

The Supplement to the Workshop Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold was held on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Municipal Building.

Roll Call

PRESENT	MAYOR MICHAEL WILSON
PRESENT	COUNCILMAN MICHAEL DI BENEDETTO
PRESENT	COUNCILMAN KEVIN KANE
PRESENT	COUNCILMAN JOHN NEWMAN
PRESENT	COUNCILMAN GEORGE SCHNURR
PRESENT	COUNCILWOMAN SHARON SHUTZER
PRESENT	COUNCILMAN JAYE SIMS

Councilwoman Shutzer offered a motion to accept the minutes from the Workshop Meeting December 21 2009; Supplement to Workshop Meeting December 21, 2009 and Special Meeting December 28, 2009, seconded by Councilman Sims.

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

Mayor Wilson read Item No. 5 on the Agenda as follows:

**“Introduction of and Authorization to Publish Ordinance #2010/1 Amending Chapter 2.60 (Board of Health) of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Freehold.”**

Councilman Kane stated this ordinance will increase the number of members on the Board of Health.

Mayor Wilson stated while preparing for the Reorganization Meeting they realized there were more volunteers for the Board of Health than the previous ordinance allowed.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold that an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE #2010/1 AMENDING CHAPTER 2.60 (BOARD OF HEALTH), OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD” be, and same is hereby approved on first reading; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk be and she is hereby authorized to publish said Ordinance in the Asbury Park Press and that same shall be further considered for final passage after public hearing at a meeting held on February 1, 2010 and that during the week of said meeting copies of the Ordinance shall be made available at the Clerk’s office to members of the general public who shall request same.

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

Mayor Wilson read Item No. 6 on the Agenda as follows:

**“Introduction of and Authorization to Publish Ordinance #2010/2 Implementing the Citizen Service Act.”**

Councilman Newman stated this ordinance would provide residents a list of all the committees. This list would include the committee, its members and the vacancies and it would be posted at Borough Hall and on-line. The list would also show the attendance of the committee members and if a member missed three meetings in a row than the committee would have the authority to remove the committee member and fill the vacancy. The ordinance also includes an application that residents would fill out to volunteer on any of the committees. The application would include: name, address, phone number, position sought and qualifications. If no position was available the Borough Clerk would keep the application on file for a period of time.

Councilman Newman offered the following ordinance, but since it was not seconded Mayor Wilson instructed the Borough Clerk to table this ordinance and have it put on the next Workshop Agenda, scheduled for Tuesday, February 16, 2010.

Councilwoman Shutzer stated she read this ordinance and saw absolutely nothing wrong with it, but the governing body does not introduce an ordinance or any other matter that they have not had time to discuss and digest. She stated this is the reason she would not second it. Councilwoman Shutzer stated that Councilman Newman has said he would not vote on certain things because he wasn't there for the discussion or he wasn't there for the background information and she agrees with that. But, by the same token, she will not vote on anything that the council has not had the chance to sit down and discuss together as a group.

Mayor Wilson read Item No. 7 on the Agenda as follows:

**“Resolution Confirming Personnel Actions:**

- a. Carol J. Biddle, Freehold Fire Department, Ninety Day Medical Leave of Absence, effective January 11, 2010.**
- b. Appointment of Patrick S. Conerty as a member of the Freehold Fire Department's Junior Firefighter Program, effective January 19, 2010.**
- c. Appointment of Victoria Krauss as a substitute school crossing guard, Freehold Police Department, effective December 29, 2009.”**

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

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING PERSONNEL ACTIONS 7A THROUGH 7C.**

Councilman Schnurr stated Patrick S. Conerty is a fine young man who was in the Little League program at Freehold Borough and will be a great catcher for Freehold High School.

