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COUNTY OF BERGEN
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025
COMMENCING AT 7:03 P.M.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

NONE

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ALSO PRESENT:

JAMES J. TEDESCO III
BERGEN COUNTY EXECUTIVE

THOMAS J. DUCH, ESQUIRE
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/COUNTY COUNSEL

ANTHONY IACONO
DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

EDWARD J. FLORIO, ESQUIRE
COUNSEL TO THE BOARD

LARA L. POLLITT
CLERK TO THE BOARD

STEVEN SPOTO
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & POLICY

MAYOR VIOLETTA BERISHA, BOROUGH OF FAIRVIEW

COUNCILMAN KENNETH SCHMITT, BOROUGH OF FAIRVIEW

MAYOR THOMAS CALABRESE, BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK

POLICE CHIEF YAKUP ZOKLU, BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE
PARK

POLICE LT. MICHAEL MILLER, BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE
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1 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: Good evening,
2 everybody. The meeting is called to order at
3 7:03 p.m.

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

6 Thank you.

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

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

21 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: Thank you, Madam
22 Clerk.

23 Roll Call

24 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: Will the Clerk
25 please call the roll.

1 (At this point in the proceeding roll
2 call is taken with Commissioners Marte, Ortiz,
3 Sullivan, Voss, Silna Zur, Vice Chairman Tanelli, and
4 Chairwoman Amoroso present.)

5 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: Evidence of a
6 quorum is present.

7 Pledge of Allegiance

8 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: Will you please
9 join me for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

12 Announcement

13 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: We have an
14 announcement.

15 Our first On-The-Road meeting of 2025
16 will be held in Rutherford on Tuesday, March 4th, at
17 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Courtroom of the Police
18 Department Building at 18 Donaldson Avenue.

19 The 4:30 p.m. Work Session that day
20 will be held, as usual, in the Calabrese Caucus Room
21 at One Bergen County Plaza.

22 Thank you. We can all be seated.

23 Presentation in Recognition of Veteran of the Month

24 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: One of the most
25 meaningful programs this Board has is our Veteran of

1 the Month initiative, created by our own Vice
2 Chairman, Steve Tanelli. His vision was to ensure
3 that the brave men and women who have served our
4 country are honored, their sacrifices remembered, and
5 their contributions celebrated.

6 Tonight we have the distinct honor of
7 posthumously recognizing Staff Sergeant Matthew
8 Joskowitz for his service and sacrifice.

9 We are grateful to be joined by his
10 family as well as members of his community who have
11 come to show their support.

12 We extend a warm welcome to our
13 friends, Fairview Mayor Violetta Berisha and
14 Councilman Kenneth Schmitt, as well as Cliffside Park
15 Mayor Thomas Calabrese, Police Chief Yakup Zoklu, and
16 Police Lieutenant Michael Miller.

17 We also appreciate the presence of so
18 many others who have come to pay tribute tonight. A
19 special thank you to Bergen County Division of
20 Veterans Services Deputy Director Gloria Derteano for
21 joining us in this important recognition.

22 Mr. Vice Chair.

23 VICE CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you,
24 Chairwoman.

25 Before I read a little bit about Staff

1 Sergeant Joskowitz, I just wanted to say that this
2 program is very important. We attend so many events
3 during the course of the year, and I say this all the
4 time, when you go to Veterans Day or Memorial Day, it
5 seems that the one or two days just isn't enough.
6 When you start looking around Bergen County and you
7 see all the heroes that walk amongst us that we don't
8 know about or the people, whether they laid their
9 life on the line or had to struggle in the United
10 States when they came back, we really want to honor
11 these individuals as often as we can.

12 We all know of the County Executive's
13 commitment to our Veterans Services here in Bergen
14 County since he's become the County Executive, where
15 we ended veteran homelessness. We really take it
16 seriously to make sure our veterans get what they
17 deserve after coming back from defending our country
18 and our freedoms.

19 So tonight we have the solemn honor of
20 recognizing Staff Sergeant Matthew "Josko" Joskowitz
21 as Bergen County's Veteran of the Month for January.

22 While Matthew is no longer with us, his
23 legacy of service, dedication, and leadership lives
24 on.

25 Matthew was born and raised in Fairview

1 and attended school in Cliffside Park. In 2014, he
2 answered the call to serve his country, enlisting in
3 the U.S. Army and joining the prestigious 82nd
4 Airborne Division. Throughout his five years of
5 service, he distinguished himself as a dedicated
6 soldier and leader, earning numerous accolades,
7 including the Combat Infantry Badge, the Army
8 Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, and
9 the Parachutist Badge, among many others.

10 His leadership was evident as he
11 quickly rose through the ranks, achieving the rank of
12 Staff Sergeant by the age of 24. Known for his
13 fighting spirit and unwavering determination, Matthew
14 was respected throughout his brigade.

15 His competitive nature extended beyond
16 the military. Before enlisting, he was a standout
17 wrestler at Cliffside Park High School, becoming the
18 first in school history to achieve 100 career
19 victories. He carried that same drive into the Army,
20 winning his division's Combatives Tournament two
21 years in a row.

22 Matthew had plans to return home to New
23 Jersey to give back to his community as a wrestling
24 coach, a testament to his selflessness and devotion
25 to others. Tragically, in 2019, his life was cut

1 short in a non-training-related accident at Fort
2 Bragg, North Carolina.

3 But Matthew's impact endures. His
4 legacy lives on through the wrestling tournament
5 named in his honor at Cliffside Park High School,
6 ensuring that future generations remember his
7 contributions. More importantly, he is remembered by
8 his family, friends, and fellow soldiers as a man of
9 humility, integrity, and unwavering moral character,
10 a devoted son, a loving big brother, and a loyal
11 friend.

12 Tonight we honor Staff Sergeant Matthew
13 Joskowitz for his service and sacrifice. May his
14 memory be a blessing and may he rest in peace.

