

BERGEN COUNTY
BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2018
COMMENCING AT 7:35 P.M.

FREEHOLDERS PRESENT:

THOMAS J. SULLIVAN, CHAIRMAN

GERMAINE M. ORTIZ, VICE CHAIRWOMAN

MARY J. AMOROSO, CHAIRWOMAN PRO TEMPORE

DAVID L. GANZ

STEVEN A. TANELLI

DR. JOAN M. VOSS

TRACY SILNA ZUR

FREEHOLDERS ABSENT:

NONE

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1
2 ALSO PRESENT:

3 JAMES J. TEDESCO III
4 BERGEN COUNTY EXECUTIVE

5 DENNIS CALO, ESQUIRE
6 ACTING BERGEN COUNTY PROSECUTOR

7 MAYOR CHRISTOPHER M. KELEMEN

8 COUNCILWOMAN KATHRYN GATES-FERRIS

9 COUNCILMAN TOM NAPOLITANO

10 POLICE CHIEF DANIEL MAYE

11 CAPT. ROBERT PITERSKI

12 POLICE CHIEF JAMES B. O'CONNOR

13 CAPT. FRANCESCO AQUILA

14 POLICE CHIEF GEORGE SCHERB

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT ROBERT HERMANSEN

16 LARA RODRIGUEZ
17 CLERK TO THE BOARD

18 LAURIE BIANCHI
19 DEPUTY CLERK TO THE BOARD

JULIEN X. NEALS, ESQUIRE
20 ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

21 EDWARD J. FLORIO, ESQUIRE
22 COUNSEL TO THE BOARD

MICHAEL SHEINFELD
23 DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & POLICY

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1 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Good evening.

2 The meeting is called to order at

3 7:35 p.m.

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

7 Thank you.

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

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

23 ROLL CALL

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

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

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

7 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

8 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Will everyone
9 please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

10 I'd like to ask our Acting Prosecutor,
11 Dennis Calo, to please lead us in the Pledge of
12 Allegiance.

13 PROSECUTOR CALO: Thank you.

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

17 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

18 PRESENTATION TO BERGEN COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT

19 "HEROES"

20 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Before we begin
21 tonight's meeting, we have a special program.

22 A hero is defined as "a person admired
23 for achievements and noble qualities and the display
24 of courage."

25 Each officer being recognized this

1 evening has exemplified this definition in the
2 performance of their official duties. As a direct
3 result of their actions, lives were saved. For this,
4 we offer a token of our appreciation to them for
5 making the lives of the residents of Bergen County
6 better.

7 At this time, I would ask my Freeholder
8 colleagues to please join me down in the well as we
9 honor these individuals.

10 Thank you.

11 Our first presentation is going to be
12 done by our Bergen County Executive, James Tedesco.

13 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: Thank you,
14 Chairman.

15 Good evening, ladies and gentlemen.
16 I'm honored to stand here tonight representing the
17 County of Bergen, a county that's populated by nearly
18 one million people, but it's protected by the best
19 law enforcement community in the county.

20 Tonight we get to recognize people that
21 choose a career and choose a profession to help
22 others, and we actually get to say thank you to them
23 tonight.

24 While we thank them every day, tonight
25 is a special night, because they truly performed not

1 only heroic actions but actions, as you'll hear them
2 say, was "part of my job."

3 But we know that that's different. We
4 know that while they think it's part of their job, we
5 know that those actions were truly done in heroic
6 fashion, and so much so that they impacted people's
7 lives forever, because they saved people's lives by
8 working, using their training and the skills that
9 they learned, partnering together, in many cases, to
10 have a positive effect and to change the lives of
11 those that they help.

12 So having this tonight, while we call
13 it "special," it's "truly special."

14 I'm honored to be able to say that we
15 get to say how much we appreciate not only what you
16 do for us every day, but what you do that we don't
17 see and we don't know about, that the people don't
18 see and know about every day and how you impact their
19 lives.

20 On Saturday, August 25th, 2018, in the
21 Borough of Bogota, a 43-year-old Bergen County
22 resident suffered a life threatening injury to his
23 thigh during a horrific accident with a circular saw.
24 The deep wound of the cut and the amount of blood
25 lost was described by those at the scene as "certain

1 death."

2 Bogota Police Officers responded to the
3 scene quickly and observed the victim was losing
4 blood fast. The officers worked together to apply a
5 tourniquet to the victim's leg to stop the bleeding,
6 then keeping him calm until paramedics arrived.

7 Their heroic actions directly saved this man's life
8 and averted what would have been a horrible tragedy.

9 Sgt. Geoffrey Cole, along with Officers
10 Kevin Geraghty and Devin Rivera, demonstrated
11 incredible resolve that day. Their quick thinking
12 and swift action saved the life of a Bergen County
13 resident.

14 As a police officer, the job requires
15 you to be ready for anything at any time. On a quiet
16 Saturday in the summer, these three officers sprang
17 into action and displayed great courage and
18 dedication to the community they serve.

19 I'd now like to ask Sgt. Cole,
20 Ofc. Geraghty, and Ofc. Rivera to come forward and be
21 recognized as Law Enforcement HEROES to the residents
22 of Bergen County.

23 (Applause.)

24 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: Thank you so
25 much.

1 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Thank you.

2 (Whereupon, the presentation is made.)

3 (Applause.)

4 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: You want to come up
5 and say a few words.

6 MAYOR KELEMEN: Ladies and gentlemen,
7 it is an honor. The best part about being a mayor in
8 the community is when you have great professionals
9 who are watching after the safety of our town. And
10 these three gentlemen here, I know for many years.
11 They work with a great chief, they work with a great
12 captain, and they work with a great governing council
13 and myself.

14 This excites me to see recognition from
15 a higher authority, such as the county, giving some
16 great thoughts and great contour to our professionals
17 here. Like I say, and don't take this offensively
18 everybody sitting around here, but we have the best
19 police department in the county.

20 (Applause.)

21 MAYOR KELEMEN: I thank you for
22 recognizing our officers, God bless, and God bless
23 our police department and everybody else who is with
24 us today.

25 With us today are two other council

1 members as well. It's a privilege to honor
2 Councilwoman Kathleen Gates-Ferris. And what makes
3 this extra special is that she is Ofc. Geraghty's
4 mother-in-law.

5 His mother-in-law is here with his
6 lovely wife and his brand new baby boy.

7 Councilman Napolitano, he's also with
8 us tonight, and the two bosses in charge.

9 We have Chief Maye, who's been our
10 Chief for the past two years, and our newly appointed
11 Captain, Robert PETERSKI.

12 (Applause.)

13 MAYOR KELEMEN: I wish them all the
14 best.

15 Thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Freeholder Tanelli
17 is going to make the presentation on behalf of
18 Lyndhurst.

19 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Just before I
20 start, we have the honor and privilege to recognize
21 so many people throughout the year. It makes it more
22 special when I know the guys we are honoring and know
23 their families and know where they came from. So, it
24 gives me great pleasure tonight to read this.

25 On Thursday, August 2nd, 2018, in the

1 town of Lyndhurst, a five-year-old child with
2 low-functioning autism was playing on a swing at the
3 local playground.

4 After sometime, the child became stuck
5 in the swing and could not get out. Assistance from
6 her family and bystanders could still not free the
7 child from the swing. In addition, being caught in
8 the swing for so long, her legs were beginning to
9 lose circulation. With the child also being
10 nonverbal autistic, the family contacted the
11 Lyndhurst Police.

12 Five officers from the Lyndhurst Police
13 Department responded to the scene, and, within
14 minutes, were able to use cable cutters to unhook the
15 swing, cut through the rubber, and remove the child.

16 The child's family has recounted that
17 the officers not only acted quickly and safely, but
18 displayed incredible passion by communicating through
19 eye contact and hand gestures in order to calm her.

20 Stories such as this reinforce why our
21 local police departments are so important to our
22 communities. These officers displayed poise and
23 compassion in a difficult situation and had more of
24 an impact on this family than they could ever
25 imagine.

