

BERGEN COUNTY  
BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS  
HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY  
PUBLIC MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2018  
COMMENCING AT 7:38 P.M.

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FREEHOLDERS PRESENT:

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

FREEHOLDERS ABSENT:

NONE

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ALSO PRESENT:

JAMES J. TEDESCO III  
BERGEN COUNTY EXECUTIVE

JOSEPH LUPPINO, CFO  
COUNTY TREASURER

LARA RODRIGUEZ  
CLERK TO THE BOARD

JULIEN X. NEALS, ESQUIRE  
ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

EDWARD J. FLORIO, ESQUIRE  
COUNSEL TO THE BOARD

MICHAEL SHEINFELD  
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DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF POLICY & RESEARCH

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1                   CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: The meeting is  
2 called to order at 7:38 p.m.

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

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, Vice-Chairwoman Ortiz, and  
3 Chairman Sullivan present.)

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 I would ask Councilwoman Glogger to  
10 please lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

11 (At this point in the proceeding all  
12 rise for a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance,  
13 led by Councilwoman Glogger.)

14 MINUTES

15 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Will the Clerk read  
16 the minutes to be accepted.

17 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Minutes to be accepted,  
18 are:

19 April 18th - Work Session; Chairman  
20 Sullivan absent.

21 April 18th - Public Session; all  
22 present.

23 April 25th - Work Session; all present.

24 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: May I have a motion  
25 to accept the minutes?

1 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Move the minutes.

2 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

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

6 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Approved.

9 PRESENTATION OF COMMENDATION RE: RESOLUTION #429-18,

10 RECOGNIZING MAY AS "MENTAL HEALTH MONTH"

11 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Before we begin  
12 tonight's meeting, we have two presentations.

13 First, we will present a commendation  
14 to Michele Hart-Loughlin, who is the Director of the  
15 Division of Mental Health, in honor of the Freeholder  
16 Board recognizing May as "Mental Health Month" and  
17 Resolution #429-18.

18 (Applause.)

19 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We have  
20 proclamations.

21 I'd ask that the Freeholder Board come  
22 down and join me as we present these.

23 Will the members of the Mental Health  
24 Board come up as well, please.

25 The Freeholder Board would like to

1 recognize everything you do, and we know that you  
2 guys and girls give everything you have and really  
3 promote what we're doing here in the county. You're  
4 a wonderful leader, and we really appreciate the  
5 whole board. Thank you.

6 You have something you want to say?

7 MS. HART-LOUGHLIN: I do, but I'll read  
8 it.

9 Before I read the statements that were  
10 provided to us by some families, I just wanted to  
11 thank all of you and our County Executive for the  
12 support that you've given us over the past, it's only  
13 been four years, but you can see that we have  
14 literally flooded the county with stigma-free lime  
15 green, and there is a reason behind this. This lime  
16 green represents unity. This isn't about any one  
17 agency, any one facility, any one person's name, this  
18 is about us coming together to create a more kind,  
19 compassionate, and aware Bergen County.

20 So thank you for all the roles that you  
21 play. I'm so proud to be part of it. I look forward  
22 to doing more great things over the next few years to  
23 come.

24 (Applause.)

25 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: I'm just going to



1 read the last two paragraphs.

2                   Whereas, on May 21st, 2014, Bergen  
3 County Freeholders passed Resolution #594-14  
4 declaring the County of Bergen a "Stigma-Free Zone,"  
5 and since then nearly everyone of Bergen County's 70  
6 municipalities have self-designated as Stigma-Free  
7 Zones.

8                   And, whereas, the County of Bergen  
9 provides first aid training to adults, to  
10 municipalities, law enforcement agencies, educational  
11 institutions and the other agencies to teach skills  
12 to identify, understand, and respond to the signs of  
13 mental illness.

14                   Now, therefore, be it resolved that the  
15 Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders does hereby  
16 declare May 2018 as "Mental Health Month" in the  
17 County of Bergen, State of New Jersey.

18                   MS. HART-LOUGHLIN: Thank you so much.

19                   (Applause.)

20                   CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: So, we would like  
21 to get a picture of everyone, and then I'm going to  
22 call up the big cheese, our County Executive.

23                   (Whereupon, the presentation is made.)

24                   CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: As you know, I just  
25 want to bring up our County Executive, who, when

1 presented with the idea, just didn't pooh-pooh it,  
2 got onboard right away with it, got onboard with  
3 everyone that's behind us, and it's because of people  
4 like him that we get things like this done, besides  
5 people like you. He was very supportive, and he got  
6 right up on it. So I want to introduce our County  
7 Executive, James Tedesco.

8 (Applause.)

9 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: Thank you,  
10 Mr. Chairman.

11 While we're here tonight to recognize  
12 Mental Health Month, we also need to recognize the  
13 people that are the ones that make this happen. And  
14 while Michele leads a great group of people here,  
15 there are many, many people sitting in the audience  
16 tonight that help us get that message out. There's  
17 one person in particular -- I talk about this all the  
18 time, one person can make a difference in people's  
19 lives, one person. The person that brought  
20 Stigma-Free to this county is sitting here tonight,  
21 Mary Ann Uzzi.

22 (Applause.)

23 Mary Ann had an idea, she walked across  
24 the street, came to my house, and asked me, "What do  
25 you think of this?" And "Can you talk to the present

1 mayor of Paramus, because I'd like to meet him and  
2 propose that Paramus be the first town in Bergen  
3 County to be Stigma-Free."

4 Well, Paramus was. It then grew and  
5 blossomed to where Bergen County became the first  
6 county to be Stigma-Free. And I am proud of that, as  
7 I know all of my colleagues on the Freeholder Board  
8 and everyone here that is wearing green tonight is  
9 proud of that.

10 But one person had one idea that now is  
11 making a difference, not only in Paramus, not only in  
12 Bergen County, the entire State of New Jersey is now  
13 on the path of becoming Stigma-Free.

14 (Applause.)

15 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: These are  
16 the kinds of things that we, as elected officials,  
17 will continue to embrace, continue to promote,  
18 continue to do, because we're making a difference in  
19 people's lives. We're impacting people every day,  
20 making sure that mental illness is understood as a  
21 disease that should be treated no different than any  
22 other disease. I'm proud to stand here as the leader  
23 of this county with all of you championing that  
24 effort.

25 (Applause.)

1 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: So, Michele,  
2 in recognition of Mental Health Month 2018, I'm not  
3 going to read the entire proclamation, it's long, but  
4 let me just read the last, and just so you all know,  
5 there is a sentence here that says "vast majority" of  
6 the 70 towns; there's 69 out of 70.

7 (Applause.)

8 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: Whereas, the  
9 County of Bergen will continue to lead the way in  
10 promoting and understanding and support communities  
11 by working to eliminate the stigma associated with  
12 mental illness throughout Bergen County.

13 Now, therefore, be it resolved that I,  
14 James J. Tedesco III, the Executive of the County of  
15 Bergen, in the State of New Jersey, do hereby  
16 proclaim May 2018 as "Mental Health Month."

17 (Applause.)

18 MS. HART-LOUGHLIN: I want to just read  
19 a couple of words from two family members that  
20 couldn't be here.

21 All of my colleagues and elected  
22 officials hear me advocate all the time alongside of  
23 all of you who came this evening. I just want to  
24 take a moment to read this, because this is really  
25 what it's all about. This is why we wear the green

1 today. This is why we come to work everyday. And  
2 this is why we will not stop until all 70 towns are  
3 active in our Stigma-Free Initiative and anyone who  
4 lives with the disease of mental illness feels  
5 supported by their neighbors and not ashamed to seek  
6 treatment. This is what this is about.

7 "Dear Michele,

8 "I am writing, as I cannot attend the  
9 upcoming Board of Chosen Freeholders' meeting. I  
10 want to express my thanks and recognition for the  
11 support program that I attend, it is held in CarePlus  
12 in Paramus, and is led by Lara Zucker of  
13 Comprehensive Behavioral Healthcare.

14 "We have been 'dealing with' my son's  
15 mental illness for the last three years and have seen  
16 many doctors during this time. Although we received  
17 several diagnoses for my son, no one could really  
18 address my feelings, nor provide comfort, as I  
19 struggled to navigate this new life and our family  
20 posted my son's diagnosis.

21 "The support group is wonderful. I am  
22 with other parents who are also struggling to make  
23 sense of their loved one's illnesses. Mental illness  
24 is so challenging, as there is no one rule book or  
25 prescription that will apply to all. It's trial and

1 error over and over again. Attending this program  
2 had made a wonderful difference to me, as it has made  
3 me feel less alone, anxious, and, most importantly,  
4 Lara provides concrete ways of how to help deal with  
5 different situations that arise.

6 "I view the support group as an  
7 important part of my well-being and hope that it  
8 continues to receive funding indefinitely.

9 "Sincerely, a mom from Emerson."

10 The funding that our County Executive  
11 and Board of Chosen Freeholders awards to community  
12 mental health programs across the county, this is one  
13 example of why that funding is so vital.

14 "Dear Michele,

15 "I'm sorry that I will not be able to  
16 attend on Wednesday. I would like you to know how  
17 much my son and I are appreciative of the  
18 opportunities that he has through Comprehensive  
19 Behavioral Healthcare. After a long-term hospital  
20 stay, my son was ecstatic to find out he would be  
21 moving to a CBHCare group home in Rutherford. He was  
22 welcomed there by a caring staff. He has been  
23 attending groups at CBHCare in Hackensack, which have  
24 been and continue to be very helpful.

25 "Some of his classes which he attends

1 are helping him in ways I could never imagine to be  
2 possible. Of course, he has ongoing problems, but it  
3 is a Godsend knowing that his life is being helped  
4 and enriched as a result of the very competent,  
5 caring and dedicated staff. He is being helped.  
6 'This is a work in progress,' as he tells me when I  
7 see him on the weekends.

8 "Personally, the help doesn't stop with  
9 my son. CBH has been an enormous help to me  
10 personally as a mother who really didn't know where  
11 to turn, and then, after many years of struggling on  
12 her own, found help and support through the family  
13 support group.

14 "Please, please, please continue to  
15 support these programs and more. It is very  
16 important to individuals and their families to have  
17 the support to cope with the everyday challenges that  
18 mental illness creates.

19 "Thank you very much, Freeholders and  
20 County Executive. I am forever grateful to all of  
21 you. A mom from Saddle River."

22 (Applause.)

23 MS. HART-LOUGHLIN: I think that speaks  
24 volumes.

25 We have many partners, but I would like

1 to call up Jose Ortiz, who is the chairperson of our  
2 county's Mental Health Board. He's going to talk a  
3 little bit about the Aid to Mental Health funding and  
4 invite some of our partners who are working so hard  
5 to eliminate stigma and prevent stigma from ever  
6 forming.

7 Bergen County was the only county in  
8 the entire State of New Jersey to have two school  
9 districts recently awarded the Governor's Council on  
10 Mental Health Stigma Award. They are both present  
11 tonight, and we will call them up for a formal  
12 presentation, but first I'll give Jose an opportunity  
13 to say a few words.

14 MR. ORTIZ: Thank you.

15 Four years ago, I was in this room  
16 where this county proclaimed Bergen County to be  
17 Stigma-Free.

18 Now, Stigma-Free doesn't mean the  
19 services are free, it comes with a cost. And since  
20 I've been on the board, this county has shown a  
21 commitment, an investment in our mental health safety  
22 net system. There's been an increase every year, and  
23 that's important, because we're talking about not  
24 just the consumers here in this room and their  
25 families, one in four Americans will suffer from



1 mental illness, but it's also a quality of life issue  
2 for everyone who lives and works in Bergen County.

