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In RE: Nutley Board of Commissioners

Transcript of Proceedings

April 2, 2019

Conference Session



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TOWNSHIP OF NUTLEY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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NUTLEY, NEW JERSEY 07110

*** CONFERENCE SESSION ***

DATE: April 2, 2019

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

- JOSEPH P. SCARPELLI, MAYOR
- MAURO G. TUCCI, COMMISSIONER
- THOMAS J. EVANS, COMMISSIONER
- ALPHONSE PETRACCO, COMMISSIONER
- STEVEN L. ROGERS, COMMISSIONER (Absent/Excused)

ALSO APPEARING:

- ALAN GENITEMPO, TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY

1 (Recording begins)

2 THE CLERK: Board of Commissioners public
3 meeting, Tuesday, April 2nd, 2019. The time is 7:05.
4 Pursuant to the requirements of the Open Public Meeting
5 Act, Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, notice of this
6 meeting was published in the November 29th, 2018 issues
7 of the Nutley Sun, the Herald News, and the
8 Star Ledger. A copy of this notice has been posted on
9 the Nutley Town Hall bulletin board, and a copy is on
10 file in the Municipal Clerk's office.

11 Commissioner Rogers is absent, excused.

12 Commissioner Tucci?

13 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Here.

14 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

15 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Here.

16 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

17 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Here.

18 THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

19 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Here.

20 THE CLERK: All present, Mayor, except for
21 Commissioner Rogers. He's absent, excused.

22 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Commissioner Petracco, what
23 do you have on the agenda today?

24 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: I have a resolution,
25 accept bid for surplus equipment, and declare support

1 for distracted driving crackdown. That's all I have.

2 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Commissioner Evans?

3 COMMISSIONER EVANS: I have a couple things.

4 Tonight, we have to do the budget introductions, which

5 we will --

6 THE CLERK: They're on the agenda.

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8 COMMISSIONER EVANS: -- do a presentation

9 on --

10 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Oh, I'm sorry, I'll

11 (indiscernible), Mayor.

12 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Are you ready?

13 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Yeah, I'm ready.

14 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Tonight we have a -- as

15 I said, we have to do the budgeting introduction, a
16 presentation, that I'll do out in the general session.

17 This ought to help people understand what's in the

18 budget and what the changes are. It's hard to pick up

19 the budget document and understand it (indiscernible).

20 So I have prepared some slides. But basically to

21 summarize what the budget is and the trends of the

22 budget that will be available on the website. But

23 we'll walk through that before we go through the

24 budget. Right now, this budget reflects a 3.85 percent

25 increase, which translates to \$175 and change to the

1 average taxpayer through the housing assessment of
2 (indiscernible).

3 So we need to work -- continue to work on
4 these new things (indiscernible) that budget. As it
5 stands, we can't adopt until we know what our
6 State aid is. As far as our conversations go, they
7 have (indiscernible).

8 So tonight, my thing is to -- I think we have
9 to work harder to reduce this budget. We need to find
10 600 grand between now and (indiscernible). That can
11 get better. If we ignore it could get worse, if the aid
12 is cut below the 3.6 million -- 3.5 million, anticipated
13 in this budget. So just these variables that exist
14 that we have to watch, in mind. So we'll do the public
15 hearing on May 7th, as required, and we'll wait for
16 adoption -- just like we did last year (indiscernible)
17 State aid.

18 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Hopefully, we don't get any
19 bad news at the end of the year like last year.

20 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Yeah. The only other
21 thing is that wherever we are, we've got to get to
22 2 percent. The rate increase last year was higher,
23 15 percent, it's been higher than anybody's for the
24 last two years. And that's been joined by us knowing
25 state aid, and that always stops. But we need to

1 understand that we've been trending above 2 percent for
2 the last two years. And so now we just really have to
3 keep a hard line.

4 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: What percentage are
5 we up this year?

6 COMMISSIONER EVANS: 3.85.

7 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: 3.85? And that's
8 equivalent to, to 600,000?

9 COMMISSIONER EVANS: To bring that down to
10 2 percent, we need to find 600 grand. And if we do
11 find it and get it down to 2 percent, then the increase
12 to the taxes is still an increase to the taxpayer, but
13 instead of (indiscernible) it's 82. So (indiscernible)
14 conversation (indiscernible) if we don't cut it, I
15 can't support it. (Indiscernible).

16 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: (Indiscernible).

17 COMMISSIONER EVANS: I also have an
18 ordinance, the bank, the Cap Bank ordinance, which
19 allows us to increase our budget appropriations from
20 above 2 and a half percent, to 3 and a half percent.
21 We're currently -- before we cut any appropriations,
22 we're currently at 2.3 percent. So the bank is -- as
23 you remember, is a paper entry. And if something
24 catastrophic was to happen, we'd use the bank, and we'd
25 be allowed to use that in a future year. We would just

1 simply renew it because the bank, itself, lasts for two
2 years. So you just -- and you can -- one drops off,
3 you add another one (indiscernible) for a rainy day
4 (indiscernible). But we've never used it, and you
5 know, I don't expect that we will, but it's just in
6 case. It's good, sound financial advice. And that's
7 why -- that's what we have (indiscernible).

8 It's confusing. If you have any, you know --
9 it suggests that it gives us the latitude to increase
10 it if we wanted to, but there's so many constraints
11 that would prevent us from just throwing money at this,
12 as far as (indiscernible) clearly is as so many things
13 (indiscernible).

14 And I also have two resolutions. One's over
15 -- refund of overpayment of taxes, and then the --
16 there's the certification of compliance for the Equal
17 Employment Opportunity Commissions "Enforcement
18 Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction
19 Record in Employment Decisions."

20 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Commissioner Tucci?

21 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: I have nothing. Other
22 than -- I'm sorry, I do have -- I have a report.

23 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Thank you. Thank you,
24 Commissioner.

25 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Here. I might support

1 the cause.

2 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Would you read Commissioner
3 Rogers's resolutions?

4 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: I will. I don't know
5 how he's declaring all these different things in the
6 same week and month, but he's got -- he's recognizing
7 -- he's a good one for that. The week of April 1st
8 through April 7th is National Public Health Week.
9 We're recognizing the month of April as National Donate
10 Life Month. I'm not sure what that means, but I'll
11 read it.

12 THE CLERK: Organ donation.

13 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: We're going to declare
14 the month of April as Oral Cancer Awareness month, and
15 I guess we're going to reappoint Meredith Blank as the
16 Certified Municipal Registrar. He left one off here,
17 though. He should have on here a resolution
18 recognizing Autism Awareness Month, and today is
19 actually Light It Up Blue. So I'll just mention that
20 even though he missed it.

21 THE CLERK: Put it on for the next meeting?

22 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: We'll put it on the next meeting.

23 THE CLERK: Okay.

24 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Thank you very much,
25 Commissioner. I have a resolution, doing the

1 re-certification of the Green Team. This is a
2 resolution that's needed as we go for our
3 sustainability certification, which we need to renew,
4 and hopefully, we'll get -- we were bronze before this,
5 hopefully we can get to silver. It does help us in
6 going for our grants for DEP. It adds extra points to
7 your grants, so that's -- the resolutions. We'll also
8 approve some raffle applications. I'm rejecting the
9 bids that we received from Ernest Street because there
10 was a form missing from all the packets, so we had to
11 reject those, and we're going out for a re-bid. That
12 will (indiscernible). And I also have a --
13 report.

