

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2017
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bruce Bergen presided and called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Vice Chairman Sergio Granados, Freeholder Linda Carter, Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh, Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder Alexander Mirabella and Freeholder Vernell Wright were in attendance, with Freeholder Christopher Hudak absent.

Also present were County Manager Alfred Faella, County Counsel Robert E. Barry, Esq. and Clerk of the Board James Pelletiere.

PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The Prayer and Salute to the Flag were led by the Clerk of the Board.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

The statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read by the Clerk of the Board.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

Chairman Bergen called for a motion to approve the Communications. On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Jalloh, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Christopher Hudak absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting is open to the public for the purpose of commenting on Resolutions being offered for adoption only.

Chairman Bergen advised the public that due to the large crowd; in anticipate of the vote on Resolution Number 2017-412 pertaining to Mountain Biking in Union County Trails. He advised that in order to ensure that the Freeholders have every possibility to hear the opinions of everyone in attendance, the time allotted for public comment on resolutions were reduced to 3 minutes per speaker as allowed by the Board's bylaws. Chairman Bergen advised the public of the proper procedures and parameters for public comment. He thanked them in advance for their cooperation.

John Bury, of Kenilworth, made comments or inquires relative to a number of resolutions. Relative to resolution number 2017-381; he questioned what was planned for the Lenape Park Trap and Skeet Park. Relative to resolution number 2017-384; he questioned the contractor's location of Sparta for snow removal services. Relative to resolution number 2017-412; he questioned why a resolution is even required.

Relative to resolution number 2017-381, County Manager Faella advised that the redevelopment of the Park will be for passive recreation.

Relative to resolution number 2017-384, Director Yuska advised that the resolution actually rescinds the awarding resolution. He advised that the services are to supplement the County's internal efforts. He also advised that the County has not used the supplemental contract over the past three years.

Bruce Patterson, of Garwood, made comments or inquires relative to a number of resolutions. Relative to resolution number 2017-381; he questioned whose idea that the County is supporting. Relative to resolution number 2017-382; he made comments relative to political donations. Relative to resolution number 2017-383; he questioned the cost and inquired as to what the plan will be used for. Relative to resolution number 2017-399; he questioned if Freeholder Mirabella will be voting or abstaining. Relative to resolution number 2017-405; he questioned if the contract is a negotiated contract. Relative to resolution numbers 2017-406 & 2017-407; he questioned why the County requires 100% match, when these grants the County receives require only a 25% match. Relative to resolution number 2017-411; he made comments relative to the funding of the grants from the sale of Runnells Specialized Hospital.

Relative to resolution number 2017-381, Director Graziano advised that the County is required to submit a plan in order to receive HDRF funding.

Relative to resolution number 2017-405, County Manager Faella advised that speaker was correct; the contract was out to bid a number of times and wound up being a negotiated contract.

Relative to resolution number 2017-383, Union County Improvement Authority Executive Director Daniel P. Sullivan advised this is a follow up to the Space Utilization Study's recommendations; advising that the funds will be used to hire professionals to review the county's leases. He clarified that zero percent of the funds will go to the UCIA.

Maria Echavarria, of Elizabeth, made comments or inquires relative to a number of resolutions. Relative to resolution number 2017-382; she questioned the cost of the contract. Relative to resolution number 2017-388; she questioned what the codes (state statutes) meant. Relative to resolution number 2017-389; she questioned why there were so many numbers. Relative to resolution numbers 2017-392 and 2017-393; she questioned why the need for multiple resolutions. Relative to resolution number 2017-402; she questioned the amount of the contract and what the codes meant. Relative to resolution numbers 2017-406 and 2017-407, she questioned why there were more resolutions for "victims" and asked what their purposes were.

Relative to resolution number 2017-388, Director Guzzo advised that the County has a requirement to provide services for children with special needs. He advised the County does

not operate a hospital, which is the reason for the need for this resolution. He advised that last year 1,733 children were provided with assistance from this budget.

Chairman Bergen advised that Freeholder Hudak joined the meeting.

Relative to resolution number 2017-389, Director Guzzo advised that prior to this year, the funds were combined between the Jail and the Juvenile Detention Center health contracts. He advised that this year the County decided to split the contracts; noting that this resolution is for the Juvenile Detention Center only, adding that it represents approximately 15% of the total contract.

Relative to resolution numbers 2017-392 and 2017-393, Chairman Bergen advised that these are resolutions accepting grant funds into the County Budget. He advised that resolution numbers 2017-406 and 2017-407 authorize the County to apply for and accept grants for similar purposes.

Chairman Bergen opened the meeting to the public to those who wished to speak on resolution number 2017-412, noting that anyone can speak on any other resolutions as well.

Chairman Bergen offered a professional courtesy to Summit Mayor Nora Radest to speak first on resolution number 2017-412.