3 So, the investment of that money goes  
4 to serve everyone. And what is true leadership?

5 True leadership is that there's action  
6 behind your words. So, if we say we're Stigma-Free,  
7 then let's put our money where our mouth is, and this  
8 county does that every year. So we are extremely  
9 grateful, the Mental Health Board, the residents of  
10 Bergen County, and everyone here for that commitment,  
11 for that investment.

12 (Applause.)

13 MR. ORTIZ: And because of that  
14 leadership, you have given a great example to the  
15 young people of this county, because Ramsey School  
16 District and Pascack Valley High School were awarded  
17 the Stigma Ambassador Award from the Governor's  
18 Council on Mental Health.

19 (Applause.)

20 MR. ORTIZ: Again, thank you. We will  
21 call the school district to come up.

22 Through your great leadership, and  
23 please tell the students to keep up the good work.

24 (Applause.)

25 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: Both myself

1 and the Chairman have certificates to give to you,  
2 but let me just take an opportunity to thank you for  
3 doing this from a school district standpoint. It's  
4 pretty impressive. The young people are going to  
5 have to continue to carry this, and what you're doing  
6 allows that to happen. So, on behalf of the one  
7 million people who call Bergen County their home,  
8 thank you. Thank you for helping us carry this on  
9 and the good things that you're doing for the people  
10 of Bergen County, but, most of all, for those people  
11 who have the disease who need this help, thank you.

12 (Applause.)

13 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: So this  
14 Certificate of Commendation honoring Ramsey School  
15 District and Pascack Valley, in recognition of being  
16 honored by the New Jersey Governor's Council on  
17 Mental Health Stigma, in appreciation of your  
18 dedication to reducing the stigma around those with  
19 mental health illness within the County of Bergen,  
20 signed this 16th day of May, 2018, County Executive  
21 Jim Tedesco.

22 Thank you.

23 (Applause.)

24 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: The County  
25 Executive really said it very well, but what an honor

1 for both of you and for everyone that's out here  
2 today. And I can speak for all my colleagues on the  
3 Freeholder Board that every single one of them up  
4 here is behind you, is behind mental health, and is  
5 behind stigma-free, and we don't waiver when it comes  
6 to that. That is something that is a priority of the  
7 County Executive and the Bergen County Board of  
8 Chosen Freeholders and will remain a priority for as  
9 long as we're here. So thank you very much,  
10 everyone.

11 (Applause.)

12 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We have the same  
13 thing, I think it's the same wording, so I won't go  
14 through it again, but I would ask my colleagues on  
15 the Freeholder Board to come up so we can all get a  
16 picture with your commendations. I have one for  
17 Ramsey, which is over here, right, that's Ramsey, and  
18 for Pascack Valley, although I'm partial to Hills.

19 I would ask all my colleagues to please  
20 come up, so we can get a photo and thank these  
21 wonderful people.

22 (Whereupon, the presentation is made.)

23 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

24 Before I continue, would any of the  
25 Freeholders like to make any comments?

1                   FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Like the County  
2 Executive mentioned, I just want to thank you all for  
3 your efforts. It's been said a number of times that  
4 this Board has committed over the last four years to  
5 make sure that not only that we fund it, but that we  
6 continue to increase the funding. So echoing the  
7 sentiments of my Freeholder Board, my Freeholder  
8 colleagues and the County Executive, we just want to  
9 thank all the volunteers who put all the effort  
10 forward. Without your help, things like this would  
11 be impossible. So thank you very much.

12                   (Applause.)

13                   CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Freeholder Voss.

14                   FREEHOLDER VOSS: I think that it's so  
15 important that all of the towns in Bergen County  
16 become stigma-free, and there is only one holdout,  
17 and I think that that mayor should be very ashamed of  
18 himself for being the holdout.

19                   AUDIENCE VOICE: Who was it, Joan? You  
20 can tell us, who was it?

21                   FREEHOLDER VOSS: You'll find out.

22                   But it's so important, because having  
23 been an educator for over 40 years, I see how  
24 sometimes if a child has an issue, they can be  
25 bullied, they can be misunderstood, and life becomes

1 very, very difficult. At the present moment, one in  
2 four people have a serious mental issue, and we have  
3 to be very cognizant of that and get them the help  
4 that they need and not let them feel that they are  
5 left out of our life, and that they can get the help  
6 that they need.

7 I'm very, very happy that the schools  
8 are getting involved in being stigma-free, because  
9 that's where a lot of the issues that trouble  
10 children start, when they have mental issues.

11 Thank you, Chairman.

12 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Freeholder Zur.

13 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Thank you,  
14 Chairman.

15 To just look out on the sea of green  
16 tonight really has made me smile. To see so many  
17 volunteers, to see so many people would are giving  
18 with their full hearts to help those in our community  
19 who most need it is so critical.

20 When the prior administration attempted  
21 to cut the funding to mental health across-the-board  
22 25 percent, that's part of what propelled me to want  
23 to run in the first place and sit up on this dais, to  
24 make sure that we are protecting the funding and  
25 increasing it every single year, because these needs

1 are increasing. We see the stresses and the strains  
2 in my community. We just lost a 16-year-old girl to  
3 suicide. It is increasing. It's one thing to call  
4 ourselves "Stigma-Free," but what you're doing  
5 everyday to fight stigma and to educate and to bring  
6 services to the forefront is really what deserves  
7 applause, and so we are so honored to honor you this  
8 evening, but we are so thrilled to work alongside of  
9 you to continue to raise our voices and raise  
10 attention to the need for mental health services and  
11 more education. So thank you for all that you do.

12 (Applause.)

13 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Anyone else?

14 Freeholder Amoroso.

15 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: So many people  
16 have suffered in silence with mental illness for so  
17 long, and this is all about consciousness raising, it  
18 is just the best thing, and we thank you for it.

19 (Applause.)

20 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: I just want to  
21 say thank you. I just have to commend you for how  
22 much this program has evolved. Last year, I think we  
23 were in the 40s, the amount of towns, and here we are  
24 at 69. So you have really worked hard and you have  
25 really made this possible for the entire county and

1 especially for the school, because it's best to  
2 educate our children when they're young so you don't  
3 stigmatize all the other classmates and they learn  
4 and they educate themselves. So thank you again for  
5 everything you do.

6 (Applause.)

7 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Anyone else?

8 (No response.)

9 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay. Thank you  
10 once again. Like my colleagues have expressed and I  
11 have expressed down there, we really appreciate  
12 everything you do. It doesn't go unnoticed. Really,  
13 from the bottom of my heart, thank you very much.

14 (Applause.)

15 PRESENTATION OF COMMENDATION TO P.O. ROGER CARON OF  
16 THE MONTVALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

17 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay. Next, the  
18 Freeholder Board would like to present the  
19 commendation to Officer Roger Caron of the Montvale  
20 Police Department.

21 Officer Caron is a Class 3 Special  
22 Police Officer assigned to Pascack Hills High School.

23 On Tuesday, April 17, 2018, he  
24 encountered a student who was choking on a piece of  
25 food. Officer Caron acted quickly to help the

1 student by performing the Heimlich maneuver and  
2 clearing her airway. His quick actions not only  
3 prevented the situation from becoming a tragedy but  
4 also underscores the great and selfless work done by  
5 our police officers here in Bergen County.

6 I would like to ask you to come up and  
7 be recognized.

8 (Applause.)

9 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: How are you?

10 OFFICER CARON: Very good, sir.

11 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: I have seen you a  
12 few times dropping off my daughters. Thank you very  
13 much for what you do.

14 I have seen this guy when we have to go  
15 into the schools, and it makes you feel very secure  
16 knowing we have people like you that are there to  
17 help our students.

18 Being the father of a student there,  
19 what you did on that day, I know, comes natural to a  
20 person like yourself, but for us, I don't think we  
21 have that wherewithal to do the things that you do,  
22 and it's so important that we recognize you here  
23 tonight for what you did in saving someone's life.

24 Is your wife here?

25 OFFICER CARON: Yes.



1                   CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: You want to come on  
2 up. You're part of this too.

3                   (Applause.)

4                   CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: I also see Chief  
5 Abrams, if you'd like to come up, the Chief of Police  
6 in Montvale.

7                   (Applause.)

8                   CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: I have a little  
9 something that I'll read, and then I'm going to ask  
10 the Freeholders to come down.

11                   Officer Roger Caron, Class III Special  
12 Law Enforcement Officer, Pascack Hills High School,  
13 in honor and recognition of your service to the  
14 public and especially on April 17th, when your quick  
15 action and bravery saved a young girl's life. We,  
16 from the Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders,  
17 just want to say thank you and show you a little  
18 token of our appreciation for what you do.

19                   Thank you.

20                   (Applause.)

21                   OFFICER CARON: Thank you. I truly  
22 appreciate this. It was a beautiful thing and the  
23 reward is actually Sarah, the individual that I was  
24 able to help, is here today.

25                   CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Sarah, come on up.

1 (Applause.)

2 OFFICER CARON: I consider it a true  
3 privilege to continue my law enforcement career with  
4 the Montvale Police Department and working for the  
5 Borough of Montvale. Truly very genuine, good people  
6 that are there.

7 It's a complete joy everyday for myself  
8 to wake up and go to work and spend the rest of my  
9 career in the high school with the kids. Like Chief  
10 Abrams, I was a DARE Officer, and that's really  
11 something that, you know, sat with me throughout my  
12 whole career and I love being there. So it's a  
13 wonderful thing to be able to receive this, but  
14 everyday when I go to work is the true joy of it all  
15 right there, so thank you very much.

16 (Applause.)

17 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: I just want to say  
18 that maybe I'm biased, but I feel in Montvale we have  
19 the best police department in the county, Chief.

20 CHIEF ABRAMS: Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: I always voted for  
22 your budget when I was on the council, I'm just  
23 saying, for people like this.

24 Our County Executive, Jim Tedesco,  
25 would also like to say a few words on your behalf.

1 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: Thank you,  
2 Mr. Chairman.

3 On behalf of the people of Bergen  
4 County, as I said before, the almost one million  
5 people that live here, I want to thank you for your  
6 dedication and your service to not only the people of  
7 Montvale, but also to the people of Bergen County.

8 And while we get to recognize you for  
9 this lifesaving action, you do that everyday. And so  
10 thank you for that, but more so thank you for being  
11 there when this young girl needed you.

12 On behalf of the people of Bergen  
13 County, it's my honor to present a Certificate of  
14 Commendation to Officer Roger Caron in recognition of  
15 your lifesaving action and your commitment to the  
16 health and safety of the students of Pascack Hills  
17 High School.

18 (Applause.)

19 CHIEF ABRAMS: It's my honor to have  
20 Roger come work for us. Those of you who don't know,  
21 Roger was a captain in Woodcliff Lake, a 30 plus  
22 career in Woodcliff Lake. And when we started the  
23 Class III Special Program, Roger was already a  
24 security guard at the school and he was the immediate  
25 first choice to become a Special Law Enforcement

1 Officer III, which are the police officers who can  
2 only be in the schools, and it was the best choice I  
3 ever made and it bore fruit in the incident on  
4 April 17th.

5 So, to Roger, thank you so much. Thank  
6 you on behalf of the Montvale community and the  
7 Montvale Police Department.

8 OFFICER CARON: Thank you very much.

9 MISS BAZZINI: I would just like to  
10 give a really big loving thank you to Officer Caron.  
11 You truly did save my life that day. I give all the  
12 glory to him and God. Without him and without God, I  
13 wouldn't be here, so thank you.

14 (Applause.)

15 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: I just want to ask  
16 the Freeholder Board to come down and take a picture  
17 with our lifesaver and our life savee.

18 (Whereupon, the presentation is made.)

