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BERGEN COUNTY
BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY
WORK SESSION
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2016
COMMENCING AT 4:34 P.M.

FREEHOLDERS PRESENT:

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

FREEHOLDERS ABSENT:

- STEVEN A. TANELLI, CHAIRMAN

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ALSO PRESENT:

LISA SCIANCALEPORE
DEPUTY CLERK TO THE BOARD

MICHAEL V. BELLUCCI
DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

MAXINE KUTNER, ESQUIRE
COUNSEL TO THE BOARD

JARED LUTZ
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & POLICY

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Project Literacy of Greater Bergen County

Connie Marrero, Treasurer
Project Literacy of Greater Bergen County

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1 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: I would like to
2 call the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

3 Before we begin our meeting, I ask
4 everyone to please take a minute to silence their
5 phones.

6 Thank you.

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

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

21 FREEHOLDER ZUR: Will the Clerk please
22 call the roll.

23 (At this point in the proceeding roll
24 call is taken with Freeholders DeNicola, Felice,
25 Sullivan, Voss, and Acting Chairwoman Zur present,

1 with Freeholder Ganz and Chairman Tanelli absent.)

2 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Will you all
3 please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

6 4:35 PM PUBLIC COMMENT

7 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: May I have a
8 motion to open the meeting to the public?

9 FREEHOLDER VOSS: So moved.

10 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Second.

11 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: All in favor?

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

14 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Any opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Unanimously
17 approved.

18 We will now have a Hearing of the
19 General Public, with a three-minute time limit in
20 effect, in accordance with the Bergen County
21 Freeholder Bylaws [Section 1, Page 6, Item 2:1-8,
22 adopted January 6, 2016].

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

1 Does anyone have a form with their
2 name?

3 Mr. Powers.

4 (Freeholder Ganz is present at 4:36
5 p.m.)

6 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Freeholder Ganz has
7 arrived.

8 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Thank you.

9 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Duly noted.

10 MR. POWERS: Chuck Powers.

11 Just to remind this group, two of you
12 know it in particular, the meeting we are having on
13 the 26th of October for the seven of the eight people
14 who are running for Freeholder will be part of the
15 forum at the Teaneck Library beginning at 7:30 on the
16 26th.

17 On the 27th, all six of the candidates
18 for Constitutional Officer will be participating in
19 their forum, at, again, Teaneck Library, 7:30 on the
20 27th.

21 I've seen the first two debates among
22 the Constitutional Officers. I actually think, they
23 have been done by the League of Women Voters, there's
24 really interesting stuff going on in relationship to
25 the Constitutional Officers, particularly in a world,

1 as Todd South's articles have indicated, where the
2 issues of security are so important.

3 I've also been spending a great deal of
4 time understanding better the complex situation that
5 the county has in trying to figure out how to move
6 forward and make Bergen Regional Medical Center the
7 facility that we all hope it can be and know it has
8 to be in order to handle some of the most complex of
9 the cases that involve healthcare for all of Bergen
10 County residents, particularly those who are really
11 facing more complex problems, and the very tight
12 schedule that the county is facing in trying to
13 figure out how to bring it together with its new
14 Oversight Board with the fact that it has an RFP out
15 and needs to get something pretty well resolved by
16 March 14th.

17 We're going to have an informational
18 meeting about Bergen Regional to allow the public to
19 sort of understand the situation that the county is
20 facing on those questions of people who have been
21 very involved. The Advisory Committee has developed
22 an enormously powerful report, which we're going to
23 use as a basis for starting that discussion, and then
24 we're going to have a very strong forum group of
25 panelists participating.

1 We know that one, we're hoping that
2 both, the two of the members of your body who have
3 been part of that advisory committee will be part of
4 that. We know that Sen. Weinberg will be part of
5 that. We want to make sure that people who work at
6 the hospital and work to be concerned about their
7 patients will also be part of that.

8 That is on the 17th of October, that's
9 a Monday, and, again, the Teaneck Library at 7:30.

10 So, if you keep track of those things.

11 There's no question but getting the
12 public involved in these questions, both the
13 electoral ones and also understanding, I don't think
14 there's anything likely to be more important than
15 what you folks are doing with Bergen Regional in the
16 next few years.

17 MS. KUTNER: Time has expired.

18 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: That's all
19 right.

20 MR. POWERS: I don't think the public
21 is as aware of that as it needs to be, and I hope we
22 serve that informational purpose with Bergen
23 Grassroots.

24 Thank you very much.

25 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Thank you very

1 much, Mr. Powers.

2 Are there any other members of the
3 public who would like to speak?

4 (No response.)

5 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Seeing none,
6 may I now have a motion to close the meeting to the
7 public?

8 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

9 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Second.

10 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Second.

11 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: All in favor?

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

14 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Any opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: The meeting is
17 now closed to the public.

18 4:39 PM REVIEW OF RESOLUTIONS

19 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Will the Clerk
20 read the resolutions on the agenda.

21 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: #1092-16 is a
22 Resolution Recognizing September 2016 as "National
23 Literacy Month."

24 And #1093-16 is a Resolution
25 Recognizing September 2016 as "Hydrocephalus

1 Awareness Month."

2 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: May I recommend
3 that, first of all, Freeholder Tanelli would very
4 much like to sponsor Resolution #1093-16.

5 I would ask if the Body of the Whole
6 could second that?

7 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Yes.

8 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Absolutely.

9 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: And perhaps the
10 Body of the Whole should also sponsor the first
11 resolution as well.

