

BERGEN COUNTY
BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY
WORK SESSION
WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2018
COMMENCING AT 4:36 P.M.

FREEHOLDERS PRESENT:

THOMAS J. SULLIVAN, CHAIRMAN

GERMAINE M. ORTIZ, VICE CHAIRWOMAN

DAVID L. GANZ

Dr. JOAN M. VOSS

STEVEN A. TANELLI

FREEHOLDERS ABSENT:

MARY J. AMOROSO, CHAIRWOMAN PRO TEMPORE

TRACY SILNA ZUR

KIM O. FURBACHER, C.C.R., R.M.R.
P.O. BOX 213
ROCHELLE PARK, NEW JERSEY 07662-0213
201-336-6200

1
2
3
4 ALSO PRESENT:

5 JAMES J. TEDESCO III
6 BERGEN COUNTY EXECUTIVE

7 LAURIE BIANCHI
8 DEPUTY CLERK TO THE BOARD

9 STEPHANIE GALLINA
10 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

11 JULIEN X. NEALS, ESQUIRE
12 ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

13 EDWARD J. FLORIO, ESQUIRE
14 COUNSEL TO THE BOARD

15 MICHAEL SHEINFELD
16 DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & POLICY

17 JARED LAUTZ
18 COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE

19
20
21
22
23
24 KIM O. FURBACHER, C.C.R., R.M.R.
25 P.O. BOX 213
ROCHELLE PARK, NEW JERSEY 07662-0213
201-336-6200

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

I N D E X

PAGE NO.

ROLL CALL	4
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	5
MOMENT OF SILENCE	5
MINUTES	6
<u>PUBLIC COMMENT</u>	7
Chuck Powers	7
<u>RESOLUTIONS</u>	10
Ron Subramaniam, Assistant Parks Director Department of Parks	
Raymond W. Dressler, Director Department of Public Works	
Christina A. D'Aloia, Acting Director Office of Consumer Affairs/Consumer Protection	
CLOSED SESSION	16

1 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: The meeting is
2 called to order at 4:36 p.m.

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

6 Thank you.

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

9 MS. BIANCHI: 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 ROLL CALL

22 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Will the Clerk
23 please read the roll.

24 (At this point in the proceeding roll
25 call is taken with Freeholders Ganz, Tanelli, Voss,

1 Vice-Chairwoman Ortiz, and Chairman Sullivan present,
2 with Freeholders Amoroso and Silna Zur absent.)

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

5 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

6 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Will you all please
7 rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

8 County Executive, would you lead us,
9 please.

10 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: Oh, thank
11 you.

12 Ladies and gentlemen, please join with
13 me in honoring America.

14 (At this point in the proceeding all
15 rise for a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance,
16 led by County Executive Tedesco.)

17 MOMENT OF SILENCE

18 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Please remain
19 standing for a Moment of Silence as we remember Mr.
20 Audie Trinidad and his four daughters, Kaitlyn, Dana,
21 Allison, and Melissa. The five Teaneck residents
22 lost their lives this past weekend in a tragic
23 accident while returning home from a family vacation.

24 We also remember their wife and mother,
25 Mary Rose Ballocanag, who survived the accident. Our

1 thoughts and prayers go out to the Trinidad family
2 and their loved ones during this difficult time.

3 (Whereupon, a Moment of Silence is
4 observed.)

5 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

6 MINUTES

7 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Will the Clerk read
8 the minutes to be accepted.

9 MS. BIANCHI: June 6th - Public
10 Session; Freeholder Voss absent.

11 June 20th - Work Session; Freeholder
12 Tanelli absent.

13 June 20th - Public Session; Freeholder
14 Tanelli absent.

15 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: May I have a motion
16 to accept the minutes?

17 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Move the minutes.

18 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Second.

19 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

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

23 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Unanimously

1 approved.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT

3 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: May I have a motion
4 to open the meeting to the public?

5 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

6 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

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

10 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Unanimously
13 approved.

14 We will now have a Hearing of the
15 General Public, with a three-minute time limit in
16 effect, in accordance with the Bergen County
17 Freeholder bylaws.