19 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: So now I would like  
20 to ask the Montvale mayor if he would like to say a  
21 few words, if the Montvale mayor and the councilwoman  
22 would come forward. If there's any other members of  
23 the Montvale council, please come forward. This is  
24 Mayor Michael Ghassali from the Borough of Montvale.

25 MAYOR GHASSALI: Thank you, Mr.

1 Chairman, members of the Board, Mr. County Executive.

2 First, to start, we are a stigma-free  
3 town.

4 (Applause.)

5 MAYOR GHASSALI: We're here to  
6 celebrate a happy occasion. I had a chance to watch  
7 the video when Officer Caron was walking the hallway,  
8 and, as he's walking, he sees Sarah in distress  
9 facing the window and he walked probably two feet,  
10 stopped, looked at her and he realized something was  
11 wrong. He didn't think about what's the right thing  
12 to do, how to hold her, what to touch, what not to  
13 do. His training and the right thing to do kicked  
14 right in, and he went behind her and he did the  
15 Heimlich maneuver, and you can see the fry coming out  
16 in the video, and -- we have to embarrass Sarah --  
17 and here we are. And I believe, Mr. Chairman,  
18 Mr. County Executive, members of the board, I think  
19 this is a testament to the theory that teachers are  
20 in school to teach, we have to help the teacher do  
21 their job by giving them all the assistance we can.  
22 So by having the professionals, such as Officers  
23 Caron and Miller, and the schools are looking into  
24 that, I think we can give them a helping hand.

25 For this occasion, we do also have a

1 proclamation. We were supposed to give him this on  
2 May 8th, but he had tickets to the Yankees, and we  
3 can't compete with that, so here we are.

4 Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for allowing  
5 us to do that.

6 So I'll just read the last paragraph  
7 again.

8 Now, therefore, the Borough Council and  
9 I, Michael Ghassali, Mayor of the Borough of  
10 Montvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, do  
11 hereby recognize with respect and gratitude Officer  
12 Roger Caron for saving the choking teen, Sarah, and  
13 for his service and steadfast commitment to public  
14 safety.

15 Thank you very much.

16 (Applause.)

17 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Would any of my  
18 Freeholder colleagues like to say a few words?

19 Freeholder Voss.

20 FREEHOLDER VOSS: This is so important.

21 One of the things that I sponsored  
22 many, many years ago was to have resource officers in  
23 the schools. It's so important for so many reasons,  
24 and this was just one of many, many reasons why it is  
25 imperative, from my perspective, that we have trained

1 officers in our schools. And in these times, I don't  
2 have to remind all of you how necessary it is, not  
3 only for people to perform the Heimlich maneuver and  
4 save a young lady's life, but to protect all the  
5 people in the schools from some of the things that  
6 have been happening. God bless you and thank you,  
7 and I hope every school takes heed and have officers  
8 in all of the schools.

9 Thank you.

10 (Applause.)

11 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Anyone else?

12 I just want to say once again, this is  
13 why you do what you do, for reasons like this, and  
14 this is why we do what we do. We stand behind law  
15 enforcement and we stand behind our first responders.  
16 We stand behind all the people that make a difference  
17 in everyone's lives. This is what we look to do, to  
18 make sure everyone is trained, and your training  
19 really, really came in handy. Here, of course, you  
20 saved someone's life. And for us, I mean, we can  
21 take the classes, but for law enforcement it's an  
22 everyday thing and there's never a doubt that you're  
23 always right there when you need it. Personally I  
24 just want to say, having a daughter in that school,  
25 it is humbling for me and I feel so safe that

1 individuals like yourself and Pat Miller are in our  
2 school to help our young ones.

3 So, again, thank you for what you do  
4 every single day, thank you what you did for 30 some  
5 odd years as a captain in Woodcliff Lake, and thank  
6 you, law enforcement. Thank you very much.

7 (Applause.)

8 PUBLIC HEARING ON RESOLUTION #416-18 - ADOPTION OF  
9 THE 2018 BUDGET

10 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We have before us  
11 tonight Resolution #416-18, a resolution authorizing  
12 the Adoption of the 2018 Budget.

13 I would like to invite the County  
14 Executive to come speak regarding the county budget.

15 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: Mr.  
16 Chairman, members of the Freeholder Board, I stand  
17 before you here tonight proud of the work we have  
18 done on this budget and the budgets over the past  
19 four years. Today, we are enacting a budget, with  
20 your approval, that benefits and supports all the  
21 people of Bergen County with zero increase in the  
22 county tax rate.

23 (Applause.)

24 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: I say "we,"  
25 because this has truly been a team effort.



1                   When I took office, I asked my  
2                   colleagues on the Freeholder Board to be my partners  
3                   in building a better Bergen County. By emphasizing  
4                   strategic long-term planning, we have been able to  
5                   maximize fiscal control and flexibility in terms of  
6                   where and how our tax dollars are spent. As a  
7                   result, we have earned the highest bond rating  
8                   available, AAA, from Moody's Investors Service for  
9                   four years in a row.

10                   (Applause.)

11                   COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: Today on  
12                   your desks was the latest report from Moody's, as the  
13                   CFO spoke with them and they issued their 2018 spring  
14                   report that gave us not only the AAA rating but a  
15                   rating of very stable, that allows us to continue to  
16                   support the important programs and projects and  
17                   services that we all want to continue here in Bergen  
18                   County. The rating enabled us to refinance existing  
19                   county debt at lower rates, generating savings for  
20                   our taxpayers. We've established innovative  
21                   revenue-generating partnerships with organizations  
22                   like the United Nations. We've secured dozens of  
23                   shared service agreements with municipalities and  
24                   school boards to reduce the burden of local taxes on  
25                   our residents.

1                   Those shared services have generated  
2 revenues that have never been seen before here in  
3 Bergen County.

4                   That is one of the reasons why we  
5 didn't have to raise additional funding to support  
6 the funds for the budget, because we have new shared  
7 services.

8                   At the same time, Bergen County's real  
9 estate values continue to rise, because people want  
10 to live here and they want to start or grow a  
11 business here. As you all know, we've talked  
12 considerably about quality of life and what it means  
13 to the people of Bergen County, but also what it  
14 means to corporations when they look at moving their  
15 business here.

16                   Just recently, we had an outstanding  
17 example of that where an engineering firm chose to  
18 relocate here in Bergen County from New York and  
19 brought 150 engineers to Bergen County. And when I  
20 talked to them and their CEO, they talked about what  
21 Bergen County offered not only their business but  
22 their employees as far as quality of life.

23                   We know that Bergen County is the best  
24 place to live, work and raise a family, and this  
25 budget makes strong investments in the programs and

1 initiatives that help us maintain the quality of life  
2 our residents expect and deserve.

3 When you put all those things together  
4 with prudent tax management, we're able to deliver a  
5 responsible budget that looks out for our residents  
6 and their wallets, while providing the same level of  
7 service that you all and we all agree on.

8 As a result of our efforts, Bergen  
9 County's 2018 budget funds our priorities while  
10 maintaining the second lowest tax rate in New Jersey.

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: Some of the  
13 priorities that we agreed to was:

14 \$73.9 million in education  
15 appropriations.

16 A living wage of at least \$15 an hour  
17 for every county employee who works 40 hours a week.

18 An increase in our investment in mental  
19 health services, as we've just talked about.

20 (Applause.)

21 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: Supporting  
22 for infrastructure projects, including road  
23 resurfacing and facility upgrades. This year we will  
24 spend almost \$17 million on the resurfacing of our  
25 county roadways to make them safer and to make the

1 ride for the residents of Bergen County smoother.

2 Continue to support the programs we've  
3 expanded that serve Bergen County's children,  
4 seniors, and especially veterans.

5 Investment in the parks and open space  
6 within the county park system and throughout our  
7 municipalities. As you know, we've just purchased  
8 our sixth golf course and we've just purchased land  
9 in Mahwah for additional open space. This is about  
10 giving people the ability to enjoy the tranquility of  
11 our parks system to be able to travel on the pathways  
12 to look at birds and other types of habitat that are  
13 in our county. It also provides an educational  
14 opportunity.

15 Ramapo College will partner with us to  
16 use that land to have their students go across onto  
17 our property that we've just purchased and identify  
18 the types of species of animals and birds and  
19 waterfowl that are there, so that the students get an  
20 educational benefit out of that.

21 These are the things that you and I all  
22 agree on, that making Bergen County a better place is  
23 something we all care about. We will not just do  
24 that for one group, we will do it for everyone,  
25 because a million people deserve to be treated

1 equally. No one person, no one group deserves to be  
2 treated differently than others.

3 We will prioritize it based on the  
4 needs of the people of Bergen County and we will then  
5 deliver.

6 I want to close by saying thank you on  
7 behalf of the administration, on behalf of our county  
8 employees, and all Bergen County residents.

9 I want to especially thank Freeholder  
10 Ganz. David, your thoughtfulness, your leadership,  
11 your guidance, not only as leader and Chair of the  
12 Budget Committee, but as my friend and as someone  
13 that I've continued to look up to, thank you.

14 (Applause.)

15 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: I want to  
16 thank all of our colleagues for working diligently,  
17 giving up early mornings and late nights to make  
18 responsible choices on behalf of the people that we  
19 serve. 8:00 a.m. was not too early to have a  
20 meeting. Though, Joan, it was tough.

21 FREEHOLDER VOSS: I made it.

22 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: I'm so proud  
23 of the way we've worked together and as a team to  
24 deliver a budget that meets the needs of the nearly  
25 one million residents and builds a better Bergen for

1 all of us, without raising a single penny of county  
2 taxes.

3 Thank you.

4 (Applause.)

5 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you, County  
6 Executive.

7 I would like to entertain a motion to  
8 open the meeting to the public for comment on  
9 Resolution #416-18 only.

10 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: So moved.

11 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

12 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

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

16 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Carried.

19 Unanimously approved.

20 We will now have a Hearing of the  
21 General Public on agenda item #416-18 only, with a  
22 three-minute time limit in effect, in accordance with  
23 the Bergen County Freeholder bylaws.

24 The Board Attorney will keep the time.

25 When the time of the speaker expires, the Board

1 Attorney will announce that the time has expired.

2 Would anyone like to speak on  
3 Resolution #416-18 only?

4 AUDIENCE VOICE: What is that?

5 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: That's the  
6 budget.

7 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Seeing no one, may  
8 I have a motion to close the public hearing on  
9 Resolution #416-18?

10 FREEHOLDER VOSS: So moved.

11 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Second.

12 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

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

15 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Motion carried.

18 At this time I would like to ask for a  
19 motion for a five-minute recess so the stenographer  
20 can recharge her batteries.

21 Can I have a motion?

22 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: So moved.

23 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Second.

24 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

25 (All present Freeholders respond in the

1 affirmative.)

2 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We will have a  
5 five-minute recess.

6 Thank you.

7 (A short recess is held.)

8 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Can I have a motion  
9 to go back into session?

10 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

11 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: So moved.

12 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Can I have a  
13 second?

14 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Second.

15 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

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

18 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Motion carried.

21 HEARING OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC

22 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We will now have a  
23 hearing of the general public, with a three-minute  
24 time limit in effect, in accordance with Bergen  
25 County Freeholder bylaws.



1                   The Board Attorney will keep the time.  
2                   When the time of the speaker expires, the Board  
3                   Attorney will announce the time has expired.

4                   May I have a motion to open the meeting  
5                   to the public?

6                   FREEHOLDER GANZ:    So moved.

7                   FREEHOLDER VOSS:    Second.

8                   CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN:   All in favor?

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

11                  CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN:   Opposed?

12                  (No response.)