Mayor Nora Radest, of Summit, made comments on, and quoted, the bike trails master plan. She stated her disappointment that an engineering study was not undertaken. She made comments relative to the proximity of trails to homeowners near the proposed trails. She asked the Board not to vote on the resolution until more studies were completed.

Council President Michael McTernan, of Summit, made comments relative to the need for interest groups need to speak to each other, and not simply to the Board. He urged the Board to work on a compromise between the two primary interests.

Andrew Stilletson, of Westfield, made comments in support of the bike trails; noting that the Board previously, and unanimously, voted in favor of the master plan which included bike trials. He cautioned the Board to being swayed by opponents' (alleged) mistruths, and spoke to the benefits of mountain biking and the Union County Mountain Biking community.

Leonard Berkowitz, of Berkeley Heights, made comments in opposition of the bike trials in Watchung Reservation; noting that the parkland is designated as a reservation, not to be used for active recreation. He urged the Board to preserve the reservation.

Keith Lamb, of Springfield, made comments in support of the bike trials in Watchung Reservation; advising that he is a trial runner and feels the trails are underutilized.

(inaudible) Spevack, of Scotch Plains, made comments in opposition to the bike trails at Watchung Reservation. He advised the Board that he was the chief plastic surgeon at Rahway Hospital, and spoke to the number of serious injuries caused by mountain biking. He referred the Board to the correspondence he previously emailed the Board.

Mike David, of Westfield, made comments in opposition to the bike trails at Watchung Reservation. He advised that he sent an email to the Board and hadn't heard back from the Board. He read the email aloud.

Chairman Bergen advised the Board has been overwhelmed with emails, making it difficult to respond to each one. He advised that the Board has been in receipt of many and does read them.

Charles Weltner, of Plainfield, made comments in opposition to the bike trails at Watchung Reservation. He advised that he was speaking on behalf of the "Save Watchung Reservation". He advised the Board of their concerns relative to potential serious injuries as stated by Dr. Spevack, lawsuits, damage to ecology. He commented that the Reservation is a preserve, not an active park.

Troy Doll, of Mountainside, made comments in support of the bike trails at Watchung Reservation. He made comments relative to the dangers of road biking; noting an incident he was involved in on Friday. He alleged a ban on mountain biking is discriminatory. He stated he was in favor of a shared trail.

David Burd, of Elizabeth, made comments in opposition of the bike trails at Watchung Reservation. He stated that he agreed that engineering studies should be done, but feels that a compromise may be possible; potentially find another location.

Brian Celado, of Fanwood, made comments in support of the bike trails at Watchung Reservation. He stated those that opposed the bike trails, do so on fabricated truths. He stated that the Board that road biking is more dangerous than mountain biking; adding that the UC Mountain Bikers are not extreme downhill mountain bikers.

Jeff Robins, of Plainfield, made comments in support of the bike trails at Watchung Reservation. He advised that he has been injured while road biking a number of times, but never has been injured while mountain biking.

Mathew Schweber, of Cranford, made comments in support of the bike trails at Watchung Reservation. He stated the Board should not vote on a resolution to enforce a ban of an activity whose origin is unclear. He cautioned the Board of misconceptions relative to mountain biking and mountain bikers.

Mayor Paul Mirabelli, of Mountainside, made comments in opposition of the bike trails at Watchung Reservation. He stated his concerns relative to the size of the trails and of their location in proximity to homeowners' properties. He added his concerns relative to potential impact on local police and traffic. He encouraged the Board to seek more information and seek a compromise between the bikers and trail naturalists.

Stacey Sacks, of Summit, made comments relative to the bike trails at Watchung Reservation. She stated the need for a full environmental and engineering study, and based on those findings she would form her opinion. However, she advised the Board of her opposition to the trails near the area near Interstate-78, and spoke on the petition signed by 75 Summit residents.

Erik Larnick, of Scotch Plains, made comments relative to the bike trails at Watchung Reservation. He stated that an environmental study needs to be conducted. He spoke of a desire for more transparency with this process, and urged the Board to preserve the last standing Nature Preserve of the Watchung Reservation.

Jeff Freeman, of Rahway, made comments in opposition of the bike trails at Watchung Reservation. He made comments relative to the need to uphold the intent of the Olmstead principles.

Matt Vamvackus (inaudible), of Summit, made comments in opposition of the bike trails at Watchung Reservation (as proposed). He noted his property is on the boarder of the trails. He noted the valid concerns of environmentalists, homeowners and municipal officials. He noted conversations with Jamie Meiselman and the opportunity for compromise.

Robert Bresalier, of New Providence, made comments in support of bike trails at Watchung Reservation. He noted he was a hiker and a biker. He spoke on his observations of walking the trails.