18 The Board Attorney will keep the time.
19 When the time of the speaker expires, the Board
20 Attorney will announce that the time has expired.

21 Is there anyone from the public who
22 would like to speak?

23 Mr. Powers.

24 How are you, sir?

25 MR. POWERS: I'm well.

1 Very briefly, I don't know whether you
2 folks get to see what the public gets to see before a
3 meeting, but what you've now done in terms of
4 providing, I don't know whether it's the Clerk, the
5 Communications or who actually is responsible for
6 this, provides a much better sort of picture of what
7 it is that's at stake in each of these resolutions
8 and makes the public much more likely to come to your
9 meetings for things that affect them.

10 Thank you very much.

11 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Sure.

12 I just want to expand on something Mr.
13 Powers said.

14 This is something that the
15 administration and the Freeholders, we've been trying
16 to do and it's finally come to fruition. It's been a
17 while, there's been some hiccups, but the whole
18 intent of it was always to be more transparent, and I
19 really appreciate your comments. Thank you.

20 Anyone want to add to that?

21 ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NEALS: Mr.
22 Chairman, if I could?

23 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Sure.

24 ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NEALS: I
25 would just like to commend, between the staff of the

1 Freeholders, the Law Department, the administration,
2 because it's been an effort to actually bring the
3 digital environment to the resolutions and
4 information, and tying that in with the technology
5 advancements that the Freeholders have done overall
6 with the streaming and everything else. So it's kind
7 of coalesced into a very cutting edge, brought us
8 into the 21st century with regard to transparency,
9 and that's been a group effort, so it's good to hear
10 from the public that the public appreciates that
11 effort as well.

12 Thank you, Mr. Powers, for that.

13 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Is there anyone
14 else wishing to speak on the open meeting here?

15 Seeing none, can I have a motion to
16 close?

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: Unanimous. The
25 meeting is closed to the public.

CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We will now review the resolutions to be voted on tonight.

CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay. Anyone have anything on Page 2, any questions?

FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Chairman, #643 and #644 are both grants, I'm wondering if we could do them as Body of the Whole?

CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Seeing none, those
will be done as the Body of the Whole.

FREEHOLDER TANELLI: I'd like to sponsor #646 and #647, please.

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: I'll sponsor those with you.

FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Okay. You guys

1 those.

2 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you,
3 Freeholder Steve.

4 MR. DRESSLER: Good evening.

5 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Good evening.

6 MR. DRESSLER: How are you?

7 #655 is the diesel pump.

8 We have areas that flood from time to
9 time, and the pump that we have is a much smaller
10 pump, it's approximately half the size, it's
11 four-inch. We're getting a larger pump to give us
12 the capacity to empty out flooded areas more rapidly.

13 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Right. Thank you.

14 MR. DRESSLER: Snap-On tools, #656,
15 it's tools that we use constantly throughout the
16 year, so we do a blanket coverage, and we go into
17 that account so there's not a delay in slowing our
18 guys down from working.

19 And #657 is very important to us. We
20 have areas that the Mosquito Division cannot get
21 into, boots on the ground. So, for those areas, we
22 contract with a helicopter service. We basically fly
23 out of the Meadowlands area, and then they fly over
24 areas that are confined that we'd never get to to
25 control the mosquito population, if we didn't do it

1 by air.

2 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: So are these areas
3 that are basically the same every year or you get
4 reports of different areas and you add them?

5 MR. DRESSLER: They're basically the
6 same. If we do get other reports, we will respond,
7 but they're typically down around the marshlands,
8 around Teterboro and the Meadowlands. It's just
9 physically impossible to get to other than air.

10 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay. And then you
11 have one, #658, which is basically vegetation. I
12 don't think it needs an explanation, but if you want
13 to say anything about it.

14 MR. DRESSLER: The roadside vegetation
15 plan was developed quite a few years ago. If you're
16 familiar with the metal barricades on the county
17 roads, the rails, we used to go and the guys would
18 get out of the trucks and weed whack those areas, and
19 obviously it's man intense for work hours. So what
20 we do now is we drive by with a chemical truck and we
21 spray the weeds, and it saves time and money overall.