13                  CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN:   Carried.

14                  We have Tammy Smith.   Did she leave?

15                  Okay.   This was Stigma-Free.   She may have left.

16                  Who is this, anonymous?

17                  MR. FLORIO:    There's a speaker who --

18                  ANONYMOUS:    That's me.

19                  MR. FLORIO:    -- may come forward now.

20                  CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN:   That's why we have  
21                  attorneys, they advise us.

22                  ANONYMOUS:    I know.

23                  Well, still a touchy topic for me.

24                  My family member right now, who I love  
25                  dearly, is in the hospital for the fourth time this

1 year for mental illness. The concerns that I have is  
2 that when some of the consumers, patients, are  
3 discharged, there's not a place for many of them to  
4 go, so they end up back into the house, into the  
5 family life, and it's very, very difficult for  
6 families to cope, for families to take care of them.  
7 They do need care, especially right after  
8 hospitalization. It's very hard. There are some  
9 consumers, and I am a member of the family support  
10 Thursdays night with Lara Zucker and Scott, who work  
11 with comprehensive behavior care and they are a  
12 tremendous help, but their hands are tied. There  
13 really isn't residential housing, once you get from  
14 the acute care hospitalization discharge, and out  
15 they go again. Many of them really, truly, they need  
16 guidance, they need the counseling, they need so much  
17 help that families can't provide for them. And,  
18 again, it becomes a revolving door, they end up back  
19 in the hospital again. For my loved one, fourth time  
20 in a year, and it's just getting to be way too much.  
21 And I do worry, because each time these consumers are  
22 in the hospital, a little bit more of their  
23 self-esteem is peeled away, and you see it, you can  
24 see it. So that's my concern. I just had to express  
25 it. I do want to remain anonymous, if you don't

1 mind.

2 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

3 Lisa Gladwell.

4 MS. GLADWELL: Hello, everyone. My  
5 name is Lisa Gladwell and I'm a resident of Bergen  
6 County, a very proud resident of Bergen County. I  
7 live in River Edge. And I'm here tonight as part of  
8 New Jersey Recovery Advocates. We are a grassroots  
9 volunteer organization that endeavors to end the  
10 stigma regarding addiction. I myself am in recovery  
11 for 16 plus years. What we want to do is be able to  
12 make recovery a program of attraction, not  
13 deprivation, so that people say "We want what you  
14 have."

15 I do a lot of volunteering in the  
16 community and this organization, for me, is a huge  
17 part. Well, for those who do have the disease of  
18 addiction, recovery is the only solution. It's a  
19 disease. And for that reason, the work that we do is  
20 very important. I consider it lifesaving, life  
21 changing, and not only for those who are afflicted  
22 with the disease, but for their family members, for  
23 their communities, for their counties, for society as  
24 a whole.

25 I'm here to say thank you.

1                   On April 15th, we had our first annual  
2 Ride into Recovery poker run and picnic here in  
3 Bergen County. I asked in the beginning, and I'm  
4 sure some of you are wondering, what's a poker run?

5                   A poker run is a motorcycle event.  
6 It's a contest, it's not a race, but what happened,  
7 how this came about is, we're a statewide  
8 organization. We bring a rally and a walk every year  
9 to Liberty State Park. But many of us do live in  
10 Bergen County, so we started to do some local  
11 outreach. And through that community outreach, we  
12 said: What can we do for you? And one of the things  
13 that was talked about was helping to get treatment  
14 for those who would not otherwise be able to access  
15 it, those without Medicaid, those without Medicare or  
16 insurance, those who have no other option, and  
17 they're out there.

18                   So I contacted Pete Botsolas and the  
19 County Executive, he's wonderful, and immediately  
20 they got onboard. Because of you guys, your  
21 partnership, we partnered with you, and because of  
22 that, we received 11 clinical scholarships. That's  
23 11 Bergen County residents that will have the  
24 opportunity to have their life changed and possibly  
25 saved. That's 11 families that are impacted. That's

1 11 neighborhoods, communities. That's a healthier  
2 Bergen County. I am so proud to be a resident here  
3 right now.

4 (Applause.)

5 MS. GLADWELL: Thank you.

6 MR. FLORIO: Three minutes.

7 MS. GLADWELL: I just want to say, I  
8 have a letter for all of you, it's the same letter,  
9 and also for the County Executive. The Parks  
10 Department, Pete Botsolas, the County Executive, all  
11 wonderful, very, very helpful and together, that was,  
12 as you heard me say, the first annual. So, together  
13 we are saving lives. Thank you for your support.

14 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

15 (Applause.)

16 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Kleidon Ndreu.

17 MR. NDREU: Once again, Kleidon Ndreu.

18 As you may know, I am the student  
19 council president at Cliffside Park High School. I  
20 would just like to thank the volunteers, the  
21 Freeholder Board, the County Executive, and everyone  
22 involved today in making Bergen County Stigma-Free,  
23 on behalf of the students of Cliffside Park.

24 And I also wanted to tell you guys,  
25 just because I don't see any of you beforehand, I

1 hope you have a very wonderful and blessed Memorial  
2 Day.

3 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

4 Now I know why you're the president of  
5 the student council, you speak very well.

6 MR. NDREU: Thank you very much, sir.

7 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Norman Levy.

8 MR. LEVY: Thank you. It's a tough act  
9 to follow, mental health and important issues.

10 Anyway, I'm Norman Levy. I'm a  
11 resident of Fort Lee. And I am 1 of 2 pickleball  
12 advocates that have been working with the Parks  
13 Department for exactly one year on the pickleball  
14 issues taking place within our county park  
15 facilities.

16 First and foremost, I want to express  
17 our appreciation for the county's action in deciding  
18 to allot us six permanent pickleball courts at  
19 Overpeck Ridgefield Park. When we were told about  
20 this on February 21st, we were very much relieved  
21 that our days of being harassed by tennis players at  
22 Overpeck Leonia had finally been solved.

23 Unfortunately, that is all the good  
24 news I can report. The rest of the story is nothing  
25 but bad news.

1                   After no communication since  
2 February 21st, in very late April, we were mistakenly  
3 contacted by a court tile manufacturer asking us to  
4 pick out the colors for the new pickleball courts.

5                   After seeing their brochure, it was at  
6 this time that we first realized that the Parks  
7 Department was planning to put in modular sport tiles  
8 rather than properly fixing the deteriorated asphalt  
9 courts at Overpeck Ridgefield Park.

10                   On April 25th, we immediately notified  
11 the County Executive, Freeholder Tanelli, and the  
12 Parks Department of our grave concerns about what was  
13 being proposed to be installed.

14                   We gave them our reasons and testimony  
15 from people who had experienced these types of  
16 inferior courts. We were then stonewalled with no  
17 meaningful responses from any party.

18                   Just over one week later, on May 1st,  
19 the county issued a press release informing us that  
20 they were going ahead with modular sport tiles.

21                   Listen to what the press release says:

22                   "The county's team of landscape  
23 architects worked with both pickleball advocates and  
24 industry experts."

25                   We are the pickleball advocates, and I

1 can assure you that not once were we contacted by  
2 landscape architects on any of these issues.

3 We would like to know who these  
4 landscape architects are, who are the pickleball  
5 advocates and industry experts? It certainly wasn't  
6 us.

7 Your Parks Department entered into an  
8 expensive contract to build courts without having the  
9 courtesy of speaking with the so-called "pickleball  
10 advocates." You have to ask yourself, as we did,  
11 why, after committing to redo the tennis courts,  
12 would they not speak to us?

13 The only thing we come up with is that  
14 they're trying to bury the facts of how deteriorated  
15 the eight-year-old tennis courts are at Overpeck  
16 Ridgefield Park and decided to just cover them up --

17 MR. FLORIO: Three-minutes, Mr. Levy.

18 MR. LEVY: -- with the tile overlays.

19 Thank you.

20 I just want to finish by saying shame  
21 on them for spending \$109,000 of our taxpayer money,  
22 you should have given it to the mental health people.

23 (Applause.)

24 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Lonnie Gluck.

25 MS. GLUCK: Melanie.



1                   CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN:  Melanie.

2                   I am sorry.

3                   MS. GLUCK:  Good evening.

4                   I have a question.  And the question  
5 is, I've been sitting here all evening and everybody  
6 was saying that Bergen County is such a big county, a  
7 profitable county, a very strong county, and you want  
8 to make it a magnet county, then why is Bergen County  
9 one of just five other counties -- well, actually  
10 there are five counties, including Bergen County,  
11 that doesn't have pickleball courts.  Every other  
12 county does.  And, yet, we want to make this a bigger  
13 place, a better place to go play, just like the  
14 tennis people.

15                   Now, I was there and I see that these  
16 courts are falling apart.  I have a rod in my leg, my  
17 right leg, I broke my leg, so I don't want to break  
18 another leg.  And so while you're going to put on  
19 these tiles, how do you know that, you know, the sun  
20 or the rain or any other inclement weather is going  
21 to either pick it up, it's going to break, you  
22 already know that you're putting it on asphalt that's  
23 already cracked.  That's a liability.  And you know  
24 it and you're doing it.

25                   I know I'm not going to play there.  I

1 know I'm going to fall. And I can guarantee you that  
2 these people, the ball will bounce somewhere else,  
3 you'll fall, you'll slip. Somebody is going to hurt  
4 themselves. So, I want to know how it is that you  
5 did all of this work, but you didn't say anything? I  
6 mean, I've been sitting here for a year listening to  
7 all of this, so I want to know why you spent my  
8 money? Where is it going?

9 Any questions?

10 Any answers?

11 Any responses?

12 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We will respond to  
13 everything at the end of everyone's comments.

14 MS. GLUCK: Okay. You spent  
15 \$12 million on parks and golf courses.

16 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Michael Tillman.

17 MR. TILLMAN: Well, I'd like to say  
18 thank you for coming. Last time I was here was in  
19 January. I'd like to acknowledge the Chairperson,  
20 Mr. Sullivan, and Vice-Chairwoman Ortiz, and the  
21 County Executive. Thank you for being here.

22 Last time I was here, we spoke about  
23 having pickleball courts. Nobody plays on an uneven  
24 surface. If any of you play tennis, you can imagine  
25 the ball hitting a surface that's a grid, it doesn't

1 bounce. So the pickleball solution that you've come  
2 up with is not a solution at all.

3 My suggestion would be, and I know  
4 you're not going to like this, think about taking all  
5 the tennis courts that are there that are even and  
6 smooth, giving those to us and giving the tennis  
7 players the uneven surfaces. Think about it for a  
8 moment. You have two tennis players on one court or  
9 else you have a total of eight pickleball players on  
10 that exact same space. How do you think the tennis  
11 players would respond? You'd have a roomful of irate  
12 tennis players, if you gave them the bad courts and  
13 told them to go play tennis on these courts.

14 The County Executive said we didn't  
15 raise taxes last year. Personally, I would approve a  
16 slight raise, if we could get air conditioning in  
17 this room.

18 The other thing that the County  
19 Executive said, no pun intended, was the money for  
20 roads to become safer and smoother. Well, the  
21 pickleball courts you just put in place are not safe  
22 and they're not smooth. They might be level, but our  
23 other spokesperson said the exact same thing I'm  
24 about to say, it's going to be an uneven surface.  
25 It's going to lead to injuries, instead of preventing

1 injuries.

2 Let me just quote that the resurfacing,  
3 here it is, "The latest in surfacing technology  
4 designed by a team of landscape architects."

5 Did I say that right, architects? It  
6 does say that in your announcement, that you had  
7 architects do this. They didn't talk to any of the  
8 pickleball players, they probably didn't talk to any  
9 of the tennis players.

10 Thank you very much for your time.

11 And, Joan, last year I told you I'd  
12 give you a free lesson. I will not teach you over at  
13 Overpeck in Leonia, because I don't want you to get  
14 hurt.

