

**CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREHOLDERS  
FREEHOLDER MEETING  
JUNE 19, 2014 - 7:00 P.M.  
CHERRY HILL COMMUNITY CENTER  
820 MERCER STREET  
CHERRY HILL, NEW JERSEY 08002**

The meeting was called to order by Director Louis Cappelli at 7:00 p.m.

The Clerk called the roll and the following Freeholders answered:

PRESENT: GENTEK, MCCRAY, NASH (seated at 7:10 p.m.,  
RODRIGUEZ, MCDONNELL, CAPPELLI  
ABSENT: LEONARD

The Director stated adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

The Director called upon Boy Scout Troop 166 to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the National Anthem, sung by Elizabeth Hallinan.

Director Cappelli thanked Elizabeth for an outstanding performance. He also thanked the Boy Scouts for their participation.

The Director said there are large print agendas available for those who are visually impaired. If you require the large print agenda, please see the Clerk seated to my far right.

The Director welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Camden County Board of Freeholders. He said we are very pleased to be in Cherry Hill Township. He said it is the practice of the Freeholders to hold our meeting each month in one of our municipalities outside of the County Seat of Camden so that all members of the public will have full access to the meetings of the Board.

The Director said as is our custom, we ask the Mayor and Council to come forward for a presentation. He called upon Mayor Cahn and members of Council to come forward, along with Freeholder Carmen Rodriguez.

The Director said we are proud to call the governing body to my right our partners in government. The Director said Cherry Hill remains a premier town not just in South Jersey but in New Jersey. He said through Mayor Cahn and Council Cherry Hill is vibrant, outstanding in economic growth, businesses are growing. He said this governing body has done such an outstanding job in leading some smart growth development here in Cherry Hill. It is a wonderful place to live and a wonderful place to do business. There is a lot of progress because of leadership of the Mayor and Council and all the great work that they do. The Director thanked the Mayor for hosting the Freeholders in Cherry Hill.

Mayor Cahn said we are working closely with the County to make Cherry Hill so vibrant, maintaining services for residents both young and old. He thanked the County for their support. He thanked the Freeholders for coming to Cherry Hill and the residents for attending. The Mayor then introduced the Council Members.

**PRESENTATION**

Director Cappelli said as we go from town to town to have our monthly meetings, we ask the governing body for the name of a non-

profit in town, who is worthy of a small recognition and a small gift from the Camden County Board of Freeholders. This governing body has asked that we recognize tonight the Katz JCC and called upon Steve Greenberg to come forward.

The Director said the Katz Jewish Community Center is committed to promoting Jewish culture, heritage and values in lives by providing outstanding educational, social and health and wellness programs and experiences for the community. The Center was established in the 1940's. It hosts holiday celebrations, festivals, educational and cultural programs and this year will host the 2014 JCC Maccabee games August 10 through August 15<sup>th</sup>. He said this is the largest annual gathering of Jewish teams all over the world for Olympic style athletic competition to have meaningful impact on kids today. He said this JCC today in particular provides an outstanding programs and leadership for the community.

We agree with the governing body that the JCC should be recognized and we thank you for all the hard work that you do.

Mr. Greenberg thanked the Freeholders, Mayor and Council. He said for those of you who are not aware the JCC Maccabee games as mentioned is the largest gathering for games in the world. He said we expect close to 2,000 teams from all over the world - as far away as Australia as well as Israel as well as several other countries in Europe. He said we expect to have somewhere in the vicinity of about 10,000 people visiting Cherry Hill, visiting your restaurants your stores. There is still time to get involved if you like so please feel free to give us a call and stop by. Thanks.

The Director asked if there was a representative from the Barclay Homestead. He said it looks like they haven't arrived yet; we will wait for them to come for their community award.

#### **PROCLAMATION**

Freeholder McCray welcomed everyone. Freeholder McCray said I have the distinct honor this evening of presenting a Proclamation to Arthur Lewis, who is a resident of Cherry Hill. The Freeholder said Mr. Lewis has been a lifetime, dedicated public servant and an individual in law enforcement. He said back in 1956, after serving the Army during the Korean War he began a career in law enforcement that would span nearly three decades. His career began as a clerk in the then Federal Bureau of Narcotics in New York City training at night with the agents. In order to penetrate major heroin trafficking and successfully infiltration drug organizations. After two years, he became a full-fledged special agent with a gun and a badge. He then spent 12 years as an undercover - posing as a drug dealer - the riskiest part of investigative work - his assignments took him to the most dangerous drug hot spots across the United States, Mexico, Canada and Europe. In 1971, he became the first African American Agent to hold the position of Special Agent in Charge of Mid-Atlantic Region, based in Philadelphia. Under this leadership, the Philadelphia Joint Narcotics Task Force was formed and is one of the longest running joint narcotics task forces in the Country today. In 1977, Mr. Lewis was named by President Jimmy Carter as the First African American Acting Deputy Administrator in Washington, DC. He not only broke down racial barriers by climbing to the ranks but played a crucial role in a successful Civil Rights in the late 1970's that won better seating for African Americans. Mr. Lewis retired from law enforcement in 1980 and began a second career in Atlantic City as a Security Executive in the gaming industry where he spent 20 years. He assisted his wife in creating the Cherry Hill Minority Civic Association to serve as Cherry Hill School Board and served on the School Board locally as the first African American member. This past April, Mr. Lewis was honored by the Camden County NAACP. He was awarded the 2014 Valor Award which recognizes those who have

taken a stand and have fought against racism and injustice despite the potential consequences. In addition to the Proclamation tonight, Freeholder McCray said the Camden County Board of Freeholders and the Department of Veterans Affairs is presenting Mr. Lewis with the Camden County Korean War Service Medal for his honorable service to this Country. The Freeholder asked everyone to stand in honor of Arthur Lewis.

Director Cappelli and Deputy Director McDonnell were called upon to come forward. The Director presented Mr. Lewis with the Proclamation and Reverend Floyd White presented Mr. Lewis with the Medal of Honor. Director Cappelli thanked Mr. Lewis for his service.

The Deputy Director read:

"Arthur Lewis was a Veteran of the Korean War. He entered active Military Service on September 28, 1951 and was released from active duty on August 29, 1953. His military services no. was U.S. 51119075. He was awarded the following decorations and citations - Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Camden County Military Service Medal, and the Camden County Korean War Service Medal. His hometown at the time of entry into active service was New York. Thank you, Sir, for your meritorious and honorable service to the United States of America".

Mr. Lewis said I don't know what to say! I think back a few years here when I was working on the School Board for 6 or 7 years and I literally enjoyed it. The only problem was travelling back and forth to Washington. He said I enjoyed it. As I look around today, I don't know everyone here but it brings back memories that we worked together and the best things happened to my children here. I look around and see the finest people here. Thank you again - I am very grateful.

Colonel Floyd White saluted Mr. Lewis and thanked him for the service that you have done for our Country. "Sir, thank you, for your commitment to excellence, thanks you for your service to the United States of America".

### **PROCLAMATION**

Director Cappelli called upon the Timber Creek Chargers to come forward - Freeholder Gentek joined him. The Director said you are looking at the 2014 New Jersey Group 3 State Track Champions. The Director said it is certainly appropriate that we recognize our young successful dedicated people and that is what we are doing today. This team was incredible - not just great athletes but great scholars. Some of them are on the honor roll and some of them are multi-sport athletic winners and will go to different colleges but this team this year won the Olympic Conference Patriot Division. They won their seven state conference championship, participated in Woodbury relays won the team title and took home the third Woodbury Championship Title and made history when they went to the South Jersey Group 3 Championship and won the championship for the fifth time in the school's history. He said then they won their six New Jersey Group 3 State Championship scoring 78 points by nearly doubling their nearest competitor. That tells you how good they are. Beyond being winners in sports, they are winners in life - they are great kids and certainly worth of recognition. We congratulate you and thank you for all that you do.

Coach Grottini thanked everyone for the recognition of some fine young men here that we have at Timber Creek. We are truly blessed with hardworking athletes at a time when you hear so many bad things about high school athletes and high school kids. We are truly fortunate at Timber Creek having a great group of guys that do everything we ask. He said it is going to see a lot of these guys graduate this year. He said they are irreplaceable kids in our building. We have guys heading to Annapolis, Temple, and University of Maryland. It is truly great to see them being honored and being up here on behalf of them - they do all the work.

He then introduced the team. Thank you very much for recognizing all of them.

Freeholder McCray congratulated the team and said I actually know Coach Hinson very well. He was a teacher at Camden High when I was there. He said you are an incredible team; keep up the good work and best of luck to all of you.

Freeholder Gentek said on behalf of all of the residents of Camden County, this is my team and I am so proud of all of you. Congratulations to all of you. I am so proud of you and the Mayor of Gloucester Township wasn't able to be here tonight to congratulate all of you as well. He sends his wishes to you. The Director distributed Certificates for the team.

### **PROCLAMATION**

Freeholder Nash welcomed everyone. He said it is good to be in my hometown of Cherry Hill at a Freeholder meeting. Freeholder Nash said there are so many issues that are in our community. Sometimes people like to ignore it, some people like to complain about it but do nothing but then there is a group of people and one person in particular who understands that there are community and national issues and decides to do something about it themselves. He said we are going to recognize a very special person who has done that and that is Cherry Hill's own Eric Kipnis. The Freeholder called Eric to come forward.

Freeholder Nash said this is a surprise for Eric and I appreciate Eric's friends and family, his wife, Joan is here today.