1 I'd like to ask Sgt. John Castiglia,
2 Officers Mark Rivera, Brian Kapp, John White, and
3 Steven Passamano to please come forward with Chief
4 O'Connor to be recognized as Law Enforcement HEROES.

5 (Applause.)

6 (Whereupon, the presentation is made.)

7 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Chief, would you
8 like to say a few words?

9 CHIEF O'CONNOR: I'd like to thank the
10 Freeholder Board for recognizing the hard work that
11 these gentlemen do, and I want to say I don't expect
12 nothing less from this crew here. Every day they go
13 out, they do the right thing, and, like the County
14 Executive stated before, they do so many things that
15 they're not recognized for, so I want to thank the
16 officers.

17 I want to thank the Freeholder Board,
18 the Prosecutor, and the County Executive. Thank you
19 very much.

20 (Applause.)

21 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: The next
22 amazing story happened in early June 2018. A single
23 car crash in the City of Hackensack ended with a
24 convertible up against a utility pole and the driver
25 suffering from a serious head wound that was

1 profusely bleeding.

2 Hackensack Police Officer Sergio Raneli
3 was the first to arrive, and quickly realized the
4 gravity of the situation.

5 Drawing on his first responder training
6 and a small piece of advice from his training
7 officers at the Bergen County Police Academy,
8 Ofc. Raneli reached for his QuickClot Combat Gauze
9 and used it to stem the bleeding and stabilize the
10 driver. Doctors at the hospital later confirmed that
11 these actions saved the driver's life.

12 This incident is a shining moment not
13 only for Ofc. Raneli, but for the Hackensack Police
14 Department as a whole. His fast actions and quick
15 thinking show the residents of Hackensack and Bergen
16 County that our officers are ready, willing, and
17 able, when called upon.

18 I'd like to ask Ofc. Raneli to come
19 forward and be recognized as a Law Enforcement HERO
20 to the residents of Bergen County.

21 (Applause.)

22 (Whereupon, the presentation is made.)

23 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Would you like to
24 say a few words?

25 CAPT. AQUILA: I want to thank the

1 Freeholder Board, Prosecutor Calo, the County
2 Executive.

3 This is something that Ofc. Raneli took
4 it upon himself to learn and to carry on his person,
5 in case it was ever needed, and it was needed. He
6 saved this person's life.

7 He took some good advice from the
8 training advisor at the Bergen County Police Academy,
9 which is one of the greatest academies. I went
10 there. And you know what, it paid off.

11 So, again, Sergio, congratulations.
12 Great job.

13 (Applause.)

14 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: So you have a very
15 special Certificate of Recognition.

16 I would like to make an additional
17 presentation to Ofc. Raneli.

18 My office was contacted by QuickClot,
19 the makers of the combat gauze.

20 While they regretfully could not attend
21 the meeting personally, they did provide me with a
22 certificate from their company and also asked me to
23 present you with the Red Hand Coin, which they issue
24 to men and women of service who have used their
25 product to save a life.

1 The Red Hand is a symbol of the company
2 and is a reference to "getting your hands dirty" to
3 save the life of another.

4 According to the company, you are just
5 a 27th recipient ever of this award.

6 Congratulations.

7 (Whereupon, the presentation is made.)

8 (Applause.)

9 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: On August 12, 2018,
10 a 911 call came in to the Allendale Police Department
11 that a one-month-old child was not breathing.

12 Arriving quickly to the residence were
13 Allendale Police Officers Kevin Azevedo and Alex
14 Helmer.

15 Taking control of what was no doubt a
16 scary and chaotic scene, these officers calmly and
17 flawlessly administered CPR to the child.

18 After a few seconds, the baby began to
19 gasp for air, and eventually regained color and began
20 to cry. The officers continued to monitor her until
21 EMS arrived. Simply put: These officers saved this
22 child's life.

23 I'd ask that you please come forward.

24 (Applause.)

25 (Whereupon, the presentation is made.)

1 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Chief, would you
2 like to say a few words?

3 CHIEF SCHERB: Just a few.

4 Firstly, I'd like to thank the
5 Freeholders for this unexpected and great honor. The
6 other thing is, you know, they say in life, timing is
7 everything. Ofc. Acevedo is our CPR instructor and
8 he just finished instructing many of our officers,
9 Alex being one of them. So this couldn't have
10 happened at a better time with better people. So
11 thank you very much.

12 (Applause.)

13 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: I don't believe our
14 Mahwah police officers have made it, but Freeholder
15 Zur would like to read what a wonderful thing they
16 have done.

17 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Thank you.

18 In all the cases here, we saw just how
19 much training matters and how important it is, but
20 the case that I'm reading, it also speaks to the
21 spirit and the heart of an officer, of all of you who
22 put your life on the line every single day.

23 In October 2016, while attending the
24 Bergen County Police Academy, a recruit submitted to
25 a routine test that would place him on the blood

1 donor program at Hackensack University Medical
2 Center.

3 In early 2018, Mahwah Police Officer
4 Michael Dombroksi was contacted by medical
5 professionals and advised that he was a match for a
6 donor who needed a bone marrow transplant.

7 After consultation with his family and
8 superiors at the Mahwah Police Department,
9 Ofc. Dombroksi agreed to be a donor. He committed
10 himself to going through the difficult procedure and
11 its side effects, all for the benefit of saving
12 someone that he would never meet. This act led
13 directly to saving the life of a women who is
14 battling leukemia.

15 When you put on your uniform, you know
16 that you're putting your life on the line. He
17 volunteered to put his life on the line for a total
18 stranger, which is what you guys do every single day.

19 His selfless act displayed
20 extraordinary character and heart. These actions may
21 not have been directly related to his official
22 duties, but they are directly related to the
23 important attributes that make all police officers in
24 Bergen County so important to our residents.

25 While I'm sure he's tied up and not

1 able to be here, I would like all of us to just give
2 him a round of applause as someone who we are
3 recognizing.

4 (Applause.)

5 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Mayor Laforet is
6 not here, but I do see Council President Hermansen.

7 Would you like to say a few words on
8 behalf of Mahwah?

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT HERMANSEN: Sure.

10 I just want to say, on behalf of the
11 Township of Mahwah, we're lucky enough, we get to
12 work with some of the guys here from Allendale. I
13 know Vic very, very well up there. He's one of our
14 boys. So I know how we all work together on mutual
15 stuff. And I know it's the same thing with all of
16 you in the other departments.

17 I can tell you that Ofc. Dombroksi is a
18 Mahwah homegrown officer, which is something that
19 we're very proud of. When he did what he did to save
20 that person's life, it was absolutely a selfless act.
21 It was something that he did without even thinking
22 about it. And it is truly from the bottom of my
23 heart, when we had him installed the other day, when
24 Freeholder Amoroso was there, it just shows you from
25 us what you guys are really all about.

1 My brother-in-law was a firefighter,
2 and my other brother-in-law was a state trooper here,
3 so I know what you guys are all about, and I know you
4 put your life on the line every day. I want to thank
5 you for everything you do for our towns and for our
6 county in order to keep us safe and protect us.

7 The best thing I can say to you is:
8 Please be safe. Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: If there is any
11 other mayor and councilperson that I missed that's
12 here that I did not recognize, if so, please let me
13 know.

14 Thank you.

15 At this time, I would like to ask Mr.
16 Calo to say a few words.

17 PROSECUTOR CALO: Well, you know,
18 courage has been defined as grace under pressure.
19 And these officers who are here exhibited that, grace
20 under pressure, poise. They knew what to do, they
21 knew how to do it under the most pressing
22 circumstances. That's courage.

23 The Mahwah officer showed great honor,
24 and all of those are virtues, but virtues don't come
25 easy. You don't go in your pocket and take out a

1 virtue. You don't go in your pocket and take out
2 courage or take out honor or commitment. It comes
3 through hard work. It comes through habitual action.
4 It comes through dedication. Doing it over and over
5 and over again.

6 So, all these actions that you heard
7 tonight, they didn't come out of thin air and they
8 didn't come as a snap of the finger, they came
9 because these officers made themselves courageous
10 through their entire lives, through habitual action,
11 and it also comes from training.

