

BERGEN COUNTY
BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY
WORK SESSION
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2018
COMMENCING AT 4:36 P.M.

FREEHOLDERS PRESENT:

THOMAS J. SULLIVAN, CHAIRMAN

GERMAINE M. ORTIZ, VICE CHAIRWOMAN

MARY J. AMOROSO, CHAIRWOMAN PRO TEMPORE

TRACY SILNA ZUR

DAVID L. GANZ

STEVEN A. TANELLI

DR. JOAN M. VOSS

FREEHOLDERS ABSENT:

NONE

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3 ALSO PRESENT:
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5 JAMES J. TEDESCO III
6 BERGEN COUNTY EXECUTIVE

7 LARA RODRIGUEZ
8 CLERK TO THE BOARD

9 LAURIE BIANCHI
10 DEPUTY CLERK TO THE BOARD

11 JULIEN X. NEALS, ESQUIRE
12 ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

13 MICHAEL V. BELLUCCI
14 DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

15 EDWARD J. FLORIO, ESQUIRE
16 COUNSEL TO THE BOARD

17 JARED LAUTZ
18 COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE

19 MICHAEL SHEINFELD
20 DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & POLICY
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1 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: This meeting is
2 called to order at 4:36 p.m.

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

6 Thank you.

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

9 MS. RODRIGUEZ: In accordance with
10 Section 5 of the Sen. Byron Baer Open Public Meetings
11 Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been
12 provided in the Annual Notice Schedule, which
13 contained the time, date, and location of this
14 meeting, copies of which Notices were forwarded to
15 the official County newspapers, to wit: The Herald
16 News 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 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

22 ROLL CALL

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

25 (At this point in the proceeding roll

1 call is taken with Freeholders Amoroso, Ganz,
2 Tanelli, Voss, Silna Zur, Vice-Chairwoman Ortiz, and
3 Chairman Sullivan present.)

4 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Evidence of a
5 quorum sent is present.

6 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

9 I would ask that Mr. Florio lead us
10 today.

11 MR. FLORIO: Thank you, Chairman.

12 (At this point in the proceeding all
13 rise for a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance,
14 led by Mr. Florio.)

15 REVIEW OF RESOLUTIONS

16 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We will now review
17 the Resolutions to be voted on tonight.

18 MS. RODRIGUEZ: The Resolutions for
19 tonight are: Resolutions #887-18 through #958-18.

20 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Chairman, may I
21 sponsor #887?

22 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Anyone want to
23 co-sponsor that?

24 I'll co-sponsor that.

25 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Thank you.

1 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Chairman?

2 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Yes.

3 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: #888 through
4 #892 are all grants, if we could sponsor them as a
5 Body of the Whole?

6 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: #888 through?

7 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: #892.

8 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

9 Is there any objection?

10 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: No.

11 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay. We will do
12 that.

13 Page 5.

14 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Mr. Chairman,
15 #897 all the way through to --

16 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Are all
17 appointments?

18 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: #912, yes, are
19 appointments.

20 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: I would ask that we
21 do that as a Body of the Whole.

22 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: That's great.

23 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Yes, Mr.
24 Chairman.

25 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Perfect.

1 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you,
2 Freeholder.

3 That brings us to Page 8.

4 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Chairman, can I
5 sponsor #913-18, please?

6 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Can I co-sponsor
7 that?

8 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Sure.

9 Thank you.

10 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: And can I
11 sponsor #915-18?

12 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: I'll co-sponsor
13 that.

14 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay. Page 9.

15 #915 is Tracy and Steve.

16 Anything else on Page 9?

17 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: There's also a
18 couple of board appointments.

19 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: It starts on
20 Page 10.

21 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: #917.

22 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Actually it starts
23 on Page 9, #917.

24 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: That's on Page 10.

25 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Oh, not on my

1 agenda.

2 So, #917 --

3 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: #917 through
4 #919 are Historic Preservation Advisory Board.