In 2007 and 2008, Eric, a businessman in Cherry Hill was very concerned about healthcare for all Americans and he took it upon himself to get active in a national campaign - Citizens for Action and worked with Carol Kane, also a Cherry Hill resident. He worked very hard to talk to people about this issue that was so controversial but yet so important. Because of his work, he has been recognized by the State of New Jersey and nationally as one of the great community organizers. He said in 2009, South Jersey Citizens for Chance was formed and Eric became involved in that. In 2011, the Citizens Campaign awarded Eric the Citizen Leadership Award for political organizing. In 2012, he became a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte. He said it was an experience that he will never forget as he witnessed the party's nomination of Barack Obama for his candidacy of reelection for President. In 2012, Eric and Meryl Green became the chapter leaders for Organizing for Action, a non-partisan, non-profit grassroots organization that advocates for the issues that the American people voted for in 2012. He has become a state lead for organizing for action and his experience and passion has started his own organization called GRO Solutions, LLC, a political and organizing consulting business. The Freeholder said it is for all of those reasons for the work that you had done - some people walk the walk and talk the talk - you do both - Eric Kipnis is a treasure in Cherry Hill because he cares about everyone in our community and this country and for that we are going to present you with this Proclamation. The Freeholder asked the Mayor and Council members to come forward.

Mr. Kipnis thanked Freeholder Nash and the Freeholders. He said you have been there all the way and so have the people to my right, some of whom have helped me and vice versa - thank you! Mr. Kipnis said I am seldom at a loss for words. I am extremely surprised. He said in 2008 I decided that I needed to stop yelling at the TV screen and put my money where my mouth is and became involved. I haven't regretted a moment of that at all. This has become my passion. He said I am a strong believer in civic engagement. I think that more and more people should become engaged civically. Meryl was mentioned as someone who has worked with me but I do want to mention who unfortunately we lost in December who was really a guiding force and that was Joyce Alexander Walker, who was a treasure in this town. He said Joyce

and I often talked about citizenship and what it means to be a citizen - something that was near and dear to her heart and is near and dear to my heart and Meryl's as well. He said we are blessed with a tremendous amount of rights in this Country. I think all too often what we forget is that with those rights comes a whole set of responsibilities as citizens. He said it is the other side of the coin. He said I would encourage everybody to get involved - if you have something that you want to fight for - fight for it - if you want to hold a leader accountable - hold the leader accountable that is what you need to do. Keep yourselves informed and by all means vote - don't forget to vote ever - whoever you are voting for - vote! He thanked everyone for the award and said he was astonished and very grateful. I am going to keep on doing this - thank you!

Director Cappelli welcomed County Clerk Joseph Ripa.

### **SUSTAINABILITY AWARD**

Freeholder Gentek said Jeff and I do the Sustainability for the County and we are now going to give out the Sustainability Champion Award. She said this is given to somebody who is doing sustainable achievements for the residents of their towns but also making sure that generations have a great place to live and a healthy place. She said Lori Braunstein pretty much does everything. She said Lori is a hard worker, and not only that, but also my mentor. She said I had a passion but didn't know how to move it forward and somebody introduced me to Lori and she was able to sit there with me when I was feeling frustrated and able to give me the encouragement to move forward. I thank her for that as well. Some more of the things that Lori does is that she is a Cherry Hill resident. She is the Director of Green Schools at the Delaware Valley Green Building Council, founder of Sustainable Cherry Hill and President of the Board of Trustees. She has an advanced certificate from the Cloud Institute of Sustainability Education, is a 2010 Environmental Leadership Program fellow - a member of the Climate Realty Leadership Corp. and is credentialed as a lead green associate. She said Lori's organization Sustainable Cherry Hill helped guide Cherry Hill Township through the Sustainable Jersey Silver Certification Process and that is where she also helped many municipalities get to that point. Lori has mentored dozens of Green Teams throughout the State. Lori's Sustainable Cherry Hill has received a Community Service Award from the American Architects Institute, West Jersey Branch and Environmental Quality Award from the EPA also. She received the Martin Luther King Freedom Medal for her dedication to community and service and Lori has also helped us in the County to help move the County with their Sustainable Camden County. She then called upon Freeholder Nash because Lori started with Freeholder Nash at the beginning of the project. She thanked Lori for everything she has done for me - not only is she a mentor but she has also become a friend.

Freeholder Nash said the only thing that I can add is that every month we present the Sustainable Champion Award but this month I feel like we are recognizing the Champion of the Champions!

He said you are the person who is at the forefront of Sustainable Cherry Hill and you now are at the forefront of Sustainable Camden County and we appreciate that volunteer effort.

Lori thanked the Freeholders.

### **PROCLAMATION**

Freeholder Nash said this is a remarkable young woman who we are going to honor tonight is Alaina Serrano. Freeholder Nash said Alaina had been diagnosed with Rheumatoid Arthritis at the young age of 29 and to awareness and money in support of finding a cure, she formed a team called Team Ninja, a special interest in

community outreach and volunteer core development has been beneficial in her role as the regional lead volunteer for AARP's You've Earned a Say Initiative. She is committed to educating younger generations suffering with arthritis about social services and Medicare. She was named most recently as the Arthritis Foundation's Adult honoree for all of South Jersey. Her outreach is mainly aimed at undergraduate and post graduate students in South East Region of Pennsylvania and she has touched just so many lives. The people that she has helped, she has taken her difficult situation - was coping for herself but is making it easier for those that have the same affliction of that disease to make it easier for them to cope as well. Freeholder Nash said, Alaina, at the young age that you have been not only diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis but also to help people in the way you have done is a great credit to you and your family. The freeholder acknowledged her family and asked Gwen Devera to come forward. He said Gwen is a great friend of the family. Ms. Devera said Alaina was recognized by Channel 6 ABC for community service award. She said when I was invited I thought she also should have a Camden County proclamation - I notified our good freeholders and gave her resume. Channel 6 has been very good to her. Freeholder Nash thanked Ms. Devera and Alaina.

Alaina thanked Freeholder Nash for recognizing the work that Team Ninja does. She said it is not me alone - I feel my whole family should be here without their support, it would not have happened. She said our Team started with 30, we now have over 100. We raised \$5,000.00. She said arthritis is the leading cause of disability - it can happen to anyone at any age. Thank you for all your support.

#### PROCLAMATION

Director Cappelli said our next Proclamation is to recognize the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Polish American Citizens Club. He called Larry Gasperone to come forward. The Director said my first question is you sound like you belong to the Italian American Club - shouldn't your name be different than Gasperone? Mr. Gasperone said I was raised in the Polish section of the City of Camden - my mother was Polish - my father was Italian but he spoke Polish fluently because his mother was Polish. The reason why I am a full member of the club is because my mother was Polish - they go by your Mom!

Director Cappelli said if you know the history of Camden County, you know we are a very diverse, culturally rich community and back when immigrants started coming in during the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century most of them came to Camden City and each section of the City had different origins where they were from - Polack Town along Mt. Ephraim Avenue, Irish Catholic and Jewish sections and it was a wonderful city. It is the whole basis for the whole cultural diversity here in Camden County. The Director said on June 8, 1914, Joseph Boraski an ambitious young immigrant in Camden New Jersey had a plan to assist those from Poland who found their home here in America. He had three principle aims to prepare people of Polish Ancestry for better American Citizenship to conduct a school library for all residents of the community and to build a community home which would later be a center for social, civic and patriotic activities. He became the founder of the club back then and served as its president until 1926 and the club has grown ever since then. He said I remember visiting from around the cathedral, the church on Mt. Ephraim Avenue, the Polish American Club. That was there for many years and was really a cultural center. This group is now 100 years old this year. They do a lot of good community activities - they help preserve the heritage of Camden County and for that we would like to present you with this Proclamation celebrating your 100 years. Members of the Club came forward. Mr. Gasperone said we meet at the VFW in Runnemede and we

participate in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Runnemedede is actually our new home and has been for the past 7 years. Mr. Gasperone then introduced his members.

The Director asked once again if anyone was present from the Barclay Homestead. He then proceeded with the next order of business.

### **MINUTES**

Director Cappelli asked for a motion to adopt the Minutes from the previous meeting. Deputy Director McDonnell made a motion to adopt with a second by Freeholder Gentek and on roll call, all Freeholders present voted aye.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Director asked if there was any correspondence. The Clerk advised that there is correspondence from Student Leaders of Von Neida Park Task Force.

Dear Board of Freeholders, Mayor Redd and Frank Moran,

We would like to thank you for listening to our request and for making the lights in the Park happen. You brought much needed lights to our Cramer Hill Community. We really appreciated the food, DJ and fun day services on Tuesday night. Everyone was really having fun coming together as a community. There were so many people there - it was a very rewarding feeling to see the lights and to celebrate with all of you. We are so happy - thank you for helping us so much with Von Neida Park and most of all for listening to us and taking us seriously.

Sincerely, the student leaders of Von Neida Park Task Force"

The Director said certainly those student leaders deserve all the credit in the world for inspiring us to put up the lights. Frank Moran, Freeholder Nash and Deputy Director McDonnell provided great leadership and it is helping to transform that neighborhood in just the beautiful neighborhood that it is.

### **COMPTROLLER'S REPORT**

The Director said next we have the Comptroller's Report. He asked for a Motion to adopt the Comptroller's Report. Freeholder Nash made a motion to adopt with a second by Deputy Director McDonnell and on roll call, all Freeholders present voted aye.

The Director said the next portion of the meeting is open to the public for discussion of the resolutions to be acted upon tonight. There will be another public hearing later in the meeting in which you can discuss any topics at all but this portion is limited to the discussions of the resolutions upon which we will vote.

The Director declared the Public Hearing open. Seeing no one wishing to speak, Deputy Director McDonnell made a motion to close the public hearing with a second by Freeholder Rodriguez and all Freeholders present voted aye.