15 Thank you, Chairwoman.

16 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: Thank you, Mr.
17 Tanelli.

18 Before we present the Certificate of
19 Commendation, any words from my colleagues?

20 (No response.)

21 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: Okay. County
22 Executive, would you like to say a few words?

23 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: Thank you,
24 Chairwoman.

25 On behalf of the County of Bergen, I

1 have the Service Medal to present to the family, when
2 everyone comes down, along with my coin and a
3 commendation.

4 Tonight, as we honor Matthew as Bergen
5 County Veteran of the Month, we recognize his
6 courage, his dedication, and his selfless service to
7 our nation.

8 To his parents, on behalf of Bergen
9 County I extend our deepest gratitude. It is a
10 privilege to present you with this Service Medal as a
11 token of our appreciation. We will always remember
12 Matthew's sacrifice and we will stand by our veterans
13 and their families.

14 May God bless all of you, may God bless
15 our troops, and may peace rein all over the world.

16 Thank you.

17 Chairwoman, if we could have everybody
18 come down.

19 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: Okay. We'll all
20 come down to present our certificate and the County
21 Executive will do his.

22 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: On behalf of
23 the people of Bergen County, it's my honor to be able
24 to present to you the Bergen County Service Medal.

25 For the service that Matthew gave to

1 our country, protecting the freedoms that we enjoy
2 today, knowing that he's watching over us again and
3 protecting us, on behalf of the people of Bergen
4 County, it's my honor to be able to present this
5 medal to you.

6 This is the County Executive coin. I
7 present that to you as my token of appreciation for
8 Matthew's service and a Certificate of Commendation
9 presented to Matthew "Josko" Joskowitz, posthumously
10 honoring the Staff Sergeant, United States Army, for
11 his distinguished service to our country and in
12 recognition of your sacrifice and dedication while
13 preserving our freedom and protecting the liberties
14 of all Americans, Bergen County Veteran of the Month,
15 February 19, 2025.

16 (Whereupon, the presentation is made.)

17 MS. JOSKOWITZ: Thank you.

18 [APPLAUSE]

19 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: And from the
20 County Board of Commissioners, our Certificate of
21 Commendation honoring Staff Sergeant Matthew
22 Joskowitz, in honor and heartfelt recognition of
23 being awarded Bergen County Veteran of the Month.

24 On behalf of the nearly one million
25 residents of Bergen County, we express our utmost

1 gratitude for Staff Sergeant Joskowitz's dedicated
2 service to our nation. Thank you so much.

3 [APPLAUSE]

4 UNDERSHERIFF TAYLOR: Ms. Joskowitz, on
5 behalf of Sheriff Anthony Cureton, Bergen County
6 Sheriff, who was unable to be here today, and the
7 Bergen County Sheriff's Office, we would also like to
8 present to you the Certificate of Commendation which
9 is in recognition of his commitment and his exemplary
10 service to the United States of America.

11 May your son be remembered for his
12 integrity, strong moral character, and as a leader
13 and a hero.

14 We honor him this day and forward.

15 Thank you.

16 MS. JOSKOWITZ: Thank you. I
17 appreciate it.

18 [APPLAUSE]

19 MAYOR BERISHA: I don't have anything
20 to present.

21 Matthew grew up with my children. I
22 remember him as a little boy, so it's very hard to
23 speak about him. He was the most energetic, sweet,
24 friendly little boy that you could ever meet. I
25 remember his as a little boy, and to me he'll always

1 be a little boy.

2 I'm sorry for your loss.

3 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: Mayor Calabrese,
4 would you like to speak?

5 MAYOR CALABRESE: I really only got to
6 see Matthew wrestle. He was absolutely phenomenal.
7 I had the pleasure to work with Rachel. I'm
8 unbelievably sorry.

9 MS. JOSKOWITZ: It's all right.

10 Hearing of the General Public

11 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: I now move we open
12 the Commissioners meeting to the general public.

13 Second?

14 COMMISSIONER SILNA ZUR: Second.

15 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: All in favor?

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

18 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: Opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: We will now have
21 the Hearing of the General Public, with a
22 three-minute time limit in effect, in accordance with
23 Bergen County Commissioner bylaws.

24 For those members of the public who
25 would like to participate during the public comment,

1 please fill out a sheet to be recognized.

2 Will the counselor please explain the
3 process by which the public will be recognized.

4 MR. FLORIO: Thank you, Chairwoman.

5 If you're recognized to speak by the
6 Chair, please come to the podium in the front, state
7 your name, spell your last name, and I'll let you
8 know when your three minutes has expired.

9 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: Thank you.

10 First up we have Mr. Isidor Farash.

11 MR. FARASH: Thank you, Madam
12 Chairwoman.

13 So I'm going to change up the subject
14 for tonight and talk about congestion pricing in New
15 York City.

16 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: Okay.

17 MR. FARASH: I know that there's some
18 legal thing, action happening, with the state. I'm
19 not sure what the status is, but I have kind of an
20 alternative suggestion.

21 You know, I remember a time when the
22 George Washington Bridge was \$0.25 --

23 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: Me too.

24 MR. FARASH: -- to get across it, and
25 the Port Authority promised to do away with the toll

1 completely once the bridge was paid for.

2 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: Right.

3 MR. FARASH: Now it's like \$15,
4 something like that.

5 I think that New York City is being
6 somewhat clever with what they're doing with their
7 congestion pricing and here's why. Because during
8 the COVID emergency, they authorized all these
9 restaurants to put these shanty shacks in two lanes
10 of the three lanes on virtually every cross street in
11 Midtown Manhattan. They're not used in the winter at
12 all. In the summer, they're maybe used periodically
13 during the weekend when it's busy. And now all of a
14 sudden they have a congestion crisis. And how do you
15 fix the congestion crisis? By charging people money
16 to come use that last single street that's open.

