

BERGEN COUNTY
BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
LYNDHURST, NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2018
COMMENCING AT 7:36 P.M.

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FREEHOLDERS PRESENT:

- THOMAS J. SULLIVAN, CHAIRMAN
- MARY J. AMOROSO, CHAIRWOMAN PRO TEMPORE
- DAVID L. GANZ
- DR. JOAN M. VOSS
- TRACY SILNA ZUR
- STEVEN A. TANELLI

FREEHOLDERS ABSENT:

- GERMAINE M. ORTIZ, VICE CHAIRWOMAN

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ALSO PRESENT:

LARA RODRIGUEZ
CLERK TO THE BOARD

LAURIE BIANCHI
DEPUTY CLERK TO THE BOARD

DIANE GUMBLE
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

JULIEN X. NEALS, ESQUIRE
ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

EDWARD J. FLORIO, ESQUIRE
COUNSEL TO THE BOARD

MICHAEL SHEINFELD
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & POLICY

STORM WYCHE
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF POLICY & RESEARCH

ROBERT B. GIANGERUSO, MAYOR OF LYNDHURST

KAREN HAGGERTY, COMMISSIONER

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Mayor Robert B. Giangeruso

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1 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: The meeting is
2 called to order at 7:36 p.m.

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

6 Thank you.

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

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

22 ROLL CALL

23 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Will the Clerk
24 please call the roll.

25 (At this point in the proceeding roll

1 call is taken with Freeholders Amoroso, Ganz,
2 Tanelli, Voss, Silna Zur, and Chairman Sullivan
3 present, with Vice-Chairwoman Ortiz absent.)

4 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Evidence of a
5 quorum is present.

6 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

7 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Everyone please
8 rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

9 Mayor Giangeruso, would you please lead
10 us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

11 MAYOR GIANGERUSO: Sure.

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

15 MOMENT OF SILENCE

16 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Kindly remain
17 standing.

18 I'd ask you to remain standing for a
19 Moment of Silence for Kasie Del Otero, a 16-year-old
20 sophomore from Ramapo Hills High School in Franklin
21 Lakes. Our condolences go out to her father,
22 Mr. Thomas Del Otero, and her mother, Ms. Aurelice
23 Zitman.

24 Please let us have a Moment of Silence.

25 (Whereupon a Moment of Silence is

1 observed.)

2 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

3 Good evening, everybody. The
4 Freeholder Board is excited to be here in Lyndhurst.
5 Tonight is the continuation of our efforts to bring
6 county government on-the-road to Bergen County
7 residents.

8 I would like to thank Mayor Robert
9 Giangeruso and the members of the Lyndhurst Board of
10 Commissioners for allowing us to be here this evening
11 in helping bring county government to its residents.

12 We do have a few people in attendance
13 that I'd like to recognize: The mayor, of course,
14 Mayor Giangeruso. Commissioner Haggerty is here.
15 And former Commissioner, Frank Bianco, is here. So
16 thank you for attending.

17 HEARING OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC

18 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: May I have a motion
19 to open the meeting to the public?

20 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

21 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Second.

22 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

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

25 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

1 (No response.)

2 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Approved.

3 We will now have a hearing of the
4 general public, with a three-minute time limit in
5 effect, in accordance with the Bergen County
6 Freeholder bylaws.

7 The Board Attorney will keep the time.
8 When the time of the speaker expires, the Board
9 Attorney will announce the time has expired.

10 Please fill out a slip of paper with
11 your name, address, and general topic on which you
12 wish to speak.

13 Do we have any speakers?

14 Would anybody in the audience like to
15 speak?

16 Mayor, you want to say a few words?

17 I want to thank the mayor for coming.
18 He had hip surgery. I told him not to come, but he
19 listens to me like my wife listens to me.

20 MAYOR GIANGERUSO: Welcome to
21 Lyndhurst.

22 Steve knows you have to have it here,
23 there's only one Freeholder from the south. Nice to
24 meet you. It's nice meeting you, and welcome to
25 Lyndhurst. Also, we have a satellite office behind

1 this wall here for Congressman Pascrell, and it's a
2 great pleasure having him here. He couldn't come.
3 Of course, his staff comes here, and you can't
4 believe the people we have coming in and out that
5 he's helping. Like I said, it's an honor to have you
6 guys here. We're here for you. I know you're here
7 for us. Thank you very much.

