

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

71 Main Street, Freeholder's Meeting Room, 2nd Floor

Flemington, New Jersey 08822

March 20, 2018

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders convened at 4:30 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

PRESENT: MR. HOLT, MS. LAGAY, MR. LANZA, MR. VAN DOREN, MR. KING

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Director Holt announced: "This meeting is being held in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Adequate notice has been given by posting throughout the year a copy of the notice on Bulletin Boards on the First and Second Floor of the Main Street County Complex, Building #1, Flemington, New Jersey, a public place reserved for such announcements. A copy was mailed on or before January 02, 2018, to the Hunterdon County Democrat, Star Ledger, Trenton Times, Courier News, TAPinto (online) and the Express Times, newspapers designated to receive such notices and by filing a copy with the Hunterdon County Clerk."

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Van Doren moved and Mr. Lanza seconded these:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss an appointment to the Mental Health Board.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss an additional grant funded position in the Prosecutor's Office for a Victim Witness Advocate.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a backfill and promotion in the Planning Division.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss bouldering in the Parks Division and its liability.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a request from the Old Egg Auction regarding leasing County property.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. VAN DOREN, MR. LANZA, MS. LAGAY, MR. KING, MR. HOLT.

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 5:03 p.m., recessed at 5:27 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 5:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

FREEHOLDERS' COMMENTS/REPORTS

Farmland Preservation

Mr. King reported the County's effort to preserve Farmland is actively continuing, so far in 2018, the County has closed on preservation and development rights on three farms, adding more than 100 acres to the County's sum of a little more than 32,000 preserved acres.

The County's Planning Division has 26 active Farmland Preservation applications equating to more than 1,600 acres across Hunterdon County. The County's Agriculture Development Board is still accepting applications for the 2018 Planning Round and any interested parties can contact the Planning Division to learn more about how to apply. The planning round ends on April 20, 2018 and there will be another round later in the year.

Mr. King advised Hunterdon County continues to rank number one in the number of preserved farms in the State of New Jersey and second in the total of farmland acreage in the State, only behind Salem County.

PennEast

Ms. Lagay stated at the last meeting, the Freeholder Board opposed the PennEast eminent domain actions where public funds were used to purchase land and easements; particularly in Hunterdon's Farmland. County Counsel Shana Taylor and her staff, Aaron Culton, Assistant Counsel have met with Tim Duggan, Esquire, from the Law Firm of Stark and Stark, who is representing Hunterdon County by reviewing the complaints received; he will also answer for Hunterdon's opposition on March 31, 2018.

Ms. Lagay reported there was also another issue which wasn't clear to the County; which is when the state requires a taking there are specific regulations that have to be met; however, when the

federal government does that, it is not clear. Therefore, Hunterdon County does not know what the preventions are and can't accurately judge who is responsible.

Maker Place

Ms. Lagay advised the term "Maker" is growing across the nation, in terms of putting people who do crafts and artisan together. She attended a conference a while ago where "Makers" talked how they were able to revitalize towns and cities. Hunterdon County's North Branch Library will be having their 4th annual Makers Day on March 24, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. There will be craft people and tech people, as they also create robots. Hunterdon's new Library Director is very familiar with the process.

Ms. Lagay reported she has a 13 year old grandson who is a blade smith who has been invited to California to join a "Makers Site" because he is so proficient at the knives he makes.

Emergency Services

Ms. Lagay asked Frank Veneziale, Public Safety Telecommunicator (9-1-1 Dispatcher), at the Public Safety Office to come before the Board and speak about his exciting recent experience.

Mr. Veneziale explained last week, the midnight shift Telecommunication's Team received a call from a resident of Alexandria Township of a woman going into labor. His office called paramedics, local ambulance and the State Police out of the Kingwood Barracks, to assist this individual. During the course of the call, prior to the responders arriving, he was on the phone giving instructions a baby boy was born with the assistance of their neighbor. He and his team were able to coach them throughout the process.

Mr. Veneziale said it was an exciting event, after being a dispatcher for twenty years and this was his first time coaching a baby being born.

Ms. Lagay thanked Mr. Veneziale and those at the 9-1-1 Center for the work they do day in and day out.

Bereavement

Mr. Lanza reported Hunterdon County has received informed that Alan Armitage, who was the first director of the Hunterdon County Communication's Center has passed away. Mr. Armitage served the County from the inception of the Communication's Center, in 1975 until his retirement in 1993. He holds a place in Hunterdon County History; he was an instrumental leader in Hunterdon County becoming New Jersey's first County-wide 9-1-1 System; the ultimate shared service in 1976. Mr. Armitage was a veteran of the US Army. A memorial service will be scheduled for Mr. Armitage in the Spring. As a Board, we extend our sincerest condolences to his family.

Disaster from the Storms

Mr. Lanza reported at on March 05, 2018, Director Holt and Warren County Freeholder Director, Ed Smith, jointly called for New Jersey's Governor to implement a joint state damage assessment resulting from Winter Storms Quinn and Reilly to determine the state's eligibility for disaster relieve. You were on the money in doing that; the preliminary damage assessment performed by Hunterdon County's Office of Emergency Management has determined that the County sustained nearly \$1 million in damages and costs.

Mr. Lanza thanked George F. Wagner, Director of Public Safety/Chief of Staff, Brayden Fahey, Emergency Management Coordinator and Hunterdon's OEM staff, Hunterdon's staff has advised the damage assessment may exceed the nearly \$13 million statewide threshold to qualify for Federal Disaster Relief. The damage assessment is a collaborative effort produced by the County's OEM Team and municipalities, it is passed along to the State Emergency Management Office and the state gathers these assessments from all effected counties to determine whether or not the Governor should make a request to FEMA for joint preliminary disaster assessments. Ultimately, Governor Murphy must request a declaration of federal disaster by the President for localities to qualify for FEMA reimbursement costs. Mr. Lanza is pleased to report that Hunterdon County's OEM and Public Safety Team is actively engaged in this process.

Storm

Mr. Van Doren reported two weeks ago he reported on the storm coming and tonight, he's reporting there is another storm coming, unfortunately. Hunterdon County has had two storms since it March 06, 2018 meeting and the County's Department of Public Works crews put in over 500 hours between regular and overtime; as well as spreading almost 2,000 tons of road salt to keep County roads open.

Road Projects

Mr. Van Doren stated County road projects have restarted, based on money received by the Transportation Trust Fund. Route 512 in Tewksbury Township and Route 513 in Franklin and Union Townships started a week or so ago with tree trimming.

NJ State Budget

Mr. Van Doren advised he was dismayed to read an editorial in the Courier News on March 16, 2018, regarding the state budget. It seems the shell game of continuing to divert money out of funds, specifically the Clean Energy Fund; the Governor has proposed to divert \$136 million to fill other financial holes. Mr. Van Doren stated he gets tired of paying extra fees out of his utility bill and have the money be diverted to other things. Unfortunately, both parties are at fault for doing this and even though the Governor pledged this would not happen, it is already being done. The Governor should be held accountable and leave money where it was originally intended to be spent for the purposes the legislature set up.

Declaration of Emergency

Director Holt reported on the Declaration of Emergency call made by himself and Warren Freeholder Director, Ed Smith, it was necessary. He thanked the Board, the County's staff, and County Administrator because he did not reach out to them, he just made the call because he knew it would be supported and it made sense to do so. That call should have been made after the first storm so the County could recapture costs for two storms, not one but \$13 million is not a huge threshold statewide and this allows us to continue to reinvest in the type of response that is needed.

Director Holt advised the total for salt, in a week's time the County went through \$100,000 worth of salt.

Tom Mathews, Director of Public Works confirmed the County went through over \$100,000 worth of salt.

