

BERGEN COUNTY
BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2016
COMMENCING AT 7:33 P.M.

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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

PAUL SAMOUILIDIS, ESQ.
COUNSEL TO THE BOARD

JARED LUTZ
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & POLICY

JOHN DANUBIO
DEPUTY 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, I'm asking everyone to
4 please take a moment 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 Ganz, Sullivan, Voss, Vice-Chairwoman Zur, and

1 Chairman Tanelli present.)

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 MINUTES:

10 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Will the Clerk
11 please read the minutes to be accepted.

12 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: April 6, 2016 -
13 Public Meeting; all present.

14 April 13, 2016 - Work Session;
15 Freeholder Zur absent.

16 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Can I have a motion
17 to accept the minutes?

18 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

19 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

21 (All present Freeholders respond in the
22 affirmative, with Vice-Chairwoman Zur abstaining on
23 the 4-13-16 Work Session minutes.)

24 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The ayes have it.

25 HEARING OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

1 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: May I have a motion
2 to open the meeting to the public?

3 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

4 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Second.

5 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

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

8 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The ayes have it.

11 We'll now have a Hearing of the General
12 Public, with a three-minute time limit in effect.
13 The Board Attorney will keep the time. When the time
14 of the speaker expires, the timekeeper will announce
15 that the time has expired.

16 Please fill out a form, a slip of
17 paper, with your name, address, and your general
18 topic.

19 If anyone hasn't filled one and would
20 like to speak, please see the gentleman to my right.

21 First person speaking is Mr. Weissman.

22 MR. WEISSMAN: My name is Neile
23 Weissman.

24 Chairman Tanelli, Freeholders, thank
25 you for the opportunity to speak.

1 You have copies of my remarks and
2 photos.

3 I'm here to ask for a resolution
4 calling upon the Port Authority to widen the
5 bicycle-pedestrian paths on the George Washington
6 Bridge to comply with national standards, as part of
7 the upcoming recabbling.

8 Over the next eight years, the Port
9 Authority will spend \$1.9 billion to upgrade the GWB
10 and access roads in order to extend its life for
11 another 90 years. This will include replacing its
12 suspender cables and ripping out and restoring the
13 1931-era, 6.75-foot wide paths beneath.

14 Unless those paths are widened to
15 relieve the severe overcrowding, 600 users per hour
16 and on track to double by 2024, the sole bike-able
17 connector between North Jersey and New York City will
18 become a bottleneck on the growth of cycling
19 throughout the region.

20 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Just slow down. I
21 know you're trying to get all your information in,
22 but just slow down a little bit so that Kim can keep
23 up, please. When she starts hiking up in her chair,
24 I know that she's struggling.

25 (Laughter.)

1 MR. WEISSMAN: All right.

2 The benefits to the region include:

3 Enhancement opportunities for residents
4 to exercise and recreate

5 Sustainability and resilience

6 Competitiveness and the regional
7 economy, and even to the region's property tax base.

8 Tonight I will touch on two of those
9 benefits.

10 Active transportation added half a
11 billion dollars to New Jersey's economy in 2011, or
12 \$56 per resident. That's \$51 million a year to
13 Bergen per capita. Likely more, given the steady
14 stream of cyclists coming from New York City.

15 This directly benefits Bergen eateries
16 and bicycle shops, a dozen of whom already support
17 the GWB's widening.

18 By 2018, the bike path on the new
19 Tappan Zee will open, creating a 44-mile loop through
20 Rockland, Westchester, and back over the GWB. This
21 will further increase benefits, if the GWB is widened
22 to expand capacity.

23 If the trans-Hudson tunnels, already
24 100-years-old and salt damaged by Superstorm Sandy,
25 need to be taken offline before new tunnels can be

1 built, which I think is going to be 2030 at the
2 earliest, service will be reduced by 75 percent for
3 years at a time, with knock-on effects up and down
4 the Northeast Corridor and throughout the region.

5 But robust paths on the GWB could
6 support thousands of commuters per hour, freeing up
7 train seats for others, just like bike traffic across
8 New York City's East River bridges surged from 13,000
9 a day to 30,000 after Sandy.

10 A bike commute from Fort Lee to the
11 World Trade Center is 68 minutes.

12 110 bike clubs, shops, government
13 agencies, and elected officials are in support,
14 including the Executives of Rockland, Orange, and
15 Dutchess counties, and Hudson Valley Tourism, three
16 community boards in Manhattan and the Bronx, and
17 about a half dozen elected officials, Assemblywoman
18 Huttler, and 11 members of Congress, including
19 Pascrell.

20 I believe Bergen has a lot to gain or
21 lose, depending on what the Port Authority decides to
22 do. I respectfully request that it add its voice to
23 those already in support.

24 Thank you.

25 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

1 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Mr. Chairman, if I
2 could just for a moment.

3 I'm an avid cyclist myself, and I
4 toured many times to Coney Island from New Jersey, I
5 cycle up to Nyack, and a lot of the riders come over
6 the bridge. And I think it's a great idea for
7 economic growth, but also for the environment for
8 people to cycle more. So I look forward into looking
9 more into this and possibly supporting this as well.
10 I think it's a great idea.

11 MR. WEISSMAN: On the bottom of your
12 remarks, there's a link to the site which really
13 deals with this on a regional basis and it addresses
14 the environmental issues.

15 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Are you a cyclist
16 too?

17 MR. WEISSMAN: Yes.

18 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Chairman, I just
19 wanted to suggest you refer that to a committee to
20 study and report.

21 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Okay. I have spoken
22 to Mr. Weissman prior to the meeting and I'm actually
23 in the process of trying to put something together to
24 distribute to the board, but a committee is just as
25 well. We have an avid bike rider sitting right up on

1 the dais, so...

2 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Could I ask one
3 question, Mr. Chairman?

4 Who is Joseph Lertola?

5 MR. WEISSMAN: He's a friend. He's a
6 graphics art. He works for the New York Times. He
7 works privately. He's available, if you need someone
8 to do illustration.

9 FREEHOLDER FELICE: I know, Mr.
10 Chairman, when you ride over the bridge, even though
11 the fence is six feet, it's very awkward because it's
12 very far down.

13 MR. WEISSMAN: Well, it's about
14 44 inches.

15 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Yes.

16 I'm sorry, Mr. Chairman.

17 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

18 Mr. Cronin.

19 MR. CRONIN: Thank you, ladies and
20 gentlemen.

21 Gerry Cronin, Rochelle Park.

22 First of all, I want to apologize for
23 coming before you so many times to speak about an
24 issue, but I think Rochelle Park, this intersection,
25 has been going on for ten years, and just the other

1 day I found out from our township engineer, from Mr.
2 Sheehan, who's an engineer in the department of
3 whatever it is, that this project has been delayed
4 another year.

5 Now, I know government moves slow, but
6 ten years, you got to reset your watch.

7 So that's basically my issue with
8 Rochelle Park is that, you know, nothing's happened
9 in ten years. I don't think I envision anything
10 happening for another year. On who's part, I have no
11 idea, but it's apathetic, really, when I look at the
12 situation and see that a minor correction could be
13 made to the road and nothing has been happening.

14 You wanted to say something,
15 Dr. Novelli?

16 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Why don't you finish
17 first.

18 MR. CRONIN: Okay.

19 The second issue is, I want to thank
20 you for the Irish famine thing that was held
21 approximately two weeks ago. Unfortunately the
22 weather was not too good, I think we had more people
23 in the front of the room than in the back of the
24 room, but it is what it is. Maybe next time there
25 will be more input from both sides that we will have

1 a greater attendance.