8 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you, mayor.
9 Is there anybody else here that wishes
10 to speak?

11 (No response.)

12 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Seeing none, can I
13 have a motion to close the meeting to the public?

14 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

15 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

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

19 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 RESOLUTIONS OF UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

22 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We will now go over
23 our resolutions.

24 Would the Clerk please read the
25 Resolutions on the Consent Agenda.

1 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Resolutions of Consent
2 are: #348-18 through #390-18.

3 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Can I have a motion
4 to accept the Resolutions on the Consent Agenda as
5 read by the Clerk?

6 FREEHOLDER VOSS: So moved.

7 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

8 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Second.

9 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

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

12 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Any opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Roll call, please.

15 (At this point in the proceeding roll
16 call is taken and the Resolutions of Unanimous
17 Consent are passed by a vote of six in favor, with
18 Vice-Chairwoman Ortiz absent.)

19 MS. RODRIGUEZ: With six ayes, the
20 agenda passes.

21 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

22 Are there any resolutions of
23 Nonconsent, pulled, postponed or tabled?

24 MS. RODRIGUEZ: There are none.

25 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

1 COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM FREEHOLDERS

2 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We will now have
3 our Freeholder Committee Reports. We'll start with
4 Freeholder Tanelli, being this is basically his home
5 turf.

6 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Thank you,
7 Chairman.

8 First, I just want to start by saying
9 how happy I am to be here in Lyndhurst tonight as one
10 of our meetings-on-the-road initiative. That was a
11 campaign promise that we said we would make county
12 government more accessible throughout Bergen County.
13 This gives the people of Lyndhurst, the people of
14 South Bergen, an opportunity to come out and tell us
15 important issues they're facing down here because
16 they can't get to Hackensack on a Wednesday night.

17 Actually, I want to thank those who did
18 come out. I am a little disappointed, the weather
19 changed, it is beautiful, and people would rather be
20 out than at our meeting, but I certainly hope that
21 they understand that we were here, and if they do
22 want to reach out to the residents, I'm a regular
23 visitor here. As the mayor says, I come to quite a
24 few meetings. It's good to stay in touch with the
25 local municipalities to find out what's going on, so

1 that if I can be of assistance, we can be here.

2 Tonight, I want to bring your attention
3 to a couple of resolutions that we passed, three
4 regarding our senior citizens.

5 #352-18, under Community Development,
6 we passed a resolution that gave a grant to River
7 Vale for their senior center to make it more ADA
8 compliant. Upon the recommendation of the director
9 of the Division of Community Development, we entered
10 into an agreement with the Township of River Vale.

11 #357-18, under Senior Services
12 resolution, we applied and accepted a SHIP grant.
13 What that grant is, it gives us an opportunity to pay
14 some staffers, it also has some volunteers that can
15 help people fill out their information for their
16 health benefits. People that are on Medicare and are
17 looking for their Medicare benefits, it's very
18 complicated, very time-consuming, so this grant
19 actually offers them an opportunity to go to a
20 professional that can help them follow those
21 proceedings.

22 We also passed #358-18, which was a
23 Memorandum Of Understanding with the Meadowlands YMCA
24 to provide an exercise programs for our seniors.
25 This grant, in particular, focuses on two different

1 activity centers, our North Arlington Activity Center
2 and our Wallington Activity Center.

3 We all know how important it is for our
4 seniors to stay active. This helps them stay active
5 not only physically but mentally so they can stay
6 strong and lead productive lives as aging adults.

7 Lastly, we passed Resolution #382-18,
8 which is a resolution recommending Open Space grants.
9 The recommendation comes from the Open Space Board,
10 we review it, we pass it along, now it gets open to
11 the people who actually speak to it at an Open Public
12 Meeting.

13 So three projects that are being done
14 down in South Bergen. Elmwood Park is redoing the
15 Market Street intersection, creating a dedicated
16 lane; North Arlington is working on improvements at
17 Pruitt field; and Lyndhurst is getting a grant for
18 Thomas Albino Park, they'll be getting new playground
19 equipment in and new benches. That's all due to the
20 Open Space grants that get distributed throughout the
21 municipalities in Bergen County.