Storm Response

Director Holt feels the storm response remains the number one item of discussion around Hunterdon County. The State Board of Public Utilities (BPU) is the agency that regulates power companies and JCP&L is included in that. BPU has announced that several hearings will be held around the state and one of those hearings will be held in Hunterdon County. This Board welcomes that news and feels the public's attention the County has been able to draw from the response issues occurring in Hunterdon had something to do with BPU's decision to come to Hunterdon. Once the County is aware of the actual date for the hearing, the public will be advised.

Director Holt stated as most people know, he has been very critical of the company's response during storms and believes communication to the public should have been better than it was. Director Holt said there is nothing but admiration and appreciation for the men and women who are a part of over 6,000 line workers; hazard responders; the assessors; the forestry crews; the job dispensers; the electrical contractors; all who are part of the JCP&L crews in the field – they worked under very adverse conditions. They worked very long, continuous hours and they are not part of the problem; they are very much a part of the solution. It needs to be said very clearly, that Hunterdon County thanks them for their efforts and understand they are a part of the rebuilding of the infrastructure that is necessary.

Property Taxes

Director Holt explained to those present of the matter that comes up frequently during Public Comment, regarding property taxes. The County's Tax Administrator, Tony Porto, prepared an analysis of the County Tax Rates around the state and the information is interesting. Director Holt stated the property tax bills are made up of several components including school tax rates, municipal tax rates, Library Tax, Open Space Tax and in some places a Higher District Taxes and then there is a County Tax Rate. The County Tax Rate is the only rate that this Board directly has any impact on and it is reflected in the financial decisions of the Freeholder Board and the County's team that works in the County. The Tax Rate in Hunterdon County is 30.9 cents per \$100 of assessed value and it hasn't increased in the last four years. It is the 5th lowest in the entire state. The County Tax Rate in Hunterdon County is lower than that of 16 other counties in New Jersey.

Director Holt reported that according a report that the New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC) has reported, the Hunterdon County Budget is the second lowest in the state, with Salem County being the lowest.

Director Holt advised holding the budget in check is something this Board does, and it is not just this Board, but it includes the County's team and staff. Everyone together is acting in the taxpayers' best interest and it remains a key priority for the Freeholders.

Director Holt reported these numbers are statewide statistics. Since property taxes are a subject that comes up frequently in meetings by the public, he took the opportunity to respond.

PROCLAMATIONS

Director Holt reported this evening the Board is pleased to adopt two Eagle Scout Proclamations. One of the scouts is present but one was unable to attend and he would like to provide a brief history of Paul Spada's Eagle project.

Director Holt stated the attainment of the level of Eagle Scout is something, he believes, that only 4% of scouts ever attain. Time and time again, Curtis Leeds, one of the reporters who attend our meetings, always tells the story of a two very qualified job applicants who were going against another for a position, and one mentioned at the end of his interview he was an Eagle Scout and that tipped over the employer to offered him the position, saying he was the type of person they were looking for.

Director Holt stated the Board of Freeholders is very proud of the Scouting Program in Hunterdon County and very proud of the Eagle Scouts, which is why you are invited to attend a meeting and provide you with the opportunity to tell explained your Eagle Scout projects. The Rank of Eagle Scout will never leave you; it will carry you a long way.

Director Holt informed Ethan Cooley, the Eagle Scout who is present this evening, that he will be able to report on his project, himself.

Director Holt stated that Paul Spada, from Boy Scout Troop 199, has been very active in scouting and his project involved the planning, organization, solicitation of materials, donations and volunteers which is part of every Eagle Scout project but it isn't just about building something, it is about all the elements that have to be put together to make a project happen. One of the biggest parts of an Eagle project is managing volunteers. Eagle Scout Spada wanted to help the Blue Bird population in

Hunterdon County and he wanted to test a theory that swallows are only territorial toward other swallows. Paul built 12 bird houses to place, back to back, with the 12 existing bird houses at the Raritan Headwaters Association and performed a survey, throughout the spring, to learn if swallows would live in the pre-existing houses allowing bluebirds to coexist in the other. After several weeks, Paul determined they could coexist. Paul's proclamation will be sent to him.