2 My final thing is that, as a retired
3 pharmacist who spent almost 40 years in all aspects
4 of pharmacy, spending the last 35, 40 years in
5 industrial pharmacy, you have issues with the
6 compounding of prescriptions.

7 In my entire life, compounding of
8 prescriptions should be virtually a nonexistent
9 entity, and I see that your budget was something like
10 \$8 million. Someone has to have a better control
11 over that.

12 Now, that's all I have to say, but you
13 wanted to say something?

14 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NOVELLI: I'll
15 speak to issues 1 and 3.

16 With issue one, sir, I'm sorry, you
17 said you spoke to the township engineer?

18 MR. CRONIN: Township engineer, Ken
19 Job.

20 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NOVELLI: Did they
21 have engagement with a specific county engineer?

22 MR. CRONIN: Yes, Mr. Sheehan.

23 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NOVELLI: Mr.
24 Sheehan?

25 MR. CRONIN: Right.

1 And the township engineer was told that
2 there would be a delay.

3 When I spoke to you in August, and I
4 outlined --

5 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NOVELLI: Yes,
6 right.

7 MR. CRONIN: -- this thing, I was
8 looking for curbing, and apparently the county is not
9 all attuned to putting in curbing, but if you're
10 going to put in almost 200 feet of curbing, all I
11 wanted was to go down the entire length of the
12 street, which would be another maybe quarter of a
13 mile.

14 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NOVELLI: A
15 quarter of a mile, right, I remember that. Okay.

16 MR. CRONIN: Your memory is better than
17 mine.

18 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NOVELLI: Not
19 really, but I know that we did have a very positive
20 meeting, and that's why I want to --

21 MR. CRONIN: August 28, 4:00 in the
22 afternoon.

23 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NOVELLI: Holy
24 cow, I give you a lot of credit for that.

25 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: That's the Irish

1 in him.

2 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NOVELLI: I'll
3 circle back and check to see what the reason was that
4 was provided.

5 MR. CRONIN: Okay.

6 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NOVELLI: And just
7 one comment on the compounds.

8 From the administration's perspective,
9 it was really a no-brainer. When we're seeing a
10 trend where we spent \$3.8 million last year and we
11 were trending this year towards north of \$11 million,
12 and that was money that was not budgeted, that's
13 extremely troubling, because in the end, I know
14 people don't want to hear it, but in order for our
15 Treasurer to put a budget together with those types
16 of numbers, it means the elimination of jobs and
17 services.

18 MR. CRONIN: Compounding of
19 prescriptions in today's medical and pharmaceutical
20 environment should be an extremely rare entity.

21 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: It's not.

22 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NOVELLI: I
23 appreciate hearing that from somebody who has been a
24 professional for four decades, and I appreciate you
25 sharing that information.

1 MR. CRONIN: Right. And please accept
2 my apologies for taking your time this past year.

3 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: No.

4 MR. CRONIN: Believe it or not, I
5 enjoyed it. Thank you very much.

6 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Come back anytime.

7 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NOVELLI: Thank
8 you, sir.

9 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Salvatore
10 DeAlessandro.

11 MR. DeALESSANDRO: First of all, Mr.
12 Chairman, Freeholders, I'd like to speak tonight
13 about the east and west tidal gates.

14 The east tidal gate located on Starke
15 Road in Carlstadt, and the west tidal gate located on
16 Purcell Court in Moonachie.

17 These both tidal gates are the backbone
18 of the drainage system in the towns of Moonachie,
19 Little Ferry, Carlstadt, Teterboro, South Hackensack,
20 and, of course, Moonachie.

21 I belong to a citizens advisory group,
22 which was part of Rebuilt by Design. I'm sure you
23 are all aware of the program. It was awarded
24 \$200 million. This money is to go to various
25 projects throughout the towns to alleviate flooding.

1 I don't have to mention the word "Sandy." It was
2 devastating to these towns. We also have various
3 other problems with drainage.

4 My concern is that we're going to spend
5 \$200 million of federal monies we have in New Jersey
6 DEP involved in this project. We also have various
7 other groups. My concern is, we have replaced the
8 west riser tidal gate approximately three years ago
9 at the cost of approximately \$2.1 million.

10 The problem here is that this tidal
11 gate has lacked maintenance, and, I have to say,
12 practically from day one, since it was put in.

13 The problem that it is causing, the
14 water is not able to be released from the incoming
15 end out to Berry's Creek.

16 I have a couple of photographs here
17 with me of the debris that's in front of the screens
18 of this tidal gate.

19 When it was put in by the Meadowlands
20 Authority, which is now the New Jersey Sports
21 Authority, and the Port Authority New York and New
22 Jersey, correct me if I'm wrong, I believe the
23 maintenance of these screens was left up to Bergen
24 County for maintenance.

25 I'm here this evening to find out --

1 MR. SAMOUILIDIS: Three minutes have
2 elapsed.

3 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Please wrap it up,
4 if you don't mind.

5 MR. DeALESSANDRO: I'm sorry?

6 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Your time has
7 expired, so if you can just wrap it up, and then the
8 Administrator and myself will comment.

9 MR. DeALESSANDRO: I'm trying to find
10 out if Bergen County is responsible for it, and who
11 can I contact in order to get this maintenance and
12 these screens properly cleaned.

13 Thank you very much for your time.

14 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Mr. DeAlessandro, my
15 aide will give you a card, I'll be in contact with
16 you to give you whatever information we find out.
17 We'll get you that answer hopefully tomorrow or
18 Friday as to who is responsible for cleanup, and
19 we'll make sure somebody gets down there.

20 MR. DeALESSANDRO: Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Judith Evashko.

22 MS. EVASHKO: First, I want to thank
23 you for giving me an opportunity to speak here
24 tonight.

25 I am homeless, as is my son, Greg, who

1 suffers the effects of Marfan syndrome. We are both
2 longtime Bergen County residents. We are among the
3 many homeless overlooked during the Point in Time
4 head count, as we've been sofa surfing since August
5 of 2013.

6 Lori Stratton of United Way and her
7 manager deemed to our situation extenuating
8 circumstances and offered financial aid in the amount
9 of \$1,000, as did the Center for Food Action and
10 Bergen Community Action Program through the first and
11 last month's rent and security, if I could prove that
12 I could sustain an apartment thereafter.

13 We were then placed 30th on a waiting
14 list. Unfortunately, I've not been able to achieve
15 my goal of sustainability.

16 In 2013, Greg was approved by a judge
17 for Social Security SSI. But the ruling was
18 overturned by a directive of the Social Security
19 office.

20 It is well documented by Marfan
21 Foundation and presented to Congress that the Social
22 Security list of impairments falls short of
23 addressing the true debilitating residual effects of
24 this condition.

25 We now await a judge's ruling on a

1 March 4, 2016 appeal.

2 We applied to the Personal Preference
3 program as well, which allows a Medicaid patient such
4 as Greg to have a family member act as the caregiver,
5 paid by Medicaid, at \$10 an hour.

6 After months of waiting, my follow-up
7 call resulted in being informed that this group had
8 no record of our application and we had to try again.

9 Income from SSI and/or personal
10 preference would allow me to prove sustainability in
11 rent payments.

12 A detailed letter written by me was
13 received at the office of the Bergen County Executive
14 James Tedesco this week, and I received a phone
15 message today from Lynn Bartlett, the director of
16 Bergen County Housing.

17 We were never placed on a set aside
18 list for senior status or disabled in 2007, when I
19 applied.

20 In a matter of weeks, I must find a
21 place to house my son and I. The owners of the house
22 we are temporarily staying at are moving out of
23 state.

24 At the closing of an Interagency
25 Council on Homeless meeting headed by Governor

1 Christie and then Commissioner Velez stated "Without
2 a place to call home, it is incredibly difficult to
3 secure and retain a job or nuture a family. Safe,
4 permanent housing truly is a key factor in helping
5 obtain self-sufficiency."

6 If there are any avenues I've not
7 approached, I would appreciate meeting with a
8 Freeholder for further advice and direction in that
9 regard. Extended stay motels and hotels seem to be
10 the only option at this critical time.

11 Thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

13 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: I'm going to have
14 my aide give you my card, and we'll circle back and
15 I'll touch base with Lynn Bartlett as well and see
16 what's being currently explored.

17 MS. EVASHKO: Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Christy Degeorgis.

19 MS. DEGEORGIS: So, I'm just here
20 following up. Last time I was here, I was asking for
21 an ordinance to ban the retail sale of puppies.

22 And from you guys I heard, well, we're
23 very animal friendly, but why should we pass this
24 when the state is going to be passing legislation?

25 That's what you said, Chairman Tanelli.

1 You said, "We're very animal friendly, no reason to
2 pass ceremonial legislation when the state will pass
3 a retail pet sale ban."

4 I asked Sen. Raymond Lesniak. I said,
5 "Senator, do you think New Jersey counties should
6 continue to pass bans on the retail sale of pets or
7 wait for your legislation to pass?"

8 He said, "Move forward. It will help
9 get my statewide ban passed and signed into law."

10 Okay. So, don't use that as an excuse.

11 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Okay. I'm going to
12 stop you for one second. I have been in
13 communication with our counsel, and our counsel is
14 looking into drafting an ordinance, just so you know,
15 so you can settle down. We're working on an
16 ordinance.

17 MS. DEGEORGIS: So you are working on
18 an ordinance?

19 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: When you left, I
20 consulted with the counsel, and the counsel is
21 looking into it. So hopefully we'll have something.
22 He's away, so he can't address it tonight. Counsel
23 is away on vacation. So at our next Freeholder
24 meeting, we should have an answer for you as to where
25 we're going.

1 MS. DEGEORGIS: Okay. And who is the
2 Freeholder Counsel?

3 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Mr. Florio.

4 MS. DEGEORGIS: Mr. Florio. He's
5 formerly known as Mr. Florio.

6 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: He's not here
7 tonight, this gentleman is an associate.

8 MS. DEGEORGIS: Okay. And I sent a
9 follow-up, I heard nothing. I sent a follow-up email
10 to those of you, like Mrs. Voss, and I sent one to
11 John and also to Tracy, I sent an email to the three
12 of you, but I got nothing in response, so I'm just
13 going to read my email now.

14 "Thank you for the opportunity to speak
15 on behalf of the dogs and puppy mills who have no
16 voice.

17 "In 1944, Time magazine got away with
18 calling puppy mills concentration camps for dogs,
19 little has changed.

20 "The pet industry is one of the most
21 secretive industries in the U.S. Everyday in Bergen
22 County, residents who purchase puppies in pet stores
23 are unknowingly buying cruelty. We are saying it's
24 okay for dogs to suffer in horrible conditions in
25 USDA breeding facilities in Iowa, Lancaster County,

1 Pennsylvania, and Missouri."

2 That's where these dogs that are being
3 sold in New Jersey stores are coming from.

4 The man from Just Pups Paramus, he owns
5 a mill in Missouri. There's nothing to stop him from
6 opening a new store anywhere in Bergen County. He
7 has that right now. We cannot wait for state
8 legislation, that may or may not pass. We must act
9 now.

10 And I would like to set up a meeting.
11 I got no response, when I emailed. I'd like to set
12 up a meeting with you. We can speak about this issue
13 in detail, and I can address some of the questions
14 you must have, such as, how will residents be able to
15 buy a pure bred puppy.

16 Of course, if residents want to buy a
17 pure bred puppy they have that right and they
18 certainly can do that, and I can tell you how.

19 How will pet stores that are already
20 operating be able to stay in business?

21 There are --

22 MR. SAMOUILIDIS: Your time has
23 expired.

24 MS. DEGEORGIS -- answers to that.

25 Would anyone be willing to meet with

1 me? I could possibly get someone from the Humane
2 Society to come.

3 Did you guys ever get my emails?

4 FREEHOLDER VOSS: I don't think I got
5 it.

6 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Well, I'd be
7 happy to meet with you.

8 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Yes.

9 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Well, please,
10 Maura.

11 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: I think a lot of
12 us would be happy to meet with you, so I would defer
13 to the Chairman.

14 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: I think what we'll
15 do is I'll put together a committee, because then the
16 committee could also work on whatever ordinance they
17 feel might be adequate for us to pass.

18 So we'll get you cards before you
19 leave.

20 MS. DEGEORGIS: Okay. Thank you very
21 much.

22 FREEHOLDER FELICE: You know, Mr.
23 Chairman, if I may.

24 There were some folks that came up
25 regarding the issues with circuses and circus animals

1 and exotic animals and wild animals, and they met
2 with us each individually. There's been issues of
3 people about the pipeline for and against have met
4 with us, that's our job. So I'm sure each of the
5 aides could give respective contact information.

6 MS. DEGEORGIS: Only the people who are
7 animal friendly and would like to be involved.

8 FREEHOLDER VOSS: I have five cats.

9 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All right. So what
10 we'll do, like I said, we'll put together a committee
11 of Freeholders.

12 MS. DEGEORGIS: That would be
13 interesting, yes, and it would be historic.

14 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Great. Thank you
15 very much.

16 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Thank you.

17 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Thank you.

18 FREEHOLDER VOSS: I'll do it.

19 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: I'll do it.

20 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Can I bring my cat
21 for a play date?

22 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All right, we'll
23 discuss that.

24 Mr. Nickels, you're up.

25 MR. NICKELS: No thank you, I'll skip.

1 I'm tired. I figure you guys want to go home.

2 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: We look forward to
3 it.

4 Mr. Bienstock.

5 MR. BIENSTOCK: Good evening. Claude
6 Bienstock, Fair Lawn.

7 I know I'm repetitious, but I want to
8 see more progress being done to restore the Williams
9 Center in Rutherford. I don't want the problem
10 ignored. I feel the Freeholders can look into it
11 more.

12 I'm a supporter of the cultural arts,
13 especially show business. And I think having the
14 Williams Center back in operation as soon as possible
15 will restore concerts, and it will be a place where
16 they could have conferences and seminars on the arts,
17 and people can meet with the artist, it could be
18 poets, it could be rock and roll shows, it could be
19 classical music, it could be movie stars, it could be
20 television stars, TV, radio stars, entertainers,
21 one-man concert, one-women concert, whatever you want
22 to have there, choruses, and I think the Freeholders
23 can do more.

24 I know I'm very repetitious, but I
25 believe strongly in restoration of cultural arts,

1 and, you know, I'm not waiting for the media and the
2 press to do something about it. I think the more I
3 speak out about it, the more something will happen.
4 And thanks for listening. I don't want to bore you
5 with all the details about it. I'm not an
6 engineering expert. I can't fix the building myself.
7 I don't have the money to restore the operation.
8 It's going to take a lot, a lot of money, which I
9 don't have. Please do something about it, as quickly
10 as possible, because I think the public really
11 believes in what I'm saying, and I want to see some
12 action and action now.

13 Thank you for listening to me. I'm
14 glad I had the opportunity to speak before you about
15 this issue. Thank you very much.

16 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

17 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NOVELLI: Thank
18 you.

19 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Mr. Bienstock, I
20 just want to let now that the County Executive had a
21 meeting with all the parties involved.

