



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2011

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Deborah P. Scanlon called the meeting to order at 7:07pm. Roll call showed Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Linda Carter, Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh, Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder Deborah P. Sullivan and Freeholder Nancy Ward were present.

Also present were County Manager George W. Devanney, County Counsel Robert E. Barry, Esq. and Clerk of the Board Nicole L. DiRado.

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

The Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read by the Clerk of the Board.

PRESENTATION FROM THE BOARD

1. A Resolution presentation was made to Dawud Hicks for achieving the status of all-time leading Plainfield High School Wrestler in victories.

Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Kowalski and Freeholder Sullivan presented Dawud Hicks with a Resolution congratulating him for achieving the status of all-time leading Plainfield High School Wrestler in victories. Freeholder Carter read the Resolution aloud and said that his parents and sister must be very proud of his accomplishments.

2. A Resolution presentation was made to the Plainfield Boys Basketball Team for winning the State Group III Boys Basketball Championship for 2011.

Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Kowalski and Freeholder Sullivan presented the Plainfield Boys Basketball Team each with a Resolution for winning the State Group III Boys Basketball Championship for 2011. Freeholder Carter read the Resolution aloud. Coach Billow introduced the players, assistant coaches, Principal Dr. Brown and the Athletic Director Dan Cohen.



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APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman Scanlon called for a motion to approve the Communications. On a motion made Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

Note and File

Oaths of Office

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Scanlon called for a motion to approve the following Minutes:

1. March 10, 2011 – Executive Session Minutes
2. March 17, 2011 – Executive Session Minutes
3. March 31, 2011 – Regular Meeting Minutes
4. April 7, 2011 – Agenda Meeting Minutes

On a motion made by Freeholder Jalloh and seconded by Freeholder Ward, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Hudak abstaining from the March 10, 2011 Executive Session Minutes; nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative for the March 17, 2011 Executive Session Minutes; nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative for the March 31, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes and eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative for the April 7, 2011 Agenda Meeting Minutes with Vice Chairman Mirabella abstaining.

ORDINANCE FOR FINAL READING

ORDINANCE NUMBER 721-2011

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAWS OF UNION COUNTY: ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND POLICIES AND GENERAL LEGISLATION: BY AMENDING CHAPTER 49, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 49-6 (FEES FOR THE UNION COUNTY PISTOL RANGE).

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LEGISLATION: BY AMENDING CHAPTER 49, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 49-6 (FEES FOR THE UNION COUNTY PISTOL RANGE)

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union that the “Laws of Union County” are hereby amended as outlined in the attached Schedule A:

SCHEDULE A

PART I -

ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

Chapter 49, FEES

Article IV, Pistol Range

[Adopted 4-10-2003 by Ord. No. 571; amended 7-28-2005 by Ord. No. 614-2005]

§ 49-6. Fees for the Union County Pistol Range.

- A) The Fees for Mandatory Range Safety Course and Identification (ID) Card are as follows:

Union County Residents		Out-of-County
Adults	\$20.00	\$30.00
Seniors (55 and over)	\$10.00	\$15.00
Youth (17 and over)	\$10.00	\$10.00

Hourly Range Use Fee : \$10.00 per hour.

- B) The Fees for Law Enforcement Officer Qualification are as follows:

In-County Officers -	\$5.00 per officer, per qualification.
Out-of-County Officers -	\$10.00 per officer, per qualification.



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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED as follows:

1. That this Ordinance shall take effect at the time and manner provided by law.
2. That the Clerk of the Board be and is hereby authorized and directed to publish the required notice in the appropriate newspaper of such introduction and of a public hearing on April 14, 2011 and shall forward one certified copy, upon final passage, to each Clerk of all Municipalities located within the County of Union.

This meeting is now open to the public for purpose of commenting on Ordinance Number 721-2011 only

There were no comments.

Freeholder Kowalski moved Ordinance Number 721-2011 for Final Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Mirabella. Roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, referenced Resolutions 2011-357 and 2011-358. He urged the State to stop “matching” grants. He stated that at the previous Agenda meeting, the Prosecutor had an item adding \$143,000 for the Child Advocacy Center, which is not on tonight’s Agenda. On Resolution 2011-363, he commented on Director Caroselli’s replacement. On Resolution 2011-368 “a,” he said that it contains the demolition of seven building and hopes the specifications include recycling the demolished materials. He commented on Resolution 2011-368 “b,” and stated that the amount for window cleaning is substantial and stated that last week’s Agenda included a contract amount of \$100,000 for West Carpet Squares, which is also substantial and asked why it is not listed on tonight’s Agenda. On Resolution 2011-372, he commented on the vendor and urged to pass Pay to Play and regarding Resolution 2011-400, he congratulated Director Caroselli’s on his retirement and stated that he is an “amazing financial guy!”