Director Holt introduced Ethan DeWitt Cooley.

Eagle Scout Cooley is a senior in High School and his Eagle Scout project was to build benches and a planter for his local fire department, Pottersville Volunteer Fire Company. He wanted to beautify the grounds for their antique show, held in July of every year, and to provide areas for people to relax. Eagle Scout Cooley explained he had to send out letters to get approvals and donations for the project and what wasn't spent on the project, was donated to the Fire Company.

Mr. King moved and Mr. Van Doren seconded these:

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PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Ethan DeWitt Cooley, Boy Scout Troop 199, on attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

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PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Paul Kenneth Spada, Boy Scout Troop 199, on attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. KING, MR. VAN DOREN, MR. LANZA, MS. LAGAY, MR. HOLT.

Mr. Van Doren moved and Mr. King seconded this:

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PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Declaring April 27, 2018 as the 146th Anniversary of Arbor Day.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. VAN DOREN, MR. KING, MR. LANZA, MS. LAGAY, MR. HOLT.

Tom Mathews, Director of Public Works informed the Board that for Arbor Day last year, the Shade Tree Commission went to the Bethlehem Township Elementary School. The third grade students got a little education and seedlings to take home and plant. This year the Commission will be going to the Lebanon Township Elementary School for the third graders.

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

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PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Designating April 2018 as Parkinson's Awareness Month in Hunterdon County.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MS. LAGAY, MR. LANZA, MR. KING, MR. VAN DOREN, MR. HOLT.

Cheylena Williams, representative for the American Parkinson's Association came before the Board with her intern, Addy, expressing sincere thanks to the Board for adopting this proclamation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Holt opened the meeting to the public.

Gregory Ling, Lebanon Township resident, came before the Board to discuss his concern over herbicide spraying on County Roads.

Mr. Ling stated that as a specialist, his opinion is that there are credible concerns regarding past and planned herbicide applications on publicly accessible lands in Hunterdon County in an attempt to manage vegetation. The manner, volume, and accessibility of these applications have not and cannot reasonably or safely comply with the federal and state law "keep out of reach of children", along with other safety, community, and environmental guidelines. These herbicides are being sprayed on locations such as parks, schools, playgrounds, roadsides, waterways, reservoirs and their tributaries, storm drains, guardrails, poles, bus stops, easements, and other areas often hundreds of times per mile. These herbicide applications are a grotesque and incompetent method of vegetation management and a costly mistake, and should be ended immediately. There are many traditional, modern and environmental methods of professional vegetation management that are better, more friendly and cost-effective. All grass and vegetation areas killed by these herbicide applications should be seeded with a perennial grass seed mix and a light layer of straw applied to help prevent further soil erosion. Soil erosion can happen quickly, weakening the stability of electric and telephone poles, sign posts, guardrails, embankments, bridges, roads and so forth. There are no sensible reasons for applying any herbicides to the areas of this subject, illustrated by the enclosed photographs.

Mr. Ling thanked Tom Mathews, Director of Public Works, for his communications on this issue.

Director Holt expressed his appreciation for Mr. Ling's commitment to the issue and thanked him for his comments.

PARKS AND RECREATION, Daniel Bush, Director

Daniel Bush, Director of Parks, provided an update on Parks and Recreation.

Gnome Homes on the Columbia Trail

Mr. Bush reported on the Gnome Homes on the Columbia Trail. The Parks Department has received a positive response from families in the area. This is a great way to highlight High Bridge and what it means to the residents.

Trout Stocking Shared Service

Mr. Bush reported on the shared service experience on March 19th. Nine hundred trout were stocked at the Point Mountain section of the Musconetcong river with Trout Unlimited, the New Jersey Division of Fish and Waterlife and Pequest Trout Hatchery. There were at least twenty fishermen assisting with the stock; additional stocking will be done on April 27th, May 18th and May 25th. Tetertown Pound and Hoffman Manny Pond will be stocked as well.