22 MR. BIENSTOCK: Good.

23 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The report has been
24 released with a dollar figure that would have been
25 able to make the building at least accessible to get

1 in and maybe renovate it. It's way out of the
2 county's price range to actually go it alone, so the
3 County Executive met with all the interested parties,
4 whether it was the board, the town of Rutherford
5 governing body, for them to try and figure out the
6 next steps.

7 So the county right now has discussed
8 options with the town. We're waiting for feedback
9 from the town of Rutherford as to whether it's going
10 to be part of the redevelopment plan.

11 So options are out there, but the
12 governing body and the County Executive are now
13 waiting for responses from the Township of
14 Rutherford.

15 MR. BIENSTOCK: Thank you very much. I
16 appreciate it.

17 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: You're welcome.

18 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Mr. Chairman, if
19 I could just follow-up?

20 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Sure.

21 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Could we all get
22 a copy of that report?

23 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Sure.

24 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Okay.

25 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Right?

1 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NOVELLI:

2 Absolutely.

3 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: I requested it a
4 number of times.

5 Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Okay. Mr. Dunsay.

7 MR. DUNSAY: Good evening.

8 First off, I photocopied the first few
9 pages of the booklet they gave out at the Together
10 North Jersey conference that was at Rutgers a couple
11 of weeks ago.

12 I brought it for the County
13 Administrator. Sorry for the handwritten notes, I
14 didn't expect to have to share it.

15 You'll see the map in the first couple
16 pages has Bergen County highlighted as part of the
17 area they're looking at.

18 But today mostly I wanted to ask about
19 the pay-to-play regulations. I remember there was
20 some fanfare several months ago, when the county
21 passed new regulations preventing pay-to-play
22 situations, and I think you appointed someone in
23 charge of investigating things like that. I was
24 wondering: How does a private citizen bring a
25 situation to the attention of the county, when he

1 thinks there was some inappropriate actions by an
2 elected official?

3 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: I don't know.

4 MR. DUNSAY: That's it.

5 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Can I?

6 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Sure, Freeholder.

7 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: First of all, the
8 ordinance that we passed regarding pay-to-play was
9 two and a half years ago, and we significantly
10 strengthened the regulations to make sure we were
11 keeping the influence of money out of governing.

12 Additionally, we appointed an Inspector
13 General who is in charge with making sure and
14 supervising, to make sure that that ordinance is
15 being followed.

16 So I'm not sure I understand what your
17 question is. If you want to speak to me offline, I'm
18 happy to talk to you and maybe perhaps guide you in
19 the right direction.

20 MR. DUNSAY: Okay. Can I get your
21 card?

22 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Yes.

23 MR. DUNSAY: Thanks.

24 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Mr. Lacey.

25 MR. LACEY: My question is: Will there

1 be anyone assigned to the Mental Health Law Project
2 since they say they're very low on attorneys?

3 They claim they're missing an attorney,
4 they're very low, and they can't somebody that needs
5 help because they don't have enough attorneys to take
6 on the cases.

7 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NOVELLI: To the
8 extent that I can speak, there is a gentleman, one of
9 our attorneys, which would give us a full complement
10 of attorneys, is currently out on sick leave. That's
11 to the extent I really want to mention that. But
12 upon his return, and he's slated to return, we would
13 have a full complement of attorneys once again.

14 So, I understand with that one
15 attorney, you know, that we're losing the ability at
16 this current time to be able to handle that caseload
17 that he would normally handle, but he is due to
18 return.

19 MR. LACEY: Oh, okay. I was under the
20 understanding that he either quit or retired and
21 nobody has been put into place, and they said they
22 need help. I work right here in the heart of town.
23 I work with a lot of people that need help, and
24 they're telling me that they can't get no help and
25 nobody will talk to them.

1 So, I mean, you know, they're telling
2 them we can't see you because we're short. So I can
3 tell that somebody will be back shortly?

4 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NOVELLI:
5 Absolutely.

6 And I can reassure you that the Mental
7 Health Law Project remains one of our top priorities,
8 and it's a very, very important program, has been for
9 many, many years. And we've always had a full
10 complement of attorneys there. We still do, but
11 there is an attorney that is out on sick leave, and
12 we expect him to return and to pick up his duties
13 once again.

14 MR. LACEY: I thank you very much for
15 your time.

16 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Freeholder Zur.

17 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: If there are any
18 individuals who are having specific problems that
19 they're not being addressed, they could feel free to
20 bring them to the attention of this Board,
21 specifically to me, and I'll be happy to look into
22 the cases to see what we can do to expedite their
23 experience.

24 MR. LACEY: Thank you.

25 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Salvatore Moretti.

1 MR. MORETTI: Salvatore Moretti,
2 Paramus, New Jersey, Alpine Drive.

3 I spoke a while back with regard to
4 form and content and egalitarian analysis of
5 philosophical issues.

6 When I was in high school at the
7 Englewood School, I put forth a screenplay,
8 "Forbidden Planet," which was based upon the use of
9 atomic energy by the Krells (phonetic).

10 I felt that that would have some impact
11 with regard to the nature of the center of the earth
12 and other planetary bodies possessing atomic
13 reactions, and, in fact, atomic reactions were rife
14 throughout the universe.

15 I visited Cecil B. DeMille in
16 Hollywood. I appeared in "Trapeze" with Burt
17 Lancaster, and so forth.

18 When I was in Rome with Ezra Pound, I
19 had some access to the Vatican library in 1942, and
20 certainly I would have been concerned with the nature
21 of biblical research, theological research, and the
22 interrelationship between the Central European powers
23 and the split between the Angelical Church and Rome.

24 Of course, at that time $E=mc^2$ was a
25 common physical formula for c , the speed of light,

1 which is a large number squared times a mass,
2 producing a large amount of energy, which is I
3 believe rather facetious. I think they split between
4 Sparta and Athens, simply continued into the split
5 between the continental Europe and England, and, of
6 course, the British set forth the nature of the
7 geological history as being 5 billion years as
8 opposed to 5,000.

9 So I note that as a possible base for
10 the conflict between science and the arts.

11 Thank you.

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

14 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NOVELLI: Thank
15 you, sir.

16 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: If there is no one
17 else wishing to speak, may I have a motion to close
18 the meeting to the public?

19 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

20 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

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

24 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Opposed?

25 (No response.)

1 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Resolutions on
2 Nonconsent is: #547-16, Open Space Trust Fund -
3 Grant Award Recommendations.

4 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: May I have a motion
5 to introduce?

6 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: So moved.

7 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Second.

8 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Any discussion?

9 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Chairman, would you
10 accept some discussion on that and the resolution, I
11 believe it's #554?

12 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Yes.

13 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Just on open space in
14 general, I think it's important to note that this
15 Board is utilizing not only the Open Space Trust Fund
16 to fund projects, but when those projects are
17 completed, we are repurposing any funds that are left
18 over.

19 This really, in essence, gives you
20 double the amount of use. And what's important is
21 that a town like Fair Lawn is able to fund the
22 county's Garretson Forge & Farm, the Nagel House, and
23 other items throughout that are all listed in the
24 resolution itself.

25 I'm very proud to participate in this,

1 and I hope that later this year we can formulate a
2 policy to make a determination whether the Board will
3 back increasing the trust funds.

4 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you,
5 Freeholder.

6 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Thank you.

7 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Anyone else?

8 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Yes, Mr.
9 Chairman.

10 I just wanted to mention a couple of
11 things in the Open Space.

12 I grew up in Bergenfield, my hometown.
13 The Cooper's Pond there, they're going to receive a
14 \$15,000 grant.

15 Anyone who lived in Bergenfield knows
16 that really is a landmark of Bergenfield. I'm happy
17 that we're able to do that, as well as the lighting
18 at Bergenfield's Memorial Field.