Tina Renna, Cranford, asked if another position will become available referring to Resolution 2011-363. She also made despairing comments about Ms. Taylor and the search for a new Director.



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RESOLUTIONS

Chairman Scanlon called for a motion to adopt Resolutions 2011-350 through Resolutions 2011-400.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR ADOPTION:

- 2011-350** **FREEHOLDER HUDAK**, appointing the following members to the **Mental Health Advisory Board** for a term commencing January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2013: **Gloria G. Badgley, Carol Berger and Lindy Foreman.**

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2011-351** **FREEHOLDER JALLOH**, amending Resolution Number 2010-1030, a contract with **Direct Supply, Milwaukee, Wisconsin**, to purchase hospital supplies and equipment for Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 in an additional amount of \$5,000 for a new total contract amount of **\$68,000.**

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2011-352** **FREEHOLDER JALLOH**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Zimmet Healthcare Services Group, LLC, Morganville, New Jersey**, to provide Medicare and insurance billing reimbursement, compliance and long term care Medicaid case mix consulting services to Runnells Specialized Hospital for the period of May 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012 in the amount of **\$25,000.**

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2011-353** **FREEHOLDER JALLOH**, amending Resolution Number 2011-241, a contract with **Holsman Healthcare, LLC, Belleville, New Jersey**, to increase the contract amount by \$117,000 due to an additional supplemental physical therapy position for the contract period of April 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012 for a new total contract amount of **\$139,500.**

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2011-354** **FREEHOLDER JALLOH**, amending Resolution Number 2011-240, a contract with **Interstaff, Inc., Owings Mills, Maryland**, to decrease the contract amount by



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\$117,000 due to the need for transferring funds to another vendor (Holsman Healthcare, LLC, Belleville, New Jersey) for the contract period of April 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012 for a new total contract amount of **\$276,600**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2011-355 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manger to enter into an Agreement of Understanding between the Union County Division of Social Services and **Neighborhood Health Services Corporation, Plainfield, New Jersey**, for the out-stationing of County Welfare Agency staff (one full-time employee) to process Medicaid applications for the period of January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011. {State funding: \$100%}

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2011-356 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, amending Resolution Number 2010-919, to reflect a change in the **2011 Alcohol/Drug Abuse Grant and the County Addiction Recovery Program** from the Project Alert/Dudley House to Sunrise House/Dudley House to provide alcoholism/drug abuse halfway house and outpatient services. The dollar amount and the contract period remain unchanged.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2011-357 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to apply for and execute all applications and agreements relating to a grant from the **New Jersey State Council on the Arts** in the total amount not to exceed **\$245,154** from the **State of New Jersey**, and authorizing a County match in the amount of **\$245,154**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2011-358 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to apply for and execute all applications and agreements relating to a grant from the **New Jersey Historical Commission** in an amount not to exceed **\$95,879** from the **State of New Jersey**, upon receipt of the Grant, a 3:1 County cash match will be required solely on **\$61,826** (General Operating Support funds) of the grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.



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- 2011-359** **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, giving the Department of Parks and Community Renewal a **Temporary Change Fund** for the period of May 1, 2011 through December 10, 2011 in the amount of **\$1,000** to be used at various special events sponsored by the County. After December 10, 2011, the Temporary Change Fund will be returned to Finance.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2011-360** **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, amending Resolution Number 2010-507, the **2010 Consolidated Action Plan** to include two projects funded with program income from the **City of Linden**, namely the Linden Street Resurfacing, Sewer Reconstruction and Construction in the amount of \$107,745.33 and the Linden Senior Grant Program in the amount of \$73,095 for a total amount of **\$180,840.33** and to reflect an increase to the funds awarded to the **Township of Berkeley Heights-Senior Citizen Center Program** in the amount of \$1,800 for a new total amount of **\$8,491**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2011-361** **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, amending Resolution Number 2011-59, an agreement with **Verizon, Newark, New Jersey**, to reflect a change in the account numbers only.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2011-362** **VICE CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, authorizing a resolution canceling balances in old Capital Accounts.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2011-363** **VICE CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, replacing Lawrence M. Caroselli due to retirement and appointing **Melinda Zito, as Chief Financial Officer** for the **County of Union** for a term commencing April 30, 2011 and expiring December 31, 2012.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2011-364** **VICE CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, making available to the **Plainwood Square Merchants Association** the sum of **\$4,000** in support of their annual summer community festivities.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.