22 Thank you, Chairman, that concludes my
23 report.

24 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you,
25 Freeholder.

1 Freeholder Zur.

2 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Thank you,
3 Chairman.

4 First of all, echoing Freeholder
5 Tanelli, it is a pleasure to be here. The last time
6 I was in this room was when you all passed your
7 Access for All and made sure that Lyndhurst was part
8 of our movement throughout the county to make things
9 more accessible for those with disabilities.

10 In that regard, it is the end of Autism
11 Awareness Month, and I spent a lot of last week at
12 events where we really celebrated and highlighted
13 things that are going on for those with autism
14 throughout Bergen County. I went to a breakfast for
15 REED, which was announcing REED Next, which is a
16 partnership between REED Academy in Oakland and
17 Ramapo College, forging a partnership for them to
18 provide job training as well as academic experiences
19 for those with disabilities on the Ramapo College
20 campus.

21 I was at a ribbon cutting in Oakland
22 for the Betty Center, named after Betty Hoehne, who
23 was a volunteer extraordinaire for ARC for so many
24 years, and this will provide day services for so many
25 with disabilities and outreach that are often

1 underserved.

2 We had Autism Awareness Day at the zoo,
3 providing information regarding services for those
4 with autism throughout the county and also opening
5 our doors at the zoo for our residents for free as
6 well.

7 Upcoming there's going to be a big bike
8 ride, Go the Distance for Autism, that helps raise
9 money for a lot of private schools for autism in
10 Bergen County, for the EPIC School, REED Academy, and
11 you can go to GTDforAutism.org to sign up and really
12 assist those with autism on June 4th.

13 Additionally, this means a lot of
14 cleanup, now that it's spring, it's everybody's time
15 to kind of clean out the cobwebs. There were
16 cleanups in Wyckoff and Montvale. We went to a
17 Rebuilding Together project in Oakland where we
18 helped a family who was dealing with cancer deal with
19 electrical issues. I didn't do that, I did yard
20 work. I leave that to Freeholder Sullivan. Usually
21 they make me paint the closet, that's about my skill
22 set. But it was an opportunity for us to start off
23 spring right and also help our neighbors.

24 Most importantly, this week I finished
25 my capstone for my master's thesis. So I just want

1 to thank everyone in this room, basically all my
2 colleagues who were so supportive during this
3 process, who listened to me complaining for months
4 regarding the work that was required, and for really
5 supporting me in this effort. Thank you, everybody,
6 for dealing with me in those moments.

7 Chairman, that's the end of my report.

8 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you, Tracy.
9 It wasn't easy for us either.

10 (Laughter.)

11 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Freeholder Amoroso.

12 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Again, we are so
13 happy to be here in Lyndhurst with Mayor Giangeruso
14 and with Karen Haggerty. We're all kissing each
15 other down there.

16 I should point out that in the spirit
17 of autism awareness, Tracy Zur repelled off a
18 six-story building in Elmwood Park!

19 On Thursday, April 19th, I attended the
20 Time is Now Action Coalition gathering at Two Bergen
21 County Plaza in Hackensack. The coalition was put
22 together by Assemblywoman Valerie Huttles and the
23 YWCA. We heard from New Jersey's First Lady, Tammy
24 Murphy, who recently revealed that she was the victim
25 of sexual assault when she was younger.

1 The coalition aims to capitalize on the
2 heightened public consciousness of the #MeToo
3 movement to listen to and to support victims of
4 sexual harassment and sexual assault, and to create
5 new public forums that make sexual harassment and
6 assault unacceptable and consequential.

7 Later that night, Freeholder Ortiz and
8 I went to the 50th anniversary gala for Bergen
9 Community College to celebrate its emergence as a
10 first rate educational institution.

11 On April 3rd, 1963, the Bergen County
12 Board of Chosen Freeholders passed a resolution
13 appointing a committee of distinguished citizens
14 charged with the responsibility of inquiring into the
15 need for a two-year county college in Bergen County.