Linda Condrillo, of Mountainside, made comments in opposition of bike trails at Watchung Reservation. She noted the East Coast Greenway is conducive for individuals to safely ride their bikes. She spoke to the need to preserve one of the last remaining natural spaces in Union County.

(inaudible), of Roselle Park, made comments in opposition to the bike trails at Watchung Reservation. He stressed the need to preserve the land as a reservation and not an active park.

Rob Penn, of Westfield, made comments in support of the bike trails at Watchung Reservation. He noted the Board should be increasing the opportunities of usage of the Reservation.

Mary Housel, of New Providence, made comments relative to the trails at Watchung Reservation. She urged the Board to seek a compromise; adding that she is not opposed to mountain biking. She spoke of the need to add signage for "dog leashes"; which is more dangerous than mountain biking. She spoke of the need to better maintain the current trails.

Nancy Piowar, of Plainfield, made comments in opposition of the trails at the Watchung Reservation; stressing the historic nature of the reservation.

Chris Brawley, of Cranford, a co-JORBA leader for Union County, made comments in support of the bike trails at Watchung Reservation. He stated that multi-use trails do work.

Thomas Dunn, of Cranford, made comments in support of bike trails at Watchung Reservation. He stated that other reservations do allow for mountain biking. He questioned how ice hockey, hunting and other such recreational sports can be allowed in the parks system but mountain biking can't be considered. He stated that the current ordinance is outdated. He stated that there were no major incidents when bikers thought biking was permitted.

Mike Dardia, of Westfield, offered to complete sentiments of Chris Brawley and Greg Murray; in support of bike trails at Watchung Reservation. He stated that rouge trails, while do arise, are not an endemic problem; noting that JORBA members do not condone such trials and report them when discovered.

Ann DeCamp, of Scotch Plains, made comments in opposition of bike trails at Watchung Reservation. She added her opposition stems from the fact that they are new trails; adding that the Reservation should be preserved. She spoke to her experiences of assisting injured mountain bikers.

Jamie Meiselman, of Westfield, made comments in support of bike trails at Watchung Reservation. He urged the Board to welcome a passionate user group (JORBA) to the Reservation. He urged the Board to vote in the best interest in Union County, and reiterated a number of benefits of mountain biking.

Tom Mana, of Mountainside, thanked Chairman Bergen for bringing decency to the proceedings over the last three months. He made comments in opposition to bike trails at Watchung Reservation. He made comments relative to Mr. Gluck's 2013 report to the Board; quoting that "Watchung Reservation is fulfilling its purpose". He noted that he needs to travel to skeet shoot, and sees no reason as to why bikers shouldn't have to travel to participate in their preferred sport.

Dan Riesen, of Summit, made comments in opposition of bike trails at Watchung Reservation. He reflected on the land bridge for the wildlife (over Route 78) as an important action as stewards of the reservation, and urged the current Board to remain good stewards of the reservation.

Dan Russo, of Westfield, made comments in support of bike trails at Watchung Reservation. He stated that the trails should be designed to meet the diverse needs of Union County; adding that it is discriminatory to exclude a significant tax paying user population. He added that mountain biking is a growing sport.

Tom Docelone (inaudible), of Westfield, made comments in support of bike trails at Watchung Reservation. He stated that he no longer road bikes as two of his friends have been hit by automobiles while biking. He stated the closest mountain bike trail is 28 miles away (Chimney Rock, Somerset County). He noted that those that have the economic resources to ride horses at an indoor rink can use the trails that mountain bikers cannot. He stated that the trails are underutilized.

Peter Kachinski, of Mountainside, made comments in support of bike trails at Watchung Reservation. He noted the many benefits of bicycles, and the dangers of road biking and dangers of multi-ton automobiles. He read from a letter.

Veronica Bonnet, of Summit, made comments in opposition of bike trails at Watchung Reservation. She noted that her property abuts the reservation. She spoke of her concerns of further denigration of the natural trails. She added the County needs to better maintain its current trails, rather than build new trails.

Scott Aruta, of Clark, made comments in opposition of bike trails at Watchung Reservation. He noted he is a board member of the Friends of Rahway River Parkway, and advocated on

the Olmstead legacy; noting that in 3 years the County will be celebrating 100 years of the park system.

Freeholder Estrada left the meeting.

Gloria Rodriguez, of Scotch Plains, made comments in opposition of bike trails at Watchung Reservation. She noted that she is a personal injury lawyer and spoke on the various injuries sustained by those who mountain bike. She noted that mountain biking is categorized as an extreme sport. She read a number of lawsuit awards/settlements for severe injuries from mountain biking accidents on trails.

Freeholder Estrada returned to the meeting.

Dan Armstein, of Madison, made comments in support of bike trails at Watchung Reservation. He spoke to the positive interaction between bikers and hikers at Lewis Morris and Allamuchy trails. He spoke of the benefits of a composite mountain bike team, where he is a coach (for youth).