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2011-365 CHAIRMAN SCANLON, authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding from the **State of New Jersey Victim Witness Advocacy Fund Supplemental Grant Program** in the amount of **\$60,547** for the period of April 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012 in order to continue services to victims of crime in Union County. {Federal funding: \$60,547}

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2011-366 CHAIRMAN SCANLON, authorizing the Director of Finance to pay/reimburse the Union County Improvement Authority construction costs of the **Union County Child Advocacy Center Project** in an amount not to exceed **\$565,000** from **New Jersey Department of Children and Families Grant Funds and Community Development Block Grant Funds**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2011-367 CHAIRMAN SCANLON, authorizing the County Manager to enter into agreements with the following municipalities for the contract period of January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 for the purpose of participating in the **Sheriff's Labor Assistance Program: City of Rahway and the Township of Clark**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2011-368 CHAIRMAN SCANLON, authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contracts obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the **Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq**:

- a. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities: **Frank Lurch Demolition Company, LLC, Avon by the Sea, New Jersey**, for demolition of 7 existing buildings constructed of wood, masonry, and steel located within the County of Union in the amount of **\$204,000** at the following locations: **675 Madison Hill Road, Clark, New Jersey; 370 Madison Hill Road, Clark, New Jersey; 537 Bramhall Road, Rahway, New Jersey; 951-59 Leland Avenue, Plainfield, New Jersey; 112 (108-16) Parkside Drive, Plainfield, New Jersey; 1909 US Route 22 West, Scotch Plains, New Jersey; and Green Brook Park – Old Maintenance Building, Plainfield, New Jersey.**



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- b. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities, Division of Facilities Management and Runnells Specialized Hospital: VIP Special Services, LLC, West Orange, New Jersey, to exercise a 24 month extension option to provide window cleaning services for various owned or leased properties by the County of Union for the contract period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013 in an amount not to exceed **\$81,920**. {All terms and conditions remain the same}
- c. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities, Division of Public Works and Division of Parks Maintenance; and Department of Parks and Community Renewal, Division of Golf Operations: to exercise a 12 month extension option to provide and deliver (if directed) various road material for the period of July 6, 2011 through July 5, 2012 with the following vendors: **Weldon Materials, Inc., Westfield, New Jersey**, in the amount of **\$904,908**; **Cold Mix Manufacturing Corp., Flushing, New York**, in the amount of **\$6,900**; and **Micro Pave Systems, Inc., Cedar Knolls, New Jersey**, in the amount of **\$65.00**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2011-369 CHAIRMAN SCANLON, approving the **Employees' Accident Policy** with the **Hartford Life and Accident Insurance Company, Simsbury, Connecticut**, for the period of April 4, 2011 through March 31, 2014 in an amount not to exceed **\$1,955 per year**. (No increase)

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2011-370 CHAIRMAN SCANLON, approving the **Volunteers' Accident Policy** with the **Hartford Life and Accident Insurance Company, Simsbury, Connecticut**, for the period of April 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012 in an amount not to exceed **\$360**. (No increase)

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2011-371 CHAIRMAN SCANLON, concurring with the **City of Linden's Ordinance No. 54-53** as it pertains to One Way Streets – E. Morris Avenue, West, a County Road.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.



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- 2011-372** CHAIRMAN SCANLON, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a professional engineering service contract with **Birdsall Services Group, Cranford, New Jersey**, for environmental regulatory compliance and permitting consulting services consisting of compliance issues related to air, recycling, underground storage tanks, oil spill prevention and stormwater for the period of March 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 in an amount not to exceed **\$155,000**. (UC Eng Project #2011-007)

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2011-373** CHAIRMAN SCANLON, appointing **Bauch Zucker Hatfield, LLC, Springfield, New Jersey**, as Special Counsel in the matter entitled **Stephen McGuire vs. Union County Prosecutor's Office, et als.** in an amount not to exceed **\$15,000**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2011-374** CHAIRMAN SCANLON, establishing the **Uninsured Motorist/Underinsured Motorist** coverage pursuant to and in accordance with **N.J.S.A. 17:28-1.1**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS ARE LAUDATORY IN CONTENT:

- 2011-375** FREEHOLDER ESTRADA, recognizing the week of April 25, 2011 through April 30, 2011 as "**National Community Development Week**" with the emphasis on the foreclosure crisis throughout Union County.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2011-376** FREEHOLDER ESTRADA, congratulating **El Amauta** on celebrating its 18th Anniversary as a bi-monthly newspaper servicing the Peruvian community.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2011-377** FREEHOLDER ESTRADA, acknowledging **Diane J. Johnson, Field Director**, and the representatives of the Newark Field Office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for their efforts on the foreclosure crisis throughout Union County.



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On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2011-378** **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, congratulating **Martin Shupack** for being chosen as an honoree at the **United Way of Greater Union County's** Celebration event to be held on April 28, 2011.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2011-379** **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, congratulating **C.R. Bard, Inc.** for being chosen as an honoree at the **United Way of Greater Union County's** Celebration event to be held on April 28, 2011.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2011-380** **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, congratulating **Timothy Ring** for being chosen as an honoree at the **United Way of Greater Union County's** Celebration event to be held on April 28, 2011.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2011-381** **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, congratulating **Dr. Thomas Brown** for being chosen as an honoree at the **United Way of Greater Union County's** Celebration event to be held on April 28, 2011.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2011-382** **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, congratulating **Ruth Lebau Brewster** for being chosen as an honoree at the **United Way of Greater Union County's** Celebration event to be held on April 28, 2011.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2011-383** **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, congratulating **Linde North America** for being chosen as an honoree at the **United Way of Greater Union County's** Celebration event to be held on April 28, 2011.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.



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- 2011-384** **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, congratulating **Patrick F. Murphy** for being chosen as an honoree at the **United Way of Greater Union County's** Celebration event to be held on April 28, 2011.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2011-385** **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, congratulating **Joseph & Elizabeth Wolf** for being chosen as an honoree at the **United Way of Greater Union County's** Celebration event to be held on April 28, 2011.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2011-386** **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA AND FREEHOLDER HUDAK**, acknowledging **Ann J. Ferguson** for hosting the 2011 Union County Community Development Week recognition program to be held on April 27, 2011.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2011-387** **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA AND FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, proclaiming the month of May, 2011 as **"Older Americans Month"** in the County of Union. This year's theme is **"Older Americans: Connecting the Community."**

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2011-388** **FREEHOLDER HUDAK**, congratulating the **Linden High School Consumer Bowl Team** for winning the 2011 Union County Consumer Bowl competition.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2011-389** **FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, congratulating the **2011 Shade Tree "Young Writers of Union County"** Essay contest winners.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2011-390** **FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, congratulating **Ms. Amelia T. McHugh**, of Cranford, on completing 20 years of service as a volunteer at Runnells Specialized Hospital.



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On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2011-391 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, expressing appreciation and commending the **Elizabethtown Gas Company** for its leadership role in promoting the partnership of public and private sectors in support of the arts in Union County.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2011-392 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, expressing appreciation to the **National Arts Program Foundation and commends Leonard E. B. Andrews, (1925 – 2009)** Founder and Chairman, for his leadership role in promoting appreciation and recognition of individual artistic achievement and its importance to community spirit.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2011-393 VICE CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, congratulating **Joseph Nagy** on being named **“Volunteer of the Year”** by the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2011-394 VICE CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, congratulating **Eleanor Kramps** on being named **“Volunteer of the Year”** by the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2011-395 CHAIRMAN SCANLON**, declaring April, 2011, as **“Autism Awareness Month”** in Union County.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2011-396 CHAIRMAN SCANLON**, congratulating the **“Play Ball for Miracles Charity Softball Tournament”** at Warinanco Park on Saturday, April 16, 2011. The tournament raises money for Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals and the families of firefighters who have children with special needs.