17 So I don't know how to get around that
18 problem, but I have a suggestion which might
19 accomplish something reasonable anyway, which is, you
20 know, New York City has never accommodated disabled
21 people for parking spaces and I don't know how they
22 get away with it, but at some point there must have
23 been a court action or a hearing and my guess is that
24 they convinced someone that it's just impossible,
25 that they'd have to rebuild all the skyscrapers or

1 whatever, whatever the case may be. So you'll never
2 see a handicap parking spot on the street in New York
3 City. So what I'm suggesting is, that Bergen County
4 initiate a class action suit against New York to
5 compel them on behalf of all the disabled drivers in
6 Bergen County to get rid of some of these shanty
7 shacks which benefit no one and put disabled parking
8 in place of them. And it may not solve the
9 controversy over the congestion pricing, but it would
10 send a very serious message to New York that they
11 can't just keep being clever and doing whatever they
12 please without ramifications. So that's my
13 suggestion for today.

14 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: Well, thank you.
15 You know that the Trump administration terminated
16 congestion pricing today.

17 MR. FARASH: Today?

18 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: You got to keep on
19 top of the news.

20 VICE CHAIRMAN TANELLI: I thought you
21 were coming up to say that.

22 MR. FARASH: No, I was practicing my
23 speech in the car over and over again.

24 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: Thank you, Mr.
25 Farash.

1 COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: New York City
2 also took away the huts too.

3 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: Next up, Paula
4 Rogovin.

5 MS. ROGOVIN: Paula Rogovin, Teaneck.

6 I understand you're not going to be
7 taking this up, the Climate Superfund Act.

8 This legislation was passed by Teaneck,
9 Hoboken, Jersey City, other cities where it's not
10 directly, as you would say, in their purview.

11 This is supported by Hackensack
12 Riverkeeper, the New Jersey League of Women Voters,
13 as well as hundreds of organizations. It's beyond
14 upsetting that after two months of bringing this
15 issue to your attention, you have decided not to take
16 it up because it is not one of the things you want to
17 deal with on this Board.

18 We're going to have the storms whether
19 you take this up or not. Whether you support this
20 legislation, we're going to have the storms. We're
21 going to have damage. We're going to have deaths.
22 We're going to have a lot of serious, serious
23 property loss also.

24 And this bill would make the polluters
25 pay for this district, for people in Bergen County.

1 We will have to pay more taxes to pay for the
2 cleanup.

3 I'm very sorry that you've made this
4 decision. I think you're wrong. But I had my little
5 speech about veterans. And you saw that I hugged the
6 woman who lost her son. My son is a veteran. My son
7 served in Iraq.

8 This week -- and this is not in your
9 purview, okay -- this week the Trump administration
10 cut 1,000 jobs from the Veterans Administration.
11 They just cut them.

12 When my boyfriend, my partner who has
13 Agent Orange poisoning from serving in Vietnam, went
14 to the vet center today for their art program, they
15 got reports of the people who were fired from that
16 program and the people in Trenton who were picking up
17 some of the calls from the veterans about services.
18 Those calls were sent over to the vet center in
19 Secaucus today because there were job losses. The
20 veteran crisis hotline, the suicide hotline has lost
21 staff, and you keep telling me it's not in your
22 purview to take on these big federal issues.

23 These issues are affecting our citizens
24 in our community, our veterans, my family, some of
25 your families, and this is not a time to say this is

1 not our problem. This is not a good time to be doing
2 this. I really beg you. We're entering a period of
3 fascism and we cannot just say this is not our
4 problem.

5 MR. FLORIO: Three minutes, Ms.
6 Rogovin.

7 MS. ROGOVIN: You can't do it. We need
8 you to stand up for us and for the people in our
9 county.

10 I'm so incredibly disappointed. I hope
11 you will think about whether you will respond to the
12 issue of the thousand cuts so far, the thousand cuts
13 in the VA.

14 MR. FLORIO: Ms. Rogovin, your time has
15 expired.

16 MS. ROGOVIN: I'm sure my time has
17 expired. I'm sure it has.

18 But I saw that you cried and you cared
19 about the woman who lost her child, as I did, as we
20 all did. It's tragic, our children, if somebody's
21 killed. But when they cut staff from the veterans,
22 the suicide hotline, there are 22 service members who
23 kill themselves every day, this is not somebody
24 else's problem, and you can't substitute for that
25 crisis hotline. You can't.

1 MR. FLORIO: Ms. Rogovin, your time has
2 expired.

3 MS. ROGOVIN: When a veteran calls for
4 help, they need help, and you need to make a comment
5 about it. It's tragic that you've chosen not to. I
6 hope you will reconsider.

7 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: Thank you, Paula.

8 COMMISSIONER SILNA ZUR: Chairwoman,
9 may I clarify something?

10 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: Sure.

11 COMMISSIONER SILNA ZUR: Paula, I want
12 you to understand, the decision is not to pass a
13 formal resolution regarding this piece of
14 legislation. This Board and this administration are
15 formulating an energy action plan at this point in
16 time that's designed to address some of these issues
17 of climate change. We're working constantly to do
18 the things that we can do in our purview to speak up
19 and to speak out and to defend our environmental
20 issues that are before you in this county. The
21 decision to not just pass a resolution doesn't mean
22 that we're not speaking up with our actions every
23 single day, speaking out in our own personal voices,
24 we're just not spending taxpayer dollars to pass a
25 resolution where we don't have authority to enact

1 that resolution, but I want to assure you that the
2 administration couldn't be more committed to our
3 veterans, couldn't be more committed to doing what we
4 can to pushback against climate change. And I want
5 you to understand the difference and what the
6 decision that we made actually was.

7 MS. ROGOVIN: This is just to get you
8 to send a letter to the Legislature, a letter. I am
9 not asking you to spend taxpayer dollars.

10 COMMISSIONER SILNA ZUR: Every time we
11 pass a resolution, it spends taxpayer dollars.
12 There's paperwork in the resolutions that are put
13 forward. That's the decision-making process.