12 You trained yourself; your departments
13 trained you.

14 One of the things that constantly
15 impresses me about Bergen County police officers is
16 their professionalism, their dedication to training
17 for making themselves better. The dedication of the
18 Freeholders, the county government, the Prosecutor's
19 Office, every department, are training our officers
20 and making them more professional, making them
21 better, making them more honorable, making them more
22 courageous. So I have to congratulate all of you,
23 congratulate your families, congratulate the
24 departments, congratulate all of you for your
25 dedication to law enforcement and to making us

1 better.

2 Thank you.

3 (Applause.)

4 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you,
5 Prosecutor.

6 I will say that our Prosecutor is all
7 in, like every other law enforcement area of the
8 county. We appreciate everything you do. We know
9 what you go through. We don't live it every day like
10 you do, but we appreciate what you do and we're here
11 to help as best as we can.

12 Obviously there's another side of it,
13 the political side of it, but don't ever think that
14 we don't appreciate what you do. It is phenomenal,
15 it is unbelievable, and, without all of you here,
16 this county wouldn't be what it is, and I truly mean
17 that.

18 What everyone here does and the way you
19 put yourself out for others, we just couldn't have it
20 any other way. So I want to say thank you to all of
21 you here. I want to say thank you to law
22 enforcement. I want to say thank you to our
23 Prosecutor. This is what your training is all about.
24 This is why we want to continue to train people.
25 This is why your chiefs and our Prosecutor

1 continually push us to fund more training. And
2 everyone here, you are definitely the byproduct of
3 all that training, so thank you from the bottom of my
4 heart, as the Freeholder Chairman.

5 I'm going to let our Freeholders say a
6 few words, but, please, don't ever walk out of this
7 room thinking that you're not appreciated, because we
8 surely do appreciate all of you.

9 Thank you very much.

10 Would any of my colleagues like to add
11 anything?

12 (No response.)

13 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: I want to say thank
14 you again, stay safe, and keep doing what you're
15 doing.

16 Thank you very much.

17 (Applause.)

18 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: At this time I'd
19 ask my Freeholder colleagues for a five-minute
20 recess.

21 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: So moved.

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 (A short recess is held.)

5 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Can I have a motion
6 to go back into the regular order of business?

7 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

8 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Second.

9 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

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

12 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 HEARING OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC

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

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

22 Please fill out the slip of paper with
23 your name, address, and general topic you wish to
24 speak about.

25 May I have a motion to open the meeting

1 to the public?

2 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

3 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Second.

4 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Second.

5 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

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

8 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Rob Hermansen from
11 Mahwah.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT HERMANSEN: Good
13 evening.

14 First, again, a great honor. During my
15 time as Chair of Law and Public Safety, I know what
16 these men and women do for us, and I really do
17 appreciate them.

18 Actually, it worked out pretty well
19 that I came in at the time I did. I didn't even know
20 about it.

21 I'm here for a couple of things.

22 One, the culvert, I think is being
23 finished up on 202. The homeowner that's there,
24 Mrs. Rodriguez, asked if someone would just keep in
25 touch with her what's going on, because there's some

1 things on her punch list that they're supposed to be
2 working on, and she wants to make sure those are done
3 before anybody just finishes off. Because what I was
4 told by her, that she was saying that you're pretty
5 much done as of this week, that this is when you're
6 finishing up everything. So make sure that is taken
7 care of, she would appreciate that.

8 So that's one.

9 Two --

10 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Let me just
11 interrupt you. If you could just give her number to
12 Mr. Neals.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT HERMANSEN: Sure.
14 I'll give it to you after. That's fine.

15 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT HERMANSEN: Two, the
17 thing I'm here the most for, which is kind of segue
18 into this, is the police.

19 I sat on that board, you know, 6,
20 7 years ago, and I told everyone that the biggest
21 mistake to do was the merger of the County Police
22 along with the Sheriff's Department.

23 I said it was political. I stated that
24 there was going to be no money saved, that there was
25 going to be lawsuits, and that people were going to

1 lose jobs, and that this was not going to be a good
2 thing for the county, and that it would be a black
3 eye.

4 Well, last week there was a major black
5 eye here at the county. We still have lawsuits.
6 There are a ton of them. There's more coming. We
7 all know about it. There is no savings. There
8 hasn't been any savings.

9 And I would hope that you guys would
10 figure out something, to look in the eyes of these
11 people who have lost their jobs, who couldn't find
12 jobs. People who gave 19 years, 18 years of service,
13 who could not find a job afterwards to go back to
14 another cop because they couldn't go in at the levels
15 that they wanted to, because they would have gone in
16 at a much lower cost than what their standard of
17 living was, and to figure out a way to fix the
18 injustice. I think after last week, everyone knows
19 and saw that a mistake was made. And there are a
20 number of things that are definitely going, these
21 lawsuits here, that I think are now strengthened more
22 than weakened over what happened.

23 So, I would hope that this Board fixes
24 its wrong, finds a way to do this, and figures out a
25 way to help save the taxpayer a lot of money, because

1 I think that there is going to be a lot of money
2 spent in this, due to these lawsuits, which is
3 something that I had predicted six years ago.

4 I don't want to be right. I didn't
5 want to be right then and I don't want to be right in
6 the future, but this is something that is definitely
7 here, it's not going away. You guys all know about
8 it. You all signed off on this. Everyone of you
9 thought this was a good thing, and we told you it
10 wasn't, but you rammed this down the people's
11 throats. Mr. Tedesco was all about this and made
12 sure that this happened. It was a mistake from that
13 day. It's still a mistake. Fix the injustice.

14 Thank you.

15 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you for
16 bringing that issue to our attention. We can agree
17 to disagree on some of your statements.

18 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: We disagree more
19 than agree.

20 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We probably
21 disagree more than agree.

22 I think we proved that there has been
23 savings there and continues to be savings. What has
24 transpired this past week doesn't give all the past
25 work a black eye.

1 Chuck Powers.

2 MR. POWERS: Chuck Powers, Teaneck.

3 As of 5:00 this afternoon, I actually
4 planned to spend the evening at home, but two things
5 happened.

6 One, I want to express my appreciation
7 for the detailed account that you folks got from the
8 County Executive about the issue of mosquitos, what
9 they are threatening to do to this county and what it
10 is that the county is monitoring and making a major
11 effort to try to address that concern.

12 As many of you know, in one former life
13 I was a professor of environmental and occupational
14 health and medicine at Rutgers Medical School.

15 These issues of trying to relate what
16 to do with the spray that you folks are going to be
17 hitting much of the county with apparently, and how
18 that relates to what it is that the public ought to
19 do to protect itself, really requires that everything
20 that Mr. Tedesco told you gets expressed throughout
21 the county to people.

22 I actually attended an Age Friendly
23 meeting in Teaneck this morning, and a number of the
24 older folks said, "We had no idea this was happening.
25 We left our windows open."

1 And, as you heard this afternoon,
2 that's not a good thing to do for either people or
3 pets. It's really important what you are doing,
4 while it's being done, be fully explained to the
5 public.

6 The second issue is also one that
7 actually I only discovered this evening, when I went
8 back -- who do I hand these to?

9 As one of hundreds of Bergen County
10 people who saw the whole process by which this county
11 went about trying to figure out how to get public
12 input and public knowledge about its park system in
13 the development of a Master Plan was an extremely
14 important thing. And, actually, I remember driving
15 40 minutes one night to get to a meeting so that I
16 actually could participate in both of the different
17 sessions that you provide for the public to
18 participate in that.

19 But for the last several weeks, in fact
20 for the last month, I've been trying to figure out
21 whatever happened to that report, that Master Plan
22 report, because I didn't see it. It apparently was
23 on the website, and a number of us from Bergen
24 Grassroots are very interested in reading that as we
25 go about trying to understand where the county is

1 going on major policy questions. I'm simply asking
2 this Board of Freeholders if you folks know where
3 that report is. As you can see from the website
4 tonight, it says that it is somehow going to be
5 available sometime. It's very important. A lot of
6 us spent a lot of time trying to understand what was
7 going on with the Master Plan and what the county was
8 doing in its major investment in parks. It's very
9 important that we know what the results were and what
10 it is that the citizens told you about what ought to
11 happen as a result of their input into your Master
12 Plan.

13 Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you, Mr.
15 Powers.

16 First, I would like to address this.

17 Please don't be alarmed or afraid that
18 your windows were open. Any town that is going to
19 have the spraying is going to have a reverse 911 or
20 some type of system, whatever the town offers to
21 alert those residents. So if you went to bed with
22 your windows open, we probably weren't spraying your
23 town. We're spraying in the towns that are the most
24 highly affected by the West Nile virus.

25 MR. POWERS: Our town was sprayed.

1 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: So you should have
2 gotten a reverse 911 call. That is what our
3 administration has set up.

4 And as far as the Master Plan, I don't
5 know if our County Administrator would like to
6 comment on that.

7 ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NEALS: So
8 with regard to the Master Plan, it was up and there
9 was public comment that was received. They are now
10 reviewing that. The plan is going to be revised, and
11 then the latest version of the plan is going to be
12 put up again, and then they'll be opportunity for
13 public comment again.

14 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay. Thank you.
15 Leah Roland.

16 COURT REPORTER: Please spell your
17 name.

18 MS. ROLAND: Good evening. My name is
19 Leah Roland. I am very mindful of your huge
20 responsibility --

21 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Excuse me. Could
22 you spell your name for our court reporter?

23 MS. ROLAND: I can.

24 L-E-A-H R-O-L-A-N-D.

25 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Are you an English

1 teacher? Because you sound just like my English
2 teacher.

3 MS. ROLAND: I am a resident of Leonia.

4 I'm sorry. One hearing aid is in the
5 shop and the battery of the other one gave out. All
6 this golden age stuff is a crock.

7 So, I'm sorry, I didn't hear the
8 question.

9 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: You sounded like my
10 English teacher. I was wondering if you were an
11 English professor?

12 MS. ROLAND: No, I never had the honor
13 of being an English teacher. Thank you for asking.
14 I find that very flattering.

15 I find what you do enormously
16 important, and I'm mindful that you are the people
17 who are responsible for the health and well-being of
18 Bergen County residents, over a million. We are a
19 big, important community.

20 Insofar as it is important, I feel, for
21 you to remember, that the residents of Bergen County
22 are not just humans like you and me, but there are
23 innocent animal residents as well, and they are very
24 significant to our ecosystem. We need to be mindful
25 of their health and well-being as well.

1 I find it so sad and disappointing to
2 see that the land that the surrounding communities,
3 Leonia, Bogota, Palisades Park contributed very
4 generously and warmly to the community for our mutual
5 benefit -- I'm grateful for some of the really
6 wonderful things that have happened in our community.
7 I thank you for that -- but I do feel that the
8 concept of a dinosaur park is a huge mistake. For
9 children to learn about dinosaurs from this part of
10 the world, they can take a 20-minute trip into
11 New York and have the scientific experience of
12 visiting the American Museum of Natural History,
13 where there are real dinosaur fossils and real
14 curators to teach them about this important
15 scientific aspect.

16 So I do hope that you will keep in mind
17 that we are an integrated community. We have an
18 ecosystem. Not only the humans, but the animals need
19 to be protected and need to be looked after. And
20 there is no animal Freeholder Board, you're it for
21 humans and the animals.

22 Thank you very much.

23 (Applause.)

24 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

25 George Reskakis.

1 MR. RESKAKIS: Hi.

2 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Hi.

3 MR. RESKAKIS: I'm back.

4 There's so many things that I'd rather
5 be doing tonight, but I'm here, and it's because I
6 care about animals and the environment.

7 And because I care about animals and
8 the environment, after the last time I was here, I
9 started thinking about some other things that I heard
10 you folks say. And one of the things had to do with
11 the 78 acres, and specifically that it was a dump.

12 And I went back and looked at the maps.
13 And when I looked at the maps, what I found was, of
14 the 78 acres, the part that was actually dumped on
15 was 14 or less, and, as a matter of fact, even more
16 importantly, of that 14 acres that was the dump, it's
17 pretty much all concentrated at the beginning of Old
18 Fort Lee Road, off of Teaneck Road, not where the 300
19 spot parking lot is going to be, which is what we've
20 all been told. One of the main reasons that that
21 parking lot was going to be there was because you had
22 to remediate all this dumping that was there, and, I
23 mean, let's face the realities, back in the day
24 before 1895, the way you got to Fort Lee was you took
25 Fort Lee Road. And when they built the highway and

1 had that dead-end, people would drive down the
2 dead-end and dump all their stuff at the end of Old
3 Fort Lee Road. That's where all the junk is.

4 So, my plan says instead of building a
5 parking lot where you want to build a parking lot,
6 where there is no dumping and doesn't require any
7 remediation, when you got to remediate the beginning
8 of Fort Lee Road, let's put the parking lot there.
9 You're going to bus people to Overpeck anyway, so, as
10 far as I'm concerned, it seems to make a lot more
11 sense.

12 With respect to the dinosaur park, I
13 prefer to have a nature preserve in that area. I
14 think that's what we need.

15 Finally, everyone keeps telling me, "No
16 decision's been made. No decision's been made. No
17 decision's been made."

18 Well, folks, it's time, make a
19 decision. You have all the information. This has
20 been bouncing around since 2016. I saw the letter of
21 intent. You all have. So, it's not like this is
22 brand new and that you're going to get new
23 information. There is no new information. It's time
24 to decide, especially you folks who have an election
25 coming up, it's time to decide.

1 It's a shame that Mr. Tedesco left,
2 because it's time for him to decide. It's time to
3 stand up and say no dino park. It's time. Decide.

4 Don't keep telling me, yeah, yeah,
5 yeah, well, we haven't decided yet, there's no
6 decision.

7 Decide. Just say no.

8 Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you for your
11 opinions.

12 Rachel Stern.

13 MS. STERN: I don't think I can be as
14 articulate as the previous two speakers. I just want
15 to let you know that I'm very concerned about what's
16 happening in Overpeck.

17 I live in Leonia, and I'm getting wild
18 animals blocks and blocks from Overpeck, animals that
19 don't belong in my neighborhood. And I know why
20 they're there, they're there because we're destroying
21 their environment, we're destroying their habitat,
22 and the dinosaur park is just one more step.

23 I would please ask you to consider them
24 and to not put the dinosaur park there.

25 Thank you.

1 (Applause.)

2 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

3 Louis Discepola.

4 MR. DISCEPOLA: Hi. I am a resident of
5 Teaneck -- not Teaneck, Hackensack. Sorry.

6 And I appeared also the last time on
7 August 1st on this issue of relocating the dinosaur
8 park to Area II of Overpeck, and I expressed my
9 strong opposition to that. I'm here again to also
10 express my strong opposition.

11 Since then, I had the opportunity this
12 past Saturday to spend time with the Sierra Club.
13 They had a table set up in Overpeck, and were
14 collecting petitions to oppose this proposal and
15 they're getting people to sign up for the election.

16 And while I was doing that, collecting
17 petitions, I got to meet a lot of people. I was also
18 kind of impressed to see that there were so many
19 different people from even outside of Bergen County
20 who came and who were enjoying Overpeck Park.

21 I wound up speaking for a couple of
22 hours to maybe about 40 people, and every one of
23 them, when they learned about this issue -- a lot of
24 them were actually outraged to hear about this, and
25 all of them opposed this and signed the petition,

1 when I approached them on this issue. Not one person
2 that I spoke to, and I walked around pretty much
3 throughout the park, supported it.

4 So far the only one I ever heard
5 support it was on August 1st was the Teaneck mayor,
6 and he acted like a thug that night, so I guess
7 that's the type of character that you have supporting
8 this proposal. But I never heard no one else support
9 this who's not making money out of this, at this
10 meeting, in the park. I walked around.

11 I'm interested to know who's supporting
12 this actually? But I have not heard one person
13 supporting this, and I spent a lot of time talking to
14 a lot of people in Overpeck.

