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BERGEN COUNTY
BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY
WORK SESSION
WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2018
COMMENCING AT 4:34 P.M.

FREEHOLDERS PRESENT:

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

FREEHOLDERS ABSENT:

- GERMAINE M. ORTIZ, VICE CHAIRWOMAN

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ALSO PRESENT:

JAMES J. TEDESCO III
BERGEN COUNTY EXECUTIV

LARA RODRIGUEZ
CLERK TO THE BOARD

LAURIE BIANCHI
DEPUTY CLERK TO THE BOARD

JULIEN X. NEALS, ESQUIRE
ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

EDWARD J. FLORIO, ESQUIRE
COUNSEL TO THE BOARD

MICHAEL SHEINFELD
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & POLICY

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James J. Tedesco III

4:53 PM CLOSED SESSION

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1 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Good evening. The
2 meeting is called to order at 4:34 p.m.

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

6 Thank you.

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

9 MS. RODRIGUEZ: 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 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Will the Clerk
22 please read the roll.

23 (At this point in the proceeding roll
24 call is taken with Freeholders Amoroso, Ganz,
25 Tanelli, Voss, Silna Zur, and Chairman Sullivan

1 present, with Vice-Chairwoman Ortiz absent.)

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

4 Will you all please rise for the Pledge
5 of Allegiance.

6 Mr. Wallace, will you lead us in the
7 Pledge of Allegiance.

8 MR. WALLACE: Sure.

9 (At this point in the proceeding all
10 rise for a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance,
11 led by Mr. Wallace.)

12 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: If everyone could
13 kindly we remain standing. I would ask for a Moment
14 of Silence for Kasie Del Otero, a 16-year-old
15 sophomore from Ramapo High School in Franklin Lakes.
16 Our condolences go out to her father, Mr. Thomas
17 Del Otero and her mother, Ms. Aurelice Zitman.

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

20 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

21 As a reminder, the Freeholder Board is
22 having tonight's public session on-the-road, in the
23 Council Chambers of the Lyndhurst Borough Council,
24 located at 367 Valley Brook Avenue. We all look
25 forward to these meetings, as they help bring the

1 county government into the community it serves.

2 I personally would like to thank
3 Freeholder Tanelli and Freeholder Zur for following
4 through on the pledge that they made years ago.

5 4:36 PM PRESENTATION OF COMMENDATION TO JACK WALLACE

6 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Before we begin our
7 meeting, we have a presentation to make.

8 As many of you know, I'm a huge hockey
9 fan, so this is a special one for me.

10 Today we are pleased to be joined by
11 Mr. Jack Wallace of Franklin Lakes and his mother,
12 Barbara. Jack is a member of the U.S.A. Sled Hockey
13 National Team, which won the Gold Medal at the 2018
14 Paralympics. Gold medal! Great! The biggest player
15 on the team, at 6-foot 4 and 210 pounds, Jack showed
16 great skill in scoring two goals and three assists in
17 the tournament, culminating in a thrilling 2-1
18 overtime win over Canada in the Gold Medal Game. And
19 anyone who knows hockey knows that's the team that
20 you want to beat.

21 In addition to his distinguished
22 athletic career, Jack is also a student at the
23 College of New Jersey, majoring in medical
24 engineering.

25 I would like to invite Jack to come

1 forward for a presentation from the Freeholder Board
2 and our County Executive, and his mom, of course.

3 (Applause.)

4 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: This says: To Jack
5 Wallace, from Franklin Lakes, New Jersey, in honor
6 and recognition on your Gold Medal winning
7 performance in representing the United States of
8 America at the 2018 Paralympics and representing the
9 County of Bergen. We are so proud of you.

10 MR. WALLACE: Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you very
12 much.

13 MR. WALLACE: Thank you so much.

14 (Applause.)

15 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: County Executive.

16 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: Thank you,
17 Chairman.

18 So, Tom said a lot, but there's just a
19 couple other pieces of information.

20 Jack helped lead Team USA to win its
21 third consecutive gold medal and fourth gold medal in
22 the history of the competition. So, the tradition
23 continued with your help.

24 Jack, on behalf of the people of Bergen
25 County, I wanted to give you a Certificate of

1 Commendation. And it reads:

2 Jack Wallace, USA Gold Medal, Sled
3 Hockey, in honor and recognition of winning a gold
4 medal in the Paralympics and in appreciation for your
5 representation of the County of Bergen on the Team
6 USA.

7 Thank you so much.

8 (Applause.)

9 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: Also, Jack,
10 on behalf of the people of Bergen County, this is the
11 pin with the seal of the county on it. We want to
12 give it to you so that you can wear it with pride,
13 knowing that you come from the County of Bergen in
14 New Jersey.

15 Congratulations, again.

16 MR. WALLACE: This is a great county to
17 live in. It was a pleasure and honor to go over
18 there and represent you guys. Obviously I'm humbled
19 to be here. Thank you for honoring me. I really
20 appreciate it.

21 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

22 (Applause.)

23 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Hockey is my sport,
24 guys.

25 All right. Would any of the

1 Freeholders like to make any comments?

2 Freeholder Zur, go ahead.

3 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: I was just
4 saying this to Jack, I heard from so many people who
5 grew up with him about his tenacity and the fact that
6 he never took no for an answer. He was an athlete,
7 and he wasn't going to let a disability define him,
8 and, more importantly, he was going to overcome any
9 challenge that was in his way. What you did getting
10 to that point is amazing, what you did on the ice was
11 incredible, but what you continue to stand for is
12 really what is so impressive as far as overcoming
13 every challenge and really bringing your full heart
14 into every single thing you do. So I just want to
15 thank you for the example that you set for our entire
16 community, especially as a Franklin Lakes resident,
17 I'm especially proud, but, really, for the example
18 you set for all of our kids about overcoming
19 challenges and leading the way and having an amazing,
20 positive attitude and being such a leader, both on
21 the ice and off. So, congratulations.

22 MR. WALLACE: Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Freeholder Dr.
24 Voss.

25 FREEHOLDER VOSS: I just want to say

1 you're an inspiration to all us, and I thank you for
2 that.

3 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Anyone else?

4 Freeholder Tanelli.

5 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: You said in your
6 comments you were humbled. We were humbled for you
7 to come to our meeting and let us honor you. I mean,
8 your efforts are remarkable. There's nothing else
9 that we can say, other than thank you.

10 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Anyone else?

11 I will just finish by saying thank you
12 for being here. There's not too many people in the
13 world that you really can call heroes, we have some
14 people, but to me you're a hero. You didn't let
15 anything stand in your way, and you're a great
16 example to everybody. And, as a hockey fan, of
17 course I like that, but as a person, it's just a
18 phenomenal work ethic and someone people look up to.
19 I mean, from the bottom of my heart, thank you very
20 much for what you do and continue to do. Good luck
21 in college. Get out there and make us even prouder.

22 Thank you very much.

23 MR. FLORIO: Chairman, before we
24 continue with the meeting, if I may make a
25 suggestion. There have been so many wonderful

1 remarks made about his wonderful achievement, perhaps
2 when the transcript is ready, a copy could be
3 presented to the family and they can have it
4 memorialized for their own purposes.

5 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: I don't think
6 anyone on the Freeholder Board has any objection.

7 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: No.

8 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: The only thing I
9 would apologize for, our schedules didn't work, we
10 would really have liked to have you on camera in the
11 big room. If you'd like to come back, we certainly
12 can do that again.

13 MR. WALLACE: Okay.

14 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you very much
15 for coming.

16 MRS. WALLACE: Thank you.

17 4:44 REVIEW OF RESOLUTIONS

18 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay. Now we'll go
19 through a review of the resolutions to be voted on
20 tonight.

21 Clerk.

22 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Resolutions #348-18
23 through #390-18.

24 Starting at Page 1.

25 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Page 1.

