3 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Before we do that,  
4 Chairman, I just wanted to have the record corrected  
5 to reflect that the tripping was accidental.

6 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: "Alleged"  
7 tripping, Freeholder.

8 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: It slowed me down.  
9 (Laughter.)

10 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: I'd like to table  
11 that motion, David.

12 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Second that.

13 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: A motion to adjourn?

14 FREEHOLDER FELICE: So moved.

15 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

17 (All present Freeholders respond in the  
18 affirmative.)

19 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The ayes have it, we  
22 are adjourned at 8:22.

23 (Whereupon, the Public Meeting is  
24 adjourned at 8:22 p.m.)

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