15 Thank you.

16 (Applause.)

17 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Ken Leung.

18 MR. LEUNG: Good evening. My name is  
19 Ken Leung, and I've lived in Ridgefield for five  
20 years.

21 I again appreciate the opportunity to  
22 come before this Board of Freeholders to talk about  
23 pickleball.

24 When I last spoke, January 17th, I  
25 detailed how pickleball is played, both in Bergen

1 County and around the state and in other places.

2 Today, I would like to pose several  
3 questions to the board as it relates to the  
4 conversion of three tennis courts into six pickleball  
5 courts, which I, and I know all the pickleball  
6 players in this room and here in spirit  
7 wholeheartedly thank this Board for its support in  
8 facilitating its construction.

9 To wit, I refer to the modular sport  
10 tiles being proposed to overlay the concrete/asphalt  
11 surface on the existing tennis courts that the county  
12 announced in its press release of May 1st.

13 First, why has Bergen County, through  
14 its Parks Department, decided to build pickleball  
15 courts to deviate from the norm of accepted  
16 construction recommended by every pickleball  
17 authority around the country, including the U.S.  
18 Pickleball Association?

19 Second, why would the parks use  
20 landscape architects to advise them on how to build a  
21 pickleball court?

22 Third, who were the pickleball  
23 advocates who were consulted?

24 And, fourth, who were the industry  
25 experts that they used?

1                   Regarding question No. 1, why modular  
2 tiles were chosen over repaving the asphalt is  
3 perplexing. My business, in part, deals with  
4 environmental construction. I have found that  
5 institutions such as utilities, universities, and  
6 particularly government agencies never ever innovate  
7 when it comes to new construction techniques and  
8 materials, until all have been thoroughly vetted and  
9 tested over a long period of time, which modular  
10 tiles have not.

11                   Moreover, why use a construction  
12 flooring that will not be sanctioned by any  
13 pickleball governing body?

14                   I can only surmise, after experience in  
15 this kind of situation, that other considerations  
16 came into play with this decision, which probably  
17 should not be speculated in public.

18                   Question No. 2, using a landscape  
19 architect to opine on the design of a sports court is  
20 akin to asking a plumber how to build a wastewater  
21 treatment plant or an electrician how to restart a  
22 generating station. I can only say the choice of  
23 this group is dumbfounding and totally inexplicable.

24                   No. 3 begs the question as to why it is  
25 not logical to consult with the pickleball advocates

1 that have been advocating for pickleball courts since  
2 last May?

3 And, finally, on No. 4, I wonder if the  
4 industry experts consulted were not actually the ones  
5 selling the tiles and doing the contracting for  
6 installation.

7 Ladies and gentlemen of this Board,  
8 there appears to be little evidence of adequate or  
9 proper due diligence by the Parks Department in  
10 opting for modular tiles. And while it might be  
11 convenient to just chalk this decision up in what  
12 appears to be "business as usual" --

13 MR. FLORIO: Three minutes.

14 MR. LEUNG: -- bureaucratic hubris, or  
15 plain dumb ass, makes this installation a total  
16 misuse and squandering of tax funds, which, I might  
17 add, I contributed considerably to in 2017.

18 I urge this Board to take the  
19 opportunity now, before the Parks Department  
20 implements this ill-advised and costly installation,  
21 to deliberate long and hard before we reach the point  
22 of no return on construction of these pickleball  
23 courts.

24 Thank you very much for your time.

25 (Applause.)

1                   CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Iris Borman.

2                   MS. BORMAN: Iris Borman, Cliffside  
3 Park.

4                   I am delighted that the county will not  
5 be raising taxes to go forward in the fiscal year  
6 2018-2019.

7                   With that said, on your agenda tonight,  
8 I noticed that over \$12 million is being allocated  
9 for parks and golf. Now, that's a huge sum of money,  
10 and I'm just wondering if that includes artificial  
11 turf for golf? Because that's tantamount to the  
12 decision that was made to put down sports tiles on  
13 pickleball courts. You wouldn't put down artificial  
14 turf on a golf course, but you will put down sports  
15 tiles on a tennis court. And, by so doing, you are  
16 increasing a very definite risk to us, the players  
17 who play on these courts. It is not possible to see  
18 the undulations of a badly deteriorated court, when  
19 you have a flat surface of tiles on it. You only get  
20 to know that it's deteriorated when you step into it  
21 or when you're running into it and then fall flat on  
22 your face. So it befuddles all of us how a decision  
23 was made to put in sports tiles, after all of the  
24 information, all the specific authorized and  
25 validated information from the United States



1 Pickleball Association was given to you, was given to  
2 the parks association. It's incomprehensible that  
3 all of this information was ignored.

4           As a matter of fact, one of the -- and  
5 I left the paper back there, I don't want to take up  
6 my time by running back to get it -- but one of the  
7 officials -- thank you -- at the United States  
8 Pickleball Association, Christine Barksdale  
9 (phonetic), who is the managing director of  
10 competition and athlete programs, on May 10th wrote a  
11 letter to Mr. Tedesco, and without reading the  
12 letter, I'll just paraphrase it by saying:  
13 Interlocking tiles are not optimum for quality  
14 pickleball playing, as we have yet to locate a system  
15 that provides a consistent bounce. While pickleball  
16 players across the country have grown accustomed to  
17 playing on a variety of surfaces, with the increasing  
18 number of locations, they are now able to be a little  
19 more selective and will be less inclined to play on a  
20 court with less than optimal value.

21           So, here we are, from last year to this  
22 year with all the information possible given to the  
23 Parks Department, and this incomprehensible decision  
24 was made. I want to talk for a moment about  
25 liability.

1 MR. FLORIO: Three minutes, Ms. Borman.

2 MS. BORMAN: When we go onto a court in  
3 the county, it says "Play at your own risk."

4 We take that risk even if -- well,  
5 let's put it this way, we have a choice to take the  
6 risk, even though we see that the court may not be in  
7 good condition.

8 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Please wrap it up.

9 MS. BORMAN: But when you cover over  
10 the court so that we cannot see the cracks and rises  
11 and falls of the court, the liability then shifts to  
12 the county.

13 Thank you very much.

14 (Applause.)

15 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Ilene Glantz.

16 MS. GLANTZ: I will be brief.

17 I am a resident of Bergen County for  
18 50 years. At Northern Valley Regional High School, I  
19 was on the tennis team. I've played tennis for all  
20 my life. Pickleball is a natural transition for  
21 people who have played tennis and segue into a less  
22 taxing sport.

23 Why am I saying this? We have been  
24 talking this evening about safety, well-being,  
25 mindfulness and quality of life with the mental

1 health values that you have put forth here. We spent  
2 the last hour and a half with lots of photography.  
3 The photographers are gone, okay. I'm very visual.  
4 I will tell you, as someone who has had family  
5 members with mental illness, one of the ways to  
6 alleviate mental illness, one of the most important  
7 ways, is physical activity.

8           You have a growing baby-boomer  
9 constituency in Bergen County, with 50 years of  
10 living here and paying taxes. I implore you to  
11 consider the facts that mental illness is one of your  
12 values, and pickleball and mental well-being is one  
13 of the tools in the tool basket that you have at your  
14 disposal to do the right thing.

15           As my fellow pickleball colleagues  
16 said, five out of the 21 counties in the State of New  
17 Jersey have public pickleball courts with flat  
18 asphalt surfaces. We are, Bergen County, the only  
19 one out of the five, the largest, with over a million  
20 residents that doesn't have it.

21           I implore you to please consider what  
22 these other colleagues are saying. I will also share  
23 with you, as a resident of Fort Lee, I have put an  
24 individual pickleball court on my property, and it  
25 costs less than \$10,000. I love this community. I

1 ask that you please consider what is being said here  
2 tonight. I don't want to think about if the wrong  
3 thing is done.

4 MR. FLORIO: Three minutes, Ms. Glantz.

5 MS. GLANTZ: That's all I have to say,  
6 Mr. Florio.

7 MR. FLORIO: Thank you, Ms. Glantz.

8 (Applause.)

9 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: John Nicola.

10 MR. NICOLA: Good evening, ladies and  
11 gentlemen.

12 This will be very brief.

13 I've been a Cliffside Park resident for  
14 many years, playing pickleball for several years now.

15 Would you play tennis on something like  
16 this? No, I don't think you would.

17 Outdoor pickleball was invented to be  
18 played on a tennis-like surface, which means concrete  
19 or asphalt. We still have a perfect opportunity to  
20 resurface the deteriorated asphalt tiles over on  
21 Overpeck Ridgefield Park. If this stuff goes down,  
22 I'm not going to play on it. I'm sure most of the  
23 people here are not going to play on it.

24 AUDIENCE VOICE: Absolutely not.

25 MR. NICOLA: So we implore you, do

1 whatever is possible to undo this contract, if you've  
2 actually signed it and entered into it, and put a  
3 real pickleball court, something that the U.S.  
4 Pickleball Association would approve, so we can have  
5 professionals up here, give clinics, have  
6 tournaments. They won't sanction an event on crap  
7 like this.

8 Thank you very much.

9 (Applause.)

10 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Danny Napoli.

11 MR. NAPOLI: I worked at Bellevue  
12 Hospital for 30 years, and I was in charge of patient  
13 recreation. And many, many times, we'd take the  
14 patients up to the roof, tennis courts, volleyball  
15 courts, basketball courts. On the other side, we had  
16 a playground for the children. It was used  
17 constantly.

18 What I saw over the years, though,  
19 contractors coming back having to redo the job that  
20 the city gave them. They did a cheap job,  
21 New-York-City-style.

22 Well, they said, "Dan, can't use the  
23 roof for 30 days, 40 days, we're redoing the roof."

24 I said, "You're doing this almost every  
25 year, can't you get it right?"

1                   So what I ask you is to please, this  
2 project, let's do it right. I don't want the job  
3 shutdown every year for 30 days, 40 days because we  
4 have to do it again because it wasn't done right the  
5 first time. That's all. Anytime government gets  
6 their hands onto something, for some reason it  
7 doesn't work. So, I don't understand. So I just  
8 say, let's do it right. That's all I ask.

9                   Thank you.

10                  (Applause.)

11                  CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

12                  Barry Goldman.

13                  MR. GOLDMAN: I've been a lifelong  
14 resident of Bergen County, living in several towns  
15 and now in Tenafly.

16                  First thing, when I heard about the  
17 tile courts that were proposed, I went to a tennis  
18 expert, one of my sons who was a four-year varsity  
19 player at Tenafly and captain for two years and also  
20 played club tennis in college, and he said, one of  
21 the things that you have to worry about is if you  
22 fall, you get hurt.

23                  He said if you look at the tile that  
24 John held up, if you fall on that, you're going to  
25 scrape your arms, you're going to scrape your legs.

1 You're normally playing pickleball or tennis, you  
2 know, in shorts, in short sleeves. You know, it's  
3 going to hurt if you scrape that, and I ask if you  
4 want to, as the tile is being passed around, see what  
5 you think of that.

6 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: I think asphalt  
7 hurts too, right?

8 MR. NICOLA: That's a key concern,  
9 aside from some of the other things that people said,  
10 but just a safety standpoint. You know, nobody is  
11 going to play on it. And while you're trying to  
12 decide what to do about making permanent pickleball  
13 courts, a year ago, you know, last spring, we were  
14 told by the Parks Department that they would paint  
15 lines on some of the tennis courts so we could play  
16 pickleball a little more efficiently. That hasn't  
17 happened yet, and I implore you to try to do that on  
18 a few of the tennis courts. What do we have to do  
19 now when we go to Leonia Overpeck, we have to put  
20 together portable nets. We have to take these yellow  
21 plastic strips that we put down to mark the lines.  
22 Those, one, you could slip on them a little bit.  
23 Two, when they hit the lines, they bounce and take  
24 off and bounce, so we're still enjoying the game but  
25 it can impact the game. It also takes us time to set

1 up and clean up, because we have no permanent place  
2 to play. At least if there are lines put down, it  
3 will shorten the process for us in the setup and  
4 cleanup of the pickleball.