22 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: It's
23 actually being done around at night. If you drive
24 around at night right now, we're doing it starting
25 sometime around 8:00, 9:00 at the night. Through the

1 entire night, they're spraying.

2 MR. DRESSLER: When the traffic is
3 lower, of course.

4 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We're on Page 6.

5 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Chairman, #659
6 would be a shared service, Body of the Whole?

7 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Sure.

8 Any objections to #659 being the Body
9 of the Whole?

10 I want to just talk about this #659,
11 please. Is there someone here from Public Safety?

12 Do you want to just talk about this
13 #659, please.

14 MS. D'ALOIA: Christina D'Aloia,
15 Consumer Affairs.

16 #659: We have had a Shared Services
17 Agreement with the Board of Social Services for a
18 couple of years now. This is just a renewal. We
19 provide an investigator to aid them in just
20 investigating Social Security fraud or SNAP fraud,
21 welfare fraud. Basically, our investigator goes in
22 and finds individuals who have been collecting money
23 on people who have already been deceased or left the
24 country or things like that. That's his main job.

25 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

1 MS. D'ALLOIA: You're welcome.

2 FREEHOLDER GANZ: If I may, Chairman,
3 what is the average recovery?

4 MS. D'ALLOIA: From the Board of Social
5 Services, I'm not aware. They haven't told me. I
6 can get that information for you.

7 MR. TENHOEVE: It's usually anywhere
8 from two to \$10,000 per meeting that we get a report
9 that we've been able to recover.

10 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

11 Page 7.

12 Page 8.

13 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Chairman, I'd like
14 to sponsor #666.

15 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay. Anybody want
16 to co-sponsor on that?

17 I'll co-sponsor that with you, Steve.

18 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Thank you,
19 Chairman.

20 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Julien, do any of
21 these have to go in Closed Session?

22 ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NEALS: We
23 can give an update on #664. #663, we can also
24 provide an update on that, and #662.

25 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay. Thank you.

1 And Page 9.

2 Okay. May I have a motion to accept
3 the Resolutions on the Consent Agenda as read by the
4 Clerk?

5 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

6 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

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

10 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Roll call.

11 (At this point in the proceeding roll
12 call is taken and the Resolutions of Unanimous
13 Consent are passed by a vote of five in favor, with
14 Freeholders Amoroso and Zur absent.)

15 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Are there any
16 Resolutions of Nonconsent, pulled, postponed or
17 tabled?

18 If so, will the Clerk please read them.

19 MS. BIANCHI: There are none.

20 CLOSED SESSION

21 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We will now go into
22 a Closed Session for approximately 20 minutes, and
23 then we will return to the Public Session.

24 Will the attorney briefly state the
25 matters for which we will be discussing in Closed

1 Session.

2 MR. FLORIO: Thank you, Chairman.

3 We will be receiving an update on
4 litigation matters under Resolutions #662, #663, and
5 #664. And, as I understand it, we will also be
6 receiving a briefing on potential litigation and a
7 matter of contract.

8 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay. May I have a
9 motion to go into Closed Session?

10 FREEHOLDER GANZ: 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: We are in Closed
18 Session at 4:49 p.m.

19 (Whereupon Closed Session is held.)

20 (Open Session resumes at 5:03 p.m.)

21 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We are back in open
22 at 5:03 p.m.

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

25 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: So moved.

1 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

2 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: 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: Unanimous. We are
9 adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

10 (Whereupon, the Work Session is
11 adjourned at 5:04 p.m.)

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I, KIM O. FURBACHER, License No. XIO1042, a Certified Court Reporter, Registered Merit Reporter, Certified Realtime Court Reporter, and Notary Public of the State of New Jersey, hereby certify that the foregoing is a verbatim record of the testimony provided under oath before any court, referee, board, commission or other body created by statute of the State of New Jersey.

I am not related to the parties involved in this action; I have no financial interest, nor am I related to an agent of or employed by anyone with a financial interest in the outcome of this action.

This transcript complies with Regulation 13:43-5.9 of the New Jersey Administrative Code.

KIM O. FURBACHER, CRCR, CCR, RMR
License #XIO1042, and Notary Public
of New Jersey

My Commission Expires:
7/11/19