

**MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 19, 2011 WORKSHOP MEETING  
HELD AT 7:00 PM  
51 WEST MAIN STREET  
FREEHOLD, NJ 07728**

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**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Mayor Michael Wilson, Councilman Michael DiBenedetto, Councilman Kevin Kane, Councilman John Newman, Councilman George Schnurr, Councilwoman Sharon Shutzer and Councilman Jaye Sims.

**Absent:** None

Also present were Business Administrator Joseph B. Bellina, Borough Attorney Kerry Higgins and Borough Clerk Traci L. DiBenedetto

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no comment from the public.

Councilman Kane offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Sims:

**RESOLUTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION.**

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Kane, Newman, Schnurr, Shutzer and Sims voted its adoption, opposed none, absent none, abstain none. Mayor Wilson declared the resolution adopted.

**3. APPOINTMENT OF GLENN ROBERTS TO CHIEF OF POLICE.**

Traci L. DiBenedetto, Borough Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to Glenn Roberts.

Chief Roberts stated the following:

“This certainly is an honor and a responsibility that I take very seriously. I would like to thank the mayor, council, Mr. Bellina and Ms. Higgins for having the confidence and faith in me to do the job. I would also like to thank the men and women, my officers and everyone that works with me. Without them, I couldn’t do the job. I would like to also thank the Chiefs of Police Association and the Chiefs that have helped guide and mentor me for the last year and a half. I would especially like to thank my wife and family for their support, patience and family sacrifice for understanding responsibilities of a police officer.

A couple of my goals are to continue to provide the best quality of public safety that I can, to increase and strengthen our relationships between the community and different communities within our community and the police department. I would like to thank everybody for coming out tonight and sharing in my moment. Thank you very much.”

Mayor Wilson thanked and congratulated Chief Roberts and his family. He stated this is well deserved and a very special honor. Chief Roberts has the utmost confidence of the entire governing body here in Freehold Borough and we truly wish you well in your job. Mayor Wilson thanked all of the Borough police officers who are here tonight.

Mayor Wilson mentioned members of the audience who were in attendance: Former Freehold Borough Police Chief Bill Burlew, Former Chief Michael Beierschmitt, Chief Pasterchick Of the Monmouth County Prosecutors Office, Kevin Sauter, Chief of the Colts Neck Police Department, Ernie Schriefer, Chief of the Freehold Township Police Department, Bruce Hall, Chief of the Marlboro Police Department, Harvey Morell, former Chief of the Howell Police Department, Dave D’Amico from the Monmouth County Prosecutors Office and Captain John Cerrato of the Monmouth County Sherriff’s Department.

Councilwoman Shutzer, Chairperson of the Personnel Committee, stated the committee was very impressed with the guidance that they think will be evident in Freehold Borough and continuing a great tradition of a wonderful police department. Councilwoman Shutzer thanked and congratulated Chief Roberts and his family because this is a family commitment to a job that is not always easy.

Councilman DiBenedetto stated there were different directions in which the town could have gone. After conducting his own research Councilman DiBenedetto is 100% behind this decision. The men and women of the police department do a great job.

Councilman Kane congratulated Chief Roth and wished him the best of luck. He has done a tremendous job as Officer in Charge and this is well deserved.

#### **4. ANNUAL MC GACKIN AWARD.**

Mayor Wilson stated there are two recipients for the years 2009 and 2010.

Councilman Kane stated the committee for the McGackin Award is made up of former award winners. The late Jack McGackin was the mayor in the beginning of the renaissance and the quote on the plaque states, “I hope they will remember I was the mayor when the renaissance of Freehold started. That would make me very happy.”

Councilman Kane stated the following criteria for the award:

- demonstrated faith in the future of Freehold Borough
- significant contribution to growth and revitalization of the Borough
- documented inspiration to others
- sincerity of purpose
- quality of performance in keeping with the plan of revitalization of the Borough
- long range impact on the future growth, development, quality of life and climate for the citizens and people of Freehold Borough

Councilman Kane stated the 2009 recipient of the award is Bill Madden.

Councilman Kane stated that this April will be Bill Maddens 60<sup>th</sup> year in the Freehold First Aid Squad. Bill is also the person who keeps the money flowing into the First Aid. Without Bill the squad would not be where they are today. Councilman Kane stated Bill has also been a member of the Freehold Borough Board of Health for 25 years.

Councilman Kane, the former McGackin Award winners and Jean McGackin Maury presented the award to Bill Madden.

Mr. Madden stated there are many members of the First Aid Squad who do an outstanding job and he is just one of them. Mr. Madden thanked his wife, Marilyn and their six children for their help and support over the years. Mr. Madden stated the squad answers over 4,000 calls a year and he and his wife have been doing the fund drive for a good number of years. This year has been one of the worst financial drives. They are about \$9,000.00 behind last year and just had to a second mailing. Mr. Madden asked everyone to support the squad and thanked the mayor, council and McGackin Award Committee for this award.

Councilman Kane stated the 2010 recipient is Judi Guy. Judi is one of those people who make things happen. She has been associated with many different committees for over 30 years. Judi was one of the original members of the Spooktacular Committee and a former chair person of the Recreation Commission. She was also co-chair of the original Olde Freehold Day and came back for the 2011 Olde Freehold Day where we set a new attendance record. Judi is the glue for the Olde Freehold Day Committee.

Councilman Kane, the former McGackin Award winners and Jean McGackin Maury presented the award to Judi Guy.

Ms. Guy thanked the McGackin Award Committee for nominating her. Ms. Guy acknowledged and thanked Dolly Kane, her parents and mayor and council for this honor.

Mayor Wilson stated the committee couldn't have picked two more well deserving recipients. Mayor Wilson congratulated both of them.

Councilman DiBenedetto thanked and congratulated both Bill Madden and Judi Guy.

Mayor Wilson thanked Jane McGackin Maury for being here this evening.

**5. ROUTINE TRANSACTIONS-SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA (See Attachment I).**

See the permanent minute book for the minutes and the resolution book for the attachments.

**6. FREEHOLD COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER. (SEE ATTACHMENT II.)**

Item Number 6 was tabled.

**7. EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
**A. PERSONNEL MATTER**  
**B. LITIGATION**  
**C. CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS**

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Kane, Newman, Schnurr and Shutzer and Sims voted its adoption, opposed none, absent none, abstain none. Mayor Wilson declared the Resolution adopted.

**8. ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business to discuss, Councilman Kane moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 PM, seconded by Councilwoman Shutzer, with All in Favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Traci L. DiBenedetto, RMC  
BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD

