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BERGEN COUNTY
BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2016
COMMENCING AT 7:30 P.M.

FREEHOLDERS PRESENT:

- JOHN A. FELICE, ACTING CHAIRMAN
- DR. JOAN M. VOSS
- DAVID L. GANZ
- THOMAS J. SULLIVAN
- MAURA R. DeNICOLA

FREEHOLDERS ABSENT:

- STEVEN A. TANELLI, CHAIRMAN
- TRACY S. ZUR, VICE CHAIRWOMAN

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ALSO PRESENT:

LISA SCIANCALEPORE
CLERK TO THE BOARD

JULIEN X. NEALS, ESQUIRE
ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

EDWARD J. FLORIO, ESQUIRE
COUNSEL TO THE BOARD

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1 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: Good evening.
2 Today is June 1st, Wednesday. This is the Public
3 Meeting of the Bergen County Board of Chosen
4 Freeholders.

5 This meeting is called to order at 7:30
6 p.m.

7 Before we begin our meeting, I ask that
8 everyone please take a moment to silence their
9 phones.

10 Thank you very much.

11 Will the Clerk please read the
12 compliance with the Sen. Byron Baer Open Public
13 Meetings Act.

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

1 ROLL CALL:

2 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: Thank you.

3 Will the Clerk please call the roll.

4 (At this point in the proceeding roll
5 call is taken with Freeholders DeNicola, Ganz,
6 Sullivan, Voss, and Acting Chairman Felice present,
7 with Vice-Chairwoman Zur and Chairman Tanelli
8 absent.)

9 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: Thank you very
10 much.

11 Evidence of a quorum is present.

12 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

13 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: Everyone
14 please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance, led by
15 counselor Florio.

16 MR. FLORIO: Thank you, Chairman.

17 (At this point in the proceeding all
18 rise for a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance,
19 led by Mr. Florio.)

20 MINUTES:

21 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: Will the Clerk
22 please read the minutes to be accepted.

23 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: April 27, 2016 -
24 Work Session; Freeholder Felice was absent.

25 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: May I have a

1 motion to accept the minutes?

2 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

3 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Second.

4 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Second.

5 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: All in favor?

6 (All present Freeholders respond in the
7 affirmative, with Acting Chairman Felice abstaining.)

8 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: The ayes have
9 it.

10 HEARING OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

11 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: May I have a
12 motion to open the meeting to the general public?

13 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: So moved.

14 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Second.

15 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: All in favor?

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

18 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: Nay?

19 (No response.)

20 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: The ayes have
21 it.

22 Okay. The first gentleman here
23 is Neile --

24 MR. FLORIO: You might want to inform
25 the public of the rules.

1 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: I apologize.
2 We don't want to forget that, do we?

3 MR. FLORIO: We do not, Chairman.

4 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: Thank you very
5 much.

6 We will now have a Hearing of the
7 General Public, with a three-minute time limit in
8 effect.

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

12 Please fill out this slip of paper,
13 which some folks have done, with your name, address
14 and general topic.

15 So with that said, and if anyone else
16 would like to speak to the public -- please, Jared,
17 raise your hand -- that's where the paper is that is
18 to be filled out.

19 So with that said, can I have the first
20 person to come up, Neile Weissman, regarding the
21 George Washington Bridge.

22 Good evening, sir.

23 MR. WEISSMAN: Good evening, Chairman
24 Felice, Freeholders, and thank you for the
25 opportunity to speak.

1 Cities around the world are investing
2 in their cycling infrastructure.

3 Paris now has the biggest bike share
4 system in the world, with over 20,000 bikes and 1,800
5 stations.

6 Berlin; seven out of ten residents now
7 own bikes, and bicycle mode share citywide is
8 18 percent of all trips.

9 London is in the midst of a
10 \$1.4 billion build-out of its bike network. And by
11 2019, it is expected that more than half of the trips
12 in and out of the central business district will be
13 by bicycle.

14 Barcelona plans to restrict automobiles
15 to just 40 percent of inner city roads, which is
16 expected to reduce 3,500 deaths a year from air
17 pollution.

18 The Netherlands started building its
19 bike grid during the oil crisis of the 1970s, which
20 is also a period when 400 children a year were being
21 killed by cars.

22 Nationwide, their bicycle mode share is
23 up to 31 percent and some of its cities are as high
24 as 50 percent.

25 The European Cyclists Federation

1 credits cycling across the European Union with adding
2 \$28 billion in the form of reduced noise emissions,
3 gas use, and healthcare costs. That's \$546 per
4 person.

5 In Tokyo, a city of 13 million,
6 90 percent use mass transit to get to work. Of
7 those, one third also use bicycles for the first and
8 last mile. Real estate is so expensive that they've
9 developed automated underground bike parking systems.

10 Portland, the city of 600,000, sees
11 20,000 trips per day across the Willamette River
12 going to work, and their bike infrastructure is
13 credited with keeping \$800 million a year inside the
14 city as opposed to going out.

15 Jersey City, Hoboken, and Newark all
16 have cycling grids and bike share systems in
17 development.

18 New York City; seven out of ten
19 households do not own cars at all, and just saw its
20 bike grid go up to 1,000 miles. Its bike share
21 system logged 10 million trips and overall bike use
22 tripled over the last decade.

23 The New York City bike share mode is
24 still only two percent, so this is a sleeping giant.

25 Regional planning organizations, of

1 which the Port Authority is a member, are keenly
2 aware of cycling's benefits and are projected to
3 spend \$2 billion over the next 20 years to build-out
4 their respective grids, but PA's plans to link those
5 grids with a single seven-foot path --

6 MR. FLORIO: Three minutes,
7 Mr. Weissman.

8 MR. WEISSMAN: -- "collars the baby,"
9 ensuring it will choke its own growth.

10 The U.S. DOT says that the Port
11 Authority should spend up to 20 percent of its
12 \$2 billion that it's planning to spend to revamp the
13 George Washington Bridge, that would be \$380 million.

14 Thank you.

15 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: Thank you very
16 much.

17 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Chairman, if I may
18 suggest the gentleman's remarks complete with seven
19 footnotes is here before us, I ask that you spread
20 that before the record.

21 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: Absolutely.

22 Thank you.

23 (The following is Mr. Weissman's
24 written statement:

25 "Green Dividend

1 "Chairman Tanelli. Freeholders.

2 "Cities around the world are investing
3 in their cycling infrastructure.

4 "Paris' bike share, launched in 2007,
5 is up 20,000 bikes and 1,800 stations. In Berlin,
6 where 7 out of 10 own bikes, bicycle mode share is
7 18%.

8 "London is in the midst of a 10 year,
9 \$1.4 billion build-out of its bike network. In 2000,
10 cars entering central London outnumbered bikes 11 to
11 1. By 2014, it was 2 to 1. By 2019, bikes are on
12 track to outnumber cars.¹

13 "Barcelona's plans to limit automobiles
14 to 40% of inner city roads is intended to reduce the
15 3,500 annual deaths attributed to air pollution.

16 "The Netherlands' bicycle grid began
17 during the oil crisis of the '70s. This was also a
18 period in which 400 children a year were being killed
19 by cars. Today, bicycle mode share is 31%
20 nationwide, with some cities over 50%.²

21 "The European Cyclists' Federation
22 credits the cycling across the EU with adding \$27.7
23 billion per year in benefits in the form of reduced
24 noise, emissions, gas use, and healthcare costs.
25 That's \$546 per person.³

1 "Tokyo, a city of 13 million, 90% of
2 residents use mass transit for daily commute. Of
3 those, one third also use bicycles for first-and-last
4 mile. With real estate in short supply, they've
5 developed automated, seismic-resistant underground
6 bicycle parking systems.⁴

7 "Portland, Oregon, a city of 632,309,
8 has a 6% bicycle mode share, including 20,000 bike
9 trips per day across four bridges spanning the
10 Willamette River.

11 "Their bike infrastructure is credited
12 with reducing gas consumption, congestion, healthcare
13 costs, and the need to fund on other modes of
14 transport. All told, that "green dividend" is
15 credited with keeping \$800 million a year in the
16 region.⁵

17 "Jersey City, Hoboken, and Newark all
18 have cycling grids and bike share systems in
19 development.

20 "New York City, where 7 out of 10
21 households don't own cars, just saw its bike grid
22 pass one thousand miles; its bike share log 100
23 million trips in a year; and overall use triple in
24 the last decade. Yet overall bicycle mode share is
25 still under 2%.

1 "Regional planning organizations, of
2 which the PA is a member, (NYMTC, NJTPA) are keenly
3 aware of cycling's benefits and together plan to
4 spend \$2 billion over the next 20 years to build out
5 their respective cycling grids.

6 "PA's plans to link those grids with a
7 single 7' path 'collars the baby,' ensuring it will
8 choke on its own growth.

9 "U.S. DOT tasks transportation agencies
10 to budget as much as 20% of total project cost to
11 upgrade biking and walking facilities on major
12 construction. On the \$1.9 billion budgeted to
13 "Restore the George," that would be as much as \$380
14 million.^{6 7}

15 "Neile Weissman, [REDACTED]
16 neileweissman@gmail.com

17 "<https://completegeorge.org/needs/1605-2/>

18 ¹The Utterly Amazing Growth of Cycling in London -
19 <http://tinyurl.com/zjalehx>

20 ²How Utrecht Became a Bicycling Mecca (video) -
21 <http://tinyurl.com/znu3vxq>

22 ³Bikenomics: The New Cycling Economy - (video) -
23 <http://tinyurl.com/zgdinfj>

24 ⁴Underground Bicycle Parking Systems in Japan (video)
25 - <http://tinyurl.com/o43w2sc>

1 ⁵How Portland Benefits from Bicycle Transportation -
2 <http://tinyurl.com/jcpb9pu>

3 ⁶*Bicycle and Pedestrian ways shall be established in*
4 *construction projects in all urbanized areas, unless*
5 *the cost would be excessively*
6 *disproportionate...defined as exceeding 20% of the*
7 *cost of the project - Accommodating Bicycle and*
8 *Pedestrian Travel: A recommended Approach, US DOT -*
9 <http://tinyurl.com/jdnmwd9>

10 ⁷Reportedly, the PA has budgeted \$56 million to
11 upgrade the GWB paths. Net of \$37-47 million
12 allocated for anti-suicide barriers, that's \$9-19
13 million for the North and South Paths. On the
14 bicycle path on the North path alone, that's less
15 than \$10 million.

16 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: Just as an
17 aside, I was told that Freeholder Tanelli is working
18 on a resolution in support by this body regarding an
19 expanded bike path or walkway to the George
20 Washington Bridge. I look forward to supporting that
21 when it comes before this Board, but thank you very
22 much for coming --

23 MR. WEISSMAN: Thank you.

24 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: -- and
25 shedding light on this, I think, very important

1 topic.

2 MR. WEISSMAN: Thank you all for having
3 me.

4 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Mr. Chairman, if
5 I could just add too.

6 I don't know if you were aware that
7 there was a Port Authority meeting this afternoon and
8 whether or not you could have attended.

9 MR. WEISSMAN: It was by invitation
10 only, elected officials. I was aware of it, but
11 there was nothing.

12 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Okay. Thank you.

13 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: Thank you very
14 much.

15 The next person who would like to come
16 up is Marty Noble regarding deer.

17 MR. NOBLE: Hello.

18 Marty Noble, Waldwick.

19 I live on the same street as the other
20 side of the wildlife center in Wyckoff. I've been
21 here before for the exact same topic, if you look it
22 up, you could find it, and it's worse than ever.

23 I'm spending close to \$1,500 a year
24 trying to keep deer away from me.

25 This stuff is \$42 (indicating). Here's

1 a bill for \$80. I do this six times a year to try to
2 keep the deer away. Nothing works. The only thing
3 that will work is to cut down the number of deer or
4 raise the fences on the damn wildlife center.

5 The fences they have now, I talked to
6 you about them 2 or 3 years ago. They go under the
7 fence. Nothing has been done. I've asked people
8 there about it, and they pretty much -- they're very
9 defensive, first of all, and, secondly, they say
10 "Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah."

11 I just retired, I can't spend \$1,000,
12 and that doesn't include the plants that I have to
13 put in this year. There's close to \$500 in plants
14 that I've put in to take the place of the ones that
15 the deer have either uprooted by pulling them out or
16 the plants they have just killed by eating so much of
17 it. I have had 11 deer in my backyard at least 15
18 times in the last three weeks. 11 deer. The last
19 time it was seven. And it's not going to get any
20 better. You're not going to say, well, you know,
21 eventually they'll stop increasing. They're not
22 going to stop increasing. They're there every
23 moment. They walk down the street. And as I told --
24 I can't pronounce your last name.

25 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Maura DeNicola.

1 MR. NOBLE: About sometime last fall,
2 for the second time I'm driving down Wyckoff Avenue
3 in Waldwick at night, this was with snow on the
4 ground, and some dopey kid is on a bike, and he's
5 riding where he should be, and then he just has to go
6 out about six feet into the roadway to avoid the
7 dopey deer that's there, not knowing any better.

8 You got to do something. This is an
9 invitation, you can all come, we'll have a barbecue,
10 come to my yard and see the damage they have done. I
11 have something called an euonymus -- I don't know how
12 to spell it -- but it's a waxy, leafy shrub. It runs
13 the full length of the house. It used to come right
14 down to the ground and cover up all the garbage
15 underneath. No longer. It is here, and they have
16 broken every single branch that's lower, so nothing
17 will ever grow again there, because the sun can't get
18 to it (indicating).

19 I'm dying here. You got to help. And
20 there are other people, I've asked people in the
21 neighborhood, they don't want, "Oh, yeah. Please do.
22 You go talk."

23 I told you, I'm retired. I'll come
24 here every week, and I'll annoy the hell out of you.
25 Something has to be done. You can't let this go on.

1 Saddle River is killing deer. Good for
2 Saddle River. I'm surprised that would be one place
3 to do it. They have so many Bambi-ists, these
4 bleeding hearts that are "Oh, don't kill the deer,
5 they're cute."

6 They're not cute. They're dangerous.

7 My daughter found a tick on my
8 granddaughter --

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

10 MR. NOBLE: I know two people with Lyme
11 disease, and their lives are miserable. And God help
12 somebody if my granddaughter gets something like Lyme
13 disease, I'll be here every hour. I'm trying to be
14 nice about it, but it's beyond anything that should
15 be accepted by anybody.

16 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: Now, let me
17 just ask, if I may, at the animal preserve, the fence
18 is how high? Is it six feet high?

19 MR. NOBLE: Supposedly six feet in some
20 places, and they told me, "Well, they can jump over
21 it."

22 Well, my question is, if they can jump
23 over it, why did you put the fence in in the first
24 place?

25 And they can and they can't, because my

1 across-the-street neighbor has a fence and two deer,
2 one was a baby, got suck in there and couldn't get
3 out. But you know they're there. I mean, I see
4 them. They're always there.

5 Oh, I forgot to tell you, I put in 10
6 yards of topsoil and about \$150 of grass seed on the
7 sloping part of what had been a perfectly established
8 lawn, until the deer stood there to eat the euonymus
9 and they just destroyed the lawn.

10 Every day I get this. Not to mention
11 the nice little brown spots they leave behind and the
12 piles of feces.

13 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: What I'm going
14 to do, since I'm Chair for one day, and it's quality,
15 not quantity, is I'm going to share with you Chairman
16 Tanelli's card. And when he gets back, I'll ask him
17 to give you a call and see what remedies there are.

18 MR. NOBLE: The last time I was here, I
19 know I spoke to you, I recognize your face, and I
20 think I have a card someplace, which I can't find,
21 with Tanelli on it, and they did something, I don't
22 know what it was, but they didn't remove -- they have
23 75 trees that went down in the hurricane, move them
24 to the fence, that's all, just block the hole, and if
25 you put them far enough out, then they're not going

1 to be able to jump over the wood and over the fence.

2 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: We're not
3 going to solve this here, but certainly what I'll do
4 is I'll ask Lori if you can get Steve's card as well,
5 Freeholder Tanelli's, and share that with you, and
6 you could follow-up with his office --

7 MR. NOBLE: I will.

8 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: -- and my aide
9 as well.

10 MR. NOBLE: And now that I'm retired, I
11 will, I will, and I will, until there's something
12 that is effective.

13 Okay.

14 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: Thank you for
15 coming.

16 MR. NOBLE: Should I wait for
17 something?

18 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: Yes. They'll
19 bring it to you, sir.

20 MR. NOBLE: Thank you.

21 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: You're very
22 welcome, sir.

23 Joseph Dunsay.

24 MR. DUNSAY: Hello.

25 First I have some quick housekeeping.

1 Last week I emailed Freeholder Zur,
2 asking for the process to make a pay-to-play
3 accusation. I'm still waiting to hear back from her,
4 but I assume she's on vacation.

5 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: She's in Italy.

6 MR. DUNSAY: Well, that explains it.

7 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: That's why I'm
8 up here.

9 MR. DUNSAY: So the main thing I wanted
10 to talk about today was religious holidays. Ramadan
11 is coming up, after that it's Shavouth, and both
12 holidays involve fasting until sunset.

13 I know the county runs the dinner at
14 the shelter every night, and I wanted to know, is the
15 county making any accommodations so that people who
16 observe the fast day for religious reasons can eat at
17 the shelter after sunset?

18 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: I don't know,
19 but, Julien, can you find out?

20 ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NEALS:
21 I'll check with Julia.

22 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: Thank you very
23 much, and we'll make a point to get back to you. So,
24 if you can leave your contact information with my
25 aide, and we'll get back to you.

1 MR. DUNSAY: Okay. Thanks.

2 And if there are no accommodations
3 arranged yet, I suggest you do make them.

4 MR. DUNSAY: Okay. Thank you very
5 much.

6 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Thank you, Mr.
7 Dunsay.

8 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: I appreciate
9 that.

10 Okay. Chuck, come on down, come on up.

11 MR. POWERS: Actually this is something
12 that you may have discussed this afternoon, and, if
13 you have, maybe it's just a matter of sort of
14 personal privilege. I'm very interested in your
15 Resolution #274-16, authorizing a Memorandum of
16 Agreement with FEMA for the use by the county of the
17 integrated public warning system. That could easily
18 be something that's involving primarily a computer
19 system or it might actually be something that, as you
20 may or may not know, Teaneck is thinking about
21 spending \$275,000 to provide for its own use. And
22 if, in fact, there's something that the county is
23 acquiring with the help of FEMA, it'll be very
24 interesting to know whether or not that's something
25 that the county is planning to share with communities

1 who have older populations who need to hear warning
2 systems, and, if it's not, just tell me.

3 I'm also very interested to know, it's
4 someone on the left-hand side from our side is
5 someone from blue and someone on red on this side,
6 and it seems very interesting that the parties got
7 mixed up (indicating).

8 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Or not.

9 MR. POWERS: Or not.

10 (Laughter.)

11 MR. POWERS: It shows just exactly how
12 nonpartisan this group can be, when it comes to
13 making public policy, of which we're all proud.

14 Thank you.

15 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: Is there
16 anyone else to speak from the public?

17 (No response.)

18 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Motion to close.

19 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: There's a
20 motion to close. Do I have a second?

21 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Second.

22 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Move it.

23 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: All in favor?

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

1 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: Opposed?

2 (No response.)

3 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: The ayes have
4 it.

5 RESOLUTIONS OF UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

6 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: Will the Clerk
7 please read the resolutions on the Consent Agenda.

8 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Resolutions 556-16
9 through 610-16.

10 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: Okay. May I
11 have a motion?

12 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Move the Consent
13 Calendar.

14 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Second.

15 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Second.

16 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: All in favor?

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

19 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: Do we have to
20 do a roll call?

21 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Yes, we do.

22 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: Roll call,
23 please.

24 (At this point in the proceeding roll
25 call is taken and the Resolutions of Unanimous

1 Consent are passed by a vote of five in favor, with
2 Vice-Chairwoman Zur, and Chairman Tanelli absent.)

3 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: Are there any
4 Resolutions of Nonconsent, pulled or tabled?

5 If so, will the Clerk please read them.

6 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: There are none.

7 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: Thank you very
8 much.

9 COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM FREEHOLDERS:

10 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: Okay. We'll
11 now have Freeholder Committee Reports.

12 Freeholder DeNicola.

13 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Freeholder Voss
14 needs her timer out.

15 Sorry. That's only because there is so
16 much, and we go to so much.

17 I will be as brief as possible, but
18 don't hold me to it.

19 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Then you'll just be
20 brief, not as brief.

21 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: There. Okay.
22 None of that counts.

23 The last two weeks, I just want to say,
24 and I know my colleagues will share these thoughts,
25 we've given a lot of time and attention to events and

1 ceremonies recognizing, memorializing and respecting
2 both the military, our veterans, and emergency
3 services.

4 We had the Vietnam Veterans Memorial
5 Moving Wall here in Bergen County at Overpeck Park,
6 and a number of us attended the opening ceremony a
7 week ago Thursday. It was absolutely incredible. It
8 took place at sunset. It could not have been a more
9 beautiful and yet solemn setting, and to see so many
10 veterans there, so many Vietnam War veterans, for
11 whom a lot of this is still very difficult, it was, I
12 don't want to say rewarding, but it really made you
13 not only respect who they are and what they did, but
14 made you feel good about this country and what we've
15 been through. I want to thank my fellow Freeholders,
16 I know Freeholder Voss, Freeholder Tanelli,
17 Freeholder Ganz were there as well.

18 The following day, I went to the
19 Knights of Columbus Shield Award ceremony. And for
20 those of you who don't know, many of the Knights of
21 Columbus councils hold these annual ceremonies and
22 they recognize someone in all of their emergency
23 services: Police, fire, rescue, and ambulance. It's
24 always great to see somebody who is given that honor
25 by their peers and the story that goes behind it from

1 what took place that year. And that was one of those
2 nights. There were many state legislators there, in
3 addition to the entire Mayor and Council, and I was
4 happy to be there on behalf of the Freeholder Board
5 and present a commendation.

6 I also went to a Sea Scout Court of
7 Honor, and, I have to say, in 15 years of Boy
8 Scouting, I had never been to a Sea Scout Board of
9 Honor. Venturing, yes; Boy Scouts, yes; Girl Scouts
10 yes as well, but Sea Scouts are attached to a ship,
11 very often it's a land ship. It's something
12 regional. A Quartermaster is the highest award that
13 you can attain, equivalent to an Eagle in Boy Scouts,
14 and it was held in Secaucus, although the young man,
15 David Tarantino, was from Bergen County. There were
16 so many people and scouts from Newark and surrounding
17 areas, and you can see the difference that a program
18 like this makes in a young person's life.

19 Also, a number of us went to the
20 Prosecutor's Roundtable at the end of last week on
21 heroin and opioid addiction. It was held at the
22 Bergen Community College in Lyndhurst. It was for
23 elected officials, there were members of some
24 nonprofit organizations, Sue Debiak and Judy Forman
25 from our own Office of Addiction Services and Alcohol

1 Dependency were there, and the numbers were startling
2 and still moving in the wrong direction. Despite all
3 of everyone's efforts and a lot of resources and
4 finances and programming and initiatives, we still
5 have the tiger by the tail. I know we're committed
6 in making a change here, but it's something that we
7 need to talk about every day in Bergen County,
8 because it is an epidemic, and it's truly affecting
9 every single municipality in our county.

10 I also wanted to mention, last week at
11 our work meeting we had Bergen County Mosquito
12 Control come in. They talked about what they did,
13 they talked about mosquitos that are indigenous to
14 our area, and, importantly, the Zika virus, which I'm
15 sure you see on the front pages of our newspapers, in
16 addition to the news, especially now that the first
17 infant in Bergen County was born affected by the Zika
18 virus.

19 We had members of our Department of
20 Health Services there, and they talked about a new
21 Bergen County program called "Bergen Bites Back."
22 It's an informational program on what you can do
23 about mosquitos, information on the Zika virus, and
24 it's all available on our website.

25 So, if you go to the county's website

1 and to the Department of Health, you can click onto a
2 page filled with information, links, and other
3 resources, in addition to contacts for the county.

4 I want to mention too, we had a Women
5 Lawyers dinner. Freeholder Voss and I went over, and
6 Freeholder Zur was there as well. It was a roomful
7 of women lawyers, but it was their legislative
8 dinner, and they gave us each an opportunity to talk
9 about what we do, how we got involved, and, so
10 importantly, an issue dear to our hearts, how to get
11 more women involved in elected office. We're over
12 50 percent of the population, and New Jersey is doing
13 very well with 17 percent of elected officials as
14 women. We have a long way to go. We do need good
15 men, but we'd like to see more women so that we're
16 fairly represented.