14 Madam Clerk.

15 THE CLERK: We have Board of Commissioner
16 meeting minutes from March 5th for approval, and we have
17 several applications for approval. One is for Holy
18 Family, for a Palm Sunday procession. Holy Family, every
19 year, asks to utilize Yanticaw Park, so I got
20 permission from the director, Daniel Salvante. He
21 waived the permits, so he said he was okay to have
22 that.

23 The Friends of the Nutley Library have
24 submitted a social fair application, and the Knights of
25 Columbus, Holy Family, also have submitted -- they want

1 to hold a raffle on Sunday, July 14th, 2019. And
2 that's it.

3 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Counselor?

4 MR. GENITEMPO: I have nothing.

5 MAYOR SCARPELLLI: Okay. Let's go out to the
6 public.

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1 (Recording begins)

2 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Everybody, please stand for
3 the flag salute.

4 (Pledge of Allegiance)

5 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Madam Clerk?

6 THE CLERK: Thank you, Mayor. Board of
7 Commissioners Public Meeting, Tuesday, April 2nd, 2019.
8 The time is now 7:18. Pursuant to the requirements of
9 the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, Public Law
10 1975, notice of this meeting was published in the
11 November 29th, 2018 issues of the Nutley Sun, the
12 Herald News, and the Star Ledger. A copy of this
13 notice has been posted on the Nutley Town Hall bulletin
14 board, and a copy is on file in the Municipal Clerk's
15 office.

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18 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Here.

19 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

20 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Here.

21 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

22 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Here.

23 THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

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1 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Here.

2 THE CLERK: All present, Mayor, except for
3 Commissioner Rogers. He's absent, excused.

4 MAYOR SCARPELLI: I just want to take a
5 moment of silence. We lost two members of our township
6 employees who recently retired, Bob Rodriguez and Danny
7 Westerlin. So we just have a little moment of silence
8 for both of them.

9 (Pause)

10 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Thank you.

11 Minutes, Madam Clerk?

12 THE CLERK: Thank you, Mayor. We have the
13 Board of Commissioner meeting minutes for approval from
14 March 5th, 2019. I need a motion.

15 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Move it.

16 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Second.

17 THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

18 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

19 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

20 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

21 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

22 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

23 THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

24 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

25 THE CLERK: That's it for minutes.

Public Session

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1 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Communications?

2 THE CLERK: Thank you, Mayor. Holy Family
3 Church has submitted an event application for a
4 Palm Sunday procession on April 14th, 2019, from
5 11:15 a.m. to 11:50 a.m., starting at 174 Franklin
6 Avenue and ending at 28 Brookline Avenue in Nutley. I
7 need a motion.

8 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Move it.

9 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Second.

10 THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

11 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

12 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

13 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

14 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

15 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

16 THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

17 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

18 THE CLERK: Holy Family Church has requested
19 permission to utilize Yanticaw Park for community
20 prayer, gathering for five consecutive Sundays,
21 starting April 28th through May 26th, 2019, from 4 p.m.
22 to 6 p.m. Procession to utilize Yanticaw Park has been
23 granted and permits have been waived by the County
24 Parks Recreation Director, Daniel Salvante. I need a
25 motion.

1 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Move it.

2 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Second.

3 THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

4 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: I just have a question.

5 Why are we voting on this? It's a county park, and
6 they're giving them permits, and they're waiving the
7 fees. So why are we acting on this?

8 THE CLERK: We put it on every year, just
9 this way that you -- it's okay with the governing body.
10 It's on Sundays, and anything that's done on Sundays,
11 we usually vote on. You don't -- it's not necessary?

12 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: I don't think so. I
13 think it's just a point of information.

14 Alan?

15 MR. GENITEMPO: Yeah, I don't know, it's
16 already been approved -- I'm sorry. It's already been
17 approved --

18 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Yeah, it's not under our
19 jurisdiction.

20 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Do we have to provide any
21 police coverage or anything?

22 THE CLERK: Not as far as I'm aware.

23 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: No.

24 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Okay.

25 THE CLERK: Okay. So we could just --

1 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Move to the next --

2 THE CLERK: -- go on to the next one.

3 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Move to --

4 THE CLERK: Okay. The Friends of the
5 Nutley Library have submitted an application for a
6 social affair permit to hold their Evening Tea and Book
7 Signing event on Wednesday, May 15th, 2019 at the
8 Nutley Public Library. The hours are from 6:30 to
9 9 p.m.

10 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: I'll be happy to move
11 this one.

12 THE CLERK: Okay. I need a second.

13 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Second.

14 THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

15 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

16 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

17 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

18 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

19 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

20 THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

21 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

22 THE CLERK: The Knights of Columbus
23 Number 14712, Holy Family Council, have submitted a
24 letter requesting permission to hold a raffle drawing
25 on Sunday, July 14th, 2019, at 1:05 p.m. at Holy Family

1 Church, 20 Brookline Avenue. I need a motion.

2 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Move it.

3 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Second.

4 THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

5 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

6 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

7 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

8 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

9 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

10 THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

11 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

12 THE CLERK: And that's it for communications.

13 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Reports, I have the monthly
14 reports from October, 2018 through February 2019.

15 Commissioner Tucci?

16 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Yes. I have a
17 shade tree report for the month of March, 2019.

18 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Bills, Madam Clerk?

19 THE CLERK: Thank you, Mayor. Bill list for
20 April 2nd, 2019: Public Affairs, \$181,103.65; Revenue
21 and Finance, \$6,381,046.03; Public Safety, \$51,939.60;
22 Public Works, \$55,453.05; Parks and Public Property,
23 \$966,519.98; Water Utility, \$159,767.59; total payroll,
24 \$833,296.41; for a grand total of \$8,629,126.31.

25 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Move the bills.

1 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

2 THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

3 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

4 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

5 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

6 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

7 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

8 THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

9 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

10 THE CLERK: And that's it for bills, Mayor.

11 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Public comment on agenda
12 items only.

13 Madam Clerk?

14 THE CLERK: Yes, Mayor. All persons
15 addressing the Board of Commissioners regarding
16 community concerns should approach the microphone and
17 provide their name and address for the record. Unless
18 further time is granted by the board, each person shall
19 limit their address to three minutes. All remarks to
20 the board and its individual members must be addressed
21 to the mayor.

22 The mayor may defer citizens' comments to the
23 appropriate member of the board. Dialogue between
24 citizens and those addressing the board shall be
25 allowed unless the mayor or presiding officer or the

1 majority of the membership of the board shall determine
2 that the interests of the quorum and/or the expeditious
3 conduct of municipal business are being adversely
4 affected by such dialogue.

5 MR. MOORE: Rory Moore, 462 Chestnut Street.

6 Mr. Evans, I have two questions on the budget -- the
7 bills. The Cede -- Cede and Company, what is that?

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9 COMMISSIONER EVANS: It's a debt payment.

10 UNIDENTIFIED: Oh, C-E-D-E.

11 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Yeah.

12 MR. MOORE: C-E -- C-E-E --

13 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Yes. It's a --

14 MR. MOORE: What is that? There are two
15 items.

16 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Yes, it's where we --
17 because we have to pay our interest on our debt
18 obligations, principal obligations.

19 MR. MOORE: (Indiscernible).

20 COMMISSIONER EVANS: And that's the clearing
21 company. Yes.

22 MR. MOORE: All right. And I just have a --

23 Commissioner Petracco. Bills this month -- this
24 meeting. Baltimore County Police Foundation? Is that
25 a (indiscernible)? Oh, that's what it was?

1 And there was another one. Lindhurst Volunteer Fire
2 Department? What was that for?

3 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: That's all the training
4 for the fire department, we're reimbursing them.