The Director said at our Caucus Meeting on Tuesday evening, the Board of Freeholders reviewed the Resolutions to be acted upon tonight. It was at that time that the Board discussed the items to be voted upon. He said we will be voting on Resolutions in blocks based on the unanimous consent of the Freeholders.

**RESOLUTIONS 1 THROUGH 7**

The Director asked for a Motion to adopt Resolutions 1 through 7. Freeholder Rodriguez made a motion to adopt with a second by Freeholder Nash and on roll call, all Freeholders present voted aye.

1. Resolution authorizing an Amended Agreement, pursuant to a publicly advertised Request for Proposals, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Buildings and Operations) and Bach Associates, PC, for additional closely related Architectural and Engineering Design Services for the Camden County Archives and Records Management Building, at no additional cost to the County.
2. Resolution authorizing an Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Buildings and Operations) and The Parking Authority of Camden City for Petit and Grand Jury Parking, for the period of 7/1/14 to 6/30/15, in the amount of \$97,584.00 - CAF#9900179201.
3. Resolution approving personnel actions requested by or on behalf of Freeholder Gentek.
4. Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 and Final (Bid B-19/2013), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and Diehl Electric, Inc., for Signal Improvements at the Intersection of 11th Street and Memorial Avenue/Campbell Place, City of Camden, for a decrease in the amount of \$34,766.53.
5. Resolution rejecting Bid B-9/2014), Runnemedede Island Construction, in the Borough of Runnemedede, for the Camden County Department of Public Works, due to error in publication.
6. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (Bid B-4/2014), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and Richard E. Pierson Construction Co. Inc., for Haddon Avenue (C.R. 561) & Franklin Avenue (C.R. 692) Intersection Improvements in the Township of Berlin, Federal Project No. STP 4072(110), NJDOT Job No. 5806304, in the amount of \$495,910.05. CAF#9900179269.
7. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (Bid B-5/2014), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc., for Milling and Overlay of Blackwood Clementon Road (CR534), Borough of Lindenwold, Pine Hill and Clementon, in the amount of \$1,221,700.00 - CAF#9900179271.

**RESOLUTION 8**

The Director asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 8. Deputy Director McDonnell made a motion to adopt with a second by Freeholder Rodriguez and on roll call:

AYE: GENTEK, MCCRAY, NASH, RODRIGUEZ, MCDONNELL  
ABSTAIN: CAPPELLI  
ABSENT: LEONARD

8. Resolution authorizing a Shared Services Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and Gloucester Township for Emergency Repairs and Inspection at the Blackwood Lake Dam on Church Street (CR534).



## RESOLUTIONS 9 THROUGH 18

Director Cappelli asked for a motion to adopt Resolutions 9 through 18. Deputy Director McDonnell made a motion to adopt with a second by Freeholder Rodriguez and on roll call, all Freeholders present voted aye.

9. Resolution authorizing an Agreement, pursuant to a publicly advertised Request for Proposal, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson (JMT), for Engineering Design Services, Bridge Replacement Clementon-Berlin Road (CR534) over North Branch of Timber Creek, Borough of Clementon, in the amount of \$127,470.00 - CAF#9900179153.
10. Resolution Consenting to the Borough of Haddon Heights Ordinance No. 2014:1410, for creating No-Passing Zones on various County Roads in the Borough of Haddon Heights.
11. Resolution authorizing approval of the newly updated Camden County Subdivision and Site Plan Procedures, Engineering and Planning Standards and Development Regulations.
12. Resolution authorizing the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) to enter into negotiations, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 20:3-1, et seq., with the Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail) for the purchase of a portion of Block 11, Lot 1, in the Borough of Oaklyn, for the purpose of a right-of-way improvement/construction project for the East Atlantic Bridge on East Atlantic Avenue (CR 727).
13. Resolution authorizing a Shared Services Agreement by and between the County of Camden and the Camden County Library Commission in support of the Commission's Literacy Program for County residents in the amount not to exceed \$40,000.00. Funding is contingent upon approval and receipt of funds from Homeless Trust Fund.
14. Resolution authorizing and directing payment by the County of Camden (Library System) to OCLC for various Library Services for the period 7/1/14 to 6/30/15 in the amount of \$66,206.18 - CAF#9900178640.
15. Resolution rejecting Bid B-8/2014 Lanning Square & Cooper Plaza Streetscape Improvements & Enhancement Program, Contract 6, as bids received substantially exceeded the budget for this project and for substantial revision of the bid specifications.
16. Resolution approving personnel actions requested by or on behalf of Freeholder Leonard.
17. Resolution authorizing specific Sworn Personnel at the Camden County Correctional Facility to have check signing privileges on the facility's three (3) Bank Accounts.
18. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract, pursuant to solicitation of quotations, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Corrections) and Net Transcripts, Inc., for Transcription Services of Audio Taped Materials, for the collection of evidence for internal investigations on an "as needed" basis, in the amount of \$5,000.00 - CAF#9900178979.

### RESOLUTION 19

The Director asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 19. Deputy Director McDonnell made a motion to adopt, with a second by Freeholder McCray and on roll call:

AYE: GENTEK, MCCRAY, RODRIGUEZ, MCDONNELL, CAPPELLI  
ABSTAIN: NASH  
ABSENT: LEONARD

19. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract, pursuant to a publicly advertised Request for Proposals, by and between the County of Camden (Various County Departments) and Virtua at Work, for the provision of Pre-Employment Medical Screening Services, on an "as needed" basis, for the period 7/1/14 to 6/30/15.

### RESOLUTIONS 20 THROUGH 33

The Director asked for a motion to adopt Resolutions 20 through 33. Freeholder Rodriguez made a motion to adopt with a second by Freeholder Gentek and on roll call, all Freeholders present voted aye.

20. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract, pursuant to solicitation of quotations, by and between the County of Camden (Office of the Prosecutor) and Software House International (SHI) for the purchase of parts in the amount of \$866.00 - CAF#s 9900178806 and 9900178820.
21. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract, (State Contract #A-77560), by and between the County of Camden (Office of the Prosecutor) and Software House International Corp. (SHI) for the purchase of interface software in the amount of \$160,000.00 - CAF#9900179008.
22. Resolution authorizing the submission of a Grant Application by the County of Camden (Office of the Prosecutor) to the Department of Law & Public Safety for the 2014 Body Armor Replacement Fund Program for the period 6/1/14 to 5/30/15, in the amount of \$10,660.69.
23. Resolution authorizing the submission of a Grant Application, by the County of Camden (Office of the Prosecutor) to the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice for the 2014 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Multi-Jurisdictional, Gang, Guns & Narcotics Task Force for the period 7/1/14 to 6/30/15, in the amount of \$238,195.00.
24. Resolution authorizing the creation of a pool of qualified vendors, pursuant to a Competitive Contracting Request for Proposals #14-07, for the provision of Service of Process Services for the Office of the Camden County Sheriff.
25. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract, pursuant to solicitation of quotations, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Safety) and ASG Security to repair and replace the security system at the Youth Center, in the amount of \$29,880.70 - CAF#9900178880.
26. Resolution rejecting Bid A-45/2014, maintenance of five (5) Stratus Servers and CAD Systems for the Department of Public Safety as Bid received was non-compliant with Bid Specifications.

27. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (State Contract #A-69831), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Safety) and Kova Corp., for twenty-four (24) Hour Recording System maintenance and support for the period 7/16/14 to 7/15/15, in the amount of \$93,103.94 - CAF#9900179002.
28. Resolution authorizing an Easement Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Safety) and the County of Gloucester to permit the County of Gloucester to install public safety communications antennas and related necessary equipment at the Telecommunications Tower Site, located at the Camden County College, Blackwood Campus.
29. Resolution authorizing an Amendments to the 911 Plan by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Safety) and the Township of Voorhees and the Township of Winslow, designating Camden County as Public Safety Answering Point.
30. Resolution approving personnel actions requested by or on behalf of Freeholder McCray.
31. Resolution Amending Resolution No. 50, adopted May 22, 2014, authorizing the creation of a pool of qualified caterers, pursuant to a publicly advertised Request For Proposals, to service events at the Camden County Boathouse and the Camden County Golf Academy for the period June 1, 2014 through May 31, 2015.
32. Resolution rejecting Bid A-41/2014, Improvements to Cooper River Lake for the Camden County Department of Parks, as bid received substantially exceeded the budget for this purpose.
33. Resolution rejecting Bid A-43/2014, purchase of a Leaf Machine for the Camden County Department of Parks due to substantial revision of Bid Specifications.

#### **RESOLUTION 34**

The Director asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 34. Deputy Director McDonnell made a motion to adopt with a second by Freeholder Rodriguez and on roll call:

AYE:           GENTEK, MCCRAY, NASH, RODRIGUEZ, MCDONNELL  
 ABSTAIN:    CAPPELLI  
 ABSENT:     LEONARD

34. Resolution authorizing Third Amended Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Parks) and Cooper's Ferry Partnership for the provision of on-going Waterfront Development activities to extend term for the Calendar Year 2014 at no cost to the County.

#### **RESOLUTIONS 35 through 82**

The Director asked for a motion to adopt Resolutions 35 through 82. Deputy Director McDonnell made a motion to adopt with a second by Freeholder Rodriguez and on roll call, all Freeholders present voted aye.

35. Resolution authorizing a License Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Parks) and The North Camden Little League, Inc., for the use of the Pyne Poynt Park concession building.