5 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Any objection?

6 We'll do them as a Body of the Whole.

7 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Right.

8 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

9 #921, and anything after that?

10 That's my Page 10.

11 Next page.

12 We have a couple of grants here, #924
13 and #926.

14 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Right.

15 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Correct.

16 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Can we do that as a
17 Body of the Whole?

18 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Yes.

19 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Yes.

20 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

21 Next page.

22 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: I'm sorry.

23 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Yes.

24 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Back to #923, that
25 looks like shared services, emergency and

1 nonemergency equipment. Can we do that as a Body of
2 the Whole?

3 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Sure.

4 Any objection?

5 (No response.)

6 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you, Mary.

7 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Likewise, Page
8 14, #930 and #931.

9 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: #930 and #931?

10 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Are shared
11 services, Carlstadt and East Rutherford. Can we do
12 that as a Body of the Whole as well?

13 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: You got it.

14 Any objection?

15 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: No.

16 FREEHOLDER VOSS: No.

17 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay. I'm not
18 going to go by pages now, I'm up to #935 and beyond.

19 Any of these legal issues, #936, #937,
20 are we going to have an update in Closed Session on
21 them or we don't need to?

22 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: I think that
23 would be great.

24 ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NEALS: We
25 can have an update.

1 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

2 Okay. I'm up to #938.

3 #940.

4 Anything?

5 #941 and beyond.

6 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: There's more
7 appointments, #943 through #948.

8 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Yes.

9 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: I ask that we do --
10 what are they again, Freeholder?

11 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: They are
12 appointments.

13 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Can we do them
14 as a Body of the Whole?

15 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: What numbers again?

16 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: #943 through
17 #948, sponsor them as a Body of the Whole, please.

18 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay.

19 Any objection?

20 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: No.

21 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you,
22 Freeholder.

23 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Mr. Chairman,
24 may we also do #949 and #951, one is Hispanic
25 Heritage Month and the other is a grant acceptance.

1 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: You want to do them
2 as a Body of the Whole?

3 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Yes.

4 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Yes.

5 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay. #952 and
6 beyond.

7 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Mr. Chairman, last
8 month or the meeting prior, we all sponsored the
9 contract for the Chief of Police for the Prosecutor's
10 Office. I was wondering if the Board would be
11 willing to do this as a Body of the Whole?

12 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: What number?

13 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: #952-18.

14 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Is there any
15 objection?

16 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: No.

17 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: No.

18 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay.

19 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Thank you, sir.

20 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you,
21 Freeholder.

22 Next page.

23 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Mr. Chairman,
24 can we get some clarification on #954, which is my
25 favorite, Budgies, why the bid was rejected?

1 MR. REINER: Freeholder, it was a
2 simple matter of the additional concrete work which
3 was being contemplated in the exhibit was
4 substantially over the cost estimate, and it was felt
5 that it would be better to wait till spring, when
6 prices may be lower.

7 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Perfect. Thank
8 you so much.

9 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: So, before you
10 leave, Gerald, is it similar to buying asphalt like
11 this time of the year as it is to buying concrete?

12 MR. REINER: It seems to be an issue of
13 not the same market forces, but it seems to be market
14 forces of a reduced labor force that's available to
15 that particular trade type.

16 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: So they are gearing
17 down, just like the County Executive explained to us
18 about the asphalt.

19 MR. REINER: Correct.

20 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All right. Thank
21 you.

22 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Mr. Chairman,
23 #955 through #958 are also appointments, they're all
24 to my LGBTQ Advisory Committee.

25 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Can we do them as a

1 Body of the Whole?

2 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Yes.

3 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Yes.

4 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Yes.

5 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay. Thank you.

6 REVIEW OF ORDINANCES

7 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We're up to
8 Ordinances. Any questions on the Ordinances?