Eric Moberg, of Summit, made comments in support of bike trails at Watchung Reservation. He stated that the tone of those in opposition is greatly exaggerated; insinuating that the injuries aren't as bad, and bikers and hikers get along.

Michael Sullivan, of Allentown, made comments in support of bike trails at Watchung Reservation. He noted that he is the VP of Jersey Off-road Bike Association and trails leader for JORBA. He spoke to the mental benefits of the mountain biking experience; that it is more than just exercise.

Doug Loffvedo, of Westfield, made comments in support of bike trails at Watchung Reservation; with the caveat that the trails be separate from hiking trails.

Ken Seebeck, of Mays Landing, made comments in support of bike trails at Watchung Reservation. He noted that he is the Executive Director of JORBA. He spoke on his experience working with the County and the Parks Department leading to this point. He spoke on National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA); with 240 kids signed up.

Suzanne Streeta, of Mountainside, made comments in opposition of bike trails at Watchung Reservation. She noted her property borders the reservation. She noted her concern that neither an extensive environmental study nor traffic study was completed. She voiced her concern as to whether or not there would be bike races on the trails. She read from JORBA's waiver of liability requirement (as it relates to potential severe injuries).

Stacey Barbosa, of Mountainside, made comments in support of bike trails at Watchung Reservation. She noted injuries happen, but that those who oppose the bike trails are blowing them out of proportion. She urged the Board to seek a compromise.

Freeholder Kowalski left the meeting.

Mary Beth Gary, of Springfield, made comments in opposition of bike trails at Watchung Reservation. She noted the importance of preserving the natural habitat and serenity of the reservation. She spoke of illegal night-time biking that has gone on in the trails.

Freeholder Kowalski returned to the meeting.

Ian Gallagher, of Metuchen, made comments in support of bike trails at Watchung Reservation. He completed reading from written comments from a previous speaker (Peter Kachinski) relating to the dangers of automobiles.

Barbara Kraus, of Cranford, made comments in opposition of bike trails at Watchung Reservation. She reiterated her original questions: Why must it be in Watchung Reservation and Why 13 miles?

(Inaudible) Moriak, of Mountainside, made comments in support of bike trails at Watchung Reservation. He noted he lives ¼ mile from the Reservation. He stated that there is no empirical data that proves environmental destruction from mountain biking.

(inaudible) Holmstader, of Cranford, made comments in opposition of bike trails at Watchung Reservations. She stated that she had to wait downstairs because the room was full and noted the many fliers and brochures on display regarding the wildlife, habitat and history of the Reservation and the Deserted Village. She urged the Board to preserve the reservation.

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

Chairman Bergen asked for a motion to Suspend the Rules to allow Freeholders to comment on Resolution Number 2017-412 prior to taking a vote. On a motion by Freeholder Kowalski, and seconded by Vice Chairman Granados, roll call showed nine (9) Freeholders voting in the affirmative.

Freeholder Hudak noted his appreciation for all who participated and expressed their opinions and concerns relative to the mountain biking issue. He stated that his position has been, and continues to be, that the Reservation is large enough to include everyone; which may include mountain bikes. He stated that perhaps a compromise could include the reduction from 13 miles and for the trails to be separate from each other (safety). He noted that mountain biking is an activity that appeals to a significant number of residents. He stated that he believed if there was a will to move forward, a plan can be put into place for a reasonable and safe access for hikers, equestrian riders and mountain bike riders. He noted that the criticism from some relative to a lack of dialogue is fair. He stated that he felt the resolution is arbitrary, and will be voting in opposition of the resolution.

Freeholder Jalloh thanked everyone for their participation and expression of their opinions over the past number of weeks. He noted that he appreciated everyone's knowledge in mountain biking and the environment, and thanked them for bringing forward their viewpoints. He noted that he would have preferred an independent study done by professionals with experience in the matter. He noted that he is hopeful for a compromise. He noted that without the independent study, he would not be able to make an informed decision at this time.

Freeholder Wright thanked everyone for participating and sharing their passionate opinions.

Freeholder Kowalski, thanked everyone for their participation and for offering their opinions on the matter. She noted that the reservation is environmentally precarious; and noted her concerns with the ecology of the region, the safety of the residents and the Board's ability to protect the area referred to as the "lungs of Union County". She noted that just last week children were before the Board discussing the importance of nature and trees (Poetry Contest). She indicated that she was planning to support resolution number 2017-412.

Freeholder Carter thanked everyone for coming out to participate and voice their concerns. She noted that it's clear to see the passion on both sides of the issue. She advised that the Board hears all the concerns and appreciates those that speak of a compromise. She noted that in order to move forward, sometimes it is necessary to take a step backward. She recognized that the County needs to invest funds wisely into the parks system, and more specifically the trails at Watchung Reservation.