5 MR. MOORE: Okay. Thank you.

6 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Anybody else wish to
7 address the Board of Commissioners on the agenda items
8 only? Seeing none, let's move to Board of Commissioner
9 announcements.

10 The announcements, Commissioners?

11 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: The only announcement
12 I'd like to make at this point, and we'll do a
13 resolution at the next meeting, is today is Light It Up
14 Blue in recognition of Autism Awareness Month. So we
15 will be doing that resolution at our next meeting.

16 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Mayor, I just have the
17 -- it's -- April is dog and cat license renewal month,
18 and so I just -- the Municipal Clerk's Office will be
19 open until 8 p.m. three nights this month, April 24th,
20 April 25th, and April 30th, to accommodate residents
21 who need to come in in the evening for that. And Steve
22 Rogers isn't here tonight, Commissioner Rogers isn't
23 here tonight, but on April 8th and April 9th are the
24 days scheduled for the free rabies clinics. The
25 Clerk's Office will be participating in that so to help

1 with the license renewals on those dates, as well.

2 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Thank you.

3 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: There is an
4 announcement I'd like to make, also. Unfortunately, we
5 lost Lieutenant Paul Edwards a couple weeks ago, his
6 passing. And I've been kind of holding off to make --
7 you know, to do a moment of silence for him. Also,
8 because when I first got elected way back when,
9 Paul Edwards, one of the kindest, gentlest, human
10 beings you will ever meet in your life, he was always
11 on me about putting something on the police cars that I
12 talked to Chief Strumolo about, and those words were
13 "To Protect and Serve."

14 You know, he really felt that was the duty of
15 a police officer, to protect and serve his community.
16 So I'd like to, you know, get that on the cars,
17 painted, "Protect and Serve." I think that would look
18 great, and I'd like to invite Mrs. Edwards here one
19 night, you know, when we do that, maybe take a picture
20 or something. So I'd just like to recognize that he
21 did pass.

22 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Let's just take a couple
23 moments -- for Paul Edwards. Thank you.

24 Public Works is going to have their shredding
25 day April 13th from 10 to 2 in parking lot 9, which is

1 next to Ciccolini's. Bring all your tax returns, it's
2 always around tax day. Bring your old tax returns,
3 your checkbooks, any of your important documents you
4 don't want to throw in the trash. It's an opportunity
5 to get rid of them in a safe and secure way.

6 Ordinance introductions. Commissioner Evans?

7 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Thank you, Mayor. I
8 have one introduction tonight. Each year, we introduce
9 an ordinance that theoretically would allow the
10 township to increase our appropriation cap from --
11 above the statutory 2 percent to 3 and a half percent.
12 We've never had a need to do that, and the current
13 budget actually shows an appropriation increase of
14 2.3 percent, so we're below the current cap. It's a --
15 an expiring bank. It exists for two years, and then it
16 expires.

17 So we -- since we're below the cap and we
18 have that range, if something catastrophic was to
19 happen, it allows us to deal with that emergency and
20 that appropriation. We've never had to use it, so it's
21 just -- it's a good financial planning practice to
22 continue to renew it. But there are multiple
23 constraints that are in place that would never allow us
24 to increase those -- that spending to that level. But
25 it's just good planning. So we do that mostly -- and

1 in fact it exists, as a paper memo entry that we track
2 each year.

3 So with that, an Ordinance Number 3418, an
4 ordinance to exceed the municipal budget appropriation
5 limits, and to establish a cap bank, pursuant to
6 N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14. I move that this ordinance be
7 passed to a second reading, and advertised in the
8 Nutley Sun, together with the notice required by law,
9 and that further consideration of said ordinance for
10 final passage by the Board of Commissioners be held at
11 its second reading on May 7th, 2019. So move.

12 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

13 THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

14 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

15 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

16 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

17 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

18 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

19 THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

20 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

21 Commissioner? Budget?

22 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Yes. Tonight, we have
23 to introduce our budget. We are at the statutory
24 deadline required by the State for introduction. So
25 we're at a point where we're still in the budget

1 process. We still have to continue -- more work to do
2 to address the budget. So this budget is being
3 presented for introduction purposes only. We are not
4 able to adopt our budget until our transitional state
5 aid is known. Last year, that became known on
6 September 20th. So there is a window of time here.

7 So we will hold a public hearing on the -- on
8 this budget, but we won't adopt it, on May 7th. I've
9 prepared a brief presentation to go over the highlights
10 of the budget. The budget document itself is available
11 to the public. It'll be available tomorrow morning.
12 These slides will be up on the website, as well, and it
13 helps to make the budget itself more understandable. So
14 let me just take a moment and go over there. (Pause)

15 We'll continue to go through this budget and
16 the discussion in more detail at the public hearing
17 phase, but it's, in part, to tee up the conversation.
18 So we'll just go through it. The next slide.

19 So when you look at our budget, this is the
20 entire budget on one page. It simply says that we have
21 appropriations for a lot of things. It's the money
22 that we need to spend each year, and for 2019, we need
23 to spend \$54.5 million, or \$1,200,000 more roughly,
24 than we spent the previous year. Included in our
25 budget, people don't realize this, is that the library

1 gets a statutory appropriation, which is collected
2 through the municipality and through the property tax.
3 That's 1.6 million, which is this item here, 1 million-
4 588. So I'm rounding for purposes, just for these
5 purpose. That appropriation's going up \$32,000.

6 As a statutory requirement, we can't assume
7 that all taxpayers will pay us the tax that is due. So
8 there's a reserve that is required by statute, and by
9 accounting -- for accounting purposes, and required by
10 the (indiscernible) that we have a reserve in our
11 budget each year. The reserve that we have here is
12 4 million -- almost \$500,000 -- \$4,451,000.

13 What that says is that the total
14 appropriation for 19 -- 2019, is \$57 million, roughly
15 \$500,000. Not all of that money has to be collected
16 from taxpayers. It comes from other sources. So, one
17 of those sources, for example, would be construction
18 fees. Anything -- marriage license fees, fines, that
19 are out there, would be part of that. Any grants that
20 we receive. So any changes in that, up or down, affect
21 how much money we have to collect from the taxpayer.
22 In this case, our revenues from other sources is going
23 down by \$294,000, and I will explain that in a minute.

24 So the total municipal revenue would be --
25 revenue meaning, what taxpayers have to pay, what we

1 need to raise in taxes, is a requirement for this year
2 at \$42,632,000, which is an increase over 2018 of
3 3.85 percent. What that means, when we look at the
4 details of it, what that means is that the average
5 taxpayer would see, based upon this introduction, an
6 average increase of \$175. So -- and that's tied to the
7 houses. If your assessed value is at \$319,000, the
8 municipal portion would be \$175. If your assessed
9 value is either higher or lower, that number will
10 either go up or go -- go lower based upon your
11 individual property tax valuation. So -- next slide.

12 So when we say the budget's going up, and we
13 had a need to spend more money, the question is,
14 where's that money? Why do we need to spend it, and
15 where is that money being spent? In total, as you can
16 see laid out here, for each of the departments,
17 including the mayor's office, we need to increase
18 salaries by \$1,045,000. The others, the other expenses
19 that we incur, which one of those is we have an
20 increase in our sewer charge of \$172,000 and increase in
21 our pensions of almost \$300,000. This doesn't count as
22 350 --

23 (Audio malfunction)

24 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Okay. So when you break
25 that down, while we look at these numbers, we start

1 to see then where we need and why our budget is
2 increasing and the areas that are driving those
3 increases. So, in total, appropriations are going up
4 almost \$1.3 million. We, as a Board of Commissioners,
5 have to continue to work to understand what we can do
6 to allay these increases before we adopt the budget. A
7 lot of the things that you see in here as a benefit, is
8 one, is we have a \$529,000 decrease in our medical
9 insurance.