9 MS. RODRIGUEZ: We have the First
10 Reading and Introduction of Ordinances 18-16 [sic],
11 18-34, and 18-35, and then we have the Second Reading
12 and Adoption of Ordinances 18-28 through 18-33.

13 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: I'm sure you all
14 have had time to review them. Does anyone have any
15 questions?

16 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Lara, you said
17 18-16 or 18-26?

18 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Well, the First
19 Readings are 18-26, 18-34, and 18-35. You'll notice
20 that they are out of order compared to the Second
21 Reads.

22 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Yes.

23 Could I just ask what this represents?

24 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: I'm sorry?

25 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Could I ask what

1 this broadly represents, the set aside?

2 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Which one?

3 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: 18-26.

4 So, minority business enterprise, women
5 business enterprise.

6 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: This is something
7 we've discussed prior to this.

8 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Yes.

9 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: This has been
10 brought here, and I'll let our Administrator answer
11 it a little better, but it's just that we've always
12 said we wanted to have more inclusion in the county.

13 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Right. Great
14 idea.

15 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: And this is a way
16 to bring more inclusion, and, at the same time, still
17 getting equal services.

18 If you have anything you want to add to
19 that?

20 ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NEALS: I
21 know that Gerald was very integral in reviewing the
22 statutes and putting the legislation together and the
23 whole process, so I'll give him the floor.

24 MR. REINER: Thank you, Freeholders.

25 Thank you, Julien.

1 What this ordinance is about is, it's a
2 continuation of the efforts of the county that we
3 started a couple of years ago.

4 A couple of years ago, we really
5 started reaching out to small minority-owned
6 businesses, small women-owned businesses,
7 veteran-owned businesses, to really encourage them to
8 do more with the County of Bergen.

9 But, what happened is that the County
10 Executive was looking at some of the other
11 documentation of what the other counties have done
12 and the efforts and so on like that, and he said,
13 "Can we do it here?"

14 And we said, "Yes. Absolutely. Let's
15 develop a program that works best for the County of
16 Bergen."

17 And what this does is it establishes
18 10 percent of our spend, initially, to go towards
19 those particular groups, the minority-owned
20 businesses, women-owned businesses, veteran-owned
21 businesses, so that way we can really have the teeth
22 to guarantee more work.

23 Before, we were encouraging them to
24 come to the table, but we didn't have the teeth to
25 really say these contracts or these parts of these

1 contracts are for these groups of people.

2 Additionally, we're also going to help
3 aid some of the organizations to get their first time
4 certification for things like certified small
5 business or certified minority-owned business or
6 woman-owned business.

7 Again, it's the continuing efforts of
8 the County Executive to allow us to be able to do
9 this, and we're really excited to be able to put more
10 of our spend back into our community that we
11 represent.

12 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Great. Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Are there any other
14 questions on any other ordinances?

15 At this time, before we go into Closed,
16 we have a new employee that I'm going to ask our
17 Business Administrator to introduce to everybody.

18 ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NEALS:
19 Mike, did you want to?

20 MR. BELLUCCI: Thank you, Chairman.

21 I just wanted to take a quick
22 opportunity to introduce Melissa Howard, who is our
23 new Assistant Treasurer, and as we're jumping into
24 the budget season, you'll be seeing a lot more of
25 her, so I just wanted to make a brief introduction.

1 MS. HOWARD: Hi. I'm not very tall.

2 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Well, we know that
3 feeling.

4 MR. BELLUCCI: And Melissa has a lot of
5 experience in the government. She had worked in the
6 Treasury Department in Hudson County, and we have the
7 opportunity to now work with her.

8 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Well, on behalf of
9 the Freeholder Board, I just want to say welcome
10 aboard.

11 MS. HOWARD: Thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: And our attorney
13 just recognized that, when your name was mentioned,
14 you got a little bright eyed and bushy tailed there.