Freeholder Estrada thanked everyone for coming out for the last couple of months. He noted his intention to vote in opposition of resolution number 2017-412. He made comments relative to the Olmstead designs, and their intention to bring people together, to be inclusive of all, to enjoy life. He noted that he believes this is a new beginning, not an end, of the issue. He advised that he is in agreement with his colleague in his desire for an independent study.

Freeholder Mirabella stated that he appreciates everyone who came out to participate in the meetings over the past several months; noting that the Board has learned a lot. He thanked Director Zuber and his staff for his efforts to assist with this matter. He noted that his informal poll showed twenty-four in support and twenty-two in opposition; adding that previous meetings could have been the opposite, but very similar. He also noted that his emails have also registered a similar evenly split opinions. He added that he hoped everyone feels that their voices have been heard. He reflected on similar issue number years ago, pertaining to Skate Board Park in Esposito Park. He noted his original concerns of injuries, but that he took a chance on the project. He stated his belief that everyone should be able to share the Reservation and believes he dedicated himself in 2016 (resolution) in finding a way to include mountain biking in the Watchung Reservation, and intended to vote in opposition of the resolution.

Vice Chairman Granados thanked everyone for speaking, both for and against the project. He stated his opinion that the County needs to look at an environmental study. He noted that this issue has been put on agendas and have been taken off agendas, and that there was nothing stating that this issue couldn't be reconsidered down the road after additional information is provided. He stated that the County needs to ensure that the current trails are taken care of and maintained.

Chairman Bergen thanked all the speakers for their input, and thanked everyone for following the procedures set forth for the evenings public comment portion. He noted each Freeholder has thought extensively on the matter and has come to his/her own decision. He stated that his own opinion had evolved over time, as he had listened to the arguments and opinions expressed to the Board at the two public meetings and the hundreds of emails; adding that he had done his own research as well. He noted his belief that everyone in the room wants what is best for the reservation, and has been acting in good faith. He noted that he had seen extreme comments that clearly were not correct by both sides of the issues and offered examples of both.

Chairman Bergen offered a review of a timeline of the Board's consideration relative to mountain biking at Watchung Reservation; noting that on February 18, 2016 the Freeholder Board adopted resolution number 2016-166 (Watchung Reservation Trails Master Plan) as prepared by CME Engineers. He advised that the Master Plan authorized the County to review, and if appropriate, reinstate mountain biking as a legal activity within the reservation. He advised that the plan as adopted (and as it officially stands) provided for 7.46 miles of dual usage trails. He advised that the Master Plan did not (as claimed by some) closely study or make recommendations of the environmental impact of the plan. He added that after further review, the Board (and staff) determined as a policy matter that the Freeholders did not approve of dual use trails, and an alternate plan of additional trails for mountain biking was requested. He noted that while CME Engineers were drafting the revision JORBA, on behalf of the mountain bikers, requested the length of the trails be approximately twice as long as originally proposed. Chairman Bergen advised that on December 1, 2016 a new map providing single use trails in the approximate length of 14 miles. As a result of further review of the Master Plan, it became evident that approving mountain biking in the reservation would not be a prudent thing to do. He added that the December 1, 2016 map has never been voted on or adopted by the Board.

Chairman Bergen advised that liability, cost, nearby residents' objections and the name "reservation" were not reasons for his decision; noting while all valid concerns, appropriate solutions were available. He advised his main reason for his opposition is his conviction that increased use will exacerbate the existing problems. He noted that the Master Plan has made clear that the County are not doing enough to maintain the trails that already exist; and that the County must now concentrate its efforts on maintenance, repair and decommission existing trails where appropriate. He offered a quantifiable review of seven New Jersey parks relative to the miles of trails as compared to Watchung Reservation; which supported his viewpoint. He advised that environmental concerns added to his decision; noting that he reviewed scientific evidence provided to the Board. He admitted that it was certainly possible that he reached the wrong conclusion on this issue, but noted that the downside of being right and proceeding with the plan nonetheless, is a risk he was not willing to take. He added that he had concerns with the width of dual trails. He noted his concerns on viewing various websites relative to Strava and its competitions in the Watchung Reservation; noting two rides (one of which was performed by a speaker at the night's meeting) which showcase the extreme riding (aside from the fact that they should not have been riding in the reservation in the first place); with one instance of an average speed of 7.8 miles per hour and a maximum speed of 24.8 miles per hour (February 24, 2015 log), and another with an average speed of 8.5 miles per hour and a maximum 21.9 miles per hour. (October 21, 2015 log). He finished by stating that he does not disagree with the mountain bikers that Union County should offer as many diverse recreational opportunities to residents, but it doesn't mean we must provide for any and all sports without looking at the whole picture. He added that he is not categorically opposed to mountain biking, but that he is opposed to allowing it in the Watchung Reservation; adding that he wasn't opposed to allowing mountain biking in other areas of the County's park system or looking into this issue in the future.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