10 And, Commissioner, do you want to clarify
11 that?

12 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Sure. We had a
13 3 percent increase for our active employees this year,
14 but we were fortunate enough to have almost a 40
15 percent decrease for our retirees, and our breakdown is
16 as follows.

17 We have 208 active employees who are on our
18 health plan. We have 144 retirees, all right, that
19 we're paying for. Overall, we had 46 people waive,
20 which means they either had coverage with a spouse or a
21 significant other, all right, or they received an -- a
22 dollar incentive, which averaged about \$3,880, and that
23 equates to 25 percent of whatever premium was attached
24 to the coverage that they had, or \$5,000, whichever is
25 less.

1 So we had a significant savings this year,
2 and that, in conjunction with being very diligent in
3 combing our lists and making sure that people who do
4 not belong there are removed and we stay on top of any
5 changes that we have, we realized a significant
6 reduction this year. And depending on how we proceed,
7 we may even have a further reduction, but that's to be
8 seen.

9 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Right. Thank you,
10 Commissioner.

11 Mayor, do you want to comment on recycling?

12 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Sure. Changes in the
13 recycling industry are ongoing. There are no markets
14 out there for the recycling material, and what we were
15 once getting paid for, we are now paying to get rid of.
16 So that's increased some of our recycling costs. Last
17 year, we switched over to half of our recycling and
18 outsourced that. We paid for that through our -- some
19 of our tonnage grant last year, so that had to come
20 into the budget. So between those two, that's the
21 increase in the recycling disposal fees.

22 COMMISSIONER EVANS: What it -- --

23 MAYOR SCARPELLI: It's offset -- mostly
24 offset by changes in the department, through decreased
25 manpower, so it's kind of a wash.

1 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Do you want to comment
2 on the water deficit?

3 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Yeah. We're still working
4 on the water deficit. At one of the meetings, I said
5 that we were down a million dollars, which was not
6 true. That was based on the information that I had in
7 front of me, and the water rents looked like they were
8 decreasing each year. But it was really an accounting
9 error because what happened is, each year, the people
10 who are paying online has been increasing. So it
11 looked like we were down \$900,000 in rents, but it was
12 -- the 900,000 was in a different account.

13 But we're still down in our consumption and
14 our billing, and we're working on that. We've made
15 some changes already, and hopefully by the time we pass
16 the budget, we'll take care of that water deficit.

17 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Okay. So -- and again,
18 this is where we stand today, and there is much more
19 work that needs to be done to try and adjust these
20 increases. We're going to revenue.

21 So the other thing that's happening that's
22 causing the budget to go up, is that our revenues are
23 lower this year than they were last year. But there's
24 a -- there's a challenge with it because there's a
25 statutory constraint.

1 While we got \$4.1 million worth of
2 transitional aid last year, by statute, we're only able
3 to anticipate 85 percent of what we got the previous
4 year. So as you can tell, you can see, we have 4.1
5 million, but we're only allowed by statute to
6 anticipate roughly three and a half million, which is a
7 \$615,000 decline in our revenue.

8 That's partially offset by the fact that
9 we've had an increase in grants that we had received.
10 One of those was the Koch grant, and given that
11 interest rates are starting to rise, interest --
12 earning is increasing a little bit, when we had an
13 emergency, we filed to FEMA for reimbursement. That
14 reimbursement when you compare year over year, is up to
15 \$92,000. And there is a list of very small items.
16 \$800 here, \$3,000 there, that comprise the other
17 revenues.

18 So if you -- you know, if you look at it, the
19 net of that is \$615,000 decrease offset by a \$321,000
20 increase, the net revenue decline is roughly \$294,000.

21 So -- but we just walked through and an increase size
22 is the overall budget, why appropriations are going up,
23 and what's happening on the revenue side, which proves
24 the impact of the amount of revenue that we have to
25 raise from taxpayers.

1 So what does that mean? So last year, from
2 taxpayers, we had to raise 41 million because of the
3 increase in spending, and the decrease increase in
4 revenue we need to raise \$42.67 million this time
5 around, for 2019, as I already showed --

6 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: It was rough.

7 COMMISSIONER EVANS: I'm working on it. So
8 we had a -- we've already had a bunch of
9 (indiscernible). So basically, what this explains
10 again, and how I was saying, the budget is going up
11 about 3.85 percent, or an average of \$175 for the
12 taxpayer. In order to get to 2 percent, we have to
13 reduce this budget by \$600,000, either by finding more
14 revenue, or reducing our expenses. If our state aid is
15 higher than the 3.5 million coming from the state,
16 that'll help. Otherwise, we have to find ways to try
17 and cut this budget and (indiscernible) achieve the 2
18 percent cap this year.

19 If we're able to do that, this \$175 increase
20 -- is now under \$100. So we have to continue to work
21 on the budget.

22 Okay. Just another point. So in addition
23 to our operating budget, we actually do have capital
24 investment bonds and other types of borrowing. So as a
25 township, it has to have steady

1 forms of investments. So one of the things that we
2 don't talk about very much is the fact that at the
3 municipal level, if we needed to, we could borrow as
4 much as \$131 million. Today, our debt outstanding is
5 \$13.7 million, and when we look at that it's basically
6 a mortgage that's at 10 years, annual percentage rate
7 is 2 and a half percent. So we manage this very
8 closely, and the commissioners are very cooperative and
9 very (indiscernible) to figure out what we need to spend
10 money on, we stay within our means, so that, two
11 things:

12 One, this number doesn't get out of control,
13 and the amount of debt service that we have to put into
14 the budget stays safe. So -- let me do that. I put
15 these schedules together because rather than trying to
16 go through each department and (indiscernible), which
17 is a challenge to understand, especially as it's
18 presented in the budget document that goes to the
19 state, I prepared this as a summary.

20 What this says is where -- 2019, it's
21 spending, having a need to spend \$55.3 million, where
22 is that money going? And so the easiest way to do that
23 is to explain is that, one, we're -- if we go all the
24 way to the right, included in our budget is a library
25 appropriation, not just the statutory piece, but the

1 part that the municipality contributes. That roughly
2 is about 2.4 percent of our budget, or about \$1.9
3 million, is given to the library for its services.

4 We manage our debt service, which is stable,
5 at \$2.8 million. That's the amount we have to pay each
6 years in terms of interest and principal payments. We
7 manage that stable and keep that stable. And
8 Commissioner Rogers isn't here, but the areas like
9 Health and Veteran's Services, as well as garbage
10 collection, right, that's \$3.7 million, or roughly
11 6.7 percent of the budget.

12 When we continue to move across, the
13 administrative services, which includes all of the
14 attorneys, both the ones that are on the payroll, plus
15 the consultants, our IT operation, treasury operations,
16 the municipal clerk's office, the construction office,
17 that all totals to four and a half million dollars, or
18 8.2 percent.

19 When you continue -- when you think about
20 our parks, our buildings, our -- the recreation
21 activities that go on, as well as paying for the light
22 bill, the heating the place, and looking at those types
23 of things, that's another \$4.7 million, or roughly
24 8.6 percent. We do have to pay for liability
25 insurance, workman's compensation insurance, as well as

1 what I've mentioned earlier, including the reserve from
2 collectibles, which is another 11.8 percent, or six and
3 a half million dollars.