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

Mayor Wilson read Item No. 8 on the Agenda as follows:

**“Resolution Approving the Following Applications:**

- a. **Raffle License #1-10, Laura Donovan School PTO, 4/22/10, 6:00 PM – 10:30 PM at the American Hotel.**
- b. **Raffle License #2-10, Laura Donovan School PTO, 4/22/10, 6:00 PM – 10:30 PM at the American Hotel.**
- c. **Raffle License #3-10, Park Avenue Elementary PTO, 2/20/10, 6:30 PM – 10:00 PM at the Park Avenue School.**
- d. **Massage Establishment License, JMK Holistic Therapies, 90 W. Main Street.**
- e. **Massage Therapist License, Joann Kostyk, 90 W. Main Street.**
- f. **Massage Therapist License, Karen Chrystal, 90 W. Main Street.**
- g. **Precious Metals License, Freehold Jewelers, 33 W. Main Street.**
- h. **Jukebox License, American Legion Post 54, 62 W. Main Street.**
- i. **Amusement Game Machine License, American Legion Post 54, 62 W. Main St.**
- j. **Temporary Taxi Driver License, Evelio Morales, Freehold.**
- k. **Temporary Taxi Driver License, Petra G. DeMelendez, Freehold.**
- l. **Temporary Taxi Driver License, Angel Cruz-Cruz, Englishtown.**
- m. **Temporary Taxi Driver License, Juan Ramirez-Rojas, Jamesburg.**
- n. **Temporary Taxi Driver License, Rocco D’Alessandro, Manalapan.**
- o. **Temporary Taxi Driver License, Bonifacio Rodriguez, Lakewood.**
- p. **Temporary Taxi Driver License, Paula Soto-Lopez, Jackson.**
- q. **Temporary Taxi Driver License, Juan Gonzalez, Freehold.**
- r. **Temporary Taxi Driver License, Armando Rodriguez-Castillo, Freehold.**
- s. **Temporary Taxi Driver License, Jose A. Caldera-Acosta, Freehold**
- t. **Temporary Taxi Driver License, Maxima Phillips, Freehold.**
- u. **Temporary Taxi Driver License, Vicenta Pantoja, Freehold.**
- v. **Temporary Taxi Driver License, Eva Nami, Freehold.**
- w. **Temporary Taxi Driver License, Marcos Pelaez, Freehold.**
- x. **Temporary Taxi Driver License, Luis A. Picado, Howell.**
- y. **Temporary Taxi Driver License, Glenn Wolfson, Freehold.**
- z. **Temporary Taxi Driver License, Felipe Alanya, Howell.**
- aa. **Temporary Taxi Driver License, Nancy Alanya, Howell.**
- bb. **Temporary Taxi Driver License, Keith Berman, Manalapan.**
- cc. **Temporary Taxi Driver License, Bernabe Pantoja, Howell.**
- dd. **Temporary Taxi Driver License, Carmen Cuevas, Freehold.**
- ee. **Temporary Taxi Driver License, Michael Nwachukwu, Freehold.**
- ff. **Permanent Taxi Driver License, Miguel A. Lopez, Freehold.**
- gg. **Permanent Taxi Driver License, Erick Galvan, Freehold.**
- hh. **Permanent Taxi Driver License, Ayhan Taskin, Freehold.”**

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

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING PERSONNEL ACTION ITEM NO. 8A AND 8HH.**

Councilman Newman stated he knows the Borough just passed an amended taxi ordinance and a lot of these applications are for temporary taxi driver licenses and he asked if these applicants have gone through all of the new requirements stated in the ordinance.

Ms. Higgins stated these applicants have gone through the basic approvals but the criminal history takes a while to come back, so the Borough policy is to issue them a temporary taxi driver's license so that if the criminal history comes back and there is an issue the license is only a temporary. She stated a permanent taxi driver's license will be issued within 60 days if all of the background checks come back satisfactory.

Councilman Schnurr stated before a permanent taxi driver's license can be issued, the applicant must show proof of a defensive driving course taken within the last 2 years and they have to pass the new Freehold Borough test.

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

Mayor Wilson read Item No. 9 on the Agenda as follows:

**“Approval of Bills.”**

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold that the bills on the attached list in the amount of \$1,907,642.71 be paid as presented.

Councilman Newman questioned the water/sewer operating bill. He asked why there was an insurance payment on that.

Mr. Bellina stated the insurance payment comes from the general operating budget and the water/sewer side. It is categorized by where the employees and retirees worked.

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

Mayor Wilson asked the council for their comments.

Councilman DiBenedetto thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Councilman Kane stated the Neighborhood Pride Committee met on Tuesday, January 12, 2010, with Mark Davis from World Changers. He stated World Changers will be back in town the week of July 12, 2010 through July 16, 2010. He stated a few things happened over the past couple of days that just emphasizes what a great town we live in. This past Saturday, the Freehold Fire Department and the American Legion had a spaghetti dinner fundraiser for Billy Anderson and helped raise over \$20,000.00. Also, last night the Clergy Association got together at the Bethel A.M.E. Church and celebrated Martin Luther King day.