Manny Pond reopening

Mr. Bush reported that Hoffman Manny Pond was closed in October 2017 due to a dangerous algae bloom. It has been abated and reopened and is safe for use.

QR codes for Hunterdon County Trail System

Mr. Bush reported that the Parks Department will be introducing QR codes on all of the trails. There will be signs for the sign boards and a link on the website. It is anticipated that this will be well received by the public. This will also cut down on printing costs and litter on the trails.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, Marc Saluk, Coordinator

Marc Saluk, Coordinator of Economic Development, updated the Board on the procedural review project that is listed on the agenda for this evening. The project itself is a review of policies, procedures and ordinances in both Clinton Town and Clinton Township. Both municipalities entered into the partnership with a goal of streamlining the processes for business development and alignment with the County's Economic Development Strategic Plan (CEDS). It was mentioned by developers and businesses that New Jersey is bad in general, but Hunterdon has particularly onerous processes for businesses to go through. This project will expand the rateable base and partner with the towns on this issue. The consultants have reviewed all of the ordinances and processes in both of those towns and received feedback from the elected officials. Businesses will be interviewed within the next two weeks.

Freeholder King asked Mr. Saluk where the issues lie; with the municipalities or with the County. Some companies have gone out of their way to emphasize that these issues lie with the municipalities. The towns participating are not in the worst situation; rather they are the ones who are motivated to make their towns more accessible to business.

Mr. Saluk stated that once the businesses have been interviewed, the consultants will compile the report. The first draft will be available in late June.

Director Holt clarified that the terminology of economic development has always been about creating and sustaining an economy within the County and be a part of the quality of life that exists. The County acknowledges that this is not a top down effort. This is available to the towns to decide how they wish to participate. Director Holt thanked Mr. Saluk for his presentation and for his work.

Freeholder Lagay noted that the reception within the community has been positive with more acknowledgement of what the Division of Economic Development is doing for the County, and a larger knowledge base in the community. Ms. Lagay thanked Mr. Saluk for his work on this plan and with the businesses in the community.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Kevin P. Davis, County Administrator, reported on legislation that is on its way to becoming law. S.5 changes the complexion of the Police and Fire retirement system. Presently, there is an 11 member board that governs the PFRS; including how the money is invested and what type of benefits retirees receive. Six members are management and five are union representatives. This legislation would change it to a 12 member board – five management and seven union representatives. The legislation would also allow the PFRS to choose their own investments instead of the state investment board. There is an effort by New Jersey Association of Counties and the League of Municipalities for amendments to the legislation. They want to make sure there are no enhancements to benefits unless eighty percent is paid. It would require a 2/3 vote of the membership to change any of the benefits. It is anticipated this law will pass through the Senate in the coming weeks.

CONSENT AGENDA

Director Holt announced: "All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Hunterdon and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately."

Item held: Check #160554.

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion to approve the claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated March 20, 2018.

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CLAIMS REGISTER

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MS. LAGAY, MR. LANZA, MR. KING, MR. VAN DOREN, MR. HOLT.

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. King seconded a motion to approve Check #160554, in accordance with the Claims Register dated March 20, 2018.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. LANZA, MR. KING, MR. VAN DOREN, MR. HOLT.
(ABSTAIN) MS. LAGAY.**

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion to approve the regular and executive session minutes of March 6, 2018.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MS. LAGAY, MR. LANZA, MR. KING, MR. VAN DOREN, MR. HOLT.

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Lanza seconded these:

See Page 03/20/18- RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Concurring with the Board of Elections establishing titles and salaries for its members.

See Page 03/20/18- RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Kevin Barile appointed full-time Road Repairer 1, in the Division of Roads, Public Works Department.

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RESOLVED, Robert Serrao appointed provisional, full-time Supervising Engineer, Division of Engineering, Public Works Department.