1 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Mr. Chairman, I'd
2 like to sponsor #351, #352, and #353, which are
3 Community Development.

4 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay. Who would
5 like to second?

6 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: I'll second
7 that.

8 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: As a Body of the
9 Whole?

10 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Yes.

11 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Any objection?

12 (No response.)

13 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay, #351, #352,
14 and #353 will be sponsored by Freeholder Amoroso and
15 co-sponsored by the Body of the Whole.

16 Is there anything else on Page 1?

17 (No response.)

18 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Page 2.

19 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Chairman?

20 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Yes.

21 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: I would like to
22 sponsor #358-18, please.

23 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Would anyone like
24 to co-sponsor that?

25 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: I'll co-sponsor

1 that.

2 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Freeholder Zur.

3 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Yes.

4 And I would also like to sponsor
5 #356-18.

6 FREEHOLDER VOSS: I'll co-sponsor that
7 with you.

8 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay. Anything
9 else on Page 2?

10 (No response.)

11 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Moving right along
12 to Page 3.

13 Anything on Page 3?

14 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Mr. Chairman,
15 #368, we have been doing those as a Body of the
16 Whole. May I make a suggestion to do the same?

17 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: I'm okay. Does
18 anyone have any objection?

19 (No response.)

20 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: #368 should be by
21 the Body of the Whole.

22 I'd like to sponsor #366, please.

23 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: I'll co-sponsor
24 with you, Harley Davidson.

25 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: This resolution is,

1 we had asked for some clarification on it, and we got
2 it. The Prosecutor's Office had started a program
3 where they had donated four motorcycles a few years
4 back. The Prosecutor at the time, Mr. Grewal, said
5 it was the most expensive lunch he ever attended.
6 But it's a much needed program, and we will continue
7 to use forfeiture funds to buy them, and I will make
8 sure that that's brought out in the Public Meeting
9 tonight. So I would sponsor that, if anyone wants to
10 co-sponsor that?

11 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Mary did
12 already.

13 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay. Thank you.
14 Anything else on Page 3?

15 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Chairman, just a
16 question.

17 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Sure.

18 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: On Page 2, there's
19 a few grants. Are we going to do them as a Body of
20 the Whole?

21 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Which ones,
22 Freeholder?

23 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: #357, to be
24 specific.

25 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: #357, is there any

1 objection to sponsoring it as a Body of the Whole?

2 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: No.

3 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Seeing none, we'll
4 sponsor it.

5 Is there anything else, Freeholder?

6 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Did we do #355
7 yet?

8 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: No, we did not.

9 Is everyone okay with that as a Body of
10 the Whole?

11 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Yes.

12 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: And #356.

13 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: #356 was sponsored
14 by Tracy and Joan.

15 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you,
17 Freeholder.

18 Page 3.

19 Page 4.

20 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: On Page 4, can I
21 ask for a Closed Session update on #372, #373, and
22 #374?

23 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Yes.

24 ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NEALS: Yes.

25 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We'll have that,

1 absolutely. Thank you, Freeholder, I should have
2 pointed that out.

3 Anything on Page 5?

4 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Chairman, I'd like
5 to sponsor #380-18.

6 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: May I sponsor that
7 with you, if you don't mind?

8 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Sure.

9 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: I think we should
10 really do it as a Body of the Whole to second it.

11 Is everyone okay with that?

12 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: That's fine.

13 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Yes.

14 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Could we also
15 add to the Closed Session updates on #376 and #379?

16 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Yes, ma'am, #376
17 and #379.

18 Page 6.

19 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Chairman, I'd like
20 to sponsor #382-18.

21 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: I'd like to sponsor
22 that with you, sir.

23 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Actually, Steve,
25 you want to be the sponsor, I think we should

1 co-sponsor as a Body of the Whole.

2 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Yes.

3 FREEHOLDER VOSS: What about #383,
4 #384, #385, shouldn't that be by the Body of the
5 Whole?

6 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: #383 through?