- 2017-379 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Concurring with the Borough of New Providence to install Pedestrian Crossings with the required ADA ramps at Salt Brook Road and Springfield Avenue and at Oldwood Drive and South Street.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-380 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to submit a grant application, on behalf of the County of Union, and if awarded, to enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) and the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA) for a Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (HDSRF) grant for reimbursement of LSRP Costs and Remediation Costs associated with the Lenape Park Trap and Skeet Property. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2011-029)

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-381 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Supporting the Redevelopment of the former property known as the "Lenape Park Trap and Skeet". (Union County Engineering Project Number 2011-029)

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-382 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2016-580, a Professional Engineering Service Contract with CME Associates of Monmouth Junction, New Jersey for the provision of Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) services related to the former Lenape Park Trap and Skeet facility located in Cranford, New Jersey, to provide additional Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) Services in an amount not to exceed \$97,250.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$585,521.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2011-029)

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-383 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Union County Improvement Authority for Implementation of a Strategic Plan for the Union County Space Study in an amount not to exceed \$350,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-384 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution requesting the rescinding the award of the bid, Resoluiton #2016-993 snow removal services, to Elite Demolition LLC, 120 Springbrook Trail, Sparta, NJ 07871 for failure to meet Union County's contracting requirements.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-385 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution concurring with the Township of Springfield to close Mountain Avenue from the intersection of Shunpike Road to North Trivett Avenue and Shunpike Road from the intersection of South Springfield Avenue to the intersection of Mountain Avenue on Monday May 29, 2017 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-386 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution ratifying permission given to the City of Plainfield to close County Roads, Park Avenue and East 7th Street for the New Jersey State Bicycle Championship-Criterium Race which was held on Sunday, May 6, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-387 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a 24-month contract with Safeguard Document Shredding, 800 Rike Drive, Millstone, NJ for Mobile Paper Shredding Services for the provision of shredding services at all scheduled Union County Mobile Paper Shredding Events at a fee of \$145/hr for a contract period of May 2017 to April 2019 for an annual contract not to exceed \$26,000 and total contract not to exceed \$52,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-388 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Children's Specialized Hospital, Mountainside, New Jersey, for the provision of the Special Child Case Management and Early Intervention Program, for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 in the amount not to exceed \$50,000; funds represent the match as stipulated by State Statute (Title 9:13-7 and 8) requiring the County to match the Special Child Case Management and Early Intervention grant from NJ Department of Health and Senior Services.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-389 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2015-647, awarding a contract to CFG Health Systems LLC, Marlton, New Jersey, to reflect the following changes to the Juvenile Detention Center portion of the agreement for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019 in the total amount not to exceed \$2,537,973 to be allocated as specified: \$845,991 7-01-27-794-090-389; \$845,991 8-01-27-794-090-389; and \$845,991 9-01-27-794-090-389; and with corresponding reduction in amounts charged to the Union County Jail.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-390 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Appraisal Associates, Inc. Cranford, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing appraisal services for the Department of Finance to appraise the Albender Building located at 1141-1145 East Jersey Street, Elizabeth, NJ.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-391 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution Modifying the 2017 Union County Adopted Budget in the Amount of \$30,430.02 as a Result of Notification Received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a Program Entitled: Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant Program.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-392 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution Modifying the 2017 Union County Adopted Budget in the Amount of \$400,000 as a Result of Notification Received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a Program Entitled: Victim Witness Advocacy-VOCA Supplemental Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-393 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution Modifying the 2017 Union County Adopted Budget in the Amount of \$382,391 as a Result of Notification Received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a Program Entitled: Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Assistance Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-394 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the City of Rahway's various cultural and educational events inclusive of: the Health & Wellness Expo (June 17), Big Thursday Night's on the Plaza (July 6-August 31), Independence Day Fireworks (July 3), Foodstock (August 31), Community Day (September 23), Culture Crawl (September 23), Halloween in Rahway (October 28), and Winter Wonderland (November 4) in the amount not to exceed \$10,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-395 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the Elizabeth Garden Club's Wreaths Across America to be held on December 16, 2017 in the amount of \$1,500.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-396 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the Borough of New Providence's Winter Christmas Walk celebration to be held on November 11, 2017 in the amount of \$3,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-397 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the New Outlook Pioneers' Summer Concert to be held on August 9, 2017 in the amount of \$4,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-398 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the Peruvian for Progress, Inc's various cultural and educational celebrations inclusive of the Peruvian Heritage Parade to be held on July 16, 2017 in the amount of \$3,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-399 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the Township of Scotch Plain's Fourth of July Fireworks & Independence Day celebration to be held on July 1, 2017 in the amount of \$4,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight (8) members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Mirabella abstaining.