5 On January 9th of this year, I sent all  
6 of you an email with pictures of some pickleball  
7 courts where I play in Florida where we have a condo  
8 and I go in the winter for part of the winter.

9 Tennis players have said, oh, if you  
10 paint lines on tennis courts, they're going to be  
11 distracting.

12 Well, one of the pictures that I sent  
13 was a hard court where they have four portable nets  
14 on the side, lines put on for four pickleball courts.  
15 Professional tennis players come there. Bergen  
16 County's own Christina McHale practices there. Other  
17 women tennis players practice there. And the Bryan  
18 brothers, probably the best men's double teams ever,  
19 has practiced on these courts, and the lines do not  
20 bother them.

21 So, while the tennis players say the  
22 lines may bother them, they really don't. If they  
23 don't bother the pros, who are very particular about  
24 it, they shouldn't bother the amateurs that are  
25 playing here.



1 Thank you.

2 MR. FLORIO: Three minutes,  
3 Mr. Goldman.

4 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Maryann Barrios,  
5 New City.

6 MS. BARRIOS: Good evening. Thank you  
7 for having me here. I'm from New City, New York.

8 I came upon pickleball because Bergen  
9 County offers pickleball, but Rockland County did not  
10 have pickleball. So, as you know, Rockland County  
11 residents, we spend a lot of time in New Jersey  
12 because it has a lot to offer.

13 We talked a lot about the mental health  
14 aspect of the game, mental health, how important it  
15 is. And pickleball does a lot for mental health.  
16 There are a lot of seniors playing pickleball. A lot  
17 of seniors maybe wouldn't play sports, if it wasn't  
18 for pickleball. When you play pickleball, it's a  
19 very social game, so not only do you have fun  
20 playing, you meet a lot of friends. I have so many  
21 friends now. I have more friends now than I had when  
22 I was younger, because of pickleball. Not only that,  
23 but veterans also have used pickleball to overcome  
24 the problems they have with post traumatic stress  
25 disorder.

1 Families can get together to play  
2 pickleball, because any age can play, from young to  
3 old. It brings people together. But you want to  
4 bring people together in a safe environment. Those  
5 tiles have been researched by pickleball members, and  
6 I belong to a pickleball forum, and it was also  
7 brought up on there, and there wasn't a good thing to  
8 say about the tiles.

9 So, I'd love to keep coming back to New  
10 Jersey to play pickleball, and I hope you do it right  
11 the first time.

12 Thank you.

13 (Applause.)

14 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Seeing no more  
15 papers, may I have a motion to close the meeting to  
16 the public?

17 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: So moved.

18 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Second.

19 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

20 (All present Freeholders respond in the  
21 affirmative.)

22 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: The meeting is  
25 closed to the public.

1 MOVE RESOLUTIONS 482-18, 415-18, 417-18&416-18 OUT OF  
2 THE CONSENT AGENDA AND ONTO NONCONSENT IN ORDER  
3 LISTED

4 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Would someone  
5 please make a motion to move the following  
6 resolutions out of the Consent Agenda and onto  
7 Nonconsent in the order as listed: Resolution  
8 #482-18, Resolution #415-18, Resolution #417-18, and  
9 #416-18. And they will be voted on prior to the  
10 Consent Agenda.

11 Can I have a motion, please?

12 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: 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 RESOLUTIONS OF NONCONSENT

20 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Seeing none, will  
21 the Clerk read the Resolutions of Nonconsent.

22 MS. RODRIGUEZ: The first Resolution of  
23 Nonconsent is #482-18. It's a resolution authorizing  
24 the budget amendment.

25 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Can I have a

1 motion?

2 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

3 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Second.

4 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

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

7 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Any discussion on  
8 the motion?

9 (No response.)

10 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Seeing none, roll  
11 call, please.

12 (At this point in the proceeding roll  
13 call is taken and Resolution #482-18 is passed by a  
14 unanimous vote.)

15 MS. RODRIGUEZ: With seven ayes, it  
16 passes.

17 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Would the Clerk  
18 please read Resolution #415-18 by title only.

19 MS. RODRIGUEZ: #415-18 is a Resolution  
20 authorizing an increase of the COLA up to 3.5 percent  
21 and to establish a CAP Bank.

22 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Can I have a  
23 motion?

24 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: So moved.

25 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Second.

1 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

2 (All present Freeholders respond in the  
3 affirmative.)

4 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Is there any  
7 discussion on the motion?

8 (No response.)

9 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Seeing none, roll  
10 call.

11 (At this point in the proceeding roll  
12 call is taken and Resolution #415-18 is passed by a  
13 unanimous vote.)

14 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Seven aye, it passes.

15 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

16 Would the Clerk please read Resolution  
17 #417-18.

18 MS. RODRIGUEZ: #417-18 is a Resolution  
19 authorizing the Surrogate to exceed the County Entity  
20 Budget Request CAP.

21 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Can I have a  
22 motion, please?

23 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

24 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Second.

25 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

1 (All present Freeholders respond in the  
2 affirmative.)

3 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Is there any  
6 discussion on the motion?

7 (No response.)

8 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Seeing none, can I  
9 have a roll call, please.

10 (At this point in the proceeding roll  
11 call is taken and Resolution #417-18 is passed by a  
12 unanimous vote.)

13 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Seven aye, it passes.

14 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Would the Clerk  
15 please read Resolution #416-18.

16 MS. RODRIGUEZ: #416-18 is a Resolution  
17 authorizing the Adoption of the 2018 Budget.

18 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Can I have a  
19 motion?

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: Is there any  
3 discussion on the motion?

4 Freeholder Amoroso.

5 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Yes.

6 Again, I'm so proud that we have a  
7 budget that has a zero tax increase, and, yet, within  
8 that flat tax, we have shared services that improve  
9 things for our municipalities, including the ability  
10 to borrow money through the Bergen County Improvement  
11 Authority using our excellent AAA rating.

12 Mental health services, we've talked  
13 about that. We've had increases in mental health  
14 funding over the last four years. I think it's five  
15 percent this year. You know, we support fully  
16 Stigma-Free and we support it with our money.

17 Parks, you know, we are --

18 AUDIENCE VOICE: Pickleball.

19 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Well, yes.

20 AUDIENCE VOICE: What about it?

21 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: We're working on  
22 it.

23 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Order, please.

24 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: So we both have  
25 the wide open spaces in my hometown, at the Ramapo

1 Reservation, we have golf courses that allow people  
2 to get out there and golf. As I said before, we are  
3 not tax and spend, we are hold the line on taxes and  
4 improve quality of life in Bergen County by spending  
5 wisely.

6 Thank you.

7 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Freeholder Zur.

8 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Thank you,  
9 Chairman.

10 First of all, I want to thank County  
11 Executive Tedesco for championing this process and  
12 for delivering really competent fiscal management,  
13 and that goes to Joe Luppino and the entire  
14 administration. You walked alongside this Board  
15 every step of the way making sure that we can  
16 continue to deliver enhanced services for the  
17 residents of Bergen County while holding the fiscal  
18 line, while engaging in shared services, while  
19 figuring out how to do more with less and delivering  
20 efficient and effective government.

21 So, County Executive, thank you for  
22 leading the way in this process. And Freeholder  
23 Ganz, Chairman Ganz, thank you for your leadership  
24 through 21 hearings.

25 FREEHOLDER VOSS: 19.



1                   FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: It seemed like  
2 100. But you really led the way and set the tone for  
3 what was a very serious process where we questioned  
4 everything line-by-line and went diligently through  
5 making sure that we were delivering for the residents  
6 of Bergen County.

7                   We heard about some of our priorities.  
8 You know, Steve's annoyed at hearing me say this all  
9 the time, but the budgeting represents our  
10 priorities, and this budget really delivered on our  
11 priorities. Not only did it deliver on mental  
12 health, as we heard, but it delivered on things like  
13 Consumer Affairs, where we have a historic  
14 partnership with Passaic County, where we're  
15 continuing to protect those most vulnerable in our  
16 community who are being defrauded, and engaging with  
17 law enforcement and really saving our taxpayers  
18 resources.

19                   We're leading the way in educational  
20 and vocational programs with our Workforce  
21 Development Board and specifically for those who are  
22 uniquely abled, which is a program that I have  
23 championed. We've continued through the 2018 budget  
24 to find increased funding for the Bergen County  
25 Special School Service District and for programs like

1 Project Search, which is a program for young adults  
2 in the last year of education where we partner with  
3 nonprofits and Hackensack and Holy Name hospitals to  
4 give these young people transferable job skills.

5 Folks with disabilities usually have an  
6 employment rate in the State of New Jersey of 37  
7 percent. This program which we highlighted, we  
8 piloted in the State of New Jersey, has now a  
9 90 percent employment rate after the first year, and  
10 I just got word tonight that we have placed our first  
11 2018 graduate as well. This allows people with  
12 unique abilities to have meaningful employment  
13 opportunities where they can be sustainable, where  
14 they can get pensions and health care benefits and  
15 live full lives, so that is something that I'm very  
16 proud we were able to deliver on this Board.

17 And we also, you know, saving and  
18 revitalizing New Bridge Medical Center is going to be  
19 the enduring legacy of County Executive Tedesco and,  
20 I think, all seven of us on this Board. We've  
21 already see an expansion of services and tighter  
22 controls on the quality of care, and the financial  
23 benefits to the residents of Bergen County is just  
24 the icing on the cake as New Bridge is already the  
25 leader and is going to continue to play an integral

1 role in fighting the opioid epidemic and tackle the  
2 stigma associated with mental illness. That's  
3 something I'm really proud of, I'm really proud that  
4 we're delivering in this budget as well and that  
5 we're going to continue to sustain programs like  
6 Operation Helping Hand, which we engaged in with the  
7 Prosecutor and the Sheriff, which was once again a  
8 historic move to realize that we're not going to  
9 arrest our way out of an opioid epidemic, that we  
10 need to line-up the treatment and we need to line-up  
11 the pieces to treat this like an illness and get the  
12 people the help that they need.

13 So I am very proud to cast a vote in  
14 favor of this budget and to continue to work with  
15 this Board and this county administration and this  
16 County Executive to continue to deliver more for the  
17 residents of Bergen County and hold the fiscal line  
18 at the same thing time.

19 Thank you very much, Chairman.

20 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

21 Freeholder Tanelli.

22 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Thank you,  
23 Chairman.

24 First, I'd like to apologize to  
25 Freeholder Ganz that as part of the IT upgrades we

1 didn't put buzzers in chairs so we can indicate when  
2 people are taking a little bit too long.

3                   So, Freeholder Zur handled a lot of the  
4 specifics on the budget. I'd like to thank the  
5 County Executive, the Administrator, the  
6 Administrator's staff, Joe Luppino, Michael,  
7 Freeholder Ganz, for steering us all. I'd like to  
8 thank all my colleagues for all their efforts on this  
9 year's budget.

10                   Not to get into the specifics, I just  
11 want to make a statement as far as the reason why  
12 we're here is because of the diligent work and the  
13 culmination effort the County Executive put forth  
14 when he took office, working with us hand-in-hand,  
15 making decisions that are going to benefit us in the  
16 future, and they all worked out.

17                   We've had a realignment of departments  
18 where they're better served with better efficiency,  
19 and we save money. And I believe a lot of that stuff  
20 is going to benefit us moving forward.