16 The college registered its first class
17 of day and evening students September 1968, in
18 interim buildings designed for 1,300 students on the
19 grounds of the former Orchard Hills Country Club in
20 Paramus. Today the college serves 14,000 students in
21 Paramus, Hackensack, and Lyndhurst.

22 On April 27th, we attended the
23 ribbon-cutting for the Glen Rock Environmental
24 Center, which is a beautiful, new eco-sensitive
25 building on the grounds of the arboretum, which is

1 11 acres of wetland forest in Glen Rock open to
2 everybody.

3 On Saturday, April 28th, we stopped by
4 a house in Hackensack being rehabbed by the group
5 Rebuilding Together North Jersey. We're building
6 together, and members of Tom Sullivan's electrical
7 union were doing electrical work for an elderly woman
8 who wants to remain in her home but doesn't have the
9 funds to make the house, as they say, safe, warm and
10 dry. For more info on the program aimed at low
11 income homeowners, go to RTNorthJersey.org.

12 On Monday, I attended the Auxiliary
13 Police graduation at the Police and Fire Academy in
14 Mahwah. I was touched by these graduates' commitment
15 to law enforcement and how they pledged to be a
16 calming and kind influence on their communities.

17 Today, our Community Development folks
18 got word we can expect almost a million more dollars
19 for our Community Development Block Grant program,
20 and about \$700,000 more dollars for the Home program.
21 This is good news for the federal HUD programs seen
22 to be on the chopping block just six months ago.

23 Finally, the Bergen County Care Fair is
24 this Sunday at the Rothman Center on the FDU campus
25 in Hackensack, noon to 5:00 p.m. It's a one-stop

1 source to help all Bergen County residents navigate
2 their way through health care, senior services, and
3 social services, and find those services they need.
4 It's free to get in.

5 Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you,
7 Freeholder.

8 Freeholder Ganz.

9 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Pass.

10 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: I saved the best
11 for last, Freeholder Dr. Voss.

12 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Thank you, Chairman.

13 It's a pleasure to be here in
14 Lyndhurst. I love your street fairs, love your
15 parades, and I just like coming down here, so it's
16 really great.

17 As a history teacher, I want to call
18 your attention to a few things. I always use my
19 reports to give lessons on things I think people
20 really need to remember.

21 Last week we observed Holocaust
22 Remembrance Day. We have to remember that 6 million
23 people perished in the Holocaust, and we can never
24 forget that. But, interestingly enough, one of the
25 first bills I sponsored down in Trenton was to

1 remember the Armenian Genocide.

2 When Hitler was proposing to do such
3 catastrophic things, he said to the men that were
4 under his command, "Do you remember the Armenians?"

5 And they said, "No, who are the
6 Armenians?"

7 The Armenian Genocide was the first
8 genocide of the 20th century, and 2 1/2 million
9 Armenians were massacred. And if you want to learn
10 more about this, because it was one of the forgotten
11 horrors in history, there is a movie called "The
12 Promise" which came out last year. I like to use
13 movies sometimes to get students interested in
14 learning more about things. Since we are a very
15 visual society, I thought that's a very good way to
16 do that.

17 Last week, several of us went to the
18 opening of the new Sikh temple in Oakland.

19 Many people are not familiar with the
20 Sikh religion. It is the fifth or sixth largest
21 religion in the world today, and it's a really
22 wonderful religion, because they do so many acts of
23 good deeds. I think we should learn more about them,
24 because they've done some wonderful, wonderful things
25 here in Bergen County, and I was honored to be there.

1 I've been involved with autism, since
2 my son is on the spectrum, he has Asperger's
3 syndrome, and so that's been one of my passions in
4 life, to educate people about autism and how to deal
5 with it. And so last week I went to Bergen Community
6 College to speak with early childhood caregivers,
7 people who deal with children, say, from birth until
8 four-years-old.