19 If you grew up in Bergenfield, again,
20 that was the place everything happened, Memorial
21 Field. And we're going to increase recreation in
22 that field, which is just fabulous, it's a great
23 place to be.

24 And in my current hometown of Montvale,
25 we will continue to fund some open space for Huff

1 Park, which is a park that was donated years ago to
2 the borough, and I'm glad to see we're getting some
3 open space there as well, so thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

5 I was going to wait for my report, but
6 I just want to comment on this as well.

7 The two Freeholders identified a couple
8 of specific projects, but I just want everyone to
9 know that open space pretty much goes from Mahwah to
10 North Arlington. Every community that sends in an
11 application and the application meets the
12 specifications usually gets something out of the Open
13 Space Trust Fund, whether it's to recondition a
14 passive park or recondition tennis courts.

15 Bergen County is very proud of our open
16 space and our parkland. We try to encourage our
17 municipalities to keep as much open space as possible
18 and as much recreation and quality of life things
19 available to our residents.

20 So we are all sitting up here. We are
21 all very proud of what Open Space does for Bergen
22 County, including acquiring properties, flood
23 properties with Blue Acres money is a whole other
24 portion of the open space.

25 So when we vote on these things, it's

1 an opportunity for communities to recondition things
2 that have been neglected or abused for years.

3 So can you please call the roll.

4 (At this point in the proceeding roll
5 call is taken and Resolution #547-16 is passed by a
6 unanimous vote.)

7 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Are any resolutions
8 pulled?

9 MS. SCIANCELEPORE: There are.

10 Resolutions #531-16, #539-16, and
11 #543-16 were all pulled today, as per the
12 administration.

13 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

14 COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM FREEHOLDERS:

15 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: We'll now have
16 Freeholder Committee Reports.

17 Freeholder Felice, would you like to go
18 first.

19 FREEHOLDER FELICE: I would love to go
20 first. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

21 Last week, we introduced the Bergen
22 County budget for 2016. The passing of it will be, I
23 believe, June 15th, if I'm not mistaken.

24 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NOVELLI: Yes.

25 FREEHOLDER FELICE: One month from when

1 we introduced it.

2 It was a lot of work. I want to thank
3 again all my colleagues for their attendance, their
4 questions, their constructive criticism. I believe
5 it was a very collaborative process. I tried to make
6 it as transparent as possible. It was more
7 accelerated than it was the year before. Last year
8 it was six days, six hearings, this year it was five
9 days and consecutively.

10 I want to thank all my staff to be
11 there on time and to do what they needed to do. And
12 I think there's some back and forth with some of the
13 Freeholders in submitting questions and so forth, and
14 I've submitted that information appropriately to the
15 administration for answers.

16 So, again, thank you, my colleagues and
17 the entire staff, for all their hard efforts and I
18 kind of miss Joe Luppino, seeing him every morning at
19 8:00 a.m. But I did call him this morning at
20 eight -- no, only kidding.

21 And I want to speak just briefly about
22 the Bergen Regional Medical Task Force report that
23 was submitted on April 27th to the public.

24 And here, again, this is a road map and
25 this is a broad brush approach to the vision of that

1 committee that I was proud to serve on. I look
2 forward to the appropriate entities responding to the
3 RFI and RFQ, Requests For Information and Requests
4 For Information or Proposal, and, here again, I am
5 very proud to have served on that board, and I
6 believe no stone was not overturned. And it was, I
7 think, a very give and take in positions of various
8 viewpoints that were presented. So I look forward to
9 the next step, and that's the responses that come
10 back, and the final selection and the implementation
11 of that.

12 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

13 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you,
14 Freeholder.

15 Freeholder Sullivan.

16 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Thank you, Mr.
17 Chairman.

18 Speaking of budgets, the first thing I
19 want to do is thank in public John Felice, the Budget
20 Chairman. He did a thorough job, a great job. He
21 got me out of bed early, which I didn't appreciate,
22 but that's okay. And through his efforts and that of
23 the entire Freeholder Board, we were able to cut over
24 \$700,000 from the proposed budget. And I think
25 that's wonderful, and it as very responsible budget.

1 We had some built-in costs that we had
2 to address, and they were addressed, but the budget
3 process was typical Chairman Pro Tempore Felice, a
4 bipartisan effort. We went through it line-by-line
5 and everyone had a say. I couldn't think of a better
6 way to do it, and I couldn't think of a better guy to
7 have as a Chair. So thank you, John.

8 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Thank you,
9 Freeholder.

10 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: On Friday, I
11 attended the Habitat for Humanity in Bergenfield.
12 It's always nice to go home. It was really nice, it
13 was a rainy day, we had a lot of volunteers, they all
14 came out to support the Habitat for Humanity. That's
15 where you build the house for first-time homeowners,
16 and it was a great thing to see, the homeowner was
17 there. A lot of the Women in Politics was there to
18 show their support. And all the volunteers on that
19 day were women slinging hammers and doing whatever it
20 took to build a house. And it was great to see the
21 women getting involved in equal pay for an equal job,
22 right, I'm a firm believer in that. So I want to say
23 thank you to everyone who came out on that day.

24 Assemblywoman Huttler was there,
25 Assemblywoman Caride was there, along with the

1 Bergenfield mayor, who's not a women, but he was
2 there. But there was a lot of people there, and it
3 was really well attended, and it was nice to talk
4 about women in the workplace.

5 And they did chide me about my three
6 girls, they wanted them to sling a hammer, but
7 they're too young.

8 I also attended the Hills/Valley
9 Coalition on Mental Health. They had a resource fair
10 at Pascack Hills High School, which is in Montvale.

11 The coalition brought together law
12 enforcement, health professionals, the school
13 faculty. All of them coordinated to help the
14 students learn about the importance of maintaining
15 mental health.

16 That's something I'm a firm believer,
17 as are many of my colleagues on the board. We
18 realize now with mental health, it needs to be
19 addressed, and we continue address it in our budget
20 and we continue to fight the fight.

21 I will continue as a Freeholder for as
22 long as I'm a Freeholder to fight that, to continue
23 that effort. I want to say thank you to the
24 coalition who did a wonderful job, there was plenty
25 of tables set up and they spoke to the parents in the

1 auditorium and gave a great education, which we all
2 know education is the key to everything, so I want to
3 say thank you for that.

4 Tonight we passed a resolution,
5 #540-16, which authorizing Bergen County Community
6 Transportation to accept an \$80,000 grant from New
7 Jersey Transit for the Job Access Reverse Commute, a
8 program known as JARC.

9 This program helps seniors and disabled
10 residents to get around Bergen County, and assists
11 with transportation to and from medical appointments.
12 Also to their employment and to and from senior
13 centers. So it's a great program, and we need to
14 take care of all of our seniors.

15 Also, I attended the other day, I want
16 to thank Caesars Foundation, Meals on Wheels. I
17 attended the press conference and the donation of a
18 vehicle for the Bergen County use for Meals on
19 Wheels. The vehicle will be able to strengthen our
20 ability to provide the residents who participate in
21 the program food and other supplies they need to live
22 independently and age in place.

23 The gift meant a lot, and our Bergen
24 County residents deserve it.

25 I've heard my colleague, Freeholder

1 Voss, say numerous times, sometimes the people that
2 get the Meals on Wheels, this is their only
3 interaction with some people, and it's really, really
4 important and they look forward to it. And it's just
5 a wonderful service. And thank you to Caesars for
6 stepping up and donating a van. I found out that day
7 that was the 57th van that they donated for Meals on
8 Wheels. Fantastic.

9 So if you go to Atlantic City, support
10 Caesars.

11 (Laughter.)