36. Resolution prohibiting Bow Fishing in all Camden County Parks, Waterways and Open Spaces.
37. Resolution approving personnel actions requested by or on behalf of Freeholder Nash.
38. Resolution authorizing award of Contracts, pursuant to a publicly advertised Request for Proposals, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Health & Human Services) and various approved vendors for the provision of assorted Mental Health Services, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 - various CAF's.
39. Resolution authorizing an award of Contracts, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Health & Human Services) and Community Planning and Advocacy Council (CPAC), for the provision of Management Services for various Human Services Programs, in an amount not to exceed \$279,074.00 - various CAF's.
40. Resolution extending a month-to-month Agreement, pursuant to a Competitive Contracting Request For Proposals #12-04, by and between the County of Camden and New Jersey Mentor, for the provision of juvenile shelter services commencing July 1, 2014, in the amount of \$140.00 per bed per diem, pending procurement of these services; funds are available in the amount of \$20,000.00 - CAF#9900179329. Balance of funding is contingent upon the appropriation and availability of funds in the 2015 Temporary and/or Permanent Budgets.
41. Resolution approving personnel actions requested by or on behalf of Freeholder Rodriguez.
42. Resolution rejecting Bid A-46/2014, repairs to the Sho-mobile for the Camden County Department of Events & Community Outreach as no bids were received.
43. Resolution authorizing and directing payment by the County of Camden (Department of Events & Community Outreach) to McFadden's Catering for catering services related to an April 30, 2014 event and for the June 17, 2014 Special Pops Dance, in the total amount of \$2,500.00 - CAF#'s9900178777 and 9900178861.
44. Resolution approving personnel actions requested by or on behalf of Deputy Freeholder Director McDonnell
45. Resolution inserting Chapter 159 Funds into the Budget from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development for Work First New Jersey WFNJ 14-15, in the amount of \$5,558,034.00.
46. Resolution Amending the 2014 County Table of Organization.
47. Resolution Amending Camden County Policy and Procedure No. 39.2 - Health & Prescription Benefits for Retirees.
48. Resolution Amending and Consolidating Shared Services Agreements by and between the County of Camden and the Camden County Technical Schools for the provision of various management, administrative and support services.
49. Resolution establishing a Camden County Opiate and Heroin Addiction Awareness Task Force.
50. Resolution Reappointing Members to the Camden County Workforce Investment Board (WIB).

51. Resolution authorizing an award of Contracts, pursuant to a publicly advertised solicitation of Quotations S01-14, by and between the County of Camden (Various Departments) and West Publishing Corporation d/b/a West, A Thomson Reuters business, for On-Line Legal Research and Print Subscriptions.
52. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract, pursuant to solicitation of quotations, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Police Services) and Officer Survival Solutions, for the purchase of Trauma Plate packs, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 - CAF#9900178807.
53. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract, pursuant to a publicly advertised Request for Proposals, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Police Services) and Consolidated Construction Management Service Corporation, for the provision of Architectural and Engineering Design Services, for the Elevator System at the Police Administration Building in an amount not to exceed \$31,200.00 - CAF#9900179046.
54. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (State Contract #A-81321), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Police Services) and Taser International, for the purchase of supplies and equipment for Tasers, in the amount of \$21,866.12 - CAF#9900178901.
55. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (State Contract #A-80802), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Police Services) and Johnston Communications Voice & Data, for the purchase of a phone system in the amount of \$83,296.39 - CAF#9900179004.
56. Resolution rescinding Resolution #83, adopted May 22, 2014, three (3) year maintenance and software contract for Eye In The Sky.
57. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (State Contract A-83909), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Police Services) and Motorola Solutions, Inc., for the purchase and installation of mobile radios and related equipment, in an amount of \$47,957.25 - CAF#9900179332.
58. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (State Contract #A-81296), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Police Services) and Eagle Point/T.J. Morris & Son, for the purchase of ammunition in an amount of \$50,004.54 - CAF#9900179099.
59. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract, (WSCA#75583), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Police Services) and Wireless Communications and Electronics, for the purchase and installation of modems, MDT's and related equipment, in the amount of \$40,637.96 - CAF#9900179137.
60. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (State Contract #A-82925), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Police Services) and Winner Ford, for the purchase and upfit of eleven (11) 2015 Police Interceptors, in the amount of \$340,428.00 - CAF#9900179100.
61. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (State Contract #A-83083), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Police Services) and CDW-G, for the purchase of additional network ports and storage area expansion in the amount of \$17,625.00 - CAF#9900179094.

62. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (WSCA #70256), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Police Services) and Dell Computer Corp. for the purchase of additional network ports and storage area expansion, in the amount of \$25,531.58 - CAF#9900179095.
63. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (WSCA #75583), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Police Services) and Wireless Communications and Electronics, for the purchase of MDT's with memory upgrade, in the amount of \$140,819.58 - CAF#9900179136.
64. Resolution terminating contract (State Contract #A-78440), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Police Services) and CRGT, Inc., for a Maintenance and Software Agreement for the Eye in the Sky System, Zones 6, 7 & 8, effective 7/31/14.
65. Resolution terminating an Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Police Services) and Kerry Hayes Yurico, effective May 31, 2014, by mutual agreement of the parties.
66. Resolution authorizing the submission of a Grant Application, by the County of Camden (Department of Police Services) to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security - FEMA for the 2014 Port Security Grant in the amount of \$325,379.46.
67. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(dd), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Police Services) and Shotspotter, Inc., for maintenance and support renewal for the Gunshot Detector System, for the period 7/1/14 to 11/14/15 in the amount of \$57,750.00 - CAF#9900178462.
68. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(dd), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Police Services) and WTH Technology, Inc., for support and maintenance for Crime Mapping, Automatic Vehicle Locator and Integration Maintenance for various software programs, in the amount of \$22,692.50 - CAF#9900178619.
69. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6.1, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Police Services) and Dynamic Imaging Systems, Inc. for maintenance of Picture Link System, in an amount of \$33,909.45 - CAF#9900178706.
70. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(dd), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Police Services) and General Dynamics for software maintenance on the LEAA System, in the amount of \$45,880.00 - CAF#9900179042.
71. Resolution authorizing an Agreement, by and between the County of Camden and the Courier Post Newspaper for County advertising, in the amount of \$30,000.00.
72. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (Bid A-37/2014), by and between the County of Camden (Office of Archives and Records Management) and Secured Document Destruction, LLC, for the provision of Records Shredding Services for various Camden County Departments and Camden County Cooperative Pricing Members, System Identifier #57- CCCPS, on an as-needed basis, and rescinding Resolution No. 89, adopted May 22, 2014.

73. Resolution authorizing Shared Services Agreements by and between the County of Camden (Department of Community Development) and various Municipalities participating in the Community Development Block Grant Program, Emergency Solutions Grant and the HOME Programs using Funds provided by HUD.
74. Resolution authorizing award of Contracts, pursuant to a publicly advertised Request for Proposals, #14-Ys-01, by and between the County of Camden (One Stop) and Various Providers, for Out-of-School Youth Services, for the period 7/1/14 to 6/30/17 - Various CAF's.
75. Resolution authorizing an award of Contracts, pursuant to a publicly advertised Request for Proposals #14-DHS-01, by and between the County of Camden (One Stop) and Various Providers for the Community work Experience Program with Job Skills Training and Clothing Assistance Services for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families for the period of 7/1/14 to 6/30/15.
76. Resolution authorizing an award of Contracts, pursuant to a publicly advertised Request for Proposals, #14-DHS-02, by and between the County of Camden (One Stop) and Various Providers for Community Work Experience Program Job Skills Training directly related to Employment and Clothing Assistance Services for General Assistance and Food Stamps Recipients, for the period 7/1/14 to 6/30/15.
77. Resolution authorizing Community Work Experience Program (CWEP) Site Agreements, by and between the County of Camden (One Stop) and various approved Public Agencies, Federal, Local and State Government and Not for Profit (501(c)(3)) Community Based Employers throughout Camden County for One Stop Workfirst Participants for the period 7/1/14 to 6/30/15.
78. Resolution authorizing Agreements with "Open to the Public" Training Providers approved by the New Jersey State Department of Labor under the Workforce Investment Act, Section 122 for the term 7/1/14 to 6/30/15. Funds from the appropriate grants will be encumbered as services are utilized.
79. Resolution authorizing the Approval and Execution of the Camden County Onestop "Transportation Contract" for the period 7/1/14 to 6/30/15.
80. Resolution authorizing and directing payment in equity by the County of Camden (Office of County Counsel) to Public Financial Management, for services related to the 2014 County Police Arbitration, in the amount of \$13,210.00 - CAF#9900179027.
81. Resolution authorizing Settlement of Litigation entitled Milagros Rivera and Darlene Draves vs. County of Camden Docket No. CAM-L-5221-12).
82. Resolution approving personnel actions requested by or on behalf of Freeholder Director Cappelli.

**RESOLUTION 83 - NO MOTION MADE - FAILS**

83. Resolution acknowledging personnel actions by or on behalf of constitutional or statutory row offices.

The Director said at this time the meeting is open to any member of the public who wishes to address the Board of Freeholders. He declared the public hearing open.

**Eulisis Delgado** of Camden addressed the Freeholders and identified himself as Community Activist in the City. Mr. Delgado said I am here to ask the residents of Cherry Hill to join Camden County to start shared services in this County. The law enforcement officers have been the best thing that has happened to the people in Camden City. He praised the new police department in the City of Camden. He said they are doing a superb job in the City. He said we even made an article in the Magazines. Mr. Delgado said I have been fighting the drug dealers in the City of Camden - going out in my neighborhood on loud speakers to make a difference in my community. He said my community in East Camden right now is about 70% to 80% safe to walk the streets now. He said thanks to the Director and the Freeholder Board for doing this for Camden. You have been doing a great job. He praised the Freeholders and thanked them for the lights at Von Neida Park. Mr. Delgado said I was reading in the paper that Senator Steve Sweeney said there are Townships in Gloucester County to combine Police Department Services and he said I am hoping that the Township of Cherry Hill consider us - Camden County. Have a blessed day!