9 Nobody knows the causes of autism, but
10 one of the things most people don't realize, it is
11 not an intellectual problem, it is a social and
12 communications problem. It is something that we
13 don't know what the causes are, but what I was there
14 to do is to teach the teachers some of the things to
15 recognize. No two cases of autism are the same, not
16 anywhere near. You can see a whole list of things
17 that might give you an indication that there might be
18 something amiss, but no two cases are the same.
19 Usually it's like not talking when most babies start
20 to talk or not making eye contact or not being able
21 to play with other children and that kind of thing.
22 It's communication, not intellect, and so it really
23 is important, because the early intervention means
24 the better that things will turn out. One in 34
25 children in the State of New Jersey will be on the

1 autism spectrum, one in 34, and the majority of the
2 people on the spectrum are boys, so people have to be
3 aware and alert to get the early intervention.

4 HIP is a wonderful organization that
5 deals with people with various disabilities to try
6 and make them independent. We have a wonderful HIP
7 program here in Bergen County. Anyone who is
8 interested should get in touch or go online and find
9 out where their HIP club is. Amazing things are
10 being done for people with disabilities.

11 The Bergen County Education Association
12 had their legislative dinner, which is always great
13 because it's very important that we are aware of the
14 concerns of the education community.

15 Yesterday was Bergen County Law Day,
16 and I love that, because this is when we make people
17 new citizens of the United States. It's always a joy
18 to see all of these new citizens take the oath of
19 allegiance to America.

20 And, as Mary said, the Bergen County
21 Care Fair is this Sunday. It starts at noontime.
22 It's free. It's at the Rothman Center. I hope that
23 everybody will come out and see some of the services
24 that are available.

25 And last but not least, you all

1 recognize these little poppies. One of the things
2 that we're very concerned about is the welfare of our
3 veterans. As you know, the end of the month is
4 Memorial Day. When you see a veteran selling these
5 poppies, please donate, it's for a wonderful,
6 wonderful cause. I want everybody to have dozens of
7 poppies by Memorial Day.

8 That's the end of my report.

9 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you,
10 Freeholder.

11 First I want to thank Lyndhurst for
12 having us here, and all the residents for their
13 kindness in letting us come here to Lyndhurst.
14 Commissioner Haggerty, thank you for being here as
15 well, it's an honor.

16 Just to touch a little more with what
17 Freeholder Amoroso was talking about, we just
18 celebrated Autism Awareness Month. We got some
19 interesting figures, my colleague has gone over, but
20 our figures are a little skewed because a lot of
21 people move to New Jersey because the services here
22 in New Jersey are far better than in most places. So
23 that's something we're proud of in Bergen County, we
24 certainly make sure we take care of our residents.

25 I would like to highlight Resolution

1 #366-18 tonight, in which the county purchased four
2 Harley Davidson motorcycles with the assistance from
3 the county Prosecutor's forfeiture funds. This
4 necessary training equipment was purchased at no cost
5 to the taxpayers through the use of forfeiture funds,
6 along with the trade-in value of our previous fleet.

7 We have our academy up there in Mahwah,
8 and we train our officers on motorcycles. A few
9 years ago, Prosecutor Grewal offered to buy a few
10 motorcycles, and now we just keep turning them over.
11 We have continued to purchase them with forfeiture
12 funds from the Prosecutor's Office, so I want to say
13 thank you for that.

14 I'd also like to mention Resolution
15 #364-18, in which the county is beginning
16 construction work as part of a shared service
17 agreement with Elmwood Park. This will help the much
18 needed congestion at Mola Boulevard and Market
19 Street.

20 Another Resolution, #368-18, is a
21 shared service agreement with the Borough of Fairview
22 for the use of emergency and non-emergency equipment.

23 As always, we are looking for ways to
24 save the taxpayers costs while keeping the services
25 high.

1 These resolutions are two more in a
2 long line of shared service agreements that this
3 Board has entered into for the benefit of the
4 residents.

5 We continue to talk to you about how
6 we're going to continue to share services, and we
7 continue to find partners to share services with, and
8 the result is it's a win/win to the municipality and
9 for the county and everyone saves money. And you'll
10 hear from myself, Freeholder Tanelli, and the rest of
11 the Board will continue to talk about shared
12 services. There's a reason why we have a zero
13 percent increase in our tax budget this year, and
14 this is one of them.