12 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Thank you very
13 much, Chairman.

14 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.
15 Freeholder Voss.

16 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Thank you, Chairman.

17 I also want to commend our Chairman Pro
18 Tempore on what he has done for the budget.

19 Two years in a row, John, you did a
20 fantastic job. When you first said we were going to
21 do this in six days, I said that has never happened,
22 I've worked on so many budget, but you pulled it off
23 last year, and again this year even better than it
24 was last year.

25 I think we have a very good budget,

1 which everyone participated in, and I think that it
2 will be for the benefit of the county that all of the
3 things that we have in place will be passed.

4 May is the month in which the State of
5 Israel was founded, 68 years ago, so we had a few
6 programs here at the county. One of them was
7 Holocaust Remembrance. And in this room we had the
8 members of actually I think 1 or 2 actually survivors
9 of the Holocaust and then children of Holocaust
10 survivors and they told us about the stories. It's
11 one of the things we should never, never, never
12 forget, the death of 6 million people.

13 And then here at the county, and Tracy
14 Zur did a wonderful job as mistress of ceremonies, we
15 had a program, it was actually celebrating two
16 things, a Day of Remembrance for all the people who
17 have sacrificed their lives to have the state of
18 Israel survive, and, of course, the commemoration of
19 the 68th anniversary of Israel.

20 In going along with that, one of my
21 best friends is a fantastic artist, and I know you
22 can't see this, but she's a photographer, and one of
23 the things that she did was to write a book and take
24 pictures of people in Eastern Europe who survived the
25 Holocaust and are still alive today but they're in

1 dire poverty.

2 She did a series of photographs which
3 she has donated to the Jewish Home up in Rockleigh.
4 I went up there to see this last Sunday, and the
5 exhibition is very, very worthwhile.

6 This is a woman in Eastern Europe and
7 she's holding a picture of her husband who died.
8 And, again, we can't forget those who are less
9 fortunate, and we certainly can't forget those who
10 have suffered unspeakable atrocities in their lives.

11 We have a very wonderful lady right
12 now, her name is Cynthia Forster, who is the
13 historical and cultural director here at Bergen
14 County.

15 People don't realize the wonderful,
16 wonderful history of Bergen County. Our name goes
17 back to the 1600s, when Dutch settlers came here, and
18 we have so many historic places.

19 I live in Fort Lee, and that certainly
20 is a place that you should all visit. We do historic
21 tours. Because that's where Thomas Paine wrote his
22 "These are the times that try men's souls," because
23 we had a fort there. And every year we have in
24 November Retreat to Victory, which is rediscovering
25 all of the places that Washington and his men went as

1 they tried to win our American Revolution. And it's
2 very inspiring.

3 And, as I said, Cynthia has done a
4 marvelous job, and so many people who have restored
5 historic homes or have done things like the Retreat
6 for Victory were honored for the things they do.

7 I think high-rises are fine, but don't
8 knock down the history and replace it with modern
9 buildings, because a little bit of both is the best
10 thing, ying and yang, and balance, and everything.

11 I have to say that I look forward to
12 May 26th, that's a Thursday, a week from tomorrow,
13 and we're going to have the Asian and Pacific island
14 Heritage observance. We're going to have a really
15 wonderful program here, the Filipinos, the Indians,
16 the Koreans, the Chinese, they're going to do
17 performances. We're going to have a guest speaker.

18 Bergen County is amazing, because we
19 have more ethnic groups, more religions, more
20 everything, we are the personification of what
21 America is all about, because everybody here is
22 represented, everybody has a voice.

23 So if you have a chance next Thursday
24 at 5:30, come and see, we'll have some beautiful
25 performances and food. So that's always a little

1 incentive.

2 We're going to have Filipino food.
3 We're going to have Korean food. So it should be a
4 lovely evening.

5 I also want to echo what my colleague
6 here had talked about, the Meals on Wheels program.

7 This is so vitally important. And, as
8 Tom said, sometimes the people who deliver the meals
9 are the only people that some of our clients see.

10 There's another thing. Maybe when you
11 go downstairs, you'll see bins. And these bins are
12 to collect adult products, because many, many people
13 suffer from incontinence. It shouldn't be a secret,
14 but many people living on fixed incomes cannot afford
15 these products. They're very expensive, actually.
16 And if you're living on Social Security, it's almost
17 impossible. So we're donating products. And our
18 people on Meals on Wheels deliver those products to
19 people who are in need of them, and so that's another
20 service that we perform here at the county level.

21 We're always looking out for people,
22 and this is also Older American Month. So think
23 about the Meals on Wheels and think about the
24 incontinence.

25 Tomorrow at 5:30 at Overpeck Park

1 there's going to be the Moving Wall for military
2 appreciation. We can't forget all of the people who
3 have sacrificed for this country, and we have to
4 appreciate our veterans, and we have to appreciate
5 the guys and gals who are serving in the military
6 today, and so please, if you have a chance, 5:30
7 tomorrow at Overpeck.

8 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

9 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

10 Freeholder Ganz.

11 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Thank you, Chairman.

12 I have a couple of comments this
13 evening.

14 First, to compliment John Felice on an
15 outstanding job on the budget.

16 I do want to complain about the 8:00 in
17 the morning hour.

18 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Next year you can
19 make it later.

20 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Actually, I was
21 working out at Kessler for three days, and I have to
22 be there at 8:00 as well. It's fine.

23 I want to point out that we went
24 through the budget line-by-line, and even though some
25 of you think that the smallest item that we looked at

1 was 500 or \$1,000, it actually turns out to be \$0.29,
2 which is the cost the Prosecutor told me that a
3 bullet that is used in training costs.

4 And this becomes important because they
5 train and have to qualify twice a year, and then we
6 have remediation costs on top of that. So we're
7 looking at the budget from \$0.29 up to hundreds of
8 thousands of dollars, and I assure you that John
9 Felice pinched the pennies and this Board took the
10 time to make sure that this is the tightest and
11 leanest budget in recent memory.

12 The Open Space Trust that we talked
13 about a little while ago, I'm pleased to see that my
14 hometown of Fair Lawn is receiving three grants, two
15 of which are preservation projects and the other of
16 which is part of the municipal park program.

17 The municipal park program this year
18 has a total of 50 different projects that are being
19 done. The one that we have in Fair Lawn that's most
20 interesting is we are going to have a miniature golf
21 course placed at the site of the old Walsh pool.

22 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Oh, cool!

23 FREEHOLDER GANZ: John Felice, who grew
24 up in Fair Lawn, knows what the old Walsh pool was.
25 My kids used to use it, but in recent years it's

1 fallen into disuse. And the council as well as the
2 mayor closed it down and filled it in, but there's
3 Open Space funding for a miniature golf course that's
4 going to be able to be used by all the people in the
5 county.

6 I remember playing miniature golf at a
7 kid, I always did better at the miniature golf than
8 the big golf course.

9 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Didn't we all?

10 FREEHOLDER GANZ: And I hope that
11 continues to be the case.

12 Meals on Wheels, one of the other
13 components of it, we've talked about how this is a
14 lifeline to the individuals that are there. What I
15 found when I was Fair Lawn's mayor is I used to go
16 out on occasion with drivers, and the drivers knew
17 their clients. And if a client's door was open a
18 small degree, they knew that at this particular house
19 that meant that the person was in and wanted to talk,
20 and another house if they didn't see it, they would
21 call a medical call-in. It's our way of keeping
22 track of our advanced senior citizens, and this is a
23 tremendous service.

24 A couple of years ago in another
25 administration at another time, there was a cutback

1 on people participating in the Meals on Wheels
2 program. There was a long waiting list of thousands
3 of names.