The Director thanked Mr. Delgado.

**Walt Delengowski** of Haddonfield addressed the Freeholders regarding residential wood smoke. He said for the last several years wood smoke has been increasing in Haddonfield and Cherry Hill. The black soot dirties your house, your kids breathe and the State recognizes that wood smoke is the number one source of pollution matter in the State. He said we saw the track team come up here - can you imagine the track team running through wood smoke. He said I've seen our school kids in Haddonfield run through wood smoke from our residents. Mr. Delengowski said most people believe wood smoke is not polluting, not harmful. That is not true! He said I put together a presentation to give to all the Freeholders. He said I have presented it to several clubs, the Haddon Fortnightly and I have prepared a letter which also includes the EPA Burn Watch. He said Camden County Municipal Authorities puts out a newsletter telling us about dog waste, rainwater collection. He said I would like to see that same newsletter contain something about the dangers of wood smoke so that the people know that it is dangerous, that the smoke is pollutant that it harms their children and children breathe a lot more air per pound of body weight than adults. Can you imagine our track team if their lungs were damaged by wood smoke? He said there is an educational process - most people don't know how to burn wood smoke - they don't even know how to store the wood - they store wood outside where it gets wet. Big logs are thrown in the fire where it just smoke, sizzles and produces more smoke. He said in 1953, we were pretty smart, we got the NJ Public Health Code which identified that wood smoke was a public nuisance. However, when I called up the Public Health Department in Camden County, they said we can't investigate prior residents because of New Jersey Air Pollution Laws. He said I am asking for a couple of things. I am asking for an educational program that may be with Camden County Municipal Authorities and certainly I see it as an issue with sustainability definitely. He said we are polluting our homes, damages our children and seniors. He said I was outside shoveling snow at my residence in Cherry Hill and I couldn't take the wood smoke during the day. People think it is good - I lost my breath - I couldn't breathe. I think there is a whole educational process that we do but also with education we have to enforce our public health codes. He said I called the police in my neighborhood - the officer said what is the problem - I said looking at all the smoke pouring out - you can't breathe. The Police officer said I know, but what is the problem. He said what about the public health codes and the policeman answered we are not public health officers. They did nothing about it - they didn't even knock on the door. He said I think it is an educational program for all the towns in Camden County, for the Police, for the residents. It isn't just



coming down with a hard hand of government but I think it is an educational process too. People just don't know. I hope you read the article - I have done 5 years of research on wood smoke and I would be happy to help Camden County Sustainability or Environmental and here is my card, phone number and email address.

He said I am a retired engineer, I worked nuclear - I am familiar with the NRC and familiar with the Philadelphia International Airport. He said I am qualified and know what I am talking about. Please help! Thank you.

Freeholder Rodriguez asked Mr. Delengowski to meet with the Director of the County Health & Human Services Department, Ann Biondi, and share his information.

**Bryan Morton** of Camden addressed the Freeholder Board. He said I am here on behalf of the North Camden Little League. He said first to directly challenge Director Cappelli to a softball game at Pine Poynt Park, but seriously, on behalf of the kids and the parents, I came to say thank you. He said you guys have approved several resolutions over the past few years to improve the Park, to take it from one of the worst probably in America. He said it is one of the best not just in Camden County but anywhere.

He said it is really nice - the parents, the kids are out. We have baseball 7 days a week and that is directly because this Freeholder Board supported our dream. I just wanted to come out and say thank you tonight. Thank you for coming out on our opening day and we really do look forward to engaging the Freeholder Board more and to see you out on the field playing some ball with us. Thank you again and I look forward to having you back down there.

Freeholder Nash said I see it made the National News. The Director said it was on this morning. The Director said it was on the CBS Morning Show this morning. He said it was a great story. The Director said if we are going to have a neighborhood leader like you we couldn't have done what we did. Thank you for all that you do.

**Commander Jimmy Peralta** of Cherry Hill addressed the Freeholders. Commander Peralta said I have been a resident of Cherry Hill for 35 years and a United States Navy retiree and a Vietnam Veteran. He said I am also a lifetime member of the 372 Cherry Hill American Legion. He said I would like to thank you, especially, the Board of Freeholders and Row Officers for conferring upon me the award of the Martin Luther King Medal of Honor. He said I would also like to extend my thanks to Commissioner Gwen DeVera for recommending me as one of the honorees. He saluted all the Freeholders for all the good things that you have done in the Community and in Camden County. Thank you.

The Director thanked the Commander for his service. We appreciate it.

**Angela Melzi** of Haddonfield addressed the Freeholders. Mrs. Melzi said I am here tonight because we seem to have a problem in Haddonfield. She said I am not talking about any other town or counties but it directly affects the Freeholders and that is why Dr. Hoch asked me to go first before her. Mrs. Melzi said we don't have a really valid storm water management system there. She said I have lived there my entire life - I am 67 years old and have been paying taxes since I am 27. She said my parents have been there since 1955 - never knew that we didn't have storm water systems until a few years ago. She said I believe there are four arteries in the town. She said I am presenting this to you as the Freeholders for a couple of reasons. The wastewater that comes off of your County roads, the waste storm water Grove Street, the 1 to 500 block of Maple Avenue - I am on the 600 block where if there are any kids here the very first dinosaur in the world was ever found it is the end of my streets. She said I also happen to own what's called Haddrosauros Run. She said that is the ravine where

my son and his friends and daughters was a kid's paradise and then it became a teenagers place. However, it is the 600 block. She said your water runs into and I own part of Hadrosaurus Run - we all do along Hawthorne Avenue and Maple. She said your storm water from your County roads runs into my land. It empties off of Grove Street, it falls 20 feet and it ponds. It also causes a tremendous amount of erosion. She said in 2004, your storm water management plan, Camden County Soil Conservation showed that Hadrosaurus Run is the worst example of erosion in the County. She showed a picture of 10 years ago. She said I am not talking about anyone else that owns that land. I am talking about me. She said I lost 20 feet in the Cooper River, which you guys are dredging out. This is a picture taken 10 years ago. This is the picture 10 weeks ago.

She said I really am not here to talk right now about any of the legalities of why your storm water is on my land and why this has happened. Federal and State has recognized historical site at the end of my street, which basically becomes a boggy - you can't walk there, you can't look at it, you can't participate. She said I am not really here to talk about the environment which is being destroyed. I have gone and talked about this to my Borough for 12 years. The waste water that empties onto my land because of your streets - the County streets is not my responsibility. It is your responsibility, I believe, as a taxpayer for you to eliminate this problem, to eliminate your waste in a respectable way which is environmentally safe and it is within the public interest. The problem I am here for and why Dr. Hoch is here and I have frustration and I will be back because you have to do something about the flooding that goes onto my front yard, the flooding that goes into my ravine, the sewer system in my yard that is shifting.

I am a daughter of a plumber, he said to me years ago - get out of here. I am here to talk about the health hazard now - the mosquitoes, the fact that I can't sit in my yard because of the ponding - not only in the ravine, the ponding on Grove Street, the ponding on Maple Avenue, the ponding basically anywhere you go in Haddonfield that doesn't have a place for county roads. She said my parents live on Hinchman that is a County road. The bottom of Hinchman is a flood - the bottom of Hinchman is a flood. I am here to talk to you about that - I enlisted the help after all these years of former State Senator Alene Ammond because I can't deal with this anymore. I am 67 years old, I am looking at my future and looking at my children not having to deplete their resources to take care of me like I have had to do to take care of my parents. Thank you for your time, I will be back, I hope we can work this mess out.

Director Cappelli said as long as I have been a member of this Freeholder Board, this is the first I am hearing of this situation but we have Kevin Becica, our County Engineer, and Sam Martello, Director of Public Works and Andy Kricun, Director of CCMUA are here. Please speak to the three of them after this meeting. She said I have a meeting with Ms. Becica this week. She said this is a problem and it is a problem all over the town and when we go to the Borough in terms of the health issues, they sent us here - so here we are and Dr. Hoch will speak next - thank you for letting me go first.

**Susan Hoch, M.D.** of Haddonfield addressed the Freeholders. Dr. said I don't live near the ravine but I am a grandmother and took my grandson to see the dinosaur. She said we are going to go and walk where the dinosaurs walked. She said we went there and I was shocked by how much this ravine has eroded. I was there when it was made a national monument in 1995. People are losing their backyards. She said one person lost 20 ft. This is happening from storm water from county roads and goes into a pipe which drops 20 ft. and forms a pond at the bottom of that pipe and then it erodes through the ravine. The problem with that pond is stagnant water stands on the street and when we have a rainy July like we had last year, we lost more of the yards. When you walk in her backyard and

it is very moist because of the stagnant standing water. She said I saw on the County Website that there were 35 cases of West Nile Virus last year and the first case this year was June 26<sup>th</sup>. She said it is devastatingly bad in the young and the elderly - we don't know what kind of season we are going to have. She said I talked to the Borough of Haddonfield and they said we don't spray, it is the County that sprays. If the County can come to people's private land because of bogs formed from County Road water runoff that is coming on there, where are they going to spray - the pond under the pipe coming off Grove Street? She said there is a real question about where you are going to spray. Haddonfield said we are not spraying the County is spraying - the town said empty your flower pots that is great and I think that is correct but that doesn't do anything about the stagnant water that is coming from 20 ft. pond or yards such as Ms. Melzi's with such ponding for periods of times after rain. The other point I wanted to make going back to the dinosaur and that is something we should be proud of in Haddonfield. The first complete skeleton of a dinosaur was discovered in 1856. That changed history - kids want to come and see it - that ravine is going to be gone. My grandson's sons will not be able to walk where the dinosaurs walked. She said this is our job as Camden County - it is private property - nobody knows who owns the stream, the County owns the staging area - we are watching the destruction of a historic, a piece of history, a piece of geological history that you as leaders, should be responsible for - not only are you ironically responsible for its destruction by the County waters going into there but you are going to have to dredge the Cooper because Ms. Melzi's and other people's backyards are going down into the Cooper. It is making more work for you, more taxpayer dollars, we are here to protect Hadrosaurus Run. We want them to be able to walk where those dinosaurs walk.