17 The last thing I wanted to mention was
18 the Sheriff's Highway Safety Luncheon last Friday.
19 This was to touch-off the 101 Days of Summer. This
20 annually is the time between Memorial Day and Labor
21 Day, and the Department of Highway Safety looks to
22 encourage drivers, especially, to be more prudent.
23 Now that the weather is warmer, they're sharing the
24 roads with a lot more people, bicyclists, as we heard
25 before, pedestrians, and it starts with Click It or

1 Ticket. I'm sure you've seen the banners around the
2 county. That program is going to go on until
3 June 5th. That is the single greatest way that you
4 can improve safety in an accident. And, believe it
5 or not, we still have a ways to go before everyone
6 buckles up when they get in their car, but it's also
7 about distracted driving and not drinking and driving
8 or using anything else so that you're impaired and
9 driving. Hopefully we'll have a very safe summer
10 here in Bergen County.

11 That's the end of my report.

12 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

13 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: Thank you,
14 Freeholder.

15 Freeholder Ganz.

16 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Thank you, Acting
17 Chairman Felice.

18 It has a nice ring to it.

19 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: It certainly
20 does.

21 FREEHOLDER GANZ: I have a short
22 report.

23 I attended the Bergen Community College
24 graduation, which was at MetLife Stadium. Wow! It
25 is big! And standing at the center of it and

1 listening to even some colleagues speak, it
2 reverberates, and it was really cool for the 2,000
3 kids who graduated, for their parents, and for their
4 children. A really significant event and the largest
5 yet in the history of the community college.

6 I've been a strong supporter of Bergen
7 Community College for as long as I've been on this
8 Board, and, with Freeholder Voss, who fought against
9 administration proposals a while ago to cut the
10 budget, and this year we were pleased to make good on
11 our pledge to restore that which was previously cut,
12 the first portion which was last year.

13 Over this past weekend, Memorial Day, I
14 attended a couple of Memorial Day parades, one in
15 River Vale, one in Fair Lawn, briefly at the Saddle
16 Brook parade with some of my colleagues, but I headed
17 over to the Fair Lawn Memorial Cemetery and to
18 Veterans Circle, where, sadly, the number of veterans
19 who are able to attend each year is diminishing.

20 When I first started going 20 years
21 ago, your dad was a vibrant person who walked the
22 route and gave sharp orders for the firing squad.

23 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: Right.

24 FREEHOLDER GANZ: He's still vibrant,
25 but he is not a youngster anymore. I think he's 89

1 now.

2 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: Exactly.

3 FREEHOLDER GANZ: But he comes bounding
4 over to say hi to me each year, and we share
5 memories, we were both mayors. And your dad is now
6 leading the volley at the end of the memorial service
7 and also, of course, at memorial pool, but he's
8 riding on the hay wagon with a number of other vets.

9 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Still vibrant.

10 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Absolutely. Very
11 vibrant.

12 Golly, I haven't talked about Bergen
13 Wellness in a while. Just bear with me for one
14 minute.

15 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: It's been at
16 least a week.

17 (Laughter.)

18 FREEHOLDER GANZ: It's been a week.

19 The Bergen Wellness Program, for those
20 of you who are not aware of it and have not seen any
21 of our meetings of this Freeholder Board, is a
22 program that your Freeholders have brought to you
23 which gives you discounts on drugs for you, drugs for
24 your pets. So, if you have a cat that's in need of
25 tuna-flavored amoxicillin, you can get it through the

1 Bergen Wellness Program at a 30 percent discount.
2 You just need to have a pharmacy who will compound
3 it, and, among others in this area that do, Glen Rock
4 Pharmacy offers that service. I guess you can have
5 tuna-flavored anything, as long as it's a human drug
6 as well. The discount for pets is 30 percent. Those
7 for human drugs are up to 42 percent. If you need a
8 hearing aid, this is the best program that's out
9 there. There is no hearing aid insurance to buy. It
10 doesn't come with Medicare. Even my dad, who had a
11 hearing defect based on flack that was in his ear
12 after 26 missions during World War II, wasn't able to
13 get on the list for a government hearing aid or at
14 least not make it to the top, but the Bergen Wellness
15 Program allows you to buy it at a discount of up to
16 50 percent.

17 Bernadette McPherson, who served on
18 this Board as a Chair and who was my running mate,
19 was with her mom in Philadelphia earlier in the year
20 and her mom needed a new hearing aid. Bernadette has
21 been carrying around the Bergen Wellness card for
22 years, and she offered it to the hearing aid place
23 they had gone to in Philadelphia.

24 A \$2,900 hearing aid went to
25 Mrs. McPherson, actually Mrs. Prendergast, for 900

1 bucks. It was a huge savings, and Bernadette
2 confirms that it is a good buy because, A, the card
3 costs you nothing, you can get it at this address,
4 I'm putting this here so that Frank Fuchs can insert
5 the address and you can order it online, it doesn't
6 cost anything until you use it, and then it's
7 strictly a discount (indicating).

8 In any event, we all have a happy
9 summer, and we will see you around the county because
10 I'll be walking quite a bit this year, as I did at
11 the parade.

12 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

13 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: Thank you,
14 Freeholder.

15 Freeholder Sullivan.

16 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: I don't know
17 where to go now.

18 I talked to Freeholder Felice's father,
19 and he told me he went to you strictly for the Bergen
20 Wellness card, Dave.