4 Roadways. Taking care of the roadways,
5 taking care of our sewer system, street lighting,
6 recycling, those activities that go on, that's another
7 \$7.9 million, or roughly 14 percent. And then
8 public safety, so police and fire services, as well as
9 the municipal court, overall, we spend \$23.3 million,
10 or -- and that represents 42 percent, almost --
11 42 percent of our budget.

12 When you compare that to 2014, so
13 (indiscernible) basically said, if we were to look back
14 and say, where were we spending money roughly five
15 years ago? How are we now, and as you can see, each --
16 in that five-year comparison, the numbers are very
17 comparable in terms of percent relationships, but we
18 are spending more money. (Indiscernible) roughly a
19 \$700,000 increase in the road and sewer department, a
20 couple, you know, hundred thousand flip-flops for some
21 of the other departments, and Public Safety is up
22 \$3.3 million, since 2014.

23 So this just gives you a sense on one slide
24 that says, it's not about what each commissioner does
25 in his department, but how the money that we collect,

1 how do we need to spend it? So that's another
2 opportunity to take -- at a glance, understand where
3 the money goes, why we're spending what we're spending
4 it on.

5 Because the Water Utility is in the budget,
6 and it's separate, I thought that it was important, and
7 I got some advice this afternoon about that.
8 (indiscernible) there is a contribution to the property
9 tax from this water department deficit right
10 (indiscernible), basically, again, does the same thing.
11 We collect from the water bills, and the service charge
12 that's in there for 2019, \$4.3 million, our
13 appropriations are \$4.6 million. We have a shortfall of
14 \$231,000, and as the Mayor has already said, they are
15 working on curing that before we adopt the budget. And
16 again, it shows, you know, money changed '18 for '14,
17 and the comparative change, and what you see is, these
18 are where all appropriations are going up 1.8 percent
19 for 2019 over '18, and then compared to 2014, the
20 appropriations are up about 5.3 percent.

21 My last slide. So basically, again, what
22 we've been talking about is, one, we have to introduce
23 the budget tonight because we're at the statutory
24 deadline. We're going to host a public hearing on the
25 budget on May 7th. Like last year, we cannot actually

1 adopt a budget until we know what our state aid is, and
2 that could be as late as September. While that's going
3 on, the commissioners collectively are all committed to
4 continuing to work our way through lowering this
5 budget, or as -- and every way that we can, to achieve
6 that \$600,000 adjustment. A 3.8 percent increase is
7 unacceptable, and I'm not advocating that we adopt this
8 budget in its current form. We have time to work on
9 that. And as I said earlier, the slides that I just
10 brought to you will be up on the website before the end
11 of the week.

12 Gentlemen? Any comments? Adds?

13 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: I'd like to add something.
14 Number one, I'd like to thank Commissioner Evans for
15 putting this together so people can understand where
16 their tax dollars are going and where their water
17 collection fees are going. All right. So he did an
18 excellent job on that. And when you look at -- I
19 believe it was the second slide, he highlights an
20 increase in salaries. All right?

21 Everyone needs to understand, this is just a
22 portion, and I can only speak for my department. While
23 my salaries are up \$122,009, overall, my department is
24 down approximately \$683,000, or 5.6 percent, and I'm
25 sure that's the case in other departments also, and

1 that number may actually increase, all right, as far as
2 what our savings are going to be. And I'd like to
3 thank you, because I am the one that asked him about
4 the Water Utility budget, because this is really part
5 of the DPW operation, and I think that the mayor needs
6 to make people aware of that. Although it's not in
7 your taxes, it's still a fee that we pay. All right?
8 So it's something that we also take a very good look
9 at.

10 And I -- in one of our meetings, and
11 Commissioner Evans and I spoke about this, as well as
12 Commissioner Petracco and the Mayor, we spoke about
13 zero-based budgeting. All right? So what we don't do
14 is we don't take last year's number and just add a
15 percentage onto that and move it into the budget. What
16 we do is we go through each of our -- of the divisions,
17 all right, in our departments, all right, and we start
18 from the bottom up, all right, as if it was a brand new
19 budget, to see exactly what it is that we need.

20 And one example of that, all right, are the
21 costs for cell phones. What we did through our IT
22 department, who does a very good job, we've secured
23 service at unlimited cell phone service and data
24 service for \$39.99 a month, all right, and we are in
25 discussions about making it a commission policy that

1 the standard issue telephone will be an iPhone 8, which
2 we can purchase for \$0.99. All right? So this is just
3 one example of how we're taking a really close look at
4 how we spend each and every dollar. And this doesn't
5 amount to a whole heck of a lot of money, it's only
6 \$46,534, but you put enough of these together, and it
7 turns into real money and it turns into real tax
8 points.

9 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Absolutely. Absolutely.
10 Thank you. So in echoing that point, we continue to
11 scrub the accounts. We -- in addition to looking at
12 cell phones, we also looked at training. And when you
13 look at the training costs that we incur, many of those
14 are required. We need to train firemen and policemen.
15 And that runs about 20 -- in total about \$21,000 a
16 year. We need to train people in the court, which is
17 another roughly \$1,300, a thousand bucks a year, to do
18 that. And as well as anywhere else where we have
19 certification requirements, we have to go through that.
20 In my department, I spent last year \$4,100 on training
21 in total and about \$1,300 in the Code office, primarily
22 around roles that have a statutory requirement.

23 So we will continue to analyze the budget and
24 continue to probe each of these areas to make sure that
25

1 we are putting together the right budget as we go
2 forward. So again, as I said, May 7th will be the
3 public hearing on the budget, and these slides will be
4 available before the end of the week. I'd say in the
5 morning, but the way my luck is going, something's
6 going to happen, and they're not going to be up, but
7 they'll certainly be up there tomorrow if we don't have
8 any issues. Thank you.

9 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Commissioner Petracco?

10 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Yes. I do have a
11 couple comments. And I just want to start off with my
12 first comment of thanking Commissioner Evans for
13 putting this together and thanking the whole Board of
14 Commissioners. I was hoping that Commissioner Rogers
15 would be here, as well, because I'm well aware of the
16 costs that are associated in Public Safety.

17 You know, and I'll continue to thank all the
18 men and women that serve Public Safety. As everybody
19 knows, we just got the award for being one of the
20 safest communities in the state of New Jersey, and the
21 cost of public safety has risen, but we are a 24/7-day
22 a week operation. You know, we do this, you know, for
23 three shifts, for the most part.

24 So again, it's -- you know, our budget is a
25 work in progress. We've all gotten together, and it's

1 just that so many people showed up, I just wanted to
2 thank the commissioners and all the people that serve
3 Public Safety, and the rest of the municipal workers
4 for doing a really great job. And I understand fully
5 that we have to rein this in a little bit, and we have
6 our commitment that will continue to provide the
7 services that we do in Public Safety and, you know, do
8 it efficiently as possible. So I know that's what
9 we're looking for, and that's what we'll be looking to
10 do in Public Safety. Thank you.

11 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Thank you, Commissioner.

12 Thank you, Commissioner Evans, and I'm
13 counting on all of my fellow commissioners to put our
14 nose to the grindstone and figure out how we're going
15 to get this budget down \$600,000 over the next couple
16 weeks or months. So that's our goal, and that's where
17 we're going to get to. And I'm sure we will.

18 Let's move on to resolutions.

19 COMMISSIONER EVANS: I need to read the
20 budget.

21 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Oh, you need to do that,
22 huh?

23 COMMISSIONER EVANS: The notice. So just --
24 so -- so in summary, as I said, we need to adopt. So
25 the language I need to read is, the municipal budget of

1 the Township of Nutley, County of Essex, for the fiscal
2 year of 2019.