21                   I'll be very proud tonight to vote yes  
22 on this budget.

23                   Thank you.

24                   CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: You're done?

25                   FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Yes.

1                   CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you,  
2 Freeholder.

3                   Freeholder Ortiz.

4                   VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: I guess there's  
5 little left to say, but I first want to say I'm  
6 extremely pleased and proud of this budget that the  
7 County Executive and my colleagues on the board  
8 delivered with zero increase and still preserving and  
9 enhancing crucial county services for our residents.

10                   As a previous analyst in my past life  
11 for a mutual fund, what we found most critical was to  
12 have a AAA bond rating, and definitely our  
13 administration, Joe Luppino, in particular --

14                   CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: I'm sorry,  
15 Freeholder Ortiz, please continue.

16                   VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: The 2018 budget  
17 is a culmination of the past four years of  
18 responsible budgeting and fiscal planning, which has  
19 directly led to Bergen County maintaining its AAA  
20 bond rating, which is the highest offered by Moody's.

21                   Refinancing the county's older bonds  
22 with lower interest rates have saved millions in  
23 interest costs to the county as well as  
24 municipalities that partner with the county through  
25 the Bergen County Improvement Authority. We have

1 also partnered with municipalities by initiating  
2 shared service contracts like animal control, health  
3 officers, restaurant inspections, flu vaccinations,  
4 saving towns money through economies of scale. But  
5 this couldn't be possible, this is definitely a team  
6 effort, and I want to first thank Freeholder Ganz for  
7 leading the way. I mean, 19 hearings, you really did  
8 a great job, and I thank you for that and for  
9 educating us all through the process.

10 I also would like to thank Joe Luppino,  
11 Michael Kaplan, Mike Bellucci, and everyone in the  
12 administration for your hard work and help throughout  
13 the whole process, and, like I said before, working  
14 together as a team. This budget speaks volumes for  
15 our hard work, our commitment to the residents of  
16 Bergen County, where they are proud to live and work  
17 and raise their families.

18 Thank you, and I'm very proud to vote  
19 yes on this budget.

20 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you,  
21 Freeholder.

22 Freeholder Voss.

23 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Thank you, Chairman.

24 One of the things that's a big priority  
25 in my life is working together as a team, and I have

1 to say that this Freeholder Board and our County  
2 Executive and all of the people who are affiliated  
3 with Bergen County are a wonderful team and we work  
4 well together.

5 I want to thank the County Executive  
6 for his leadership and foresight. I want to thank  
7 Joe Luppino, who I have known forever, who is a  
8 fantastic CFO. I want to thank Mike Bellucci. David  
9 Ganz has been the Budget Chair for about 12 years  
10 now. He knows this budget inside out and backwards,  
11 and he has been a great leader. And one of the  
12 things that's really important to me as an educator  
13 is that the previous administration had really  
14 slashed the budget, particularly to Bergen Community  
15 College, and in the last four years, we have restored  
16 all of that funding and we'll continue, because I  
17 think Bergen Community College is probably, without  
18 equivocation, the best community college in the State  
19 of New Jersey. We have 19 of them. It is the "jewel  
20 in our crown" so to speak, as we refer to it. And it  
21 was so important, because Bergen County has wonderful  
22 schools, and it's with -- what shall I say -- the  
23 enthusiasm from the County Executive and the  
24 Freeholder Board that we now have one of the best  
25 academies, we have a wonderful technical school, we

1 have a wonderful vocational school, and we take care  
2 of children with special needs. But I am thrilled to  
3 pieces because at this point in time we have created  
4 a new program called "Applied Technology High  
5 School," which is going to be in Bergen Community  
6 College. It's high schools who are going to be able  
7 to take science and technology courses, and when they  
8 graduate from this program -- and we have a young  
9 lady over there, okay (indicating).

10 (Applause.)

11 FREEHOLDER VOSS: I have spoken to some  
12 of the young people in this program, and I have to  
13 tell you that they will graduate with a high school  
14 diploma and several college credits. It's one of the  
15 things when I was a teacher I did too, I taught high  
16 school seniors college courses so that when they  
17 graduated from high school, they would have six  
18 college credits. But now this is becoming something  
19 that's going to be available, and it's wonderful that  
20 they'll be on the campus of Bergen Community, so they  
21 will have access to things that they wouldn't have in  
22 a normal high school.

23 I just want to say that I just have to  
24 digress a little bit. There's a young man in the  
25 audience right now who is going to do something with



1 Stigma-Free at his high school, and if I can be of  
2 any assistance, I would be happy to help you, but one  
3 in four people suffer from a serious mental  
4 condition, and we've got to be cognizant of that and  
5 we've got to do everything. Education is one of the  
6 ways that we can solve some of these problems.

7 I will not talk any longer, Chairman,  
8 because you know I can talk forever. Thank you for a  
9 wonderful, wonderful budget.

10 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you,  
11 Dr. Voss.

12 If Dr. Voss offers help, you better  
13 take her up on it, she knows what she's doing.

14 MR. NDREU: After the meeting.

15 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Our Freeholder and  
16 our Budget Chair, David Ganz.

17 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Thank you, Chairman.

18 I want to thank specifically the County  
19 Executive for his outstanding leadership, his  
20 willingness to work with the Freeholders as equals.  
21 He appeared before the Budget Committee on a number  
22 of different occasions. He always considered  
23 carefully the issues that were before us.

24 I want to just talk for a brief moment  
25 about what he has done for veterans, which is a cause

1 that is very close to my heart. Most of you know  
2 that my son, Scott, served in Afghanistan and  
3 subsequently, as a result of PTSD, committed suicide.  
4 It is a very difficult thing to talk about, but there  
5 it is. And we have veterans who, until fairly  
6 recently, were homeless and suffered from serious  
7 mental illness that accompanies that. Not only are  
8 we Stigma-Free 69 out of 70 communities in Bergen  
9 County, but we also have eliminated homelessness.  
10 The County Executive eliminated homelessness on the  
11 part of veterans. This is something that is  
12 virtually unheard of, and we are the first county in  
13 New Jersey to do it, and I'm very glad to be a part  
14 of it.

15 This administration has taken full  
16 advantage of grants, grant credits, and fully  
17 committed itself not only to curing the homelessness  
18 problem, but also taking care of the paperwork and  
19 all of the accoutrements of administering a plethora  
20 of programs that have led not only to the elimination  
21 of homelessness among veterans but also taken  
22 important steps to give other benefits to vets,  
23 making sure that we have the ability to take  
24 advantage of every federal dollar that is available  
25 and committing the state's funds through the use of

1 county funds, which is part of this.

2 Let me say in conclusion, Chairman,  
3 that without the help of Michael Kaplan, without the  
4 help of the County Executive and Michael Bellucci,  
5 and, of course, without the help and guidance of the  
6 County Executive, none of this would have been  
7 possible. I will proudly cast my vote in favor of  
8 this budget.

9 Thank you.

10 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you,  
11 Freeholder Ganz.

12 So I get to play cleanup, I guess, but  
13 I know a lot has been said here tonight, but tonight  
14 is a very special day. It's a special day for Bergen  
15 County that the County Executive, along with the  
16 Freeholder Board, will be delivering a zero percent  
17 tax increase. It's a great day for Bergen County  
18 today. It's a great day for the taxpayers of Bergen  
19 County. And this is something that we have been  
20 working towards for the last four years.

21 The budget we will pass this evening is  
22 as a result of a vision that began almost four years  
23 ago by our County Executive. Jim, I'd proud to be  
24 along for the ride. People here on the Freeholder  
25 Board are proud to be along for the ride, but it's

1 not just being along for the ride, it's working  
2 together, and, as the County Executive, I think  
3 you've instilled the leadership that a team needs. I  
4 want to say thank you for everything that you've done  
5 for that. Again, people should really understand the  
6 magnitude of what happens tonight. This is a  
7 zero percent tax increase, and it's a wonderful job  
8 on your part and your staff.

9 I want to thank Freeholder Ganz, our  
10 Budget Chairman, for competently and effectively  
11 leading us line-by-line through 19 meetings with the  
12 departments to review all budgets. Michael Bellucci,  
13 Julien Neals, Michael Kaplan, Joe Luppino, Michele  
14 DiIorgi, Marc Shrieks, everyone has played a role, so  
15 I hope I didn't give out his Facebook name.

16 Everybody here has played a role in doing what we do.

17 There's a few highlights that I want to  
18 point out personally.

19 A few years ago, my big thing here, my  
20 part in this county was to get onboard and get  
21 everyone onboard with shared services, which was  
22 embraced here in this county. We've increased our  
23 focus on saving the taxpayer funds through share  
24 services. Since 2015, new shared service agreements  
25 have been inked with nearly every municipality,

1 dozens of schools, school boards, independent  
2 authorities, all of this, the vehicle maintenance  
3 garage in Paramus, I mean all of these things lead to  
4 savings, but we took it a step further, it wasn't  
5 just these type of agreements, Bergen County Health  
6 Department now has shared services agreements, in  
7 fact for things like animal control, a health  
8 officer, restaurant inspections. The Bergen County  
9 Division of Consumer Affairs is a shared service with  
10 Passaic County. The list goes on and on, and these  
11 are the things we do to get to where we are, and  
12 that's why we got to where we are. It's by the  
13 forward thinking by the County Executive and the  
14 Board that brought us here today.

15           We didn't forget mental health. We've  
16 seen a significant boost this year in our budget, a  
17 five percent increase in 2018. Everyone was here for  
18 the presentations before, we see why it matters. It  
19 matters. It matters for quality of life, it matters  
20 to everybody here in Bergen County. And just another  
21 shout out to the County Executive, my fifth one,  
22 there will be a couple more, is that this marks four  
23 conservative years, County Executive, of increases  
24 since you took office in mental health. Thank you  
25 for that very much.

1                   We didn't leave anything out. We also  
2 provided support for county addiction and treatment  
3 and recovery services for the opioid epidemic,  
4 projects such as Operation Helping Hand in concert  
5 with the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office aimed to  
6 get people struggling with addiction into treatment  
7 instead of jail.

8                   This budget is a complete budget. It  
9 is things that we do here in Bergen County and again  
10 through our leadership and through our colleagues  
11 here on the Freeholder Board, I couldn't ask for a  
12 better group of people. Everyone has their opinions,  
13 everyone's opinion gets heard, and we work for a  
14 resolution, and here's your resolution today.

15                   So thank you, everyone that was  
16 involved with our budget process.

17                   I almost forgot Julien. Did I say your  
18 name.

19                   ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NEALS: Yes,  
20 you did.

21                   CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Ed Florio wasn't  
22 there, so I don't have to give him a shout out.

23                   MR. FLORIO: Well, thank you.

24                   CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: But, seriously,  
25 Jim, a special day for Bergen County. My Freeholder

1 colleagues, a very special day for Bergen County.

2 Thank you to everyone who had a hand in it.

3 Our Administrator would like to say a  
4 few words.

5 ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NEALS: I'd  
6 just like to echo the administration's sentiment and  
7 the County Executive's sentiments regarding giving  
8 thanks to the Freeholder Board for being partners  
9 through this process, because we would not have been  
10 able to get here if not for your help and  
11 cooperation. And not to digress, but the budget  
12 process involves a lot of tough decisions that have  
13 to be made in terms of the allocation of resources,  
14 and just hearing a lot of the discussion that was had  
15 tonight, critical, positive across-the-board. There  
16 were some statements that were made just with regard  
17 to the administration's decisions on how to spend  
18 money with regard to the pickleball situation in  
19 parks. And I just want to assure the people,  
20 although there may be some disagreement over the  
21 ultimate surface that was chosen, there was a process  
22 that went into that with the Parks Department in  
23 terms of research and their efforts looking into the  
24 tile surface. I know that we're not going to here  
25 tonight convince anyone of whether they're going to

1 be in favor of that surface or not, but there should  
2 just be dispelled the assertion by some of the  
3 speakers that there was basically a callous disregard  
4 that went into those decisions that were made. There  
5 was significant input from Parks, there was  
6 significant information that was provided by Parks in  
7 terms of professionals that they had contacted that  
8 provided a list of potential benefits with regard to  
9 the surface.