21 I hope everyone had a great Memorial
22 Day weekend. I just hope that during all this
23 sunshine and barbecues, we took a moment out to
24 reflect what Memorial Day is all about. It's about
25 honoring those who served and laid their life on the

1 line for us to have freedom. I think it's something
2 that it's great we have a day for them, but I think
3 it's something we should remember every day.

4 I had two brothers and a father who
5 were all in the Navy, and I appreciate their service,
6 and I thank everyone for their service. Without them
7 and without all of them, we wouldn't be where we are
8 today. So I hope everyone enjoyed their Memorial Day
9 weekend and had fun, but I hope we all reflect and
10 remember the real reason for Memorial Day.

11 I want to thank my colleagues on the
12 Freeholder Board for passing Resolution #598-16,
13 which provides \$400,000 for a Department of Housing &
14 Urban Development grant for a new group home for
15 those suffering with autism in the Borough of
16 Montvale, the town I live in. The new four bedroom
17 facility helps adults who need constant care to
18 receive the help that they need. So I think we
19 continue to put mental health in the forefront here,
20 and we'll continue to do so in the future.

21 Again, last week with a few of my
22 colleagues we did attend the 101 Days of Summer, the
23 luncheon invited patrol officers from many Bergen
24 County municipalities, AAA, and New Jersey PBA, to
25 talk about the importance of keeping our roads safe.

1 Pedestrian safety was also top priority, and so was
2 raising awareness about the dangers of drinking and
3 driving, not to mention the Click it or Ticket, like
4 Freeholder DeNicola mentioned before.

5 There was an interesting statistic that
6 stuck with me, over 80 percent of people now use
7 their seat belts when sitting in the front seat, but
8 only approximately 30 percent use them in the back
9 seat, and that's something we need to change the
10 mindset.

11 When I grew up, there were no seat belt
12 laws. I've got accustomed now to just sit in the car
13 and click it, which is great. We have to remind the
14 people in the back seat to do the same thing as well.
15 You can get easily ejected from the back seat.

16 I wasn't able to attend an Eagle Scout
17 ritual there in Park Ridge this week, but we did some
18 commendations from the Freeholder Board, and I want
19 to congratulate all those in Park Ridge who attained
20 their Eagle Scout.

21 Freeholder Zur and myself attended the
22 latest Friendship House of New Jersey Walk in Bogota.
23 Despite the weather, there was a great turnout to
24 raise awareness to help veteran residents live
25 independent lives.

1 Again, these are the causes that I
2 believe the government makes a difference in. These
3 are the causes I believe in, and I will continue to
4 support them.

5 Thank you, sir. That's my report.

6 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: Thank you,
7 Freeholder.

8 Freeholder Voss.

9 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Thank you, Chairman.

10 First, I want to, on behalf of the
11 Freeholders, offer condolences to Ronda Wilson's
12 family.

13 Ronda was a person who worked for the
14 Board of Social Services for over 25 years, and she
15 passed away at a relatively young age, so our sincere
16 condolences.

17 I also would like to offer condolences
18 to the Bendul family. Patricia Bendul's son is the
19 chief of the Fort Lee Police Department. She passed
20 away suddenly, and our condolences go to the family.

21 I want to say congratulations to
22 Freeholder Tom Sullivan, who, at a breakfast last
23 week, the McLewen labor breakfast, was elected Labor
24 Leader of the Year. He is quite an outstanding
25 gentleman, so I want to applaud you.

1 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Thank you.

2 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Maura mentioned the
3 Moving Wall. That was a very, very emotional thing,
4 and I just want to mention that the very first year I
5 taught, I taught seniors in high school for the most
6 part, and a young man sat in front of me full of life
7 and vigor and vitality. And right after graduation,
8 he joined the military and was sent over to Vietnam,
9 and shortly thereafter he was killed. His name was
10 Reggie Flack. And I make a point, because I speak
11 every Memorial Day to many, many groups, to mention
12 his name, because I think that as long as a person is
13 remembered, their spirit lives on. And so I do that
14 and will continue to do that in the future.

15 I want to say thank you to Marlene
16 Ceragno. This lady did something really nice a year
17 ago. She works with senior citizens, and many of the
18 seniors are kind of homebound because they need adult
19 protection, adult products. She started a drive, and
20 last year we were very successful getting a great
21 deal of product. And this year again, while we had a
22 drive, and these are really, really indispensable,
23 because some people who are homebound are afraid to
24 go out because they're afraid of having an accident.
25 Our people who do Meals on Wheels deliver the product

1 to those who need it. So thank you, Marlene.

2 Last week we had the Bergen County
3 Asian American and Pacific Islanders Heritage Month,
4 and Ruby Hughes, who works for the county, did a
5 great job of organizing this event. We had
6 representatives from India, China, and the Philippine
7 communities, we had dances, we had performances, and
8 lots and lots of good food, so it was really, really
9 a wonderful event.

10 The Kickoff to Summer program, as was
11 mentioned by two of my colleagues, was to make people
12 aware of the 101 Days of Summer and drunk driving.
13 And that evening, a gentleman from my town became
14 another casualty of a drunk driver, so this is
15 something that's very visible in my town. We've had
16 many, many pedestrian fatalities, because the town is
17 very congested, but, you know, please, if you drink,
18 don't drive a car.