12 Is everybody amenable to that?

13 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Yes.

14 FREEHOLDER GANZ: You need to ask the
15 Board to make an exception on the sponsorship, which
16 will be done by motion.

17 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Can I have a
18 motion to make the exception?

19 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: I'll make that
20 motion.

21 FREEHOLDER FELICE: And I'll second it.

22 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Thank you.

23 All in favor?

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

1 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Any opposed?

2 (No response.)

3 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Okay. The
4 motion to amend the rules as far as sponsorship
5 passes.

6 So now may I have a motion to --

7 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: How can he be the
8 sponsor, since he's not here?

9 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: That's what we
10 did, that was a motion to --

11 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Okay.

12 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: May I have a
13 motion to accept the resolutions on the Consent
14 Agenda?

15 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

16 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: So moved.

17 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Second.

18 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Please call the
19 roll.

20 (At this point in the proceeding roll
21 call is taken and the Resolutions of Unanimous
22 Consent are passed by a vote of six in favor, with
23 Chairman Tanelli absent.)

24 4:41 PM PRESENTATION RE: NATIONAL LITERACY MONTH

25 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: I'd like to,

1 first of all, give the floor to Freeholder Voss, as
2 we call upon Chris Stout, the Executive Director of
3 Project Literacy of Greater Bergen County, to accept
4 the resolution that we're going to present to him.

5 FREEHOLDER VOSS: I want to call
6 attention to the fact that this is National Literacy
7 Month. I'm not going read the whole proclamation,
8 because I'd like to talk about Project Literacy and
9 how important literacy is to everyone, even those of
10 us who are literate.

11 Over 23 percent of the people in this
12 country are very low or completely illiterate in
13 terms of their ability to read.

14 Project Literacy, which is based right
15 here in Hackensack, is a wonderful, wonderful
16 organization that helps adults who cannot read or who
17 have English as a second language or who are very low
18 functioning.

19 To go, it's right down at Bergen
20 Community College, right on Main Street. It's all
21 volunteers. The tutors are volunteers. The students
22 are adults. It's a one-on-one situation, where
23 people don't have to go to a classroom, they can make
24 their own time. And one of the things that is so
25 important about Project Literacy is everybody is a

1 volunteer, nobody gets paid.

2 One of the things I would like to draw
3 your attention to, while I have the floor, is that
4 we're having the one and only fundraiser that we have
5 during the year, it's called "Paint the Town Red."
6 We're honoring Tom Eastwick. This is a really
7 worthwhile event. It's going to be on October 21st
8 at the Stony Hill. So anybody who can make it, I
9 would appreciate the support for this organization.
10 It's a wonderful organization. We are trying to draw
11 attention to the fact that many adults cannot read.
12 So that is our mission at this particular point in
13 time, and to make people aware of the fact that we
14 have facilities to really help them.

15 So, Chris, as Executive Director, I
16 would like to present this proclamation to you.

17 Connie, come on up.

18 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Mr. Stout,
19 would you introduce the rest of the trustees.

20 MR. STOUT: Connie Marrero is a Trustee
21 of Project Literacy, Joan Voss is a Trustee of
22 Project Literacy, and that is the troika of literacy
23 folks today.

24 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: That's from the
25 advanced class.

1 (Laughter.)

2 MR. STOUT: Our goal is to provide the
3 gift of literacy to residents of Bergen County who
4 cannot effectively communicate.

5 If you can read this, you have that
6 gift. 150,000 of our neighbors do not have that
7 gift. Illiteracy is curable, and with support like
8 we've already gotten from you folks, we're going to
9 continue to serve several hundred people of Bergen
10 County every year.

11 FREEHOLDER VOSS: The 150,000 are just
12 here in Bergen County. There are 44 million people
13 in the United States who fall under this category.

14 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: I would like to
15 invite the Freeholders to also make this
16 presentation.

17 Mr. Stout, we have a Certificate of
18 Commendation from the County Executive, who wished he
19 have could be here tonight, to also commend the work
20 that you're doing on behalf of Project Literacy.

21 MR. STOUT: Thank you very much.

22 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Okay.

23 Mr. Stout, thank you so much.

24 4:46 PM CLOSED SESSION

25 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: We will now go

1 into Closed Session, and we'll return to the Public
2 Session.

3 Will the attorney briefly state the
4 matter which we'll be discussing in Closed Session.

5 MS. KUTNER: The purpose of the Closed
6 Session is to discuss a workers' compensation matter.

7 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: May I have a
8 motion to go into Closed Session?

9 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

10 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Second.

11 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Second.

12 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: All in favor
13 say "aye."

14 (All present Freeholders respond in the
15 affirmative.)

16 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Any opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: All right,
19 we're going into Closed.

20 FREEHOLDER GANZ: May I request that
21 you add to the resolution that we will not reveal
22 strategy ever, when we open it up.

23 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: So added to the
24 record.

25 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Ever.

1 (Whereupon, Closed Session is held.)

2 (Open Session resumes at 4:51 p.m.)

3 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Okay. There
4 being nothing further to come before this meeting,
5 may I have a motion to adjourn?

6 FREEHOLDER VOSS: So moved.

7 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: So moved.

8 Second.

9 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Second.

10 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Second.

11 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: All in favor?

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

14 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Any opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: The meeting is
17 adjourned at 4:51.

18 (Whereupon, the Work Session is
19 adjourned at 4:52 p.m.)

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