15 Don't be afraid of us, we don't bite.
16 Welcome aboard.

17 MS. HOWARD: Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Anybody would like
19 to say anything?

20 Freeholder.

21 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: I just want to
22 apologize for all the phone calls and emails that
23 you're about to start getting.

24 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ADDRESSES THE FREEHOLDER BOARD

25 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Our County

1 Executive would like to address the Freeholder Board.

2 Jim.

3 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: Thank you,
4 Mr. Chairman.

5 I'd like to do three things while I'm
6 here, and I'll make them quick.

7 First of all, Ordinance No. 18-33 that
8 you have tonight, that is the ordinance that I spoke
9 to you all about from the Bergen County Special
10 Schools and Vocational District about the additional
11 buses. So, thank you, Chairman, for getting that on
12 and getting that moving. I thank the Freeholders for
13 doing that, and, Lara, thank you.

14 The other thing is, I had wanted to
15 just take a minute to give you a little update on the
16 efforts on behalf of the administration in regards to
17 looking at providing services to the various
18 departments doing work within the county and saving
19 money. And so you know, we've been very aggressive
20 with looking at trying to do work in-house and
21 bringing in professionals and folks to do some work
22 in-house in trying to reduce our cost of outside
23 spending.

24 I just wanted to share with you a
25 couple statistics just so that you have an idea of

1 how things are going.

2 So, on the electrical side, you know
3 that we've been very aggressive in trying to do a lot
4 of the electrical work in-house. We've compared
5 2013-2015 and 2016-2018, because that's when we
6 started the program, and the program wasn't in effect
7 for those two years.

8 So, for those two-year periods, we have
9 a savings of \$580,484 compared to doing it with
10 outside contractors. So a half a million dollars.
11 Now, let me be very clear that there were costs that
12 we incurred by hiring those electricians. So let's
13 bring that into play. Along with their fringes, the
14 net savings is \$156,813. So it shows you that even
15 at a loaded rate with that, we are continuing to save
16 money.

17 Let me bring you into the plumbing
18 side. Same comparison, right, 2013-2015, 2016-2018,
19 the savings on the plumbing side was \$427,798.

20 Now, we did bring in one additional
21 plumber, so we did have plumbers on staff. And with
22 that, with the new plumber and the fringes, the net
23 savings there is \$273,438.

24 So, when you look at just those two,
25 we're about 400 some odd thousand dollars in total

1 savings to our operations, and that was only up till
2 July of 2018. So that's only half the year of '18.
3 So that's not really comparing the full year to the
4 full year.

5 But I just wanted to bring that to the
6 attention of the Freeholders and let you know that,
7 you know, some of the things we do work real well,
8 some we try and we make adjustments, but, in this
9 case, this is showing that the direction that we're
10 looking at and going in is providing quality service
11 to our customers, which are the Department Heads and
12 the buildings and things like that, and saving money
13 on top of it.

14 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: It's a real
15 savings.

16 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: Yes.

17 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Freeholder Tanelli
18 would like to say something.

19 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: I just want to
20 congratulate you. The numbers are staggering. Also
21 the timing, not having to go out to bid to outside
22 companies to do the work, so having people here for a
23 much quicker response. So there's a lot of other
24 benefits than just the financial benefits of having
25 these people on staff.

1 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: Yes.

2 Is Ray here? I thought I saw Ray.

3 So, Director, thank you.

4 MR. DRESSLER: Could I say something?

5 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: You have to
6 ask the Chairman.

7 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All right. Come
8 up.

9 MR. DRESSLER: I appreciate the
10 comments. We are doing better. We're getting bigger
11 every day, so we're doing more work on a timely
12 basis, and that has been our biggest problem. As you
13 know, in the past, everything gets delayed because we
14 don't have the staff. We are now staffing at better
15 levels, and we're told we're going to get more
16 staffing, so we'll get more done.

17 But the one thing that you did forget,
18 if I could, is our plumber also does our elevator
19 work, so that's an additional savings because he's on
20 staff to do both of those jobs.