Councilman Sims thanked everyone for coming out tonight. He stated the committees that he is the liaison to are in the process of re-organizing for the beginning of the year. He attended both events that Councilman Kane explained and was so proud of the residents of Freehold Borough. He wished Billy Anderson the best of luck. He stated the Clergy Association did a terrific job on the Martin Luther King program.

Councilwoman Shutzer thanked everyone for the support that has been shown to her family and to her.

Councilman Newman stated he attended the spaghetti fundraiser and was blown away by the generosity of the residents of Freehold Borough. He also thanked the Borough for updating the website and posting the agendas and ordinances. He stated it would be nice to see the committee agendas and the email blasts on the web-site. He stated in reference to the bicycle ordinance and the history of Freehold Borough he did a little research and found in the 1890's Freehold Borough had one of the most famous bicyclists in the world living in Freehold. There were several bike manufacturers in town. Freehold Borough was also quoted as being the "Bicycle Capital of the World." If you flash-forward to today we have an internationally known bicycle museum. We are also a part of the Henry Hudson Trail. He stated he would encourage council to make Freehold Borough more bicycle friendly and bicycle racks placed throughout the town is one way to do that. He stated there was a NJDOT study that the Borough might be available that would take on the issue of not just bicycle rack placement but also safe passages to schools, commuting and pedestrian walking.

Councilman Newman stated that Senator Beck and our other legislators from this district are holding an effort for Haiti. The supplies that are being requested are toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, eye drops, baby wipes, powder, baby formula, mouthwash, deodorant, shampoo, combs, hand towels and over the counter first aid and medicines. The event is scheduled for Saturday, January 23, 2010 from 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM at the Hall of Records.

Councilman Schnurr stated that the committees he served on were just getting underway. The first Memorial Day Parade Committee meeting for this year will be tomorrow, Wednesday, January 20, 2010 and the first Shade Tree Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 21, 2010. On Thursday there is a Memorial Day Parade fundraiser at The Cabin Restaurant. The Reorganization Meeting for the Planning Board will be on Wednesday, January 27, 2010.

Councilman Schnurr stated the following: "Yesterday was Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday and he once said that human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable and we have to work at it everyday. I believe we on the council have a special obligation to promote racial harmony when we have the opportunity to do so. I also think we need to confront situations when they come up and that is one of the things that I plan on doing tonight. Yesterday afternoon, Freehold Racetrack held a commemorative race featuring a field of 8 African American drivers. This race had drivers from New York, New Jersey and Delaware. It was called the Inaugural Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Pace at Freehold Raceway. The racetrack was approached by African American jockeys who came up with the idea in the first place.

Now if you're a Church you have prayer services, readings and gospel singing like we had at Bethel AME Church last night which Jaye, Kevin and I attended. If you are a racetrack, your options are limited to the things that you do best and it seems to me that if you are an African American than you should decide exactly how you want to honor Dr. King's birthday. Other folks, unfortunately, see things a little differently. There is a syndicated columnist who is the editor of a Monmouth County Republican blog called "Monmouth Musings". In response to

the race that I just talked about, he said, “How does having a segregated horse race honor King or his dream?” Not to be outdone, our local Freehold Borough Republican Chairman also chimed in as well. The comments are really a sad example of how some people can take a nice event and make it something that it isn’t. The racetrack is honoring a man with a commemorative race and here comes a spin to make it something disrespectful.

Now mind you, next month we are going to have Presidents Day weekend. Sears is going to have appliances that are 20% off, the mall will have clothes on discounts and TV’s will be on sale at Best Buy, but you won’t hear any complaining by these folks about that holiday. Can you imagine them saying, “If George Washington was alive he wouldn’t approve.” I can’t imagine that at all.

As I said before it seems to me if you are an African American than you should decide exactly how you would want to honor Dr. King’s birthday and the last place you would want to take any advice is from the far right of the Republican party. One of the reasons why I bring this up is that I thought with the election of Barack Obama as our President, the issue of race would be behind us, BOY WAS I WRONG.”

The supplemental portion of the agenda was adjourned at 8.00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

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