3 Be it resolved that the following statements
4 of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the
5 municipal budget for the year 2019.

6 Be it resolved further that said budget be
7 published in the Nutley Sun in the issue of
8 April 18th, 2019.

9 THE CLERK: That's April 11th.

10 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Oh, excuse me, I'm
11 sorry. It's April 11th. Mine said 18th. So
12 April 11th.

13 The governing body of the Township of Nutley
14 does hereby approve the following budget for the year
15 2019 for adoption purposes only. So move.

16 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second for adoption
17 purposes only.

18 THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

19 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

20 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

21 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

22 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

23 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

24 THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

25 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

1 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Can I correct that?
2 It's not adoption purposes. It's introduction.

3 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Introduction. Yes.

4 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: We're not adopting, we
5 still have a lot more work to do.

6 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Exactly. Thank you.

7 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Thank you, Commissioner.

8 Commissioner Tucci, would you read

9 Commissioner Rogers's resolutions?

10 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: I will.

11 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Thank you very much.

12 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: I would love to, thank
13 you, Mayor. Whereas -- I'm sorry?

14 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: I didn't hear you
15 guys.

16 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Yeah, we all voted.

17 COMMISSIONER EVANS: You voted? Yes, he --

18 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: I've already. Just
19 to clarify my vote, I voted aye. On adoption.

20 COMMISSIONER EVANS: On introduction.

21 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Introduction,
22 here, you're paying attention.

23 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: All right. Am I up?

24 MAYOR SCARPELLI: You're up.

25 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: All right. Thanks.

1 Whereas, public health is the practice of
2 preventing disease and promoting good health within
3 groups of people from small communities, entire
4 countries;

5 And, whereas, rather than being a single
6 discipline, public health includes professionals from
7 many fields, with the common purpose of protecting the
8 health of a population, these skills include emergency
9 responders, restaurant inspectors, health educators,
10 public policy makers, public health physicians, public
11 health nurses, social workers, epidemiologists,
12 nutritionists, medical and dental health practitioners;

13 And, whereas, public health prevention not
14 only educates people about the effects of lifestyle
15 choices on their health, it also reduces the impact of
16 disasters by preparing people for the effects of
17 catastrophe such as hurricanes, tornadoes, and
18 terrorist attack;

19 And, whereas, healthy children become healthy
20 adults, healthy kids attend school more often and
21 perform better over all;

22 And, whereas, during each day of the
23 National Public Health Week, focus is placed on a
24 particular public health topic. These areas are
25 critical to our future success, and creating the

1 healthiest nation, and everyone can do their part to
2 help;

3 So on Monday we will have Healthy
4 Communities. Tuesdays Violence Prevention, Wednesdays
5 Rural Health. Thursdays Technology and Public Health.
6 Friday, Climate Change, and Saturday and Sunday, Global
7 Health;

8 Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board
9 of Commissioners of the Township of Nutley, County of
10 Essex, State of New Jersey, recognize April 1st to
11 April 7th, 2019 as National Public Health Week.

12 Be it further resolved that the Nutley Health
13 Department encourages all residents to utilize the many
14 innovative, important, and pertinent health issues
15 offered by the department to enhance and promote a
16 healthy quality of life. I move the resolution.

17 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Second.

18 THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

19 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

20 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

21 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

22 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

23 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

24 THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

25 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

1 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Whereas, 115,000 people
2 in the United States are waiting for a lifesaving organ
3 transplant, and nearly 4,000 are New Jersey residents;

4 And, whereas, nearly 2 out of every 3 people
5 on the waiting list are over the age of 50. There are
6 also 2,000 children under the age of 18, and almost
7 70,000 people or 58 percent are ethnic minorities;

8 And whereas in 2017, more New Jersey
9 residents gave the gift of life than ever before,
10 thanks to the selflessness of New Jersey organ donors
11 and their families who said yes to donation last year,
12 over 550 people are alive today;

13 And, whereas, every ten minutes, another
14 person is added to the waiting list, while 20 people
15 die each day, waiting for a transplant;

16 And, whereas, one organ donor has the ability
17 to save up to 8 lives, and one tissue donor can restore
18 health to over 75 people;

19 And, whereas, people of all ages are
20 considered potential organ and tissue donors;

21 And, whereas, April 12th, 2019, has been
22 designated as Blue and Green Day, at which time
23 residents are encouraged to wear blue and green, to
24 celebrate those who have been touched by the gift of
25 life.

1 Now, therefore, be it resolved that the
2 Board of Commissioners of the Township of Nutley,
3 County of Essex, State of New Jersey, recognize April
4 as National Donate Life Month.

5 Be it further resolved that the Nutley Health
6 Department encourages all citizens to consider becoming
7 an organ and tissue donor by placing the organ donor
8 designation on their driver's license or state
9 identification card, or registering online at
10 www.donatelifenj.org and sharing this decision with
11 their family.

12 I move the resolution.

13 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Second.

14 THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

15 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

16 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

17 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

18 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

19 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

20 THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

21 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

22 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Whereas, close to
23 51,550 Americans will be diagnosed with oral cancer
24 this year, it will cause over 9,750 deaths, killing
25 roughly one person per hour, 24 hours per day -- this

1 is a depressing resolution.

2 And, whereas, oral cancer affects almost
3 twice as many men and women;

4 And, whereas, an estimated 25 percent of oral
5 cancer patients have no known risk factors;

6 And, whereas, alcohol and tobacco remain the
7 greatest risk factors, and using them in combination
8 increase the risk 15 times over the use of one or the
9 other;

10 And, whereas, historically oral cancer has
11 been a disease of those ages 40-plus, but its incidence
12 in those under 40 has been climbing and can now be
13 directly related to the increase of Human
14 Papillomavirus -- whatever -- and other factors;

15 Whereas, smokeless tobacco is not a safe
16 alternative to cigarettes, users face a 400,000 percent
17 greater chance of oral cancer than non-users;

18 Now, therefore, be it resolved that the
19 Board of Commissioners of the Township of Nutley,
20 County of Essex, State of New Jersey, declare
21 April 2019 as Oral Cancer Awareness Month, and be it
22 further resolved that we urge all residents in the
23 Township of Nutley to seek assistance in obtaining the
24 facts and information about oral cancer and to be
25 diligent in performing self-examinations and regularly

1 visiting your oral surgeon or dentist for an oral
2 examination.

3 I move the resolution.

4 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Second.

5 THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

6 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

7 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

8 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

9 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

10 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

11 THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

12 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

13 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Be it resolved by the
14 Board of Commissioners of the Township of Nutley,
15 County of Essex, State of New Jersey, that
16 Meredith Blank be reappointed Certified Municipal
17 Registrar for the Township of Nutley for a three-year
18 term effective June 5th, 2018 through June 5th, 2021.

19 I move the resolution.

20 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Second.

21 THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

22 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

23 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

24 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

25 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

1 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

2 THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

3 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

4 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: That's all I have for --

5 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Thank you, Commissioner.

6 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Commissioner Rogers,
7 Mayor. You're welcome.

8 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Commissioner Evans?

9 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Thank you. Be it
10 resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the
11 Township of Nutley, in the County of Essex, State
12 of New Jersey, that the Treasurer be and she is hereby
13 authorized to refund overpayments of tax charges in the
14 amount of \$2,318.58 for Block 7401 Lot 5. So move.

15 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

16 THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

17 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

18 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

19 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

20 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

21 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

22 THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

23 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

24 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Whereas, N.J.S.A.