21 FREEHOLDER VOSS: That's good.

22 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: That's good.

23 MR. DRESSLER: Thank you, Chairman.

24 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

25 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: And now I'd

1 like to update the Freeholder Board on something a
2 little bit more pressing.

3 And I can do it now, right?

4 ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NEALS: We
5 can do it now in terms of the efforts and things,
6 because we've been somewhat public about those.

7 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: But you'll stop him
8 when he gets too close.

9 ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NEALS: Yes.

10 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: Thank you,
11 Mr. Chair.

12 So, you all know that we are in the
13 midst of the highest ever mosquito population and
14 mosquito activity in our history here. We have more
15 positive tested pools for mosquito larvae than ever
16 before in the history of testing. And you're also
17 aware, unfortunately, that we had two Bergen County
18 residents pass away that tested positive for West
19 Nile; didn't die from West Nile, didn't pass away
20 from West Nile, but had West Nile.

21 And with that, we became very
22 aggressive in our ability to control the mosquito
23 population. And one way you control it is by taking
24 care of the larvae, and you've seen me with the fish
25 and trying to control it with the fish and spraying.

1 Well, once the mosquitos are born and
2 they become adult mosquitos and they're active, you
3 need to take another approach at that.

4 And so, over the past few weeks, we've
5 now gone into a more aggressive activity, which is
6 spraying, and it's spaying in the areas where we have
7 had positive testing for West Nile in humans.

8 I'm sad to say that today we just
9 received another report that our numbers went up, and
10 so we're at seven as of today, and those are the
11 people that have tested positive for West Nile.

12 So we've been very aggressive in the
13 towns where we've had the positives, and we've been
14 out there spraying an adulticide, which now at
15 4:00 a.m. will make the mosquitos active, and then
16 that adulticide will then kill them. And that's so
17 that it reaches the backyards of people's houses,
18 right, because the highest concentration of mosquitos
19 today are coming from people's backyards in small
20 pools of water. And we've been very aggressive in
21 our outreach program into the municipalities. We
22 took an ad out in The Record, I held a press
23 conference where you attended, Chairman, and other
24 things to try to get people to understand and know
25 that the majority of the mosquitos that are here

1 today, the Asian tiger mosquitos, are coming from
2 backyards. And so we're even going farther now and
3 going to become much more aggressive in our public
4 outreach, because yesterday we had between 2 to
5 7 inches of rain, depending on what town you are in
6 in Bergen County. And because the temperature was
7 going to go up today, and I understand it was close
8 to 80, we now know that we will have another blossom
9 of very active mosquitos.

10 And so what I'm here to tell you today
11 is, we are actually going to expand our activity for
12 spraying even greater, because we know we're going to
13 have a higher population.

14 We've had conversations with the
15 Department of Health, the Commissioner at the
16 Department of Health, also the Assistant Commissioner
17 of the DEP to map out a strategy with them for us
18 here in Bergen County to expand our spraying, not
19 just to the towns where we've tested positive for
20 humans, but where we have tested positive pools,
21 because we know that larvae is going to produce
22 mosquitos. And so we've spoken to them. The state
23 has given us three additional trucks to be able to
24 spray with.

25 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Those turbo trucks,

1 Jim?

2 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: Yes, the
3 pickup trucks with the turbo sprayer in it you saw.

4 So, let me just backup and just let the
5 Freeholders know.

6 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Please.

7 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: So, the
8 state Department of Health a few years ago bought
9 these very high velocity sprayers. That was in
10 anticipation of not West Nile but Zika. And so every
11 county got them, but they were never needed, so we
12 never had these outbreaks.