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On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2011-397 CHAIRMAN SCANLON, congratulating the following for being selected as Unity Award recipients by the Union County Human Relations Commission:

- Achievement by a Corporation: AGL Resources/Elizabethtown Gas Company
- Achievement by a Community Organization: Furniture Assist/Dawson Yeomans
- Achievement by a Non-Profit Organization: Lin's Linens
- Achievement by an Individual: Lillie Brown
- Achievement in Law Enforcement: Lieutenant Keith Aslin, Linden Police Department
- Achievement in Public Service: Union County Firefighter Al Srnaka, Union Fire Department
- Achievement in Public Service: Union County Firefighter Edwin Donnelly, Union Fire Department
- Achievement in Public Service: Union County Firefighter William Lavin, Elizabeth Fire Department
- Achievement in Public Service: Union County Firefighter Andy Stratton, Cranford Fire Department
- Achievement by the Clergy: Reverend Dr. Gerald Lamont Thomas, Shiloh Baptist Church, Plainfield
- Achievement by a Student: Johnna Booth, Hillside High School
- Achievement by an Educator: Henry Varriano
- Special Achievement Award: Clara Kramer
- Special Achievement Award: Mary Beth Kelley
- Special Achievement Award: Jo Ann Miller (posthumously)
- Special Recognition: Brian Levine, Westfield High School

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2011-398 CHAIRMAN SCANLON, congratulating the Soroptimist International of the Greater Westfield Area "Making a Difference for Women Awardees."

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2011-399 CHAIRMAN SCANLON AND THE ENTIRE BOARD, offering the Board's sincerest condolences to the family of Edward Zarnock, Edison, New Jersey, in their time of sorrow.



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On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2011-400** **CHAIRMAN SCANLON AND THE ENTIRE BOARD**, congratulating **Lawrence Caroselli** on the occasion of his retirement after serving 35 dedicated years with the County of Union.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

SUSPEND THE RULES

Chairman Scanlon asked for a motion to suspend the rules. On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Jalloh, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting is open to the public for the purpose of commenting on Resolution from the Floor only.

Bruce Paterson made comments out of order.

There were no comments pertaining to Resolution 2011-401.

RESOLUTION FROM THE FLOOR

Chairman Scanlon called for a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-401.

- 2011-401** **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with the **City of Rahway** to allow the Rahway Fire Department to conduct fire fighting training at property owned by the County of Union, located at 537 Bramhall Road, Rahway, New Jersey and commonly known as Gray Will Acres Horse Farm for the period of April 14, 2011 through April 30, 2011.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Vice Chairman Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.



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PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting is now open to the public for the purpose of commenting on any matter.

Jim Buettner, Cranford, thanked one of the Freeholders for approaching him after the last Freeholder Meeting. He stated that he missed some meetings and is not sure of Chairman Scanlon's procedures for the meetings. He said last year, the Board responded to the speakers.

Chairman Scanlon stated that generally, the Board does answer the speakers' questions, but Mr. Paterson spoke too fast for her to get all the information he inquired about. She stated that if the information is available, the answers will be provided.

Mr. Buettner asked how much money is set aside for the 643 employees who will be receiving lifetime health benefits. He also asked if the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will meet again, and urged the Board to have more mobile meeting. He welcomed the Board to Cranford.

Mr. Buettner asked if a Resolution is required to have a house that is approximately 150 to 200 years old razed. He hopes that there is a public hearing prior to homes of that caliber being demolished.

County Counsel Barry, Esq. stated that the County does not have the ability to determine if a house is deemed historic. The State makes that determination.

Mr. Buettner was speaking about a house located on Bloomingdale Avenue in Cranford that is privately owned and is about 200 years old with historic significance.

County Counsel Barry, Esq. stated that the County does not have jurisdiction. He stated that the New Jersey Historical Preservation Commission makes that decision in conjunction with the municipality and the State. The County only has jurisdiction on County-owned buildings.

Mr. Buettner asked Freeholder Kowalski if she could mention preserving the dwelling at the next Council Meeting in Cranford.

Freeholder Kowalski stated that she believes that many people throughout Union County would like see historical buildings preserved. She said the way Cranford's law is written is that they could only make recommendations, and they do not have the power to stop demolitions. She said that she will speak to the Township of Cranford, and advised Mr. Buettner to speak to the Historic Preservation Commission. Mr. Buettner said that he already spoke to them, and there is nothing they could do at this point.



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Director Caroselli responded to a previous speaker's inquiries. He stated that the 2010 year-end, there is \$6 million reserved for contractual health benefits. He said the 2011 Budget has appropriated \$2 million for these health benefits.

Vice Chairman Mirabella said that money has been set aside and is a projected amount based upon an actuarial study.