15 So, please seriously consider this.
16 This is the will of the people, and there are people
17 up for election. You're supposed to be
18 environmentalists. Please do the right thing.

19 Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

21 (Applause.)

22 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: I appreciate
23 everyone's comments.

24 Everyone knows they're up for election
25 and everyone know elections have consequences. So,

1 by you coming up here and telling us that we have an
2 election, we are well aware of our election.

3 I hope that's not meant to try to
4 intimidate anyone up here to vote one way or the
5 other, but everyone has opinions, and I would hope
6 that we can respect each other's opinion.

7 Freeholder Tanelli.

8 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Thank you,
9 Chairman.

10 I mean, you guys don't have to come up
11 and say that. Just like the Chairman said, we
12 understand we're on the ballot this year.

13 I'll put my five years and Tracy's five
14 years sitting up on this dais and what we've
15 accomplished and what we've done out to the voters on
16 November 6th. You guys don't have to keep coming up
17 and say "Make a decision. Make a decision."

18 Nothing has come before this Board yet
19 to make a decision.

20 So you can keep coming to the meetings.
21 We appreciate your time and efforts. You can keep
22 telling us you don't want the dinosaur park. Then
23 when we get the paperwork to review, then we're going
24 to take all this under consideration. We have
25 nothing before us to make a decision. You need to

1 understand that. You want a decision, but there's
2 nothing to decide.

3 Thank you, Chairman.

4 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

5 Don Torino.

6 MR. TORINO: Hello. Here I am again
7 too.

8 I'd like to propose something. I'd
9 like to take everybody on a class trip. I'd like to
10 take everybody on a walk at that dinosaur park area
11 to really look. I bet none of you have really looked
12 inside it, but if we could do that sometime, I'd be
13 willing to go out there, especially during migration
14 time, and show you what's really going on out there
15 and what we really stand to lose.

16 We can't go backwards. We can't.
17 We've come so far in this county. We have done so
18 many wonderful things.

19 Leave the dinosaur park where it is,
20 it's fine back there and that's fine. You know, if
21 somebody enjoys it, who am I, but I don't want to see
22 it harm or permanently destroy that habitat. And I
23 really believe if we can go out there together and
24 really look at things, and I can explain to everybody
25 what we're seeing and why it's so important and why

1 everybody in the county really needs to have a place,
2 another place that they can go and enjoy nature. And
3 I love to help everybody, because that's what I do,
4 that's what I do in all my time, I help people,
5 introduce them to nature, I take them out, and that's
6 been my life for the last ten years or more, to take
7 people out almost every weekend. And tomorrow we
8 have a nice walk over at the new Overpeck, where
9 we'll be taking people around. You're welcome to
10 join us. We'll be out there. Everything we do is
11 free.

12 We have a wonderful relationship with
13 the county. We have a wonderful butterfly garden at
14 the Equestrian Center. Steve has been there. It's
15 gotten bigger and better than ever.

16 At Teaneck Creek, we've done so much
17 work there. And do you know that we've been doing
18 great work at the county golf courses? I don't know
19 if anybody knows that. We introduced bluebird boxes
20 back, and we got bluebirds again at our county golf
21 courses.

22 And you want to talk about mosquitos,
23 we gave bat houses to Orchard Hills Golf Course to
24 put up to help with the mosquito issue, and we're
25 still willing to do that.

1 My point is, we can work together. We
2 can do a lot of the same things in that area of
3 Teaneck and in that area, and work together to make
4 it a wonderful, wonderful place for everybody, and I
5 hope I get the opportunity to do that.

6 Thanks.

7 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

8 (Applause.)

9 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Freeholder Zur.

10 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Mr. Torino,
11 first of all, I do want to thank you so much for the
12 great work that you're doing. I also want to thank
13 you for highlighting some of the things and really
14 bringing to everyone's attention that hasn't come out
15 in the media collaboratively we have been working on
16 open space preservation, on increasing the funding
17 that we're doing to take things away from bulldozers
18 and put them into preserves.

19 But one little thing that you said that
20 was kind of sticking in my craw is, we couldn't go to
21 that spot right now, because it's closed to the
22 public because it's been a dumping ground in need of
23 remediation. So it is actually a danger for people
24 to use that space --

25 MR. TORINO: Right, I don't want people

1 to go there --

2 FREEHOLDER ZUR: You're making a
3 representation that this is land that is open for the
4 public to enjoy at this point.

5 MR. TORINO: No, no.

6 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Right now it's
7 not. We want to clean it up. We want to do what's
8 right there.

9 MR. TORINO: It has to be cleaned up.

10 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: And we want to
11 make sure there is opportunity for people to enjoy
12 our parks in every way possible.

13 MR. TORINO: I agree 100 percent.

14 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: So I just want
15 to underscore that, because I think that to so many
16 people there's a misrepresentation of what this land
17 is and what it isn't, and what work has to go on
18 there, and what is going to be unfortunate as far as
19 some of the cleanup efforts that still need to go on.

20 So I just wanted to clarify that for
21 the record, but we are so excited to continue to work
22 with Audubon and Sierra Club and the Trails
23 Association to continue. We have over 9,000 acres in
24 our parks system, 6,441 of them are forests and open
25 space that are untouched. There's only 167 acres

1 that are asphalt. We are actually so focused on
2 making sure that there are opportunities like in the
3 Meadowlands to continue doing to do birding, like so
4 many different aspects of our parks system.

5 So I don't want there to be a
6 misconception about this Board's commitment to making
7 sure that we are good stewards of our environment.

8 We will continue to work with you. I
9 know you've met with the County Executive on this
10 issue, and we're going to continue to have
11 communication in this regard.

12 There is nothing before this Board to
13 decide. And then when there is a final decision, we
14 will all work collaboratively on that.

15 MR. TORINO: That's what I hope.

16 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Thank you,
17 Chairman.

18 MR. TORINO: But we can still take a
19 walk there, I won't tell.

20 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you again.

21 Not to beat a dead horse, I pointed out
22 at the last two meetings, Freeholder Zur so
23 eloquently pointed it out now that that parcel of
24 land is not open to the public. So that is what it
25 is.

1 Laura Tracey Coll.

2 MS. COLL: Laura Tracey Coll from
3 Elmwood Park, New Jersey.

4 Of course I'm here to support the
5 Overpeck Park project, and hopefully that you would
6 stick to your original plans of pathways. And you
7 had a parking lot there, but it has been rejected by
8 the state because it was way too big.

9 I was wondering how you came to that
10 number of cars, the original number 400? That's an
11 awful lot. I mean, it's twice as big as the hiking
12 trails. Did you really expect that you were going to
13 get that many hikers at one time?

14 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: The number of cars
15 to be parked will be 300, not 400.

16 MS. COLL: 300 now, because it was
17 rejected, because it was overextending what the state
18 thought was a good use of that property.

19 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay. So we're at
20 300 now.

21 MS. COLL: How did you come to the
22 400? You didn't do a parking study?

23 Because I went by Saturday, there was
24 plenty of parking, and someone said they maybe could
25 accommodate concert goers. Is there any concert

1 venue there?

2 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: At Overpeck,
3 yes.

4 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: There's a stage
5 set for all our festivals.

6 MS. COLL: On the other side of the
7 river, right? Not really in Area II or I. I'm just
8 saying.

9 And then you're saying you don't have
10 any documentation. You filed a change of use with
11 Green Acres, so you must have documentation.

12 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: This Board
13 doesn't do any of that work.

14 MS. COLL: What board does?

15 ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NEALS: The
16 administration.

17 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Finish your remarks
18 and then we'll let the Administrator respond.

19 MS. COLL: This is my remarks. I have
20 a few questions.

21 What administration files a change of
22 use in Green Acres applications?

23 ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NEALS:
24 That's done through the Parks Department, Open Space.