4 I did check today, or, yesterday, and
5 there is no backlog at all on the Meals on Wheels
6 program.

7 Freeholders, job well done.

8 I was up in Mahwah this morning for the
9 Police Memorial Day. And I have to tell you that it
10 was a very, very impressive ceremony.

11 At the end of it, they had a police
12 helicopter fly over very, very low and almost duck
13 your head low, but it was a tremendous tribute to the
14 men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice.
15 And, sadly, Officer Mary Ann Collura, her name was
16 called among them. She was an officer from my
17 hometown of Fair Lawn who was shot by a perpetrator,
18 who then got in her car and rolled over her.

19 That's something that as a human being,
20 not just as an elected official, that I'll never
21 forget. I said after that weekend that I hoped I
22 never heard the bagpipes play again. I've heard them
23 play several times after that, but what's clear from
24 events like this today is that we will never forget
25 brave officers like Mary Ann Collura.

1 I haven't talked about the Bergen
2 Wellness Program in a while, so indulge me for a
3 moment.

4 The Bergen Wellness Program is a
5 discount program that we have. It's country
6 operated. It doesn't cost anything for the card, but
7 if you have a pet who has a medical condition such as
8 diabetes or any of the common illnesses such as
9 amoxicillin that can be made by a pharmacist into
10 something for your pet, which would be tuna flavored
11 amoxicillin, this is a great card, a great program,
12 and you save 20 percent on pet prescriptions to boot.

13 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: That may be a
14 compound prescription.

15 (Laughter.)

16 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All the more reason
17 to use the Bergen Wellness card.

18 FREEHOLDER GANZ: All the more reason
19 to use the Bergen Wellness card, as my straight man
20 continues to feed lines to me.

21 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Thank you,
22 Mr. Abbott.

23 FREEHOLDER GANZ: What is particularly
24 good about this is the card costs nothing, you can
25 print it from the Freeholder website and you can use

1 it in 55,000 pharmacies across the United States.
2 You can also use it for human drugs, and, in the case
3 of some human drugs, the discount goes to almost
4 50 percent. This is tremendous where you have the
5 so-called donut hole, where you don't have coverage
6 and you're going into your pocket for Medicare and
7 Medicaid. It also works particularly well if you
8 don't have a good insurance plan, it saves you money,
9 and I suggested yesterday that the Meals on Wheels
10 include this in the packet that they deliver, and I
11 think that that's going to happen.

12 This program has been around on the
13 county level for more than 12 years, and has saved
14 Bergen County consumers more than \$15 million that
15 they otherwise would have paid. It's absolutely free
16 to get the card and you use what you use.

17 That concludes my report, Mr. Chairman.

18 Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

20 Freeholder DeNicola.

21 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Thank you, Mr.

22 Chairman.

23 I just wanted to add one comment on
24 Open Space. As incredible a program as it is, that
25 the pockets of Bergen County where we find vast open

1 space right now are few, and we really have to
2 support when a municipality that does have such a
3 large block of property wants to preserve it, because
4 once it's gone, it's gone forever.

5 I first want to give a big shout-out to
6 all of our EMS volunteers. Last week was EMS week,
7 and I know a lot of municipalities had awards and all
8 kinds of events to show their appreciation for them.
9 I do at home too, because I know when I have my heart
10 attack in the kitchen, that survival is going to
11 depend on those volunteers that answer the call and
12 address the issues, and they do that every day
13 throughout Bergen County. So it was good to see them
14 get some of the support that they're due.

15 Also last week, we graduated another
16 class of Firefighter I volunteers. 105 volunteers
17 over at the John Grieco auditorium at the Academies'
18 high school right here in Hackensack.

19 He walked across the stage, the Acting
20 Prosecutor was our keynote speaker, and, once again,
21 it was great to see that we just continue to support
22 our municipalities with such an army of volunteerism.
23 They were supported in turn by a lot of their chiefs
24 and officers, who come up on stage to give them their
25 certificate.

1 As Freeholder Ganz said, this morning
2 was the Police Memorial Day ceremony. We thought it
3 was going to rain, but you can see from our faces
4 that the sun was shining very strongly there. It was
5 probably the most well-attended ceremony that I've
6 been to in these past six years, and it's something
7 certainly very dear to me, I'm fond of saying,
8 especially as old as I get and as many things that I
9 do, that what I am most proud of, I've always been
10 and I always will be, and that's a policeman's
11 daughter. And to see all the families there of
12 fallen police officers from Bergen County, Judy Gray
13 from Oakland, who was a teacher for my two youngest
14 children, she comes every year, it was 38 years ago
15 that as a young housewife with two little children,
16 her patrolman husband was assaulted and succumbed to
17 his injuries. So, it's days like this that are so
18 important for family members. We can't forget, and
19 we shouldn't forget. And certainly with what's
20 happening with law enforcement, we need to be there
21 to support those who are on the frontline for us.

22 Disability Services: Access for All
23 continues. We saw Teaneck last night introduce their
24 ordinance. Last week, Maywood passed their
25 resolution, and we have four other towns now that

1 something on the burner for Access for All. So
2 that's going to bring up 27 municipalities across
3 Bergen County. Of course, we want to get all 70
4 towns onboard with this very, very important Advisory
5 Committee representing those citizens with
6 disabilities, the second fastest growing segment of
7 our population, second only to seniors, who we are
8 championing and celebrating this month.

9 We had our annual forum last Saturday,
10 the 14th, in East Rutherford. Freeholder Zur was
11 there and also the Chairman came after I left. We
12 each gave presentations. We're looking forward to
13 the next one. And certainly growing this very, very
14 important initiative. And Bergen County has really
15 been at the forefront of the State of New Jersey in
16 doing this.

17 Following along with that, I also
18 attended the Turning Point award ceremony with
19 Freeholder Zur at Bergen Community College. This is
20 Garden State Pathways to Independence for students
21 with intellectual disabilities program. And we gave
22 awards, actually certificates of achievement from the
23 Department of Continuing Education to 13 students,
24 who worked very hard over the last two years, and it
25 was great to see. Six years in the making, this was

1 our fourth graduating class, and it was tribute not
2 only to Tracy Rand and the Department of Disability
3 Services at Bergen Community College, to the
4 students, of course, and their families, but also to
5 the student mentors, to the job coaches from Bergen
6 County Special Services, who went along with these
7 students on their outside classroom learning, their
8 internships, and preparation for employment after
9 graduation. And tomorrow they'll participate in the
10 full graduation of Bergen Community College at
11 MetLife Stadium, which will be great to see as well.

12 I ran out of the Access for All forum
13 so that I could drive down to McGuire Air Force Base,
14 where my daughter-in-law -- it still feels funny
15 saying that, "daughter-in-law" -- but she had flown
16 in the night before. She's actually a mission
17 commander for an E-2 squadron, and they flew into
18 McGuire to participate in the joint base air show,
19 which takes place on Saturday and Sunday. And when
20 you talk about a show of proud military force, that
21 really was what that air show was all about.

22 I know many of you know that my son is
23 just completing his seventh year of active duty.
24 He's a fighter attack pilot stationed on the East
25 Coast and off somewhere, I'll hear later when he

1 returns, but, so, so important, as was said by this
2 Board before, to support our active military and also
3 our veterans.

4 And that dovetails with a number of
5 other events that took place throughout the county.

6 I'm now a Trustee for the YWCA that's
7 headquartered here in Bergen County. It's about
8 empowering women and eliminating racism. And they
9 celebrated their 95th anniversary nationwide with a
10 gala called "Walking the Talk."