25 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183,

1 requires the governing body of the -- each municipality
2 and county to certify that their local unit's hiring
3 practices comply with the United States Equal
4 Employment Opportunity Commission's guidelines on
5 enforcement on the consideration of arrest and
6 conviction records in the employment decisions under
7 Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended,
8 42 U.S.C. 2000e, which was amended on April 25th, 2012,
9 before submitting its approved annual budget to the
10 Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey
11 Division of Community Affairs.

12 Whereas, members of the governing body have
13 familiarized themselves with the content of the above
14 referenced enforcement guidance and their local unit's
15 hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration
16 of an individual's criminal history as evidenced by the
17 group affidavit form of the governing body attached
18 hereto.

19 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the
20 Board of Commissioners of the Township of Nutley, that
21 they hereby states that it has complied with
22 N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended, by certifying that the
23 local unit's hiring practices comply with the
24 above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby
25 directs the Clerk to cause to be maintained and

1 available for inspection a certified copy of this
2 resolution, and the required affidavit to show evidence
3 of said compliance. So move.

4 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

5 THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

6 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

7 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

8 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

9 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

10 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

11 THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

12 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

13 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Thank you, Mayor.

14 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Thank you, Commissioner.

15 Commissioner Petracco?

16 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Whereas, the
17 Township of Nutley received sealed bids for surplus
18 equipment no longer in use by the Township on
19 March 6th, 2019.

20 And, whereas, Marczaks, Inc.,
21 247 Central Avenue, Metuchen, New Jersey, was sole
22 bidder at a 2002 Chevrolet Impala, mileage 100,354, for
23 \$10, 2003 Honda Accord, mileage 120,901, and for a
24 price of \$325.

25 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the

1 Board of Commissioners, Township of Nutley, County of
2 Essex, State of New Jersey, that the surplus items be
3 sold to the sole bidder, Marczaks, Inc.

4 I move the resolution.

5 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

6 THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

7 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

8 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

9 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

10 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

11 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

12 THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

13 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

14 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Whereas,
15 distracted driving is a serious, life-threatening
16 practice that is preventable;

17 And, whereas, distracted driving can result
18 in injuries and be -- deaths for all road users
19 (motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists);

20 And, whereas, distracted driving occurs when
21 drivers divert their attention away from the task of
22 the driving to focus on another activity instead;

23 And, whereas, in 2016 alone, distracted
24 driving related crashes resulted in 3,450 deaths and
25 391,000 injuries on our nation's roads;

1 And, whereas, in New Jersey, distracted
2 driving was listed as a contributing circumstance in
3 53 percent of motor vehicles crashes in 2016;

4 Whereas, the State of New Jersey will
5 participate in the nationwide Distracted Driving 2019
6 Crackdown from April 1st through the 21st, 2019, in an
7 effort to raise awareness and decrease driver
8 distraction through a combination of enforcement and
9 education;

10 And, whereas, the national slogan for the
11 campaign is "U Drive. U Text. U Pay." Again, I'll
12 repeat that, U Drive. U Text. U Pay;

13 And, whereas, a reduction of distracted
14 driving in New Jersey will save lives on our roadways;

15 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board
16 of Commissioners of the Township of Nutley, in the
17 County of Essex, State of New Jersey, that the Township
18 of Nutley declares its support for the
19 Distracted Driving 2019 crackdown, both locally and
20 nationally, from April 1st through 21st, 2019, and
21 pledges to increase awareness of the dangers of
22 distracted driving.

23 Before I move the resolution, a big problem
24 in our country is distracted driving has gone through
25 the roof. There's a commercial that sits in my head,

1 and we've worked so hard with the Nutley High School
2 students through the years with this. But there's a
3 commercial that stayed in my head when my kids started
4 to drive a few years ago, the one that -- where the --
5 the woman received the text from her child right before
6 she drove off a cliff and got killed.

7 So please, it might be not just your own life
8 that you take away from yourself and your family, but
9 somebody else's life. I think we're all guilty of
10 glancing at our phones while we're driving. I know my
11 11-year-old son, Salvatore, whenever I'm in the car and
12 my phone rings, the first thing he says to me is, don't
13 pick it up, Dad. And I don't.

14 So if we could send this message out, you
15 know, the life that you save by not doing it might be
16 your own or one of your loved ones.

17 I move the resolution.

18 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

19 THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

20 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

21 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

22 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

23 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

24 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

25 THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

1 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

2 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Thank you, that's all
3 I have.

4 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Thank you, Commissioner.

5 Whereas, the Township of Nutley adopted
6 Resolution 169-09, creation of the Township of Nutley
7 Green Team at a regular meeting conducted on
8 June 9th, 2009;

9 And, whereas, the Township of Nutley resolved
10 that the resolution that they would wish to pursue
11 multiple initiatives and actions that would lead to
12 Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification;

13 Whereas, the Township of Nutley further
14 resolved in that resolution to create the Township of
15 Nutley Green Team, to serve as the Township of Nutley's
16 agent for Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification
17 process;

18 Whereas, the Green Team was composed of
19 individuals who are interested in advancing the efforts
20 of the Township of Nutley, and the Sustainable Jersey
21 Municipal Certification Program, and that have been
22 actively working as a Green Team for ten years.

23 And, whereas, that group has been creating
24 and cataloging significant, sustainable actions that
25 the Township of Nutley may pursue Sustainable Jersey

1 Re-certification at the Bronze level in 2019;

2 Now, therefore, be it resolved that the
3 Board of Commissioners of the Township of Nutley,
4 County of Essex, State of New Jersey, reaffirms that:
5 one, the Green Team of the Township of Nutley is active
6 in the community in advancing sustainable practices and
7 actions, including Sustainable Jersey Municipal
8 Certification Program.

9 Two, the Green Team has been and shall
10 continue to be composed of individuals who have
11 demonstrated an interest in advancing the efforts of
12 the Township of Nutley to pursue certification through
13 the Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification Program.

14 And three, the role of the Green Team has
15 been and shall continue to be to lead and coordinate
16 their sustainable activities in the community.

17 I move the resolution.

18 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

19 THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

20 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

21 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

22 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

23 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

24 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

25 THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

1 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

2 Whereas, raffle applications have been
3 received from the Knights of Columbus, Holy Family
4 Council, license number 2119, off-premise merchandise
5 raffle, to be held Sunday, July 14th, 2019;

6 And, whereas, the applications have been
7 reviewed and approved by the Municipal Clerk and the
8 Police Department;

9 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the
10 Board of Commissioners, Township of Nutley, County of
11 Essex, State of New Jersey, that the aforementioned
12 licenses are approved and the Municipal Clerk is
13 authorized to issue the raffle license.

14 I move the resolution.

15 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

16 THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

17 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

18 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

19 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

20 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

21 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

22 THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

23 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

24 Whereas, Resolution 55-19 was adopted at the
25 Board of Commissioners meeting of February 19th, 2019,

1 authorizing the Municipal Clerk to advertise for the
2 receipt of sealed bids for the known project as
3 CDBG Ernest Street Roadway Improvement Project;

4 And, whereas, the sealed bids were opened
5 and read on Wednesday, March 13th, 2019 at 11 a.m.;

6 And, whereas, the project specifications did
7 not contain the required forms as per New Jersey Local
8 Public Contracts Law;

9 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the
10 Board of Commissioners of the Township of Nutley,
11 County of Essex, State of New Jersey, all bids are
12 rejected pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2. I move the
13 resolution.