19 The Little Ferry Memorial Service is
20 always a wonderful thing. One of the things I did
21 was last Sunday go to the veterans commemoration at
22 the USS Ling, which is right down here on River Road.
23 And I'm very, very worried about what is going to
24 happen to the U.S. Ling.

25 That museum, it's an outdoor museum

1 with a submarine and all kinds of equipment from
2 World War II, has been in existence at that
3 particular area for almost 50 years, and now they're
4 in the process of losing their home. I'm going to do
5 everything in my power, and I'm hoping that the other
6 Freeholders will join with me in seeing what we can
7 do to protect the Ling, because it is so much a part
8 of our history. I'll continue to keep you apprised
9 of what's going on.

10 I just want to make mention of the fact
11 that Fort Lee had one of the biggest Memorial Day
12 parades going on Monday. A lot of towns canceled,
13 well, we had our parade, and as soon as we started to
14 march, the sun came out. It was wonderful, and we
15 honored so many people.

16 One of the things that disturbs me,
17 because I'm a history teacher, is that only, I read
18 in the paper, 28 percent of the people in this
19 country know what Memorial Day is for. You know, if
20 you ask somebody like what are we observing, and
21 they'll go, oh, they don't know the difference
22 between Veterans Day and Memorial Day, which honors
23 those who gave their life. So I wanted to bring as
24 much patriotism back into this country as I possibly
25 can.

1 I want to thank George Porto and George
2 Makroulakis, who organized this.

3 Just one thing I want to mention in my
4 comments, because this is so important to me, during
5 World War II, 350,000 women were in uniform, they
6 were the WAVES, the WACs, the WASPs, and the SPARS.
7 Women flew planes across the Atlantic Ocean to
8 deliver supplies to the men. And when these women
9 come back, they were not eligible for the GI Bill of
10 Rights, they were not eligible to be buried in
11 Arlington Cemetery, and some of that was corrected
12 last week when a bill was passed allowing them to be
13 buried in Arlington Cemetery.

14 We honored a woman who was one of Rosie
15 the Riveters, who worked in the plants that made all
16 the equipment. Gen. Eisenhower said in one of his
17 speeches, we wouldn't have won the war had it not
18 been the women in the United States who worked so
19 hard to supply our guys. We honored a woman by the
20 name of Maureen Ford. She was one of our leaders,
21 she was Grand Marshal.

22 One last thing. I was in Shop Rite
23 today, and a bunch of senior citizens came up to me
24 and said, "I want you to publicly thank the county
25 for the things they do for us."

1 And I said, "What's that?"

2 And they said, "Community
3 Transportation comes and brings us to the senior
4 center for lunches, where delicious food," they said,
5 "is served, and they take us to the Shop Rite to go
6 shopping."

7 I have to say that Maura and I can
8 attest to the fact that the drivers who deliver Meals
9 on Wheels and the drivers of Community Transportation
10 are so wonderful, and that some of these people are
11 really senior citizens, they carry the groceries in,
12 they make sure people don't fall and stuff. I think
13 in Bergen County, we should always compliment those
14 people who work for the county and do such great
15 things. They're unsung heroes.

16 And that's my report.

17 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: Thank you,
18 Freeholder.

19 Lastly, let me just speak.

20 In two weeks, I think we're going to
21 pass, if I'm not mistaken, the 2016 budget.
22 Certainly questions that hopefully have been provided
23 by my respective colleagues are being answered, and
24 if there's any others, please forward them through my
25 office, and we will do accordingly with getting those

1 answers from the administration.

2 Let me just speak to the gentleman who
3 came about the George Washington Bridge. I think
4 it's a great idea to promote this project to expand
5 the bike path and walkways of the George Washington
6 Bridge. It's done in New York City, throughout many
7 of the bridges. The Tappan Zee Bridge is going to
8 have one as well. And I think it's an important
9 project, and I'm certainly going to do whatever I can
10 to promote that with the Port Authority members.

11 Then lastly, I just got to speak about
12 my continued efforts regarding health care, improving
13 the health of the employees of this county, and to
14 keep a handle on the ever-rising costs of health
15 care. The way to save money and the way to improve
16 health is by disease state management. It's
17 something that I have promoted from day one that I've
18 been as a Freeholder and will continue to do so until
19 my last day on December 31st.

20 With that said, let me just say to our
21 veterans, to my father who is a World War II veteran,
22 that we thank you for your service, we appreciate
23 what you provided to our country and to the world,
24 and let's never forget what these brave men and women
25 did for our country and the entire world, freeing

1 them from the likes of Nazi Germany and the Imperial
2 Japanese Empire.

3 So with that said, I would like to have
4 a motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:13.

5 Do I have a motion?

6 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: So moved.

7 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: A second?

8 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Second.

9 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: All in favor?

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

12 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: Opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 ACTING CHAIRMAN FELICE: The ayes have
15 it, we are adjourned.

16 (Whereupon, the Public Meeting is
17 adjourned at 8:13 p.m.)

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