15 I did also attend the BCEA dinner.
16 Education is being funded again in our budget. We
17 continue to fund education and we will continue to
18 fund education, at the same time keeping the cost to
19 the taxpayer at a minimum. Education is the key, we
20 all agree. I have a little more skin in the game
21 than most, because my wife is a teacher, so I do see
22 what they go through every single day and the
23 preparation that it takes and what it takes to be a
24 schoolteacher. So just a shout-out to the BCEA,
25 thank them for what they do and thank you for having

1 us. All of our Freeholders were in attendance in
2 support of the BCEA.

3 Also, the winter hopefully is over. I
4 want to make everyone aware the county does have a
5 hotline for reporting pothole repairs. Residents are
6 encouraged to call 201-336-7675 and let us know where
7 the potholes are, so we can try and address the
8 roadways. We had our DPW department head come in
9 just last month and addressed us, how aggressive we
10 are in filling the potholes. We've rented some
11 really topnotch machines that fill the potholes
12 quicker and more efficiently, so don't be afraid to
13 report them.

14 Tonight at our Work Session, we honored
15 Jack Wallace from Franklin Lakes. He was a
16 Paralympics Sled Hockey Gold medalist. It was just
17 an honor for all of us there to see such a young man
18 not let any disability get in the way of his dreams.
19 We all basically let him know what an inspiration he
20 is to see people that continue to fight adversity and
21 make the best out of the situations in life. It was
22 an honor to have Jack Wallace and his really big gold
23 medal there. They beat Canada for the gold, which,
24 if you're a hockey fan like I am, you know that you
25 don't get any better than that. So thank you to him

1 and his mother, Barbara, who attended the ceremony
2 this evening.

3 Last but certainly not least, I'd like
4 to acknowledge that the Bergen County Executive, Jim
5 Tedesco, announced this week that by June 1st, 2018,
6 there will be dedicated pickleball courts in the
7 Ridgely Park section of Overpeck Park. I know
8 it's very important to our pickleball players, and if
9 you watched our meeting, if you followed our
10 meetings, you know what I'm talking about. This is
11 just one of the many examples where our
12 administration listened to the concerns of our
13 residents and created a commonsense solution.

14 I'd like to commend our Parks
15 Department liaison, Freeholder Tanelli, for his work
16 in making this possible. I know the pickleball
17 players in Bergen County really appreciate it.

18 I do have one other thing. Our County
19 Clerk, John Hogan, kicked off his Gold Star Parent ID
20 Card program today with a press conference that I was
21 honored to speak at. This program is a no-brainer
22 that the Freeholder Board and the Bergen County
23 Executive fully support. It's a small thank you to
24 the parents of those who serve this country. So
25 basically the parents of a veteran gets a gold card,

1 it's able to be used in some areas for discounts. It
2 is really just to let the parents know, they send
3 their children out to war, out to serve, and it's
4 just a small token to let them know that we are not
5 going to forget. I give kudos to our County Clerk,
6 who took this program that the Legislature passed,
7 the first one in the area to run with it. The County
8 Executive was very supportive of it, and, of course,
9 our Freeholder Board in its entirety passed a
10 resolution in support of it at our last meeting.
11 Like I said, it's a no-brainer. It's a no-brainer
12 for everybody up here on the dais, and, as the
13 Chairman, I couldn't tell you how proud I am that we
14 have a program like that in Bergen County.

15 So, really, this is my last thing I'm
16 going to say, I want to thank the staff who came from
17 Hackensack tonight to make sure that our meeting
18 on-the-road is handled flawlessly, which again it
19 was, and we do have a celebrity from the staff who
20 lives in Lyndhurst, her name is Diane Gumble. You
21 want to stand up?

22 MS. GUMBLE: No.

23 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: So, Diane is going
24 to show me how to get out of this place. I'm just
25 kidding. I'm just kidding.

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And that concludes my report.

There being nothing further to come
before the meeting, may have a motion to adjourn?

FREEHOLDER TANELLI: So moved.

FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

FREEHOLDER VOSS: Second.

CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

(All present Freeholders respond in the
affirmative.)

CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Motion carried,
we're adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Thank you, everyone.

(Whereupon, the Public Meeting is
adjourned at 8:04 p.m.)

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