7 FREEHOLDER VOSS: #386.

8 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Actually all the
9 way to #389 are all the appointments. Also, if we
10 could do #390, as it is recognizing Asthma and
11 Allergy Awareness Month.

12 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Did you get all
13 that, Kim, #383 through #390 is Body of the Whole?

14 MS. FURBACHER: Yes.

15 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Is there any
16 objection?

17 FREEHOLDER VOSS: No.

18 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

19 That's it.

20 We will now go into Closed Session for
21 approximately 20 minutes. Then we will return to
22 Public Session.

23 Will the attorney briefly state the
24 matters which we will be discussing in Closed
25 Session?

1 MR. FLORIO: Thank you, Chairman.

2 Specifically for the purpose of updates
3 on existing lawsuits under Resolutions #372, #373,
4 #374, #376, and #379.

5 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Before we go into
6 Closed, the County Executive would like to address
7 the Freeholder Board.

8 Thank you, County Executive.

9 4:50 PM COUNTY EXECUTIVE REMARKS RE: PARAMUS ROAD

10 RESURFACING

11 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: Thank you,
12 Mr. Chairman.

13 I wanted to come in front of the
14 Freeholder Board just to give you an update and a
15 little bit of an explanation.

16 Some of you may have received
17 correspondence from somebody within the county about
18 a project that we had ongoing last week in the town
19 of Paramus, where we were resurfacing Paramus Road.
20 We did about five miles of roadway.

21 There was correspondence to me as the
22 County Executive indicating that the person felt that
23 there could have been better planning to mill and
24 pave Paramus Road. And I just wanted to share with
25 you that I've received three text messages so far

1 since the road was finished being paved from
2 residents of Paramus thanking me for doing the road
3 resurfacing there, and also from the mayor of
4 Paramus. The mayor of Paramus contacted me, wanted
5 to commend the County of Bergen for the work that it
6 did on Paramus Road, also the contractor.

7 One of the issues always is, you know,
8 when do we do it? And this planning is not as easy
9 as everybody thinks it is. And some people made a
10 suggestion about doing it at night. Well, working at
11 night doing road resurfacing is not the optimum, and
12 there's usually some issues that develop during
13 nighttime paving, and it's also more costly. So we
14 get less miles per ton, because it's more costly.

15 So, the road has been done. It's been
16 striped. And the outcome is really quite remarkable.
17 And I wanted to share with the Freeholders, so they
18 have that information, if somebody is to ask you or
19 somebody is to question you, that the planning was
20 done because part of it also was it was actually 2015
21 funding that we finally got in the TTF and there were
22 time limitations on that also.

23 So, when you put that altogether,
24 that's why it was decided by operations to move
25 forward and do Paramus Road during the time frame it

1 was. So while there was, yes, some traffic pattern
2 changes, the real overreaching success of the job, I
3 think, outweighs that. And getting these text
4 messages from residents that actually had to live it
5 in a positive manner, I just wanted to share with you
6 and also the mayor's compliments.

7 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you, sir.

8 I will tell you that my office is right
9 down the block from there, everything was rerouted,
10 but the control by the police officers and the
11 traffic control, yeah, it was a little inconvenient
12 but it definitely wasn't too much of a burden.

13 Thank you for that.

14 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: Thank you.

15 4:53 PM CLOSED SESSION

16 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Can I have a motion
17 to go into Closed Session?

18 FREEHOLDER VOSS: So moved.

19 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Second.

20 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

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

24 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

25 (No response.)

1 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: 4:53 p.m., Closed
2 Session.

3 Thank you.

4 (Whereupon, Closed Session is held.)

5 (Open Session resumes at 5:06 p.m.)

6 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: The meeting was
7 reopened at 5:06.

8 We will reconvene in Lyndhurst for our
9 Public Meeting at 7:30.

10 There being nothing further to come
11 before this meeting, may I have a motion to adjourn?

12 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

13 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Second.

14 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

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

17 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: The meeting is
20 adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

21 (Whereupon, the Work Session is
22 adjourned at 5:06 p.m.)

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