- 2017-400 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Amending Resolution 2017-82, contracting with MPC Bus Corporation for the continued provision of Paratransit Service, to allocate the amount of \$446,400.80 to account numbers specified with no change in agreement nor total contract amount for the period of January 27, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-401 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Authorizing the County Manager to approve the 2017 Aging GAP Spending Plan pursuant to a request for proposal in the total amount not to exceed \$508,000 for subcontracted services to be provided during year one period of May 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 of an anticipated three year total period (8 months with two 12 month extension options) and further authorizing the transfer of funds among the agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the agencies fails to meet its contractual obligation.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-402 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Parks & Recreation, Division of Engineering: Mar-Bridge Enterprises, Inc., of Matawan, New Jersey, for the Ash Brook Golf Course Clubhouse Project, Township of Scotch Plains, County of Union, New Jersey, for an amount not to exceed \$8,998,150.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-403 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Parks and Recreation, Solitude Lake Management of Shrewsbury, MA, for the purpose of hydro raking of Sperry Pond, Cranford (BA 24-17), for the contract period of date of contract until September 30, 2018, in the amount of not to exceed \$67,500.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-404 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with the City of Elizabeth Recreation Department to run a Summer Playground Program which provides children with the opportunity to participate in supervised recreational activities with subsidized snack and lunch at no cost to the participants in the amount not to exceed \$9,800.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-405 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract to Mar-Bridge of Matawan, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$170,000.00 for the Demolition of the Rahway River Park Dive Tank, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(3) the commodity was publicly bid on two separate occasions with no success due to lack of any responsible bidders. (Union County Project Number 2017-001)

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-406 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Office of the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to apply for an accept funding from the Division of Criminal Justice, State Office of Victim Witness Advocacy for the project entitled Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Supplemental Grant for the period of October 1, 2016 through March 31, 2018 in the amount of \$400,000. (County match of \$100,000)

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-407 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Office of the Prosecutor, to apply for and accept funding from the Division of

Criminal Justice, State Office of Victim Witness Advocacy for the project entitled Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Program for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 in the amount of \$382,391. (County match in the amount of \$95,598)

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-408 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA '40A:11-1 et seq., for the Department of Human Services, Division on Aging, to Hertrich Fleet Services, Milford, DE for the purpose of providing two (2) Transit Connect Vans for a total amount of \$45,306.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-409 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Amending Resolution Number 2016-614, a contract to provide an Adult, Dislocated Worker and Business Services: Express Workforce Center for job training and placement for a minimum of one hundred seventy five (175) Adult and Dislocated Workers, to extend the contract period for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Adult, Dislocated Worker and Business Services – Express Workforce Center from May 31, 2017 to June 30, 2017 at no additional cost.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-410 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to amend Resolution #2016-428, approving the 2016-2017 Consolidated Action Plan, to increase CDBG funding to the Linden Home Improvement Program in the amount of \$46,000 from \$135,000 to \$181,000 utilizing City of Linden Program Income funds.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-411 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to award funding of the 2017 Infrastructure and Municipal Aid Grant Program to the twenty-one (21) municipalities in the County of Union in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight (8) members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Mirabella abstaining.

- 2017-412 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN, FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER & FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution 2016-166, which approved the Watchung Reservation Trails Master Plan, to reflect this Board's disapproval of those portions of the Watchung Reservation Trails Master Plan recommending and providing for mountain biking in the Watchung Reservation.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed five (5) members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholders Estrada, Hudak and Mirabella voting in the negative, and Freeholder Jalloh abstaining.

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

- 2017-413 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Congratulating Sailesh Prasad, Troop 368 of Clark upon attaining the Eagle Scout Award.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-414 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER, FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Congratulating the 2017 Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year - Evelyn Burnett Marchione.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-415 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Congratulating four members of the Linden Police Department upon receiving the 2017 Police Unit Tour chapter 37 Valor Award on May 9, 2017 at the World Trade Center during the Police Unity Tour, Chapter 37, September 11, 2001 Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-416 FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH, FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT & FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Congratulating the numerous officers of being the recipients of the Valor Awards for their heroism and lifesaving actions at the Union Police Department's ceremony commemorating National Police Week on May 18, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-417 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Recognizing and commending the Banks Family for all their efforts in organizing the Rockin for Autism event on April 29, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-418 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT, FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER & FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Proclaiming May 14 to May 20, 2017 as National Women's Health Week throughout the County of Union.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-419 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA & FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Proclaiming the month of May as Haitian Heritage Month throughout the County of Union.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-420 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Congratulating the Urban League of Union County Young Professionals for their outstanding achievement within their career and dedication to the community.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-421 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Proclaiming May 2017 as National Mental Health Awareness Month throughout the County of Union.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-422 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH & FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Congratulating the Union Township Police Officers upon being the award recipients at their National Police Week Ceremony on May 18, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-423 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN & FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Congratulating Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim, Cranford, on celebrating its 100th anniversary on June 11, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-424 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN, FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Advocating and opposing the proposed State and Federal budget cuts to Legal Services of New Jersey.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-425 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Barbara Halloran of Linden upon her passing on April 30, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-426 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Proclaiming May 7 - May 13, 2017 as Municipal Clerks' Week aimed at increasing the public's awareness of Municipal Clerks and the vital services we provide for local government and the community.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-427 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Congratulating and extending the Boards gratitude to Richard C. Growney, Sr., upon his retirement after many years of dedicated service to the Union County Medical Office, and wishing him a happy and healthy retirement.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-428 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of the honorable retired Union County Assignment Judge Edward Beglin during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