13 Lo and behold, here we are with this
14 large West Nile outbreak. The next step after
15 spraying with backpacks and doing the larvae is this
16 aerial spraying from the trucks, where this turbo
17 sprayer drives down the middle of the road, it puts
18 out the product, and then it gets to about the height
19 of a house, and then it goes to about 100 feet on
20 each side, so it drops down behind the house. And
21 what it does is the chemical has a reaction to the
22 mosquitos where they actually come alive, because
23 they go dormant at night. And so it activates the
24 mosquitos and then takes care of them. And then by
25 the time the sun comes up, the product evaporates, it

1 breaks down through the ultraviolet rays.

2 So, for about an hour people are
3 recommended to keep their windows closed and their
4 pets inside. But we've actually used a lesser
5 concentration than what usually is used, because we
6 were even more concerned about, you know, the bees,
7 the butterflies, and all the other types of insects,
8 but, again, understanding that we have an obligation
9 to protect the health and well-being of the people.

10 So we started that a few weeks ago,
11 once the numbers started to tick up. And so now that
12 we're at our seventh confirmed case, it was
13 determined between us, the Department of Health, and
14 the DEP, that we're going to expand our spraying over
15 the next, at least few days, while we have good
16 weather. Because once it rains again, just like it
17 did, it wipes everything out and you got to start
18 over again.

19 The other thing we are doing is we're
20 actually going back and trapping more mosquitos and
21 doing more testing on a more regular basis into the
22 pools, and then getting that information down to the
23 DEP and the Health Department, because they're the
24 ones that actually confirm what's found in the larvae
25 and in the mosquitos. And it also then helps us be

1 able to plan and plot, you know, where we want to
2 spray.

3 So, I wanted to address you today
4 because the Department of Health did change our
5 results to seven today. So I'm not sure whether that
6 comes out or not from a public standpoint, but I
7 didn't want you to be surprised, and I wanted you to
8 know the efforts that are going forward with our
9 ability to control this and stay ahead of this.

10 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: So the question is,
11 the seventh case, was it in one of the towns that
12 already had a case?

13 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: No.

14 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: It's a new town?

15 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: Yes.

16 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: So has there been
17 any thought of maybe bat boxes? I know years ago in
18 New Milford and Bergenfield we had really bad
19 mosquitos, and they brought these bat boxes in where
20 the bats come and eat the mosquitos. I don't know if
21 that's even been considered.

22 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: That wasn't
23 something that was discussed with the DEP or the
24 Health Department today.

25 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Hopefully mosquito

1 season is over soon.

2 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: That's what I
3 was going to ask, at what temperature do mosquitos
4 die? What cold night do we have to be praying for?

5 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: So, the
6 mosquito population will leave when there's a first
7 frost, which they don't expect to see until
8 December 1st, but it doesn't mean that the population
9 will expand as rapidly, because the temperatures drop
10 down. So when the temperatures drop down -- and I
11 can't believe I know this much about mosquitos.

12 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: I am really
13 impressed, unfortunately.

14 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: But when the
15 temperature drops down to about 60 or below, the
16 larvae is not as active and there's not as many
17 mosquitos born.

18 So, the adult population is actually
19 going down, but the adult population was so high to
20 begin with --

21 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Right.

22 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: -- that
23 there's still a large population of adult mosquitos
24 out there.

25 So today they told me to expect another

1 large plume of mosquitos, because of the rain we just
2 took.

3 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: It's going to rain
4 tonight too.

5 When are they going to start, tomorrow?

6 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: Yes. We are
7 not spraying tonight. It will probably be tomorrow
8 and then for many days going forward.

9 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Freeholder Ganz.

10 FREEHOLDER GANZ: What do you
11 anticipate the additional budget cost to be?

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: So, that's
13 unknown, and, to be honest with you, Freeholder,
14 putting a cost on anything that we need to do in
15 regards protecting the people and their safety and
16 well-being, while I, you know, certainly understand
17 the concern about cost, and I said this to the
18 Commissioner, you know, when he said to me, "Well,
19 we'll look and see what we can do for cost," I said,
20 "There's not a discussion I'm having about cost,
21 we'll have the money," but we're going to do whatever
22 we need to do to provide the product and the manpower
23 and everything else.