Director Cappelli said we will look into it and will try to resolve it. I am glad to hear there are meetings taking place. I am sure that we will stay on top of it to get resolved.

**Alene Ammond** of Cherry Hill addressed the Freeholders. Ms. Ammond said I know Ms. Melzi, our children went to Haddonfield School for years. She said there is a background in Haddonfield and territory and property. She is absolutely correct. There is serious erosion there. The mosquitoes are terrible and it is not a good situation at all. It really needs immediate attention. Ms. Ammond said anything you can do as a Freeholder Board to get the State of New Jersey to do something because my next idea for them is I am taking them to the Department of Environmental Protection and ask the DEP officials to come down and look at this. She said I don't usually get involved in issues like this but this is very serious and I know you will be willing to do something. Thank you very much.

Director Cappelli thanked Ms. Ammond.

**Kevin Cook** of Cherry Hill addressed the Freeholders. Mr. Cook said he was on the Hadrosaurus site with his daughter and said it is pretty embarrassing to be negligent like that. He said I am here to discuss the building at Cooper River which suddenly disappeared and got demolished. That is water under the bridge. Mr. Cook said in his research he found a document that was prepared by a consultant hired by NJDOT in 2012. The building I was seeking to save is identified in that document. He said I brought that to the attention and tried to get it corrected and ran out of time and the building disappeared. He said in March 2013, you received my objections. We corrected the errors and attempted to resubmit the documents in 2014 a year later but the 11<sup>th</sup> hour objection appeared and it was taken off the agenda. He said there was a 12 page letter sent to Mr. Saunders of Historical Preservation Office of the DEP in Trenton. He read a portion of the letter. Mr. Cook said the State responded and said the fate of the Wallworth House is sad. Mr. Cook said my question for Freeholder Nash, considering

the objection was not filed in 2013 but the objection appeared later on how you explain this change of heart.

Freeholder Nash said I am not very familiar with all the applications and objections that you are referring to - I would like to read through that. Freeholder Nash here is my understanding of what occurred. The Wallworth House as we were told has no historical significance other than just being old. There was a fire which substantially damaged the building - it was in disrepair and the Township of Cherry Hill where the building exists has said repeatedly to the County to please demolish that building because it is an imminent hazard. The spring was rolling around, Challenge Grove where that Park exists was inhabited by children, and there is a special needs playground which is located feet from that building which was boarded up and in very dangerous condition. The Township told us to please take care of it before a child wanders into that building and gets hurt. The County then demolished the building with this understanding. We wanted to make sure the area was safe for the children that were going to play in the park and if you've been to that park as you have, you know that there are hundreds if not thousands of children, especially during the weekend in the spring and the summer. What we would like to see instead of that building is a pavilion that dedicates itself to the education of the County Park System. As you know as a historian, Kevin, that the County Park System was designed by Levitt, the famous landscape architect and at the time that Senator Wallworth, your predecessor was the State Senator of this area. The building was named after him after he committed suicide in 1933. We told you a year ago that the building was scheduled for demolition about 12 months ago. He said when you came to us and said we would like to see if we can preserve that building, the County held back on demolition for 12 months but we said this to you that you need to find us a purpose for this building because it would cost us just by rough estimate at least a quarter of a million dollars or a half million dollars to restore this building to its original purpose. He said there was not purpose - we said find a purpose - find some way to pay for it - find someone to lease it and find some community support. He said unfortunately, I know how passionate you are about this Kevin but there was no purpose, funding or support to maintain this building that really has no historical significance. Freeholder Nash said so it was an imminent hazard, it had to come down and that is what we did. In its place, we are going to put a pavilion that is going to dedicate itself to educating families and children about the history of the Camden County Park System. We would love for you to participate in the building of that structure and to help us with the education component of that. He said I am sure you are not liking that answer but that is exactly the rationale for what occurred. Mr. Cook said what about the larger picture? Mr. Cook said Cooper River Park historic district which covers 50 acres.

County Counsel Sherri Schweitzer interjected and said a policy decision was made that you filed an application to seek the entire Cooper River Park and other areas as an historic district. Upon review of it, there were several objections to covering the entire park system. That was a policy decision made by the administration and her office filed an objection to it. Mr. Cook said I am curious as to why this wasn't filed a year before. County Counsel said when my office received the recent one and objections filed, there was one the year before and am not sure if there was something filed or postponed or defective and not heard if there were a type of issue - my office received the one declaring it a historic district which my office made a decision to file an objection. Mr. Cook responded and said I find the whole timing of everything very curious.

**Rudy Blanco** of Willingboro addressed the Freeholders. Mr. Blanco said I work at Camden County College. The reason I am here is because I want to say that I got a call to my house telling me

that my job was terminated. I don't know what happened. He said my situation is that I worked in the hardest winter that I remember - working day and night. He said in the beginning of the year my wife became very ill and I had to come to work and go to the hospital - doing my job. He said my wife passed away. Three weeks after that, I got a phone call that my job was terminated. I have no idea why because as far as I know we were doing our job. We worked in the boiler department in all of the buildings, maintaining the whole college campus. He said I think it was highly unprofessional in my opinion how it was done. Still I don't know who did it or why it happened.

Freeholder Nash asked if this was an organization. Mr. Blanco said I worked at the college for over 40 years. The Freeholder asked doing what. Mr. Blanco was a boiler maker. The Director interjected and said to Mr. Blanco that he was very sorry for his loss. The Director said secondly we certainly appreciate your input - this was a decision by the Board of Trustees of the Camden County College over which we can't control what they do - we do appoint some of their members of that Board, the Governor appoints some, others appointed other ways. We will certainly look into this to find out what happened. He said my understanding from quick inquiries is that there are some financial problems at the college and that is what led to this decision. We will look into this further to see exactly what happened. Mr. Blanco said I appreciate that. Thank you. Freeholder Nash asked if Mr. Blanco was an employee of the college or were you with a separate organization. Mr. Blanco said for 40 years I am an employee of the College. He said 50 of us got terminated. He said they never told us why - they called my house which is really unprofessional for the college to do something like that. Freeholder Nash said I am so sorry.

**Skip Yeager** of Elmer addressed the Board. He said I am here to speak about the layoffs at Camden County College. He said I showed up that Saturday morning for work and greeted by a security administrator who called me to a different parking lot and handed me a couple of letters. He said I am a boiler operator at the college and have been employed there since December of 2001. Really we are just her to put you with the faces - you hear the numbers but there are real people behind that. People have their stories. He said I am also the President of Support Staff there and I know these people. They are good people, hardworking people. We had just made a four year contract and it had to be signed in the fall. We hadn't gotten the paper copies of it. This came down and everybody was blindsided. I just don't understand how this could happen. There was no mention of anything like this through our contract negotiations. Perhaps we could have worked something out but there wasn't any indication. For just 40 people being slammed like that is terrible. He said for me, my wife has a disability so medical insurance is very important to me and keeping her with the same doctors she has is very important to me. It took her long to find the right doctors to help her so moving on it might be tough keeping with the same doctors. Please put a personal side to this just so it is not just numbers on a piece of paper. We are actually people, people that pay their taxes and just want to do a good job. They cared about the job they did - they showed pride in their work - our numbers have been down as far as trying to keep the buildings up and running and clean and the grounds being kept up. People really took pride in their work and just to get slammed like this - I went back to get my personal effects and also had to get the Union paperwork I had and we were actually treated like criminals that day. I really don't feel there was a need for that. We were laid off, weren't terminated for any disciplinary action. To just get treated like we were going to destroy the place is crazy - there were no actions from any of our people, they just wanted to be professional and get their forms. No one was happy about it but everyone acted

professional and I don't feel the college really did. You don't need to treat people that way. There are more people who would like to speak to you. They are all good people. Thank you.