See Page 03/20/18- RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the Plans and Specifications for the Reconstruction of Hunterdon County Culvert C-67, on High Bridge-Cokesbury Road, County Route 639, over Beaver Brook, in Clinton Township.

See Page 03/20/18- RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the solicitation of bids to Furnish and Deliver Transit Concrete.

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RESOLVED, Approving an agreement for Preliminary Engineering Services with the Norfolk Southern Railway Company, for plans and specification, for the proposed replacement of Bridges 1050-161, on County Route 579 over the Norfolk Southern Corporation–Lehigh Valley Main Line, in the Township of Bethlehem and the Borough of Bloomsbury, in the amount of \$18,836.

See Page 03/20/18- RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Transportation Service Agreement with The Arc of Hunterdon County, for the purchase of transportation services for eight-five (85) Arc of Hunterdon consumers, for 2018, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00.

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RESOLVED, Approving a modification to the professional services agreement, with Heyer, Gruel & Associates, for Planning Services to Examine Land Use and Planning Policies and Procedures, for the Economic Development Division, in an amount not to exceed \$34,000.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MS. LAGAY, MR. LANZA, MR. KING, MR. VAN DOREN, MR. HOLT.

GRANTS

Mr. Van Doren moved and Mr. King seconded this:

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RESOLVED, Approving a grant application for the New Jersey Job Access/Reverse Commute (NJ-JARC), Round 5, for State Fiscal Year 2019 and Round 6 for State Fiscal Year 2019, and approving \$120,000 as the local share for each application.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. VAN DOREN, MR. KING, MS. LAGAY, MR. LANZA, MR. HOLT.

Mr. King moved and Mr. Van Doren seconded this:

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RESOLVED, Approving a grant application for the State Health Insurance Program (SHIP), for the period April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019, for an anticipated award of \$26,000.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. KING, MR. VAN DOREN, MS. LAGAY, MR. LANZA, MR. HOLT.

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Van Doren seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a grant application to the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, for the Cultural & Heritage Commission, for a FY2019 Local Arts Program (LAP) Grant.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MS. LAGAY, MR. VAN DOREN, MR. LANZA, MR. KING, MR. HOLT.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from Lucy Bush, again requesting to use the historic Court House Steps on Thursday, May 03, 2018, making the 67th Annual National Day of Prayer, from 5:00 pm. until 7:00 p.m. Also requesting use of the electric outlet. Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's Cultural and Heritage Commission and the Division of Buildings and Maintenance.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. KING, MR. LANZA, MS. LAGAY, MR. VAN DOREN, MR. HOLT.

Correspondence was received by Kingwood Township Volunteer Fire Company, requesting approval to hold a Coin Toss, at the intersection of County Route 519 and State Route 12, on the weekends of May 5 and 6, 2018 and June 2 and 3, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Mr. Van Doren moved and Mr. King seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's Department of Public Works.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. VAN DOREN, MR. KING, MS. LAGAY, MR. LANZA, MR. HOLT.

FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Freeholder Van Doren added to the PFRS legislation discussion. The premise was that they wanted to manage their own fund, which is fine in his opinion, but the legislature has to muck that up with these changes. This is the most funded pension and well managed pension. The legislature should take that information and not change anything.

Director Holt noted that the winter storm anticipated for tomorrow is going to be significant. Director Holt spoke with a representative from JCP&L earlier in the day and was asked to remind everyone that it is critical to call in an outage when it occurs so that it can be tracked.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Director Holt opened the meeting to the public.

Gregory Ling, Lebanon Township, again addressed the Board regarding pesticide spraying. Mr. Ling provided a packet with pictures that will illustrate the comments he made earlier in the meeting. The only pesticides needed are those that exterminate large pests. There are so many types of grass exterminated by these pesticides, which then brings undesirable, invasive growth in the bare soil.

Director Holt thanked Mr. Ling for his comments.

There being no further business before the Board, Director Holt adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise B. Doolan, Clerk