Prior to opening the meeting up for public comment on any matter, Chairman called for a brief 5 minutes recess.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

This meeting is open to the public comment on any governmental issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the county.

Chairman Bergen opened the meeting up for comments on any matter. He advised that the 3 minute limitation will still be in effect for the evening's commenters.

Andrew Stilletson, of Westfield, stated that he urges the County to begin the process of re-evaluating the issue of allowing mountain biking in Union County.

Ginger Garret, (didn't provide residence), noted that she retired from the County (Welfare Office) in June, 2016. She stated that she did so as a result of a series of egregious incidents. She commented on her suspension and discovery experiences and an apparent criminal investigation against her, resulting in her needing to be placed on medical leave, and her settlement agreement.

Chairman Bergen advised that the Board cannot and will not discuss legal or personnel matters during Freeholder meetings.

Jamie Mielsman, of Westfield, stated he was disappointed in the outcome of the vote. He urged the Board to continue in dialogue for a compromise. He inquired as to who he can speak to tomorrow to ensure the continued dialogue.

Nancy Piowar, of Plainfield, thanked the Board for their work as public servants and appreciated the outcome of the vote. She encouraged the Board to continue with conducting an environmental study. She noted, and was appreciative of, the fact that the Union County did not make the Preservation New Jersey's most endangered list.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, noted that the acres per mile per trail that Chairman Bergen quoted was interesting and agreed with the Chairman's perspective. He made comments relative to trees falling within preservations.

He made comments on the budget, and questioned if a township manager can oversee a County budget.

Chairman Bergen advised the speaker that he does not provide legal advice to the County in his role as Freeholder, rather that he takes legal advice from County Counsel. He reminded the speaker that County Counsel has, on record, advised that there is no legal conflict of interest for Freeholder Mirabella to vote on the County budget.

John Bury, of Kenilworth, made comments relative to the Trap and Skeet project and questioned if the County was planning on tearing the building down. He made comments relative to the potential of holding a forum for better dialogue (relative to mountain biking) and potentially holding a referendum on the issue.

Barbara Krause, of Cranford, made comments relative to resolution number 2017-425; extending the Board's condolences to the family of Barbara Halloran. She added personal reflections on Barbara and what she meant to the Daughters of the American Revolution. She thanked the Board for the resolution. She thanked the Board for listening to the speakers over the past few months. She appreciated Chairman's thorough remarks.

Seeing no other speakers, Chairman Bergen closed the public comment portion.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

County Manager Faella thanked County staff for all their hard work, especially Director Zuber. (room applauded) He thanked the Clerk of the Board, Lamar Mackson (videographer), Robert Charkowsky (digital, web and social media services) and Sebastian D'Elia (Information Officer) for their efforts to ensure a smooth democratic process.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Freeholder Jalloh and seconded by Freeholder Carter, a voice vote showed nine (9) members of the Board voted in the affirmative. Meeting was adjourned at 10:15pm.

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2017 MEETING SCHEDULE

Please note that meetings are regularly held on Thursday evenings. Agenda Setting Sessions and Regular Meetings are held at 7:00pm in the Freeholders' Meeting Room, Administration Building, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, 6th Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey, unless otherwise specified. In the event an Agenda Setting Session and Regular Meeting are held on the same night, the Agenda Setting Session will commence at 7:00 pm and the Regular Meeting will commence as soon as possible after the Agenda Setting Session.

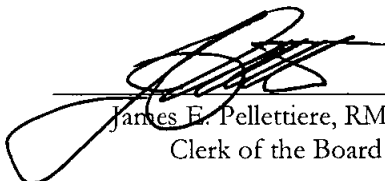
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**REORGANIZATION MEETING - SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2017 at 12:00 pm
Assignment Judge Karen M. Cassidy's Courtroom, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ****AGENDA SETTING SESSION**

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