24 What I didn't say is that Julien is in
25 the process of contacting the Administrator in

1 Passaic. We are requesting that we get folks from
2 Passaic to come in and help us. In trying to deal
3 with the magnitude of the area and the size of the
4 area and the amount of spraying we want to get done
5 right away, we're going to need some help.

6 So we told the state that we're going
7 to call Passaic. Julien is going to talk to Tony
8 DeNova, and then we have our Mosquito Control folks
9 speaking with their Mosquito Control folks, because
10 you understand that this can't be put down by just
11 anybody, right, you have to have a license, you have
12 to have licensed sprayers and everything to do this.
13 So, in order to keep this up every day 12 hours a
14 day, 16 hours a day, we just don't have the resources
15 to do that, so we're reaching out to our partners in
16 other counties to help us.

17 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Freeholder Ortiz.

18 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: I'm sorry.

19 David, did I answer your question?

20 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Yes. Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Freeholder Ortiz.

22 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Are there also
23 adjacent counties having similar problems?

24 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: Yes.

25 Hudson County has reached out to the

1 state to say, hey, we see this happening in Bergen,
2 you know, and so they're going to talk to the folks
3 in Hudson about what we're giving them and what we're
4 showing them.

5 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Maybe we can do
6 something together is what I'm saying.

7 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: Well, yes.
8 I mean, we need the resources, so, if anything, I'm
9 going to go to Hudson and ask Hudson to give me some
10 help.

11 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Right, that's
12 what I'm saying, we'll help each other.

13 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: As we need
14 more and more resources, we're going to continue to
15 reach out to the other places to get them.

16 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Is the state going
17 to give us any help?

18 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: So, they're
19 sending three trucks. Ray is hearing this for the
20 first time. Just an hour ago, in our conversation,
21 they're going to take three of those trucks that are
22 placed in other places in the state with the turbo
23 sprayers -- buffalo turbo?

24 ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NEALS:
25 Buffalo turbo.

1 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: They're
2 going to be setting them up. We're hoping to have
3 them either here tomorrow or within the next day or
4 so, and that's when we'll need the more resources.

5 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you, County
6 Executive, as always. Thank you for coming and
7 informing us. As I said, I'm sure everyone on the
8 board feels as I do, we're going to do what we can
9 from our end.

10 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: I just
11 wanted you to have all the information and know
12 everything. I didn't want you to be surprised.

13 Julien, if you have anything?

14 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Do you have
15 anything else on that?

16 ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NEALS: No.

17 CLOSED SESSION

18 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Can we take a
19 motion to go into Closed Session?

20 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

21 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Second?

22 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Second.

23 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We'll now go into
24 Closed Session for approximately 20 minutes, and
25 we'll return to the public session.

1 Will the attorney briefly state the
2 matter for which we will be discussing in Closed
3 Session.

4 MR. FLORIO: Thank you, Chairman.

5 We will receive updates from the Law
6 Department on pending and potential litigation
7 related to Resolutions #936, #937, #939, and #940,
8 and we'll also get an update from County Counsel
9 related to a personnel matter, potentially Public
10 Safety in nature.

11 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: May I have a motion
12 to go into Closed Session?

13 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: So moved.

14 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Second.

15 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Point of order.

16 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Point of order is
17 recognized.

18 FREEHOLDER GANZ: When will we --

19 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Never.

20 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Closed Session at
22 5:07 p.m.

23 (Closed Session commences at 5:07 p.m.)

24 (Open Session resumes at 5:29 p.m.)

25 MR. FLORIO: We're on the record,

1 Chairman.

2 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We reopened at
3 5:29 p.m.

4 We will reconvene for our Public
5 Meeting at 7:30.

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

8 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

9 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

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

13 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Motion carried. We
16 are adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

17 (Whereupon the Work Session is
18 adjourned at 5:30 p.m.)

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