11 While they honored a number of women,
12 including Gina Plotino, who had been the head of the
13 Department of Human Services and ADV, and has
14 continued with her incredible work, and Assemblywoman
15 Valerie Huttler. They also honored a number of men,
16 and among them was A.J. Luna, who is our new head of
17 the Division of Veterans Services. And he really is
18 out there in the community.

19 There are a lot of organizations that I
20 belong to where it's so nice to see the county
21 partner in supporting active duty military, their
22 families, and also veterans. And one of the
23 initiatives he's bringing to us, as Freeholder Voss
24 mentioned, is the movable Vietnam War memorial.

25 This is a memorial that travels

1 throughout the country. It will be here in Overpeck
2 Park from tomorrow until Monday, and anyone can come
3 to visit it until 10:00 p.m. at night. And we are
4 going to open it up with a very special ceremony 5:00
5 tomorrow.

6 I want to say it will be good to see,
7 but it will be very, very moving to see.

8 Anyone who has seen the original in
9 Washington D.C., over 58,000 Americans perished
10 during the Vietnam War. And the memorial also
11 includes the names of women, and there's one Bergen
12 County woman who is on the wall, that's Capt.
13 Eleanor, Alexander who was a 26-year-old nurse from
14 Westwood, and she was killed in a plane crash
15 returning to her evac unit on the frontline.

16 So I hope you'll all take the time and
17 stop over at Overpeck Park, which also is an
18 incredible county facility, but to see this very
19 moving monument and to support those who have served.
20 And certainly at the end of the month will also honor
21 those who served and gave their all.

22 That's the end of my report, Mr.
23 Chairman.

24 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

25 Freeholder Zur.

1 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Thank you, Mr.
2 Chairman.

3 A couple of my committees were very
4 active this week.

5 First of all, on the economic
6 development front, we had a couple major things going
7 on in Bergen County. The first was this Building
8 Bergen event at Bergen Community College, which
9 brought together all of those who are involved in
10 development/redevelopment, and having a real
11 conversation with not only officials of the county
12 but state officials as well, as far as tapping into
13 potential resources, and how we get people back to
14 work, how we repurpose buildings, how we make sure
15 that we enliven our downtowns, how we redevelopment
16 our brownfields, how we get people back to work.

17 Congratulations to Joanne Cimiluca for
18 coordinating it all.

19 We also had a ribbon-cutting at Bergen
20 Community College on the health professions building.
21 This is a state-of-the art building that is going to
22 make accessible to our students at Bergen Community
23 College just the state-of-the-art in education, and
24 not only does that feed into workforce development
25 for the largest sector of our workforce, but it makes

1 sure that we're getting the care that we need in
2 Bergen County. So congratulations to all the Board
3 of Trustees, to Dr. Kaye Walter, and to all of those
4 who were involved in making sure that we now just a
5 tremendous facility in the state-of-the-art at Bergen
6 Community College.

7 I also had the joy of going to Career
8 Day at Memorial Middle School. A little lower on the
9 totem pole as far as career development is concerned,
10 but seeing the lights in some of these kids eyes as
11 they explored different careers and really turning
12 them onto what the world of work could potentially be
13 was really a wonderful joy and it was well put
14 together by all of those at Memorial Middle School.

15 We also had, you know, as others have
16 touched upon, the Access for All event, which where
17 we really brainstormed with all the advocates who are
18 on the front lines regarding how we continue to bring
19 issues that are affecting the disability community to
20 the forefront and how we continue to change the
21 dialogue focusing on individuals' abilities rather
22 than only the disabilities, and incorporating them
23 more broadly into the community. It was a wonderful
24 event at the East Rutherford Community Center.

25 We also had the Mental Health Board

1 meeting with the County Executive. Freeholder
2 DeNicola, Freeholder Tanelli were there as well. And
3 the work that is being done, May is Mental Health
4 Month, it is important for all of us to understand
5 that this county has tremendous services available
6 for those who are in need, and as we are continuing
7 to put an emphasis on Stigma-Free on taking the
8 stigma away from mental illness and making sure that
9 we're providing comprehensive care, both from the
10 Mental Health Law Project on down to so many people
11 on the front lines, it was a wonderful opportunity to
12 continue that discussion and also congratulate those
13 who are working and giving forth their energies in
14 that area.

15 Freeholder Voss touched very eloquently
16 on what we did here at the county, and Freeholder
17 DeNicola also spoke about the turnout at the police
18 memorial. I think one of things that needs to be
19 applauded is those in the county who are doing so
20 much more outreach to make sure that all of the
21 ceremonies that we're doing here and all of the
22 interests that were in disparate pieces of our county
23 are being honored in ways that are appropriate.

24 The flag raising was wonderful, but it
25 is wonderful in general that we are outreaching to

1 the community and making them know what we have
2 available here at the county and that we're honoring
3 the way that they are contributing to our community
4 as a whole.

5 And that's all I have, Mr. Chairman.

6 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you,
7 Freeholder.

8 So, not to repeat what everyone else
9 says, I have a couple of other things on my report.

10 We did have the Great Hunger, one of
11 our people in the audience mentioned, the Great
12 Hunger that we had here. It was pretty unique. The
13 keynote speaker happened to be a former County
14 Executive, Pat Schuber. We also had former County
15 Executive Kathe Donovan in the audience, so it was
16 actually a pretty nice picture that we were able to
17 take a picture with three County Executives out of I
18 think the five that we've had.

19 It was actually unfortunately the
20 weather, they mentioned that the weather was not
21 cooperative, so we had it in these chambers versus
22 outside, where we usually get a much nicer crowd.

23 I attended the Rutherford Library
24 Foundation Gala.

25 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: I spoke about

1 that.

2 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Tom spoke about that
3 very eloquently.

4 This year's Rutherford Library
5 Foundation Gala, I'd like to congratulate this year's
6 honoree, Rutherford resident Sheila Flaherty
7 McPherson.

8 A supporter of the library, Ms.
9 McPherson is active member of the Women's Club in
10 Rutherford and was instrumental for the founding of
11 the library.

12 I also want to talk about the MS day
13 that most of us attended one somewhere. The greatest
14 thing about that was it was an education for anyone
15 that attended.

16 In North Arlington, they actually cut a
17 car to show how the Fire Department works with the
18 emergency squad to take people out of a car from an
19 accident, how they work cooperatively, the steps that
20 are taken, the tools that are used.

21 For somebody that's never seen that
22 before, it's takes a lot of precision and a lot of
23 working together and teamwork and training for them
24 to be able to do that and safely remove people from
25 accidents.

1 So it was an education. A lot of
2 children were there watching. It's just something I
3 think that will be in their minds forever as far as
4 maybe driving a little safer, seeing a banged up car,
5 as far as the damage that could actually happen.

6 Open Space, just really briefly. North
7 Arlington was one of those also that got an award
8 tonight. They were able to renovate their Little
9 League field to a point that they can expand their
10 tournament participation where they can bring their
11 standards up to the national level and can bring some
12 of the Williamsport games into North Arlington. They
13 are already a very active Little League field, one of
14 the better fields in south Bergen. This just
15 elevates it. It just shows that with the commitment
16 of the municipality, as we all mentioned, and the
17 county, we're able to work together to upgrade these
18 facilities and maintain open space in Bergen County.

19 I'd also like to thank our camera
20 people, Gina Chun and Jessica Schlimmer for their
21 work tonight and for hanging in there.

22 (Applause.)

23 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: And there being
24 nothing further to come before this Board, may I have
25 a motion to adjourn?

1 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

2 FREEHOLDER VOSS: So moved.

3 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Second.

4 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

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

7 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The ayes have it, we
10 are adjourned at 8:53.

11 (Whereupon, the Public Meeting is
12 adjourned at 8:53 p.m.)

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