Director Caroselli stated that this also includes a health insurance line item in the Budget.

County Counsel Barry, Esq. stated that some people are misinformed about the Ordinance that pertains to the lifetime health insurance benefits. He stated that the lifetime health insurance benefits are for exclusionary and non contractual employees only. It is only a potential number, not an award. He explained that this is only based on the employees that remain with the County for 25 years and are at least 55 years of age, or are employed by the County for 15 years and are 62 years of age. He said that all 653 employees will not be eligible to participate and may never receive these benefits.

Director Faella stated that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meetings are not cancelled. He said it is at the discretion of the Chairman of the Advisory Board to cancel a meeting if there are not enough members in attendance.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, commented on the Open Space, Recreation, Historic and Preservation Trust Fund. He stated that there the Baggers building that is located on Broad Street in Westfield that is approximately 250 to 300 years old and it needs to be restored, but is too costly. He urged the Board to have it preserved.

Mr. Paterson questioned Director Caroselli's replacement, Bibi Taylor, experience and made remarks regarding her prior employment.

Mr. Paterson urged the Board to use Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust funds to plant Cherry Blossom Trees in Unami Park.

Mr. Paterson stated that he appreciated DeCotiis and Fitzpatrick, LLC, sending him the information about Covanta.

Director Caroselli stated that there is no requirement to be a certified financial officer for the position as Director of Finance. He said that she completed about half the courses and plans to continue taking more. He explained that he recommended Melinda Zito to be appointed as Chief Financial Officer since she is qualified. He thanked Mr. Paterson for his compliments.

Tina Renna, Cranford, commented about the length of the Agenda Meeting and made comments about Mr. Paterson's questions.



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Ms. Renna stated that an actuarial study for the employee lifetime benefits was being performed weeks ago and asked for the results.

John Bury, Kenilworth, stated that Councilman for Summit, Tom Getzendanner, was at the last Regular Freeholder Meeting and he urged the Board to cut the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund tax rate in half, but he was told it cannot be reduced. He read a statement regarding a tax levy for the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund.

Mr. Bury commented on the revenue obtained from the Union County parks. He stated that there are six items in the Budget that he believes are questionable. He also commented on the greenskeepers and the real estate transfer fees. He stated that FEMA is allocating \$187,500 in the operating budget, which should only be for emergency use not regular income. He stated that no other County has that item in their budget. He said there is an item for \$5 million for Delaney Hall in Newark and questioned how that number has been determined, when the State has not yet passed their Budget.

Mr. Bury commented on the Union County Utility Authority's debt and stated the deal with Covanta is not signed and commented on a law suit with Bergen County.

Director Caroselli stated that the realty transfer fee revenue of \$3 million and we realize \$2.8 to \$2.9 million in 2010 and the County Clerk's Office revenue of \$3.7 million and we realize \$3.3 to \$3.4 million. He said the numbers are based on last year's amounts. He stated that they submitted justification to the State and is waiting for their approval.

Director Caroselli explained that the blizzard that occurred on December 26th cost approximately \$250,000 to \$300,000 and they are expecting a 75% reimbursement from the State. He stated that in reference to the the Open Space, Recreation, Historic Preservation Trust Fund balance, the item was required to cancel \$600,000 for compensation of absences and \$15,000 for sick time that was over-funded in the analyses, hence, it was canceled. He stated that the County is entitled to the Delaney Hall revenue and said the Union County Utilities Authority is refinancing their own debt.



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FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Hudak stated that earlier this evening, we screened a new video for the County website. He said it is part of a series designed to help you know what to expect from our programs, parks and other facilities. Trailside is located in the Watchung Reservation in Mountainside and admission is free, and hiking trails are nearby along with the Loop playground and picnic area. If you would like to get an idea of what to expect from a visit to Trailside, click on the “Video Channel” icon on the County website, www.ucnj.org.

Freeholder Sullivan commented on the sudden passing of Edward Zarnock. He said he was a well-respected strong advocate for organized labor and a friend to Union County.

Freeholder Sullivan stated that he was at the Presidential Investiture of Dr. Margaret M. McMenemy of Union County College. He said that he believes that she will be an outstanding President of the College and was impressed on how she reached out to the Freeholders. He said that she is the first woman to receive an athletic scholarship to her University and the first woman President of Union County College since its founding in the 1930's.