10 AUDIENCE VOICES: No, no.

11 ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NEALS: And  
12 we understand that we're not necessarily going to  
13 convince you and have you agree with that, but I just  
14 wanted to say with regard to the resources that are  
15 being spent, there was an effort put into it and it  
16 was not done with any level of callous disregard for  
17 the communications that I know Parks did have with  
18 pickleball advocates going back to last year.

19 So, with regard to the budget, I think  
20 we've achieved a great deal of success, and I think  
21 it's worth pointing out again that that zero tax  
22 increase actually is a little bit even more special  
23 when you talk about the fact that it was a zero  
24 increase on the amount raised through the tax levy.  
25 So the contribution from the actual taxpayers,



1 compared from '17 to '18, actually went down overall,  
2 and that's quite a remarkable achievement in this  
3 time with all the other economic pressures and things  
4 that are facing folks.

5 Thanks again, Freeholders. Thank you,  
6 County Executive, for your vision. Mike Bellucci,  
7 Joe Luppino, I know they lived here through this  
8 whole budget process, and your efforts obviously are  
9 borne out in the product that we were able to  
10 produce.

11 Thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you, Julien.

13 Being no other comments, I would ask  
14 for a roll call on #416-18.

15 (At this point in the proceeding roll  
16 call is taken and Resolution #416-18 is passed by a  
17 unanimous vote.)

18 MS. RODRIGUEZ: With seven ayes,  
19 #416-18, the 2018 County Budget, passes.

20 (Applause.)

21 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you, all.

22 RESOLUTIONS OF UNANIMOUS CONSENT

23 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Will the Clerk  
24 please read the Resolutions on the Consent Agenda.

25 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Resolutions of Consent

1 are: #412-18 through #414-18; #418-18 through  
2 #481-18.

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

6 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

7 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Second.

8 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

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

11 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Roll call.

14 (At this point in the proceeding roll  
15 call is taken and the Resolutions of Unanimous  
16 Consent are passed by a unanimous vote.)

17 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Seven ayes, the Consent  
18 Agenda passes.

19 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Are there any  
20 Resolutions pulled, postponed, or tabled? If so,  
21 would the check please read them.

22 MS. RODRIGUEZ: There were no  
23 resolutions pulled. However, the Second Reading of  
24 Ordinance 18-04 was pulled.

25 Will the attorney please state the

1 reason that the Second Reading was pulled.

2 MR. FLORIO: Thank you, Madam Clerk.

3 The Second Reading isn't being heard  
4 tonight on the basis of the Local Finance Board  
5 hearing, which is required prior to that hearing, has  
6 not yet occurred.

7 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

8 ORDINANCES

9 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We will now go on  
10 to our ordinances for First Reading and Introduction,  
11 Ordinances 18-05 through 18-14.

12 Will the Clerk read Ordinance 18-05 by  
13 title only.

14 MS. RODRIGUEZ: 18-05 is an "ORDINANCE  
15 RE-APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF  
16 \$3,755,090.84 PROCEEDS OF OBLIGATIONS AUTHORIZED BY  
17 VARIOUS BOND ORDINANCES OF THE COUNTY OF BERGEN NOT  
18 NEEDED FOR THEIR ORIGINAL PURPOSES IN ORDER TO  
19 PROVIDE FOR OTHER PURPOSES IN AND BY THE COUNTY."

20 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: May I have a motion  
21 to introduce Ordinance 18-05?

22 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

23 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Second.

24 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

25 (All present Freeholders respond in the

1 affirmative.)

2 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Roll call.

5 (At this point in the proceeding roll  
6 call is taken and the Introduction and First Reading  
7 of Ordinance 18-05 is passed by a unanimous vote.)

8 MS. RODRIGUEZ: With seven ayes, 18-05  
9 passes First Reading.

10 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

11 Will the Clerk please read 18-06 by  
12 title only.

13 MS. RODRIGUEZ: 18-06 is an "ORDINANCE  
14 RE-APPROPRIATING \$2,840,845.86 PROCEEDS OF  
15 OBLIGATIONS NOT NEEDED FOR THEIR ORIGINAL PURPOSES IN  
16 ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER PURPOSES IN AND BY THE  
17 COUNTY OF BERGEN."

18 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: May I have a motion  
19 to introduce Ordinance 18-06?

20 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

21 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: 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: Roll call.

3 (At this point in the proceeding roll  
4 call is taken and the Introduction and First Reading  
5 of Ordinance 18-06 is passed by a unanimous vote.)

6 MS. RODRIGUEZ: With seven ayes, 18-06  
7 passes First Reading.

8 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

9 Will the Clerk read ordinance 18-07 by  
10 title only.

11 MS. RODRIGUEZ: 18-07 is a "BOND  
12 ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS  
13 BY THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE  
14 AMOUNT OF \$6,760,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE  
15 ISSUANCE OF \$6,437,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY  
16 TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF."

17 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: May I have a motion  
18 to introduce Ordinance 18-07 as read by the Clerk?

19 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

20 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: 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: Roll call.

2 (At this point in the proceeding roll  
3 call is taken and the Introduction and First Reading  
4 of Ordinance 18-07 is passed by a unanimous vote.)

5 MS. RODRIGUEZ: With seven ayes, 18-07  
6 passes First Reading.

7 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

8 Would the Clerk read Ordinance 18-08 by  
9 title only.

10 MS. RODRIGUEZ: 18-08 is an "ORDINANCE  
11 APPROPRIATING \$4,700,000 AVAILABLE PURSUANT TO A  
12 GRANT EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE OPEN SPACE,  
13 RECREATION, FLOODPLAIN PROTECTION, FARMLAND &  
14 HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND FOR THE ACQUISITION  
15 OF THE EMERSON GOLF COURSE BY THE COUNTY OF BERGEN."

16 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: May I have a motion  
17 to introduce Ordinance 18-08?

18 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: So moved.

19 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

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

23 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Roll call.

1                   (At this point in the proceeding roll  
2 call is taken and the Introduction and First Reading  
3 of Ordinance 18-08 is passed by a unanimous vote.)

4                   MS. RODRIGUEZ: With seven ayes, 18-08  
5 passes First Reading.

6                   CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

7                   Would the Clerk read Ordinance 18-09 by  
8 title only.

9                   MS. RODRIGUEZ: 18-09 is a "BOND  
10 ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS  
11 BY THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE  
12 AMOUNT OF \$2,890,500 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE  
13 ISSUANCE OF \$2,752,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY  
14 TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF."

15                   CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: May I have a motion  
16 to introduce Ordinance 18-09 as read by the Clerk?

17                   FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

18                   FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Second.

19                   CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

20                   (All present Freeholders respond in the  
21 affirmative.)

22                   CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

23                   (No response.)

24                   CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Roll call.

25                   (At this point in the proceeding roll

1 call is taken and the Introduction and First Reading  
2 of Ordinance 18-09 is passed by a unanimous vote.)

3 MS. RODRIGUEZ: With seven ayes, 18-09  
4 passes First Reading.

5 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

6 Will the Clerk read Ordinance 18-10 by  
7 title only.

8 MS. RODRIGUEZ: 18-10 is a "BOND  
9 ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS  
10 BY THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE  
11 AMOUNT OF \$7,720,500 THEREFOR (INCLUDING A GRANT IN  
12 THE AMOUNT OF \$1,250,000 EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED FROM  
13 THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY GREEN ACRES PROGRAM) AND  
14 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,162,000 BONDS OR NOTES  
15 OF THE COUNTY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF."

16 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: May I have a motion  
17 to introduce Ordinance 18-10 as read by the Clerk?

18 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

19 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

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

23 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Roll call.



1 (At this point in the proceeding roll  
2 call is taken and the Introduction and First Reading  
3 of Ordinance 18-10 is passed by a unanimous vote.)

4 MS. RODRIGUEZ: With seven ayes, 18-10  
5 passes First Reading.

6 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

7 Will the Clerk please read Ordinance  
8 18-11 by title only.

9 MS. RODRIGUEZ: 18-11 is a "BOND  
10 ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS  
11 BY THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE  
12 AMOUNT OF \$772,500 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF  
13 \$735,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY TO FINANCE PART  
14 OF THE COST THEREOF."

15 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: May I have a motion  
16 to introduce Ordinance 18-11 as read by the Clerk?

17 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

18 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Second.

19 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

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

23 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Roll call, please.



1 affirmative.)

2 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Roll call, please.

5 (At this point in the proceeding roll  
6 call is taken and the Introduction and First Reading  
7 of Ordinance 18-12 is passed by a unanimous vote.)

8 MS. RODRIGUEZ: With seven ayes, 18-12  
9 passes First Reading.

10 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

11 Will the Clerk read Ordinance 18-13 by  
12 title only.

13 MS. RODRIGUEZ: 18-13 is an  
14 "INTRODUCTION OF A SITE PLAN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH  
15 BERGEN COUNTY STANDARDS FOR SUSTAINABLE LAND  
16 DEVELOPMENT SITE PLANS."

17 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: May I have a motion  
18 to introduce Ordinance 18-13 as read by the Clerk.

19 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: So moved.

20 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Second.

21 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: 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: Roll call.

3 (At this point in the proceeding roll  
4 call is taken and the Introduction and First Reading  
5 of Ordinance 18-13 is passed by a unanimous vote.)

6 MS. RODRIGUEZ: With seven ayes, 18-13  
7 passes First Reading.

8 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Will the Clerk  
9 please read Ordinance 18-14 by title only.

10 MS. RODRIGUEZ: 18-14 is an "ORDINANCE  
11 APPROPRIATING \$3,901,309 AVAILABLE PURSUANT TO A  
12 GRANT EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE STATE  
13 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION LOCAL BRIDGES, FUTURE  
14 NEEDS PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FOR BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS  
15 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF BERGEN."

16 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: May I have a motion  
17 to introduce Ordinance 18-14 as read by the Clerk?

18 FREEHOLDER VOSS: So moved.

19 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

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

23 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Roll call.

1                   (At this point in the proceeding roll  
2 call is taken and the Introduction and First Reading  
3 of Ordinance 18-14 is passed by a unanimous vote.)

4                   MS. RODRIGUEZ: With seven ayes, 18-14  
5 passes First Reading.

6                   CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay. We will now  
7 have Freeholder Committee Reports, unless someone  
8 would like to make a motion to suspend them tonight.

9                   FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Mr. Chairman,  
10 I'd like to make a motion to suspend committee  
11 reports; however, I just want one point of personal  
12 privilege, I forgot to thank our staffs. I forgot to  
13 thank Jared Lautz and all of our aides who worked  
14 really hard. I think we all inadvertently forgot to  
15 thank them, especially me, so I just want to thank  
16 them all.

17                   Now, can I make that motion to suspend  
18 committee reports?

19                   CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Yes.

20                   FREEHOLDER TANELLI: I'll second that.

21                   CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Second.

22                   All in favor?

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

25                   CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

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(No response.)

CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Motion carried.

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

FREEHOLDER TANELLI: So moved.

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: So moved.

FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Second.

CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

(All present Freeholders respond in the  
affirmative.)

CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you. We are  
adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

(Whereupon, the Public Meeting is  
adjourned at 9:55 p.m.)

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