14 Thank you, Chairwoman.

15 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: We will go next to
16 Lisa Rose.

17 MS. ROSE: Lisa Rose, Teaneck, New
18 Jersey.

19 I am supportive of what Paula Rogovin
20 said. I was very involved in community. And to pass
21 this Climate Superfund Act, the Teaneck council
22 passed it. I feel that we have to say something. I
23 mean, even if you're saying you don't have the power
24 to really change things, the oil companies that work
25 in New Jersey, that caused the pollution in New

1 Jersey, not the ones who are maybe in Texas, but the
2 ones who work in New Jersey can be taken accountable,
3 can be accountable. They know about business
4 transactions, they know about law, they know about
5 responsibility. And this Superfund Act will clearly
6 say you have caused damage in New Jersey, you are
7 accountable in New Jersey, to the townships in New
8 Jersey. So they understand that. They understand
9 black and white, we are now proven to be accountable
10 for the damage we caused throughout the land, the
11 flooding, the agriculture, the air. They will
12 understand, because they know law, they know
13 litigation, and we're saying support the lawyers that
14 create the litigation, because the oil companies
15 understand that. That's not flowers and butterflies;
16 they understand responsibility.

17 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: Thank you.

18 Next up, Andrew Meehan.

19 MR. MEEHAN: Good evening. My name is
20 Andrew Meehan, from Hackensack.

21 I was actually going to discuss a
22 couple of things in reverse order, but I'm going to
23 actually do it in reverse.

24 I want to talk about the last thing
25 first, because it kind of touched upon this issue

1 about the \$35 million, Commissioner Zur, that we have
2 to spend for that little bit of ink to pass a
3 resolution that would help pay for those things that
4 they are just asking for. \$35 million in the bank to
5 save.

6 Spend a few dollars, because it's not
7 going to kill the piggybank, the last time I checked.
8 And a prediction of \$5 million, you're going to have
9 about \$40 million next year. And it will probably be
10 nice if you reinvest some more of that money again.

11 And Commissioner Tanelli, I heard you
12 take a potshot at me when I left. At least Sully
13 talked as I was walking out the door, so he's more of
14 a man, I think.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN TANELLI: So you don't --

16 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: Oh!

17 MR. MEEHAN: Sorry.

18 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: Mr. Meehan --

19 VICE CHAIRMAN TANELLI: You don't walk
20 out, you run out. You don't even give me a chance to
21 say anything.

22 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: Both of you, back
23 to the meeting.

24 MR. MEEHAN: So I just want to let you
25 know, I do watch the videos.

1 VICE CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Well, good.

2 MR. MEEHAN: I see everything.

3 VICE CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Stick around
4 next time.

5 MR. MEEHAN: I certainly will.

6 VICE CHAIRMAN TANELLI: I'd love to
7 tell you to your face.

8 MR. MEEHAN: Okay. All right.

9 So one of the things, Chairwoman --

10 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: Yes.

11 MR. MEEHAN: -- is I did read about the
12 bylaws and you said that you didn't believe that you
13 had the right as a Chairwoman to extend an additional
14 two minutes. You do, but it's at the discretion of
15 the Chairwoman and it has to be a matter of public
16 importance. So do you remember when we had the
17 merging of the Sheriff's Department and the police
18 department, they didn't like that. There was a lot
19 of police officers here.

20 MR. FLORIO: It was a realignment.

21 MR. MEEHAN: So there was a
22 realignment, that is correct.

23 So there was a lot of people that
24 wanted to speak and it was an extended meeting.

25 There was a lot of people. I was actually there. So

1 you do have the right as the Chairperson, as a matter
2 of public importance, to extend that time. It's at
3 your discretion, just to clarify that.

4 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: Okay.

5 MR. MEEHAN: And one more thing.

6 I don't think it's the right -- I also
7 did an OPRA request of the increase of the salary of
8 60 percent. I got the actual copy of it, because I
9 wanted to know like what gives you guys the right to
10 increase salary up to 60 percent. So I'm going to
11 share that with a lot of people, because is that why
12 you're saving all of that money, so it goes right
13 back into people's pockets? So if you do the math of
14 approximately how many employees, I think there's
15 about 300 employees, I'll do the math for you, of how
16 much wasteful taxpayers' money is being spent on
17 employee salaries, giving yourselves what I call
18 executive bonuses. Because it's 60 percent of a
19 person's salary, so if you make \$100,000, for
20 example, you will be making \$160,000.

21 MR. FLORIO: Three minutes, Mr. Meehan.

22 MR. MEEHAN: Is it three minutes?

23 MR. FLORIO: Actually 3.10.

24 MR. MEEHAN: I just feel like that's a
25 great bonus.

1 COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: I never got a
2 60 percent raise in my life.

3 MR. MEEHAN: I will stick around,
4 Commissioner Tanelli. I will hear what you have to
5 say.

6 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: One thing that I
7 just have to say is we have a surplus and our surplus
8 is kind of required by our rating agencies to
9 maintain that AAA rating.

10 MR. MEEHAN: Thank you.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Chairwoman?

12 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: Yes.

13 VICE CHAIRMAN TANELLI: So if I'm not
14 mistaken, my comments last meeting were about our
15 surplus and how ill-informed you are about what the
16 surplus actually is and what it does and how much
17 money we save the municipalities and boards of
18 education by allowing them to pool together and use
19 our AAA bond rating to save money. So what we do and
20 what our BCIA does is save real taxpayers dollars for
21 the community. That's what I said as you were
22 scampering out the door, just so you know.

23 Thank you.

24 COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: And it's Mr.
25 Sullivan.

1 MR. MEEHAN: Commissioner Sullivan.

2 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: You called him
3 Sully.

4 MR. MEEHAN: Oh, did I really?

5 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: I think you did.

6 MR. MEEHAN: Did I really? My
7 apologies.

8 COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Just don't call
9 me late for dinner.

10 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: So our next
11 speaker, once we're done with the humor, Jeanne
12 Stella.

13 MS. STELLA: Jeanne Stella, Closter,
14 New Jersey.

15 I'm here because I'm worried about
16 pressure being put on Bergen County to coordinate
17 with ICE and to get beds back. And I know that the
18 pressure is happening, NPR is reporting on it. And
19 we saw what just happened in New York with the Trump
20 administration and Adams, and now ICE is allowed into
21 Rikers, and there's supposed to be an ordinance or
22 law that they can't do it, but they are.

23 NPR is reporting that Tom Homan is
24 recruiting local law enforcement to do his agency's
25 job. Leading tactics to do so include bribery and

1 flattery, telling sheriffs he can't do the work
2 without them, while Homan and friendly state
3 legislators unlock funding to support sheriffs
4 joining the 287 program deputizing local officers as
5 ICE agents.

6 They're looking to expand this
7 everywhere, and I don't think that that's happening
8 here. I think we have an ordinance against having
9 detention in the jail, but they're going to pressure
10 our Sheriff. They're going to pressure our local law
11 enforcement. And they're going after not just
12 illegal immigrants or undocumented immigrants, it's
13 not just that, and I hate to see us be a part of it
14 because I kind of feel like if we give into one
15 thing, we're giving into all of it. Like we can say,
16 well, that thing is not so bad but this thing is
17 really bad. And this administration is doing
18 things -- I mean, I'm petrified. I'm out there like
19 every weekend trying to do something every day, and
20 I'm really worried about immigrants in my family. My
21 daughter-in-law speaks mostly Spanish. She has a
22 green card, you know, but that doesn't seem to
23 matter. They're picking up people that are not, you
24 know, not that. And once you build 30,000 beds at
25 Gitmo, you know that they're going to have to fill

1 them again and again and again. We can't let it go.
2 And I kind of am here to see what do you need from
3 me, do you need the room to be full, do you need more
4 than that, to not give into the pressure, because the
5 pressure is going to come and the money is going to
6 sound good, and, you know, it's going to come. I
7 just want to know, like do we have to activate the
8 kind of massive amounts of people that we had before
9 demonstrating at the jail and here and in front of
10 the courthouse, would that help? Because you're all
11 Democrats, we're all on the same side, and I
12 understand you're probably horrified by what's going
13 on also. So if you can let me know if there's
14 anything I can do to activate people, if you need
15 that kind of almost like cover to not give into the
16 pressure.

17 MR. FLORIO: Three minutes, Ms. Stella.

18 MS. STELLA: Because it is going to be
19 hard.

20 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: I just want to say
21 one thing and then our Administrator wants to speak.

22 We went to a janitorial strike rally in
23 Newark last week. We went to their offices, because
24 the workers are afraid to stand on a picket line
25 because they're going to get picked up. People are

1 afraid to go to the grocery store.

2 MS. STELLA: I mean, I say I'm going to
3 be out there and I think that we're going to have to
4 have to protest for immigrants, because they
5 shouldn't be out there exposed to this.

6 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: Part of what we
7 have to do is educate all of the people on the front
8 lines about how to respond if ICE comes knocking.

9 Our Administrator has put together
10 renowned, with people talking about how good it was,
11 educational tools.

12 MS. STELLA: Great. I went to my town
13 also and we were talking about where we could
14 distribute that.

15 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: Go ahead, Tom.

16 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DUCH: So just for
17 the public to know, when the president started
18 issuing Executive Orders, we reviewed the Executive
19 Order regarding immigration. The Executive Order
20 regarding immigration listed sanctuary status away
21 from churches, schools, hospitals, so it's a problem.

22 In order to address it, we started to
23 receive multiple phone calls. I met with three
24 Assistant County Counsel -- I am County Counsel as
25 well -- so I met with them. I charged them with

1 taking the order apart, looking for guidance. We
2 also met with the Prosecutor's Office, and we shared
3 all of our information with the Sheriff's Office.
4 What we came up with was a memorandum to provide
5 guidance to our departments, our divisions, our
6 Constitutional Officers so that they could
7 disseminate it.

8 When I disseminated it to the
9 Superintendent of Schools for the county, he asked if
10 it could be disseminated to all superintendents of
11 schools throughout the State of New Jersey and he
12 handled the distribution to the county
13 superintendents, not to the individual
14 superintendents.

15 It's important that everyone who is
16 represented by counsel get the advice of counsel, so
17 my memo is meant to be a guideline and it is meant to
18 be an evolving document.

19 The document, as we get more messages
20 from Washington that we can understand, we will
21 disseminate further information. Because the problem
22 is, what we have been receiving has been confused and
23 confusing. So I attempted to provide some guidance,
24 and again this will be an evolving document. Once a
25 week, my staff participates in a meeting with the

1 National Association of Counties, a virtual meeting
2 so we can share nationwide with different counties
3 who choose to participate. We also are in regular
4 contact with the director of the New Jersey
5 Association of Counties. The Prosecutor's Office has
6 provided us some guidance from the Attorney General's
7 Office. So we are on the issue and we are trying to
8 make sure that our staff is totally aware and we are
9 as protective as we can be under the circumstances.

10 MS. STELLA: Okay.

11 Is there anywhere to get information?
12 I know that some of the other organizations are
13 giving out information to immigrants themselves of
14 what they can do.

15 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DUCH: There are
16 three separate leaflets that are issued to the state.
17 If your email is on the form, I will forward those to
18 you tomorrow.

19 MS. STELLA: Thank you. That would be
20 appreciated. Thank you.

21 And I'm going to scramble, because I
22 have another meeting to go to.

23 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: Okay. Next up,
24 Chris Nowell.

25 MR. NOWELL: Good evening. Chris

1 Nowell, N-O-W-E-L-L, from Fort Lee.

2 So, you know, obviously I'm very
3 disappointed as well that you decided not to take up
4 the Climate Superfund Act, the resolution that we're
5 asking you to support.