Freeholder Kowalski congratulated Dr. McMenemy as President of Union County College. She said that she attended the swearing-in ceremony with Freeholder Estrada and Freeholder Sullivan and other elected officials of Union County. She said it was a beautiful ceremony and the weather cooperated. She made it clear that the students are number one, and she personally greeted everyone who attended the ceremony.

Freeholder Kowalski stated that Union County plants trees every year, especially in the County parks. The County holds a Greening Program where thousands of trees are planted. She stated that this week was Arbor Day and Williams Nursery in Westfield has been our partner in teaching how to care and plant trees. She said that Chairman Scanlon has been the Shade Tree Liaison for many years.

Freeholder Kowalski announced that on April 18th from 9am to 2pm, recycling of hazard waste is open to Union County residents and the event will take place at Union County College. She stated that the items need to be clearly labeled. She urged the public to check the County's website for details and further recycling dates.

Freeholder Carter reminded Union County voters that sample ballots for local School Board Elections can now be viewed online. She said this is a new service from the County Clerk's office, available to all municipalities with the exception of Summit, and it is intended as a back-up source of information for voters who do not receive a sample ballot in the mail, and she encouraged everyone to get familiar with it. She said the School Board Election will be held on Wednesday, April 27 and it is accessible on the new online sample ballot through the County Clerk's page on the Union County website, www.ucnj.org.



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Freeholder Estrada stated that he attended the ceremony for Dr. McMenamin and stated that she will bring great resources to our County. He said that he, along with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski attended the scholarship presentations earlier in the week. He said that he was pleased to see the donors and the recipients of the scholarships in attendance and is happy to see many adults returning to school.

Freeholder Estrada stated that he attended the Community Access Unlimited event and was happy to see that Director Frank Guzzo was honored. He said that there were 600 people in attendance to honor those who are unselfish and committed to those in need.

Freeholder Ward stated that the Town of Westfield has agreed to have the owner's demolish the Bagger Family home, as it is in disrepair.

Freeholder Ward stated that many parents are planning to get involved in "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day," which is two weeks from today, on April 28th. She said this is an opportunity to offer a window into many different careers, for girls and boys alike.

Freeholder Ward stated that Union County's Take Your Kids to Work Day will feature everything from aerial lift trucks and tree equipment, to crime scene processing, our K-9 unit and mounted police, environmental conservation, fire safety, hazmat response, bomb squad, and many more. Events like this help all of our children appreciate the full range of opportunities they have and as the parent of a daughter, she said she is very proud of the progress we have made, and is looking forward to more in the future. She encouraged all the Union County residents, workers and business people to take their children to work on April 28th. She said that she will be bringing her daughter, Joseielee, to witness what she does as a Freeholder at the Freeholder Meeting, along with her two nieces. She said it is an important event, and we appreciate your participation.

Vice Chairman Mirabella echoed the sentiments of Freeholder Sullivan about Edward Zarnock and commented on his strong beliefs. He also mentioned that former Mayor Walter Long of Summit also passed away this week, stating that they were two icons of Union County. He said that Mr. Zarnock has been his and the laborer's long-time friend.

Chairman Scanlon stated that the swearing-in ceremony was beautiful for President McMenamin. She said the students appear to be more enthusiastic and she welcomes her to Union County and sent her best wishes.

Chairman Scanlon stated that there will not be a Board of Election vote in Summit since the Board members are appointed.

Chairman Scanlon stated that she is saddened by the passing of Edward Zarnock and former Summit Mayor Walter Long.



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Chairman Scanlon stated that she read an article in the Star Ledger regarding waiver rules for the environment. She said the State wants to allow passing environmental rules to be bypassed when buildings are demolished. She stated that supervision is needed, and we do not need New Jersey to have more environmental problems. She urged the public to write their legislators in Trenton to express their opposition.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Scanlon called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm. On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

The voucher list through March 30, 2011 will be available for public perusal in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.



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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 7:00pm and the Regular Meeting will commence as soon as possible after the Agenda Setting Session.

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May 19, 2011

June 9, 2011

June 23, 2011

July 21, 2011

August 11, 2011

September 8, 2011

September 22, 2011

October 6, 2011

October 20, 2011

November 10, 2011

December 1, 2011

December 15, 2011

REGULAR MEETINGS

April 28, 2011

May 12, 2011

May 19, 2011

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Tues. September 27, 2011

October 13, 2011

October 20, 2011

November 10, 2011

December 1, 2011

December 15, 2011

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