25 MS. COLL: Okay. All right. So then

1 we're just asking that you stick to the original plan
2 that you applied for Green Acres for the walking
3 paths, your descriptions of Area II and how it's
4 "providing multiple paths through the site to quiet
5 less visited natural areas with passive, unstructured
6 recreation. Paths are used for walking, running,
7 educational purposes, and dedicated public amenities
8 such as outdoor classrooms, Master Gardener areas,
9 peace, natural observation and particularly bird
10 watching."

11 So we're just asking you to stick to
12 what you proposed.

13 Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

15 (Applause.)

16 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Midge Jorgenson.

17 A VOICE: I'm going to decline, because
18 my concerns have already been expressed very well by
19 other people.

20 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you very
21 much.

22 Anybody else want to decline?

23 (Laughter.)

24 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Tammy Lavery.

25 MS. LAVERTY: I'm cutting my remarks

1 short, because people caught it, but I do want to
2 tell you something that I feel about this.

3 I feel myself, as a protector of the
4 vulnerable, and I feel that's the habitat and the
5 wildlife. And I think my party is a protector of the
6 environment and the vulnerable.

7 And I just want you to know that it
8 takes us to be proactive in this keeping open space,
9 which you've done in many places. And I think this
10 place is very important. And it's up to us to take
11 care of those wildlife. There's nowhere else for
12 them to go, to breathe and to stay with us. We enjoy
13 it. And even if I don't see it, knowing it's there,
14 knowing the habitat is there, is a comfort to me, and
15 that's what I wanted you to know.

16 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you,
17 Ms. Lavery.

18 (Applause.)

19 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: I can't read this
20 name.

21 MR. FLORIO: Laurie Ludmer.

22 MS. LUDMER: I'm here because, actually
23 I was born in New York and I moved to New Jersey, and
24 New Jersey had a reputation as the Garden State.
25 Isn't that on the license? The Garden State.

1 I object to public land being used for
2 private use.

3 The dinosaur park, where it is can stay
4 where it is, that's fine, but nothing that is a
5 public land, and you are representatives of the
6 public. Public land is for the people, it's not for
7 corporations. It's not for-profit.

8 What is a Garden State, really a lot of
9 that, as we know, has already been contaminated.
10 Let's keep what we have. And I would very seriously
11 think about that. Once the land is sold and used by
12 private corporations, it does not come back to the
13 people.

14 Thank you.

15 (Applause.)

16 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Just a few things.

17 The land is not being sold. It will be
18 a lease, and it is not being sold.

19 Where the dinosaur park now is is also
20 on public property, so we're just moving it from one
21 entity to the other, just so everyone is clear.

22 Ted Finkelstein.

23 MR. FINKELSTEIN: Real briefly, I'm not
24 going to repeat everybody, but I do want to say, I
25 love amusement parks. I travel around the country

1 going to amusement parks. I've seen that dinosaur
2 park, and we are talking like 1955 technology that is
3 really antiquated and broken down. You see that like
4 in the worst amusement parks in the middle of
5 Pennsylvania. I mean, it's a disgraceful park, and I
6 love amusement parks. If that was fixed up and kept
7 where it was, I probably would go.

8 I'm not going to repeat everybody. We
9 need our open space, and to take that open space --
10 and I've never been to a meeting like this before,
11 but it really, frankly, would be shameful to get rid
12 of that open space in Teaneck.

13 I'm a Teaneck resident for almost
14 30 years. I love Overpeck Park. I love Puffin. I
15 love what is going to be the potential for that land
16 and to keep our animals safe.

17 And that's it. Save our public lands.

18 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

19 (Applause.)

20 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Edith Wallace.

21 You have beautiful penmanship too.

22 MS. WALLACE: Blame it on being a
23 teacher, perhaps.

24 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: I could tell.

25 (Laughter.)

1 MS. WALLACE: I'm a lifelong resident
2 of Bergen County, more than 21 years.

3 We didn't have county parks when I was
4 a child here. I lived in five different towns in
5 Bergen County. I'm currently a resident of
6 Fair Lawn.

7 I got my absentee ballot the other day,
8 and I took it to Area I of Overpeck Park, and now I'm
9 switching from my role as a scientist to a
10 storyteller. This is going to be a bit of fantasy.

11 And I went to Overpeck Park, and I
12 talked to a raccoon and a squirrel and a chipmunk. I
13 talked to two birds, only two birds, and I asked them
14 all the same thing, I said, "I can't get into Area
15 II, but you have friends and relatives there. What's
16 the buzz around here?"

17 And they said, "Please, please do your
18 best to make sure that our friends and relatives keep
19 their place of living in Area II, and not just a
20 place to live but also the plants, because all of the
21 plants and all of the insects on the plants are our
22 food."

23 And so we hope that Area II will be
24 left for the plants and the animals that are
25 currently there.

1 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: I've only been here
2 for four years, but that was by far the best speech.

3 (Applause.)

4 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: And we will do our
5 best to preserve as much of that open space as we
6 possibly can, because that's what we do here.

7 Dr. Francie Goldstein.

8 DR. GOLDSTEIN: I am an M.D., and I
9 wanted to put a few facts out for you men and women
10 to consider as part of the decision-making process
11 with regard to Area II of Overpeck Park, and that has
12 to do with a cost analysis, and I'm talking about
13 both economic and human, and specifically of health,
14 since I am a doctor. I'm a pediatric specialist.

15 There have been multiple scientific
16 studies, including one that just came out today, in
17 the major medical journals that showed that children
18 and adults who spend time in nature have better
19 cognitive functioning, intellectual functioning, and
20 emotional mental health, compared to whether they
21 spend that time in more civilized settings, such as
22 streets or organized man-made environments.

23 There are multiple reasons for it. I
24 won't go into the science. But suffice it to say
25 this has been proven repeatedly in studies.

1 So, given that we have an economic
2 burden to educate our children and to keep our
3 citizens healthy, we want to get the biggest bang for
4 our buck. So, from an economic standpoint but also
5 from a humanitarian standpoint, the best use of
6 Area II would be to keep it natural.

7 That would encourage children and
8 adults to have a place to go to be around nature, to
9 get more healthy, to get better ideas so they can
10 work and function in a more healthy manner.

11 Plastic dinosaurs, as one of the
12 previous speakers said, is really not the best way
13 for our children to learn about paleontology.

14 I agree that a museum would be far
15 better, where there are explanations and you're
16 seeing real artifacts. So I urge you please to
17 consider the human economic cost. It will save a lot
18 of money for kids to be healthier from the get-go.

19 Also, it was mentioned before about the
20 mosquito problem here. I don't know if most of you
21 are aware of the fact that the natural predators for
22 mosquitos are things such as bats, other insects,
23 birds, fish and amphibians, mosquitos are their food.
24 So, if you want to save money by not having to buy
25 insecticide and to spray contractors to do that and

1 the medical liability of spraying very poisonous
2 chemicals where there are people who are medically
3 vulnerable, which is really all of us but
4 specifically the elderly and children, I encourage
5 you to increase biodiversity as much as possible by
6 preserving natural environments, because those
7 critters that are in natural environments are going
8 to naturally eat those bad mosquitos that are
9 spreading Zika and West Nile virus and other bad
10 diseases.

11 Thank you very much, and please think
12 about what I said.

13 (Applause.)

14 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

15 Just to touch on the mosquitos once
16 again, these areas are not the ones created by the
17 county here. Obviously whatever municipality you
18 live in, you have our own set of rules, and we're
19 here to make sure the problem doesn't get any
20 farther. So we are taking the mosquito situation
21 very seriously.

22 Regardless of what's going to go on in
23 Area II, what's gone on already is something we can't
24 control, and we're going to do our best to fight it
25 and we're going to fight it vigorously.

1 May I have a motion to close the
2 meeting to the public?

3 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

4 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Second.

5 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

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

8 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: The meeting is
11 closed to the public.

12 RESOLUTIONS OF UNANIMOUS CONSENT

13 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Will the Clerk
14 please read the Resolutions on the Consent Agenda.

15 MS. RODRIGUEZ: The Resolutions on the
16 Consent Agenda are: Resolutions #887-18 through
17 #958-18.

18 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: May I have a motion
19 to accept the resolutions on the Consent Agenda as
20 read by the Clerk?

21 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Move the Consent
22 Agenda.

23 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Second.

24 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: 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: Roll call, please.

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

9 MS. RODRIGUEZ: With seven ayes, the
10 Consent Agenda passes.

11 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Are there any
12 Resolutions pulled, postponed or tabled?

13 If so, will the Clerk please read them.

14 MS. RODRIGUEZ: There are none.

15 ORDINANCES

16 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We will now go on
17 to our Ordinances for First Reading and Introduction,
18 Ordinance 18-26, 18-34, and 18-35.

19 Will the Clerk read Ordinance 18-26 by
20 title only.

21 MS. RODRIGUEZ: 18-26 is an:

22 "ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A MINORITY
23 BUSINESS ENTERPRISE, WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE, AND
24 VETERAN OWNED BUSINESS SET-ASIDE AND JOINT VENTURE
25 PROGRAM FOR THE COUNTY OF BERGEN."

1 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: May I have a motion
2 to introduce?

3 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: So moved.

4 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Second.

5 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

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

8 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Roll call.

11 (At this point in the proceeding roll
12 call is taken and the Introduction and First Reading
13 of Ordinance 18-26 is passed by a unanimous vote.)

14 MS. RODRIGUEZ: With seven ayes, 18-26
15 passes First Reading.

16 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Will the Clerk read
17 Ordinance 18-34 by title only.

18 MS. RODRIGUEZ: 18-34 is a:

19 "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE
20 PURCHASE AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED
21 AT 39 HUDSON STREET, HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY, BY THE
22 COUNTY OF BERGEN, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT
23 OF \$4,200,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE
24 OF \$4,000,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY TO FINANCE
25 PART OF THE COST THEREOF."

1 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: May I have a motion
2 to introduce Ordinance 18-34 as read by the Clerk?

3 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: So moved.

4 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Second.

5 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

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

8 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Roll call.

11 (At this point in the proceeding roll
12 call is taken and the Introduction and First Reading
13 of Ordinance 18-34 is passed by a unanimous vote.)

14 MS. RODRIGUEZ: With seven ayes, 18-34
15 passes First Reading.

16 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

17 Will the Clerk please read Ordinance
18 18-35 by title only.

19 MS. RODRIGUEZ: 18-35 is an:

20 "ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$3,000,000
21 AVAILABLE IN THE CAPITAL FUND TO PROVIDE FOR BRIDGE
22 AND CULVERT IMPROVEMENTS IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN."

23 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: May I have a motion
24 to introduce Ordinance 18-35 as read by the Clerk?

25 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

1 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Second.

2 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

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

5 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Roll call.

8 (At this point in the proceeding roll
9 call is taken and the Introduction and First Reading
10 of Ordinance 18-35 is passed by a unanimous vote.)

11 MS. RODRIGUEZ: With seven ayes, 18-35
12 passes First Reading.

13 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We will now go on
14 to our Ordinances for Second Reading and Adoption.
15 Ordinances 18-28 through 18-33.

16 Will the Clerk read Ordinance 18-28 by
17 title only.

18 MS. RODRIGUEZ: 18-28 is an:

19 "ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SPEED LIMIT
20 ALONG PARK AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE."

21 The Proof of Publication of the
22 Ordinance Notice of Public Hearing was published in
23 accordance with the law and is on file in my office.

24 A copy of the Notice of Hearing and
25 Ordinance No. 18-28 was duly posted, pursuant to

1 N.J.S.A. 40A:2-17, on Friday, September 7, 2018.

2 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: May I have a motion
3 to open the hearing on Ordinance 18-28 to the public?

4 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

5 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Second.

6 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

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

9 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: The public hearing
12 is now open, with a five-minute time limit in effect,
13 to speak about Ordinance 18-28 only at this time.

14 The Board Attorney will keep the time.
15 Is there anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance 18-28?

16 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Mr. Chairman,
17 briefly.

18 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Yes.

19 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: As we were in
20 Park Ridge last week, this is something that is vital
21 to this community to make this area safe. I'm really
22 proud of this administration and this Board for
23 taking this activity this evening to make sure the
24 residents of Park Ridge who were so vocal last week
25 have the speed limit lowered.

1 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

2 Would anyone else wish to speak?

3 (No response.)

4 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: May I have a motion
5 to close the public hearing on Ordinance 18-28?

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: Is there any board
14 discussion?

15 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Sorry. I jumped
16 the gun.

17 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: I just want to
18 reiterate what Freeholder Zur said. We were
19 on-the-road in Park Ridge. Thank you to Freeholder
20 Tanelli and Freeholder Zur for coming up with the
21 idea of going on-the-road. And we couldn't have gone
22 on-the-road for a better time for a better ordinance.
23 There were some serious accidents on that road. The
24 town has been pushing and pushing, and we made it
25 happen, along with Park Ridge Mayor Keith Misciagna

1 and his Mayor and Council. I just want to say thank
2 you for your input and thank you to this Board for
3 passing this.

4 Freeholder Tanelli.

5 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Chairman, thank
6 you.

7 You mentioned the mayor. I just want
8 to thank the mayor for his input.

9 As we all know on this Board and we try
10 to express to people who come up and ask us for
11 things of this nature, that it starts with the local
12 municipality. They're the ones on the ground every
13 day. They're the ones that see the difference. In
14 this particular instance, it's 25 on the other two
15 ends of the street, it really made no sense on a
16 county road that it wasn't changed. So it was a
17 great thing for us.

18 I want to thank the mayor and council
19 in these towns for taking a participating role.

20 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you,
21 Freeholder.

22 As the Freeholder pointed out, it's the
23 duty of the mayor and council to bring this to us.
24 You know your towns better. And thank you for
25 bringing it to us now.

1 At this time, may I have a motion to
2 adopt Ordinance 18-28 as was read by the Clerk?

3 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: So moved.

4 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Second.

5 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

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

8 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Roll call, please.

11 (At this point in the proceeding roll
12 call is taken and the Second Reading and Adoption of
13 Ordinance 18-28 is passed by a unanimous vote.)

14 MS. RODRIGUEZ: With seven ayes, 18-28
15 is adopted.

16 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

17 Will the Clerk plead read Ordinance
18 18-29 by title only.

19 MS. RODRIGUEZ: 18-29 is a:

20 "BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOND
21 ORDINANCES DESCRIBED IN SECTION 1 HEREIN, ALL TO
22 PROVIDE A \$2,098,913.07 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION
23 FOR AND AMEND THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT
24 AUTHORIZED IN SECTION 3 OF BOND ORDINANCE NO. 06-35
25 FINALLY ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 20, 2006."

1 The Proof of Publication of the
2 Ordinance Notice of Public Hearing was published in
3 accordance with the law and is on file in my office.

4 A copy of the Notice of Hearing and
5 Ordinance No. 18-29 was duly posted, pursuant to
6 N.J.S.A. 40A:2-17, on Friday, September 7, 2018.

7 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: May I have a motion
8 to open the hearing on Ordinance 18-29 to the public?

9 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: So moved.

10 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

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

14 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: The public hearing
17 is now open, with a five-minute time limit in effect,
18 to speak on Ordinance 18-29 only.

19 The Board Attorney will keep the time.

20 Is there anyone wishing to speak on
21 Ordinance 18-29?

22 Seeing none, may I have a motion to
23 close the public hearing on Ordinance 18-29?

24 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

25 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: 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 board
7 discussion on Ordinance 18-29?

8 Seeing none, may I have a motion to
9 adopt Ordinance 18-29 as was read by the Clerk?

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: Roll call.

18 (At this point in the proceeding roll
19 call is taken and the Second Reading and Adoption of
20 Ordinance 18-29 is passed by a unanimous vote.)

21 MS. RODRIGUEZ: With seven ayes, 18-29
22 is adopted.

23 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

24 Will the Clerk please read Ordinance
25 18-30 by title only.

1 MS. RODRIGUEZ: 18-30 is a:

2 "BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3(a)
3 OF BOND ORDINANCE NO. 08-20, FINALLY ADOPTED ON
4 JUNE 4, 2008, IN ORDER TO REVISE PROJECT DESCRIPTION
5 REFERRED TO THEREIN."

6 The Proof of Publication of the
7 Ordinance Notice of Public Hearing was published in
8 accordance with the law and is on file in my office.

9 A copy of the Notice of Hearing and
10 Ordinance No. 18-30 was duly posted, pursuant to
11 N.J.S.A. 40A:2-17, on Friday, September 7, 2018.

12 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: May I have a motion
13 to open the hearing on Ordinance 18-30 to the public?

14 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: So moved.

15 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

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

19 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: The hearing is now
22 open.

23 Is there anyone wishing to speak on
24 18-30?

25 (No response.)

1 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Seeing none, may I
2 have a motion to close the public hearing on
3 Ordinance 18-30?

4 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: So moved.

5 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Second.

6 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

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

9 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Is there any Board
12 discussion on Ordinance 18-30?

13 Seeing none, may I have a motion to
14 adopt Ordinance 18-30 as read by the Clerk?

15 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

16 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Second.

17 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

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

20 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Roll call, please.

23 (At this point in the proceeding roll
24 call is taken and the Second Reading and Adoption of
25 Ordinance 18-30 is passed by a unanimous vote.)

1 MS. RODRIGUEZ: With seven ayes, 18-30
2 is adopted.

3 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

4 Will the Clerk read Ordinance 18-31 by
5 title only.

6 MS. RODRIGUEZ: 18-31 is an:

7 "ORDINANCE RE-APPROPRIATING \$147,575.74
8 PROCEEDS OF OBLIGATIONS NOT NEEDED FOR THEIR ORIGINAL
9 PURPOSES IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR LANDFILL AND CAPPING
10 IMPROVEMENTS AT OVERPECK COUNTY PARK BY THE COUNTY OF
11 BERGEN."

12 The Proof of Publication of the
13 Ordinance Notice of Public Hearing was published in
14 accordance with the law and is on file in my office.

15 A copy of the Notice of Hearing and
16 Ordinance No. 18-31 was duly posted, pursuant to
17 N.J.S.A. 40A:2-17, on Friday, September 7, 2018.

18 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: May I have a motion
19 to open the hearing on Ordinance 18-31 to the public?

20 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

21 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Second.

22 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

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

25 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

1 (No response.)

2 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: The public hearing
3 is now open, with a five-minute time limit.

4 Is there anyone wishing to be heard on
5 Ordinance 18-31?

6 (No response.)

7 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Seeing none, may I
8 have a motion to a close the public hearing on
9 Ordinance 18-31?

10 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

11 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: 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: Is there any Board
18 discussion on 18-31?

19 Seeing none, may I have a motion to
20 adopt Ordinance 18-31 as was read by the Clerk?

21 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: So moved.

22 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Second.

23 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

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

1 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

2 (No response.)

3 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Roll call.

4 (At this point in the proceeding roll
5 call is taken and the Second Reading and Adoption of
6 Ordinance 18-31 is passed by a unanimous vote.)

7 MS. RODRIGUEZ: With seven ayes, 18-31
8 is adopted.

9 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

10 Will the Clerk please read Ordinance
11 18-32 by title only.

12 MS. RODRIGUEZ: 18-32 is a:

13 "BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3(a)
14 OF BOND ORDINANCE NO. 09-18, FINALLY ADOPTED ON
15 JUNE 24, 2009, IN ORDER TO REVISE PROJECT
16 DESCRIPTIONS REFERRED TO THEREIN."

17 The Proof of Publication of the
18 Ordinance Notice of Public Hearing was published in
19 accordance the law and is on file in my office.

20 A copy of the Notice of Hearing and
21 Ordinance No. 18-32 was duly posted, pursuant to
22 N.J.S.A. 40A:2-17, on Friday, September 7, 2018.

23 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: May I have a motion
24 to open the hearing on Ordinance 18-32 to the public?

25 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

1 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Second.

2 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

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

5 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: The public hearing
8 is now open, with a five-minute time limit, on
9 Ordinance 18-32.

10 Would anyone like to speak?

11 Seeing none, may I have a motion to
12 close the public hearing on Ordinance 18-32?

13 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

14 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: 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: Is there any Board
21 discussion on Ordinance 18-32?

22 Seeing none, may have a motion to adopt
23 Ordinance 18-32, as was read by the Clerk?

24 FREEHOLDER GANZ: 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: Roll call, please.

7 (At this point in the proceeding roll
8 call is taken and the Second Reading and Adoption of
9 Ordinance 18-32 is passed by a unanimous vote.)

10 MS. RODRIGUEZ: With seven ayes, 18-32
11 is adopted.

12 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

13 Will the Clerk please read Ordinance
14 18-33 by title only.

15 MS. RODRIGUEZ: 18-33 is a:

16 "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE
17 PURCHASE OF SCHOOL BUSES FOR THE COUNTY SPECIAL
18 SERVICES AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS, BY THE
19 COUNTY OF BERGEN, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT
20 OF \$280,000 THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF
21 \$266,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY TO FINANCE PART
22 OF THE COST THEREOF."

23 The Proof of Publication of Ordinance
24 Notice of Public Hearing was published in accordance
25 with the law and is on file in my office.

1 A copy of the Notice of Hearing and
2 Ordinance No. 18-33 was duly posted, pursuant to
3 N.J.S.A. 40A:2-17, on Friday, September 7, 2018.

4 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: May I have a motion
5 to open the hearing on Ordinance 18-33 to the public?

6 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

7 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: 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: The public hearing
14 is now open, with a five-minute time limit.

15 Is there anyone wishing to be heard on
16 Ordinance 18-33?

17 Seeing none, may I have a motion to
18 close the public hearing on Ordinance 18-33?

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: Is there any Board
2 discussion on 18-33?

3 I would just like to bring to light
4 that these new buses are going to contain the harness
5 seat belts. We did look into retrofitting some, but
6 there has not been a definitive way that the
7 retrofitting could go. So, for public safety
8 reasons, we purchased some extra buses with the over
9 the shoulder harnesses to make sure our children are
10 safe.

11 Does anyone else have anything to add?

12 (No response.)

13 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay. May I have a
14 motion to adopt Ordinance 18-33, as was read by the
15 Clerk?

16 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

17 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

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

21 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Roll call, please.

24 (At this point in the proceeding roll
25 call is taken and the Second Reading and Adoption of

1 Ordinance 18-33 is passed by a unanimous vote.)

2 MS. RODRIGUEZ: With seven ayes, 18-33
3 is adopted.

4 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

5 That concludes our ordinances.

6 We will now have the Freeholder
7 Committee Reports, unless someone makes a motion.

8 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Chairman, I make a
9 motion we suspend reports tonight.

10 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: There's a motion.

11 Is there a second?

12 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Roll call.

14 (At this point in the proceeding roll
15 call is taken and the motion is passed by a vote of
16 five in favor, with Freeholders Ganz and Silna Zur
17 vote nay.)

18 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: I do know that
19 Freeholder Zur would just like to make a statement
20 for the record.

21 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: I just want to
22 announce that on October 4th, we're having our first
23 ever GSA Summit.

24 This was an idea that came out of our
25 Pride Flag Raising that was run by the LBGTQ Advisory

1 Committee, which I'm a liaison to, and we thought
2 we'd get maybe 70 kids in the room and some advisors,
3 we have 201 kids registered as of today, with 50
4 advisors, with participation of 26 schools, over half
5 the high schools in the county, 41 different towns
6 are represented. We are so excited to kind of get
7 these kids together so that they can learn from each
8 other, as well as learn that they are not alone. We
9 are so excited to see what is going to happen on
10 October 4th.

11 So thank you, Chairman, for giving me
12 that opportunity.

13 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you,
14 Freeholder.

15 There that being nothing further to
16 come before this meeting, may I have a motion to
17 adjourn?

18 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

19 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Second?

20 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

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

24 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Motion carries,
25 meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

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Thank you.

(Whereupon, the Public Meeting is
adjourned at 9:08 p.m.)

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

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