6 And to me, I mean, I'm just kind of
7 dumbfounded by it, but it seems like a copout. You
8 know, I mean like Chairwoman Amoroso said, that if we
9 have to take on one resolution, then we have to take
10 on all of them. If we have to pass one, we have to
11 pass all of them. But this seems like an abdication
12 of your responsibility and it actually reminds me of
13 what just happened in Dumont, where they decided, you
14 know what, we don't want to take the responsibility
15 of reviewing which flags we should fly, and so we're
16 just going to say no flags except for the U.S. flag
17 and New Jersey state flag and military flags.

18 I mean, you know, I don't understand
19 why there is a blanket policy. You know, there are
20 some that are very worthwhile, some that may not be
21 as worthwhile. I mean, on a case-by-case basis.
22 That's why you are leaders, to evaluate these things.

23 On the other hand, Commissioner Zur
24 said, she kind of suggested that it was kind of
25 symbolic, I guess, just a resolution, and that we

1 shouldn't be spending taxpayer dollars to pass
2 something such as that. But as far as I understand,
3 it was already sent to the attorney or an attorney
4 for review, which would have cost money, I'm sure.
5 So if you have such a blanket policy, it shouldn't
6 have ever gone to the attorney, because that costs
7 money. So I just don't quite understand how these
8 things fit together.

9 But also I wanted to say that, you
10 know, like if we only ever took on our most local
11 issues, then we're not going to get anywhere. We're
12 dealing with global issues, and this was a tremendous
13 opportunity. Like what if I ever said I can't take
14 on every issue that I care about so I'm just not
15 going to take care of any of them, and that's kind of
16 the hope, right, that's the hope, that's what's
17 happening with us getting slammed with a million
18 things at once and these corporations trying to shut
19 us down to just not get involved. And sadly, it
20 seems like that's what's happening.

21 Hopefully we can find a way to get this
22 still, the Climate Superfund Act to be passed at the
23 state level with other towns passing resolutions,
24 because it will absolutely affect Bergen County
25 residents. It could be a tremendous benefit to

1 Bergen County residents. We know the county lands
2 are being affected already by climate impacts, Saddle
3 River Park and other county parks.

4 MR. FLORIO: Three minutes, Mr. Nowell.

5 MR. NOWELL: Okay. Thank you.

6 Still if you could help me understand
7 the thinking process beyond all of this, I would
8 appreciate it.

9 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: Thank you, Mr.
10 Nowell.

11 If there are no other speakers, I move
12 we close the hearing to the public.

13 Second?

14 COMMISSIONER VOSS: Second.

15 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: All in favor?

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

18 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: Opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 Review of Resolutions

21 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: We will now review
22 the resolutions to be voted on this evening.

23 CLERK POLLITT: You have Resolutions
24 #184-25 through #264-25.

25 Resolutions of Unanimous Consent

1 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: Do I have a motion
2 to accept the resolutions as a Consent Agenda?

3 COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: So moved.

4 COMMISSIONER ORTIZ: Second.

5 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: All in favor?

6 (All present Commissioners respond in
7 the affirmative.)

8 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: Roll call, please.

9 (At this point in the proceeding roll
10 call is taken and the Consent Agenda is passed by a
11 unanimous vote.)

12 CLERK POLLITT: With seven yeases, the
13 Consent Agenda is approved.

14 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: Are there any
15 Resolutions of Nonconsent, tabled or pulled?

16 CLERK POLLITT: There are none.

17 Ordinances

18 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: We will move on to
19 our ordinances.

20 CLERK POLLITT: We have three
21 ordinances for First Read: 25-04, 25-05, and 25-06.

22 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: Will the Clerk
23 read the ordinances by title only.

24 CLERK POLLITT: Ordinance 25-04 is an:

25 "ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE EXISTING SPEED

1 LIMIT ON JOHNSON AVENUE - CITY OF HACKENSACK."

2 Ordinance 25-05 is an:

3 "ORDINANCE PROHIBITING LEFT TURN
4 MOVEMENTS ON HACKENSACK STREET AT ERIE AVENUE -
5 MEADOW ROAD IN THE BOROUGH OF RUTHERFORD."

6 Ordinance 25-06 is an:

7 "ORDINANCE FORBIDDING THE DISCARDING,
8 DUMPING OR DEPOSITING OF WASTE AND OTHER ITEMS ALONG,
9 IN AND/OR ON ANY LANDS, WATERWAYS, ROADS, STREETS,
10 ETC., MAINTAINED, LEASED OR UNDER THE JURISDICTION OR
11 CONTROL OF THE COUNTY OF BERGEN."

12 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: May I have a
13 motion to Introduce Ordinances 25-04, 25-05, and
14 25-06 as read by the Clerk?

15 VICE CHAIRMAN TANELLI: So moved.

16 COMMISSIONER MARTE: Second.

17 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: All in favor?

18 (All present Commissioners respond in
19 the affirmative.)

20 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: Roll call please.

21 (At this point in the proceeding roll
22 call is taken and the Introduction and First Reading
23 of Ordinances 25-04, 25-05, and 25-06 are passed by a
24 unanimous vote.)

25 CLERK POLLITT: With seven yeases,

1 Ordinances 25-04, 25-05, 25-06 are Introduced and
2 pass First Reading.

3 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: Thank you.

4 Committee Reports from Commissioners

5 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: It is now the
6 point for committee reports from Commissioners. I
7 ask that they be brief and responsive.

8 Mr. Tanelli, would you like to start.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN TANELLI: I want to be so
10 brief that I'm going to give all of you my time.

11 Thank you.

12 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: Thank you, Mr.
13 Tanelli.

14 Mr. Marte.

15 COMMISSIONER MARTE: I have no report.

16 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: You're following
17 in the grand tradition.