**Dawn Merlino** of Williamstown addressed the Freeholders. I found it interesting that this meeting was about community. Today there were community leaders, community members, track team, Mr. Kipnis was a great guy. You guys shaking hands hugging, it's love. Try to picture, tonight's Thursday night, you are at this meeting, Saturday morning you get a phone call, you are never going to see any of these people again ever, probably not the community members either because you are out - you are being moved out. You lost it, it's done. You cannot say anything, you cannot do anything - you are getting very little explanation. It is over - your job is done. Whether this is volunteer, paid whatever, it doesn't matter, the fact is that there were 435 years of experience with the 49 people that were laid off in a very precarious way. She said I have been there for over 8 years and I took my job very seriously. I am a custodian and I am proud of it. I've kept the buildings that I worked on and I worked on every single one of them on the whole campus - they were spotless. I was proud of my coworkers, I was proud of the job I did so that the students and staff could come to work and everybody was safe, nice and healthy. No illnesses in the college campus the entire time I have been there or before. There are people who worked months and 25 years who started in the 1980's who were 18 years old. We need the health insurance for many reasons - first of all it is a contractual benefit that we took less so we could take care of our medical needs. I, myself, have a Type 1 Diabetic husband who just a month and a half ago has to use a very technical meter that we have to use - it is an insulin pump, it is very expensive to keep the materials, using sensors, infusion sets. We are not going to keep that if we don't have the insurance. She said I have a son who has bipolar disorder. Because of this genetic illness, his life has been precarious but I have finally found in New Jersey a wonderful doctor who has gotten him on the proper medication that is keeping him well. He is going to Massage Therapy School, it is hard, and he is doing well. She said I have stories of everybody that I work with that we were a community too - we were a community of 17 at night that cleaned every building on that campus because they told us we can't hire more people right now. You have to keep going and do it. She said H had 3 building a night to take care of - Walt sitting her drove all over the campus, picking up trash at 5:00 a.m. cleaning floor areas. We finished the job and proud of ourselves when we went home in the morning. People have medical issues - there is a young lady who couldn't come tonight because her daughter is graduating from High School. Her husband is in a wheelchair for weeks and she didn't tell us - she is that proud and didn't want to burden us with it. He is in a wheelchair, he is not even 45 years old. It is not her fault that she needs the health insurance. We don't know who did this to us. We had no warning, I was on the negotiating team for the Camden County College. I was proud to do it - I did it for the last two contracts. We had no clue that this was going to happen - nobody said anything about your jobs are in jeopardy - make some concessions - do this do that - nobody! Now, we don't know who did this to us. We have no clue. We would like to know - we would like a discourse, we would like some communication. We don't know - we need your help to tell us because we are not getting it from the place that we put our life's blood into. Think about that - 435 years of experience. Graduations events all the time! Director Cappelli, I have seen you there for events - I have cleaned up for all these events - all of us have. We care and we take care of it. People who have taken jobs - it is heartbreaking to me to know someone is in my building doing my job and not caring about it. It is just a job to them - to me it was my life, my career. It is what made my life a little bit easier - problems at home, go to work, make an accomplishment,

you go home and start all over again. There is a documentary called Philosopher Kings about a custodian - if you get a chance watch it. I saw it at the public library, it is an amazing movie.

Not everyone is cut out to be in a high pressure situation, there is supposed to be a place for everybody. We need our boiler men, our shippers, our receivers - we need everybody - we need the groundskeepers. They know the grounds backwards and forwards - they know it all. We know what to watch for in our buildings so that something bad doesn't happen that would cost the County and College a lot of money. Please just think about this - this is 49 people and their families - it is very hard. Think about Saturday morning and your phone doesn't ring - think about it. It happened to me and it happened to all of us. Thank you.

**Naomi Lubkin** of Cherry Hill addressed the Freeholders. Ms. Lubkin said the reason why I am here, I think it is extremely important - Election Day was June 3 and while I was going to different sites, I was a challenger someone came up to me who was a senior. I don't want to reveal specific information about them because I've heard that people are afraid to complain to the Freeholders and to our Camden County government. She said what he said was that somebody has to help us - somebody -you should see what it is like when people are getting vouchers. The State has a voucher program where you use local food sources, farms things like that. He said the County is terrible to us. I thought how I feel about this and the next day I went to Collingswood Library on June 4<sup>th</sup> and they had the voucher program that was being instituted. I still didn't understand what they were saying was the County was administering it. She said I got there it cost a few dollars to park and then you see people on walkers that parked behind the building or down the street because they didn't have the money to pay. I believe a few buses brought people there from nursing/senior homes. She said it was approximately 70 some people in a small room. They were standing waiting. Two women came in and I later found out that it was being run by the Food Bank under the auspices of the County. She said this is what I was told. She said I watched this - there were no numbers - it was chaos. What I saw with these folks, they were frantic that they wouldn't get a voucher. The voucher is \$20.00 and you get one twice a year and you can redeem it at a local market. People were actually pushing into other people. I had a guy that looked to me that he had a stroke - he was in a brace and he fell over me. It was pandemonium - it was awful. I was sitting out talking to people giving out pens - I didn't know what to do and filling out the forms. Then came the other set of the complaints - people were saying that at senior facilities you should have a social worker or someone in that capacity. She said at St. Mary's in Cherry Hill, I was told I don't know this first hand but I was told by one of the people that St. Mary's will not do the vouchers for people as they should because people fight. She said I am hearing this - I talked to many seniors. They were hesitant, they didn't want to give their names and they said they can't vote - they don't know how to fill out the vote by mail - just on and on. One man was 92 years old. This is a crowd of our seniors going to this and from them every time there is one of these voucher program releases this happens. After that, I drove to the County Park System to Cooper River to see what was going on. I saw all these monuments to the military - these people are our military people from the Korean War, widows, they are all there and I told them I would drop it and find out how these people could contact someone or have a representative - they are afraid to do it because the vouchers will go. She said the newest thing is it is so hard to get a voucher that the County has intimated that because people are not showing up to pick them up there really isn't a need. They are not showing up because they don't drive any more. Are any of you responsible for the seniors and these programs?

Freeholder Rodriguez responded and asked Ms. Lubkin to speak with her Aide, Joan Quinton. Please give her all the information so we can do a thorough investigation on this because I am somewhat familiar with the voucher program but none of the complaints that you have here have been brought forth to me and I do definitely do want to look into that. She thanked the Freeholder.

Ms. Lubkin asked if they got a new HVAC system for the boathouse - the Director responded we did. Ms. Lubkin said they took the bid and the HVAC was not competent enough for the number of people you wanted to have in there. They made the mistake - did they right the mistake at no charge to us? Ms. Lubkin said two years ago I asked how much money we are getting. You said the general fund. If you are representing to us that all these renovations are helpful to the County bringing money in and turn around I don't know how much money is coming in it goes in the general fund, I ask that an accountant be taking care of it. The Director said we can tell you how much money comes in but can't tell you tonight off the top of my head. She said I don't expect that - the Director said I can account for that. She said the woman you directed me to say we take the money and put in the general fund. The Director said we do account for all the revenue from the boathouse. We can get that information to you as well.

**John Mastrogiovanni** of Cherry Hill addressed the Freeholders.

Mr. Mastrogiovanni said my request pales in comparison what you have already heard this evening but it involves the area between Grove Street and Kings Highway along Park Boulevard. He said right now there is a lot of construction being done, widening and sidewalks that is all great but behind are a couple of walking trails and jogging trails and bicyclists who use those paths. He said once again erosion is the top issue of the day - a lot of the trails, they are eroded, and there are big craters. They are almost impassable. He said we have dog walkers, joggers and bicyclists and we use to have cross country teams would come to Park Boulevard and many of the teams from the area. He said I don't see them anymore and I was hoping there is something that can be done to fix the paths along the trail. Freeholder Nash responded and said it is actually on the capital plan. Mr. Mastrogiovanni said in addition to that we must have lost about one hundred trees I would say within the past three years and the trees help keep the noise away and make the area a lot nicer. Freeholder Nash asked for Mr. Mastrogiovanni's contact information and said I will have the Director of Parks contact you and you can show him where we have lost the trees. The Freeholder said I am sure he is familiar with it. He said we do have a tree replenishment program so if it is possible we can do that.

**Lou Cattuna** of Cherry Hill addressed the Freeholders. Mr. Cattuna said the Cooper River Park construction has been ongoing. He said biking through there is a path issue and also if you want to ride on Park Drive, there should be a painted bike lane while the construction is going on that also could be incorporated into the project. He said that he noticed the park where the boathouse is and the crew races that there were areas of vegetation that was allowed to let go, wasn't being mowed and recently I noticed that it was mowed down right up to the bank stream. He said those areas were restored and planted so it would hold the banks and now they are mowed. He said I don't know if it was the right time to mow because a lot of birds nest in those areas and it was just mowed. He said if you are going to mow them, please mow them at the right time. He said we could save money by not mowing them. He said the third issue is reading in the newspaper about several development projects that are going on especially in Cherry Hill for the golf course, Haddonfield Lumber - they are adjacent to county roads and state roads, in between different towns, as well. He said the Township of Cherry Hill entertains these developments, entertains the zoning, has a master plan but I am not sure how the County gets



involved because anything that one town affects another town and affects how the County operates, how the traffic flows on County roads and it seems and I am not sure of the County Planning Board, if there is one how that operates and how much involvement and cooperation they do with zoning changes, with projects like these along county roads that could affect a community as a whole, not just one Township. He said I realize other counties do the same thing, they get more involved in local projects along county roads and make sure how they affect local community as well as the regional community as well. I think that is an issue that if the County Planning Board could get more involved in things like that - that would seem to be a good issue that would help to coordinate towns rather than them working in a vacuum at their only little area.

Director Cappelli responded and said our County Planning Board does do some County master planning but mostly the applications that come before the County Planning Board deal with access to County roads. He said we have limited jurisdiction believe it or not at the County level when New Jersey set up most of the jurisdictions at the local level so each municipality must prepare a Master Plan updated every five years. The Director said we are doing our best, we work with all these municipalities and meet a couple of times a year. Thank you.

**Jan Ewing** of Haddon Heights addressed the Freeholders. Ms. Ewing said I enjoy Haddon Lake Park every day doing my exercise along with a lot of other people. She said we have historic markers there. We had two of them and we added another two. She said the two that were added lasted one day and one of the ones that had been there for four years disappeared - what's going on and how do we get our signs back. Freeholder Nash asked which signs and Ms. Ewing said it is the Lippincott House. Freeholder Nash asked if it were a County issue. Ms. Ewing said, yes, it is in a County Park. Director Cappelli interjected and said it is not a County sign, we didn't put the signs up. Ms. Ewing said the Historic Society has paid for the signs and they have worked with the County with the previous two that were very well received and we added two additional signs with the approval of the County and the signs disappeared within a day. Freeholder Nash responded and said I called Bob Hunter today because he had called me and Ms. Ewing said that one of the signs had been replaced - that one is back but the other two have been missing. She said I know people in the Park enjoy them because I am going through and I see people reading them and I ask them - yes this is really great. Freeholder Nash said we take no position on the signs but he called upon Falio to answer. Falio said we are working on getting both of them back. Ms. Ewing thanked them.