18 VICE CHAIRMAN TANELLI:
19 Congratulations.

20 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: Okay. Next up,
21 Commissioner Sullivan.

22 COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Tonight we
23 approved the shared services agreement with the
24 Borough of Palisades Park, shared services enabling
25 the county to provide them with Information

1 Technology services. Every meeting, I am more proud
2 to see our efforts in expanding shared services with
3 municipalities and watching it grow. This is a clear
4 example how consolidation, not elimination, can make
5 government more efficient and responsive.

6 This morning, the Board of Social
7 Services hosted an Employee Appreciation Breakfast
8 where we recognized and celebrated the individuals
9 who have achieved milestones of 10, 15, 25, 30, and
10 35 years of service. The work carried out by this
11 Board is invaluable, and I am truly grateful for our
12 talented team. The least we can do is give them a
13 breakfast, they do wonderful work at the Board of
14 Social Services.

15 Last week we held our annual Black
16 History Month celebration at Bergen Community
17 College. The theme of this year's event was
18 "African-Americans and Labor." Congratulations to
19 all of the honorees, especially two people who I
20 consider close friends, Brian Jackson from the
21 Roofers Local 10 and posthumously Dolores Phillips,
22 the former president of CWA Local 1039, who just is a
23 wonderful human being. She has a wonderful family.
24 Dolores was a true union leader and a great woman and
25 a great friend.

1 Lastly, I want to thank Transportation
2 Secretary Sean Duffy for doing the right thing and
3 suspending the MTA's congestion tax. This was an
4 unconstitutional measure implemented as a cash grab
5 at the expense of New Jersey commuters and taxpayers.
6 New York officials have promised to sue, and it is my
7 hope that the courts uphold the suspension.

8 Congressman Gottheimer has been at this
9 for a long time. Really, right now it's a good thing
10 for New Jersey. As you know, the pollution at the
11 George Washington Bridge and the people that live in
12 Fort Lee, it would be unbearable if this stayed in
13 effect and I'm glad that something was done.
14 Hopefully it's not temporary.

15 Thank you.

16 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: Thank you,
17 Commissioner Sullivan.

18 Commissioner Ortiz.

19 COMMISSIONER ORTIZ: Thank you,
20 Chairwoman.

21 I wanted to first thank our Health
22 Department alongside with our Human Resources in
23 which they brought here to One Bergen County Plaza
24 NBS Wellness Systems, which is basically a mobile
25 trailer with three examination rooms. It gives the

1 opportunity for all the employees throughout the day
2 to go get their physicals. So we had it parked right
3 up front, and we are actually moving it throughout
4 the different areas where we have employees
5 throughout the county so it's a lot more efficient
6 and less time consuming for those who don't have time
7 to get care for themselves. Not only do they provide
8 the examination, but they also follow-up with any
9 other testing that has to get done and make sure that
10 the insurance is taken by all the doctors that
11 they're being sent to.

12 So I just want to say kudos to everyone
13 in this building. I really encourage everyone to do
14 it, if they can, because within 30 minutes you can
15 get a full examination right here in our own parking
16 lot at One Bergen County Plaza and they're coming
17 back at the end of March.

18 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: Okay.

19 COMMISSIONER ORTIZ: Blood work and
20 everything. Even an EKG.

21 This month we celebrate Career and
22 Technical Education Month. I had the opportunity,
23 with some of my colleagues, to visit Applied
24 Technology High School which is located at Bergen
25 Community College, where we got to see the students

1 take on their first capture, the flag tournament
2 where they solved cybersecurity puzzles and learned
3 many skills for the future. They took computers
4 apart. It was really impressive to see these young
5 children who are going to be graduating high school
6 not only with a high school degree but they also
7 graduate with an associate's degree already knowing
8 everything about cybersecurity. It's just an
9 incredible opportunity for Bergen County and how much
10 we take great pride in our schools and the education
11 of our children. It was really impressive.

12 I also wanted to discuss -- well, Mary
13 already discussed it. We had the opportunity to
14 stand by the 32BJ union, who are just demanding fair
15 wages and safe working conditions. We had the
16 opportunity to help them and speak on their behalf
17 just because, as our Chairwoman said, they're scared.
18 They're scared to picket. They're scared to go out.
19 They're just very afraid, but at the same time they
20 deserve to have fair wages, they deserve to have
21 health care, they deserve to have any other labor
22 conditions that they are entitled to. So I stand
23 with 32BJ.

24 I also wanted to thank New Hope Baptist
25 Church for having a beautiful Black History Month

1 celebration. We got to hear from an incredible,
2 incredible pastor, Allison, who came from Athens,
3 Georgia. She's actually the preacher where Martin
4 Luther King used to preach at that church. She was
5 an incredible preacher. She was just amazing.

6 I want to wish everyone a happy Black
7 History Month. We had a beautiful celebration at the
8 college. Thank you so much.

9 Before I forget, with the Latino
10 Advisory Board, I just wanted to remind everyone that
11 we will be having the first Dominican flag raising
12 this coming month, March 3rd, at 5:30 p.m., at Two
13 Bergen County Plaza. I invite everyone to join us.
14 We're very excited to have the first Dominican
15 Independence flag raising.

16 Thank you.

17 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: Thank you,
18 Germaine.

19 My dear Tracy.

20 COMMISSIONER SILNA ZUR: Thank you,
21 Chairwoman.

22 Before I go into my report, I want to
23 give a big thank you to all of the men and women of
24 our DPW department. It has been a very snowy winter
25 and they have done a herculean task by making sure

1 that our roads have been safe and plowed and salted
2 and sanded. As Punxsutawney Phil said, there's going
3 to be a few more weeks of this stuff and I want to
4 extend our gratitude to our DPW Department for their
5 continuing efforts going forward.

6 Commissioner Ortiz touched upon CTE
7 Month. Commissioner Amoroso and I also went to the
8 Paramus Technical School for one of the coolest
9 things you all need to add to your dance cards next
10 year, it was the relay race where we saw each group
11 doing their field sets and passing the baton to the
12 next student. They were competing in speed contests,
13 but really embracing the education that they're
14 getting here to be going forward and engaging in
15 careers and getting those tools in high school,
16 gaining the confidence to have their voices heard and
17 to have their passions on display that day. It was
18 really impactful. Whether it was going to Bleshman
19 for the Jump-a-Thon or going to the Technical Schools
20 in the course of this month, it really underscores
21 what our investment in education does for our
22 children and how that is something that continues to
23 pay dividends going forward.

24 Speaking of things that we're doing for
25 our children, the Soup-er Bowl went amazing this

1 year. We had 13 high schools and two middle schools
2 all competing, growing exponentially the involvement
3 in garnering donations for our food pantries, raising
4 awareness to the needs for those who are struggling
5 from food insecurity in our county. We're seeing a
6 26 percent increase in the utilization of our food
7 pantries throughout the county, and our kids were
8 empowered to be part of making a difference. We
9 collected over 8,000 cans, and all of our kids were
10 part of joining this fight against hunger using their
11 voices and making a difference.

12 And speaking of making a difference on
13 food insecurity, I was very honored today to be part
14 of the New Jersey Association, we did a virtual
15 presentation to 39 or 40 other county officials
16 throughout the county speaking about the model that
17 we put forward so we can all be learning and
18 collaborating and making a difference to support our
19 residents throughout the State of New Jersey, really
20 embracing our no wrong door approach that we launched
21 here to connect people so they don't fall through the
22 cracks and we are able to address them holistically
23 throughout their struggles.

24 That is my report.

25 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: Thank you very

1 much, Commissioner Zur.

2 Dr. Voss.

3 COMMISSIONER VOSS: Thank you. I have
4 just a few comments.

5 I want to commend Tracy Zur for all
6 that she has done in terms of food security. I'm not
7 a person who likes to get up early in the morning,
8 but these 13 schools did a phenomenal job. We had
9 thousands and thousands of cans of food.

10 Tracy, you have been the leader who has
11 guided this, so thank you very much.

12 This is Black History Month. I've been
13 to many, many Black history observations and
14 celebrations. We'll be going to many, many more,
15 because this is a very important month.

16 And last but not least, I've spent my
17 entire career trying to stamp out prejudice and
18 bigotry as a teacher and as a person involved in
19 politics. And on Monday, we had the 35th annual
20 Bergen County Interfaith Brotherhood and Sisterhood
21 Brunch, which is called "God's Love." We had people
22 of every single religious and ethnic group. This is
23 what has to happen, because the more we know about
24 each other, the less prejudice and hatred there will
25 be in the world. As I said, that has always been my

1 mission in life, to stamp out these horrible things.
2 Anyway, when you get an opportunity, learn about
3 somebody else's beliefs and honor them for their
4 dedication.

5 Thank you.

6 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: Thank you,
7 Dr. Voss.

8 Okay. I'm last.

9 Our Rutgers agricultural agent, who's
10 right in this building, his name is Joel Flagler,
11 he's retiring this month. We'll miss him
12 desperately. Joel the our green world maven. He's
13 in charge of our master gardener's program, which
14 provides phone help to folks with gardening issues.
15 Joel does training for landscapers on lawns and trees
16 and perennials. He was my teacher when I took the
17 master gardener course back in the '90s.

18 February is American Heart Month,
19 promoting heart health education and encouraging
20 healthy lifestyle choices. Tracy talked about the
21 Bleshman School Jump-a-Thon. They always bring some
22 Giants football heroes out, but the real heroes are
23 the kids. Some of these kids, they're moving in
24 their wheelchairs. They have their aides jumping
25 with them. It's a wonderful thing. This one honored

1 principal Gail Coe.

2 We also were at "Wear Red Day" here in
3 the building. We all gather on the stairs and wear
4 red, again in support of Heart Health Month and take
5 a picture.

6 Tracy and I went to Move and Grove. It
7 was a gala event. We do wellness coaching in the
8 building, and so she took us through some rather mild
9 exercises, but it was a lot of fun.

10 Tracy and I also went to the National
11 Technical Honor Society induction at the Paramus Tech
12 School. This is a great idea. Everybody joins the
13 National Honor Society, so now they've started a
14 National Technical Honor Society. The kids were
15 great, and they all get honored for excellence in
16 their particular expertise.

17 I was at a couple of Black History
18 Month celebrations. I'm going to name all the names
19 for the Bergen Community College one.

20 Lynne Algrant of Greater Bergen
21 Community Action; Brian Johnson, Tom's friend, of
22 Local Roofers 10 Union; Rev. Dr. John O. Page of Mt.
23 Olive Baptist Church; Tara Tatum Jennings, retired
24 from the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office; and our
25 dear friend, the late Dolores Phillips, social worker

1 and union leader.

2 As we've said before, the Trump
3 administration is banning Black History Month
4 activities in various federal agencies. This county
5 will never give up support for Black history, because
6 Black history is American history.

7 Finally, we didn't miss Valentine's
8 Day. We went to senior centers in Elmwood Park and
9 Garfield, listened to music by DJ Scott Reddin and
10 Tommy Walker and we danced. And our friends, our
11 seniors, they love these centers. We are so happy to
12 provide the centers for our population. There are
13 220,000 senior citizens in Bergen County. That's a
14 good group.

15 And that is my report.

16 Adjournment

17 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: There being
18 nothing further to come before this meeting, I move
19 to adjourn.

20 Second?

21 COMMISSIONER VOSS: I'll second it.

22 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: All in favor?

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

25 CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: Opposed?

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(No response.)

CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: We are adjourned
at 8:04 p.m.

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

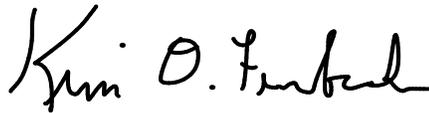
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