**Ann McAdams** of Haddon Heights addressed the Freeholders. I am happy to have this opportunity to address you. It is about the same problem that has become a problem. She said my job with the Historical Society was to get permission from the County Parks System to erect the signs. I received permission from Caren Fishman, who was Director when the first two signs were placed. She said I contacted her not realizing she no longer had the position and I spoke with Frank Moran. He in turn had me speak with John Wollick. After several meetings and emails, we met in the Park and he gave us permission to put the other two signs up. We had permission from the Parks for all four signs and then two people in town out of 7500 called to complain about the signs and boom they were down overnight - they were gone. I am very happy to hear this gentleman say that they are working on it. We are happy to see the one back and delighted and I hope this will be the end of it and you won't see anybody from Haddon Heights complaining any more. Thank you for your time.

**Alene Ammond** of Cherry Hill addressed the Board once again. First of all I want to congratulate you on the way you have conducted this meeting. You have given every single person here a chance to speak and express themselves. I can see on the Agenda with respect to the Metro Police Department, which was a big controversy and last year with the FOP we held many demonstrations against it. I want to reaffirm we are still against it and I see these amounts of money that you are already spending \$83,000, \$47,000, \$50,000, \$40,000, \$340,000, \$17,000, \$25,000, \$140,000, etc. on your Metro Police Department. We don't want it - the people do not understand that they will lose their municipal police departments once the County institutes and takes over all of the police. We do not want that, we tried to emphasize that to you all last year through demonstrations and meetings, but just because George Norcross said he wanted to control the police; please don't look bored. Director Cappelli responded and said you are boring me Ms. Ammond. She responded I am sorry you are bored but this is thousands and thousands of dollars - Director Cappelli interjected - all paid for by the City of Camden - not by the County of Camden - it is all paid for by the City. Ms. Ammond said the poor people of Camden are supposed to pay for that?

Freeholder McCray interrupted and said the poor people of Camden have been paying with more than dollars and if you were listening earlier you heard Ulysses Delgado who by the way, at one time, stood where you stood and was against it because he lives in the City, sleeps in the City, is a taxpayer in the City and has come out in full support of what's happening there. So, you as far as your antics from last year can look in the newspapers, look at the news clips and maybe take a trip to the City of Camden to talk to the mothers and fathers and the children or even myself as a resident and ask us if we want it. Ms. Ammond said you were not available at any of the meetings. We completely endorse a Metropolitan Police Force for Camden City - it is absolutely necessary. We don't need it in Cherry Hill - Freeholder McCray responded nobody is forcing Cherry Hill to join anything! Ms. Ammond said, oh, it will!

The Director said seeing no other members of the public who wishes to comment, the Director said I will entertain a motion to close the public hearing. Deputy Director McDonnell made a motion to close with a second by Freeholder Gentek and all Freeholders present voted aye.

The Director said I will now open the floor to the Freeholders for their comments.

**Freeholder Nash** said I do want to say I have had the opportunity to visit our parks. To the credit of the men and women who work in our Parks Department, has been the best I have ever seen. In North Camden, the changes as you heard today, Von Neida Park and perhaps one of the greatest nights that I have had in Camden in a long time is watching the new Metropolitan Police Department play ball with the students of St. Anthony's as we initiated the lighting on the basketball courts. It was a powerful moment. At Wiggins Park, the concert which drew 5,000 people, including the Freeholder Director, the new Kroch Center in Cramer Hill which I drove there the other day - I could not believe what has been constructed on the old site which is going to service that community and the children for years. The Challenge Grove Park which is overwhelmed with children, especially the Special Needs facilities of the Boundless Field that Deputy Director McDonnell was responsible for creating; Cooper River Park - I had the great opportunity to go to the Filipino Picnic last Saturday where thousands of residents were at the Cooper River Park. New Brooklyn Park with the Disc Golf Course - everything that has been constructed over the past 12 months by this Board with the help of residents has just been spectacular and I am really proud of Frank

Moran, Falio and all the men and women of the Parks Department who have done such a great job to really enhance the quality of lives for residents from Camden City down to Winslow. It is really truly a great tribute to their work.

**Freeholder Rodriguez** thanked the Cherry Hill community for receiving us today with the Mayor and Council and residents that are here. I would also like to thank our County employees who work so hard day in and day out to provide services that are residents use. I would also like to thank those of you who are present who have brought their issues forth because it does give us the opportunity to serve you better as well making us aware of what your concerns are. Thank you for being here and doing that. For all the awardees that have been recognized earlier. She said I wanted to share with everyone, if you are not aware, those of you who are parents or who have children that you are concerned as far as keeping physically and intellectually active and stimulated during the summer months, which is often considered the decline as far as academic growth, we put together the summer director which has many resources that you can tap into over the summer. She said we have copies in the back with quick references for you so we can maintain our children in being active and engaged and keep them out of trouble in the summer. Thank you for coming and have a safe and happy summer. It is going to be a hot summer so make sure you take care and check up on your elders and your pets. Thank you.

**Freeholder Gentek** thanked Mayor and Council for hosting us this evening. We live in a place where you have the right to speak so we thank all of you for doing that. We will take everything into consideration. Thank you.

**Freeholder McCray** thanked Mayor and Council. Cherry Hill is always a great place to come. He said I know last year this time when we were here, my colleague Jeff Nash would joke with me about being a resident of Cherry Hill. He said my family and I were actually living here as we were displaced but it is a great time and a lot of great people here. To all the awardees tonight, it is all well-deserved - it was a real sense of community. To everyone that is here, I always say to continue to hold us accountable that we can set forth policy and do things that we are charged to do. He said I want to give a quick shout out to all Departments of Camden County, especially the folks that are working outside in the heat the last few weeks in dealing with the rain, the heat but continued to do a really good job. To the Parks Department for all the work they are doing right now especially in Camden City. I am not slighting any other towns but some of the public safety and community efforts taking place there with a little TLC, it goes a long way. Everybody have a safe night.

**Deputy Director McDonnell** thanked everyone for coming and thanked them for staying through the entire meeting. It is always good to have so many of the public participate. A couple of things I would like to say - one is that we've heard a lot of stuff tonight about drainage particularly around Grove Street and these other activities that are going on. Kevin Becica is our engineer, Sam Martello is our Public Works Director sitting right back there. If you haven't spoken with them already, you ought to because they are very aware of this stuff and are working on plans - part of it the new design for Grove Street was done by Haddonfield Borough but we work very much in partnership with them on this project so whatever needs to be done, hopefully we can work together. Stay in touch with them and they will help you every way they can. The other thing I wanted to do was to congratulate Sherri Schweitzer. Tonight is her last Freeholder meeting for a very good reason - she has been nominated to be a Superior Court Judge in the State of New Jersey. Assuming the nomination goes through, which we have pretty good information that it will, we will miss her tremendously. You

can tell just by the conversations tonight the various issues that come up that County government like most governments has a tremendous legal component to it. Almost everything we do has in some way to go through to County Counsel's office and Sherri has performed with such great competence and great dignity and style in her time here with us. She is a great attorney and a great person and we all wish her great success in her new job as a Superior Court Judge. Congratulations, Sherri!!

**Director Cappelli** said I too want to echo what Ed just said to Sherri. It is so important for a County government or any government to have outstanding professionals. We have been so fortunate and lucky to have Sherri serve as our County Counsel for the last few years. She has provided us with outstanding legal advice. We've done very well with regard to litigation, with regard to labor issues. Part of her job, quite frankly, is to cover our butts to make sure we are not stepping outside the bounds of the law in any way in the actions we take. She has done a great job doing that. She leaves a great legacy behind an outstanding staff who respect her, who have worked very well under her. He said we as a Board took a lot of heat for what we did last year in forming the police department. This police department will be a legacy of Sherri's as well. We could not have done it without her legal expertise and hard work. There wasn't a morning for about a year, I think, that I did not speak to Sherri about some legal aspect of the creation of this new police department as we moved along. Civil Service waivers, labor contracts, resolutions; how we formed it. It was the most complicated legal issue you could possibly imagine. It was never done before in the State of New Jersey but Sherri found a way to do it. Sherri, we appreciate that and as the number of crime victims in Camden drop, the number of murders drop - they are down 25% so far this year - as all of the types of crimes are decreasing, Camden City becomes a safer place and as we saw the other night and have been seeing over the last few weeks, children playing on the streets of Camden, people walking to their jobs in Camden, that is your legacy as well. You should be very proud of that. Thank you for your hard work. You have been a great friend to all of us!

The Director said it has been a tremendous month. We were at the opening Michelle and I were out there at the Miracle Field, which Deputy Director McDonnell did such a great job building. Nothing could have been more gratifying than spending an hour there on Saturday and watching those special needs children and adults play softball. It was just phenomenal. To Deputy Director McDonnell, he said it is the greatest thing we done on this Board since I have been a member of this Board. You deserve a lot of credit. Pyne Poynt, Von Neida we formed a heroin task force tonight - we will continue to fight the heroin epidemic. The Library is collecting toys and food for pets throughout the summer. Freeholder Leonard wanted us to be aware of that.

On behalf of all the Freeholders, I want to thank the employees of Camden for the great work they do day in and day out on behalf of the residents.

The Director asked for a motion to adjourn. Freeholder Nash made a motion to adjourn with a second by Deputy Director McDonnell and all Freeholders voted aye. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne DiPiero  
Clerk of the Board