14 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

15 THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

16 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

17 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

18 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

19 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

20 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

21 THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

22 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

23 Be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners,
24 Township of Nutley, County of Essex, State of
25 New Jersey, that the Township Clerk is hereby

1 authorized to advertise for sealed bids for the
2 CDBG Ernest Street Roadway Improvement Project in the
3 Township of Nutley, to be received on behalf of the
4 Board of Commissioners at Commission Chambers,
5 Township Hall, 1 Kennedy Drive, Nutley, New Jersey, on
6 Wednesday, April 24th, 2019, at 11 a.m. prevailing
7 time, at which time they will be opened and read.

8 I move the resolution.

9 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

10 THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

11 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

12 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

13 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

14 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

15 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

16 THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

17 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye. That concludes the
18 business portion of our meeting.

19 Madam Clerk?

20 THE CLERK: Yes, Mayor. All persons
21 addressing the Board of Commissioners regarding
22 community concerns should approach the microphone and
23 provide their name and address for the record. Unless
24 further time is granted by the Board, each person shall
25 limit their address to five minutes.

1 All remarks to the Board and its individual
2 members must be addressed to the Mayor. The Mayor may
3 defer citizens' comments to the appropriate member of
4 the board. Dialogue between citizens and others
5 addressing the board shall be allowed, unless the Mayor
6 or presiding officer, or the majority of the membership
7 of the board shall determine that the interests of the
8 quorum and/or the expeditious conduct of municipal
9 business are being adversely affected by such dialogue.

10 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Anybody wish to address the
11 Board of Commissioners this evening?

12 MS. CHRISTMAN: Good evening. Amy Christman,
13 237 River Road. My question and concern has to do with
14 the Parks and Rec Department, and I'm trying to find a
15 valid answer for the concern I have about Nutley
16 United. I know you've told me you're a little bit
17 hands-off with that program, which I understand and I
18 appreciate --

19 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: I don't think I ever
20 said I was hands-off with the program.

21 MS. CHRISTMAN: Well, you're not as involved.

22 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: I don't --

23 MS. CHRISTMAN: You're not as involved.

24 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: -- I don't handle it.

25 Let's clarify it and state it correctly.

1 MS. CHRISTMAN: Okay.

2 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: I don't handle the day
3 to day operations of that program or any of the
4 other --

5 MS. CHRISTMAN: I didn't mean to infer --

6 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: -- and -- I'm not --
7 taking (indiscernible) I just want to clarify it.

8 MS. CHRISTMAN: Okay.

9 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: And that I give maximum
10 latitude, all right, to all of the folks that are
11 running the different programs for us. Please
12 continue.

13 MS. CHRISTMAN: Okay. So my concern and
14 question really has to do with field time in the spring
15 and how I became aware of a private entity that is
16 getting field time over some of the Nutley United
17 teams.

18 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Correct.

19 MS. CHRISTMAN: And I'm curious as to how and
20 why, when the private -- they are a private entity.
21 They are not associated with Nutley, other than the
22 fact that they decided to take the Nutley name,
23 Nutley Elite Soccer Academy or -- what I believe it's
24 called. So I'm struggling with the fact that I know
25 one team in particular, one of my children's team, the

1 time that historically has been reserved for them was
2 Tuesday and Thursday night in the spring, and now
3 they're relegated to the rink, and there is -- the
4 private club is in that field time. So I'm just
5 curious as to why that's occurring.

6 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Okay.

7 MS. CHRISTMAN: If you have an answer. I know
8 I emailed you about it, and I know I received a lengthy
9 email back about working parents and kids in Nutley are
10 playing on that team, but that's not really the concern
11 of the Parks and Rec Department for a private club.
12 When you decide to put your child on a private club,
13 you're fully aware that there's going to be potentially
14 driving to different fields, and I guess I'm just
15 really frustrated with the lack of a valid answer as to
16 why Nutley teams are not getting priority on the field
17 space.

18 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Okay. Well, number one,
19 there is a valid reason why, all right, and I believe
20 that reason was, in fact, relayed to you. And in the
21 interest of not misstating everything, Mr. DeMaio, all
22 right, who is my superintendent of Parks and Recreation
23 is here, and he will once again answer all of your
24 questions and explain in great detail about what you're
25 calling a private entity, okay, which absolutely

1 benefits all of our children of Nutley.

2 So if you would, Frank, would you please
3 answer Ms. Christman's questions and concerns?

4 MR. DEMAIO: Absolutely. I'm going to put my
5 back to you guys for a little bit, just for a second.
6 Frank DeMaio, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation.
7 I've explained in an email numerous times that the
8 private entity -- I let you speak -- let me speak.

9 So the private entity that you're speaking of
10 is the one who trains our Nutley United kids. You're
11 aware of that, correct?

12 MS. CHRISTMAN: Fully aware.

13 MR. DEMAIO: So in exchange for the training,
14 which would cost us -- I know Eric's here, he runs our
15 Nutley United program. If we were not to help them out
16 with some field space, it would cost in excess of \$600
17 a person for Nutley United kids to play. In
18 retrospect, we let our children play for 325. We use
19 about a couple hours a week. It does not interfere
20 with you guys.

21 MS. CHRISTMAN: Yes, it does.

22 MR. DEMAIO: I'm speaking, so when it's time,
23 you can have the mic back and do what you wish. But
24 what I'm going to tell you is that we have 300 kids in
25 Nutley United. Every single one of them is saving \$275

1 per child. I have explained it. We have Monday,
2 Wednesday, Friday. Saturdays are lacrosse for high
3 school, we have -- and our junior program, we have --
4 at Owens, we have baseball, softball, adult sports, so
5 I have 300 families in Nutley United. I have about 400
6 adults who play in our adult leagues. Lacrosse has
7 another 80 families, then we have the high school kids,
8 which have approximately another 30 families or so in
9 lacrosse, all vying for three fields. Three fields.
10 Nutley United is given plenty of space.

11 In the spring, Nutley United is all week,
12 every day. The hockey rink, Glotzbach, Owens, we're
13 moving another field over to Booth Park back again,
14 because we're fixing that one up as we speak. In the
15 spring, soccer, as I've told you, is a secondary sport,
16 so they get limited amount of times. But as for the
17 private organization, it's our trainers, who cut us a
18 -- almost a half-price deal in order to have a little
19 bit of time on our fields.

20 I know you have one child in the program,
21 you've had one or two more previous, so you are aware
22 that this has happened in the past with TSF, as well. I
23 have also told you that the time was changing for
24 practices, the schedule is changing. Your coach has
25 that change of schedule. I'm not sure if you've got it

1 already, but you will have -- your team will have time
2 on Glotzbach, but I told you that in an email a couple
3 days ago. So that has nothing to do with you being
4 here --

5 MS. CHRISTMAN: (Indiscernible).

6 MR. DEMAIO: That has nothing to do with you
7 being here because I didn't know you were coming here
8 up until I received an email that you were sending out
9 with some false information to your teams. But that's
10 it. It's not a private organization. It is our
11 trainers, who that Nutley Elite Soccer Academy has
12 80 percent of Nutley kids on it, as well.

13 MS. CHRISTMAN: That's irrelevant.

14 MR. DEMAIO: Thank you.

15 MS. CHRISTMAN: It's completely irrelevant if
16 there's 80 kids from Nutley and whether it's 80 percent
17 of the kids are from Nutley. It's completely
18 irrelevant if they're training. It's a choice of who
19 you pick to train. Historically, there weren't
20 trainers.

21 MR. DEMAIO: Historically?

22 MS. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.

23 MR. DEMAIO: There's been a trainer since
24 I've been here.

25 MS. CHRISTMAN: Excuse me, my children who --

1 my oldest son who's 18, you started with the trainers
2 when Eric Hess came in.

3 MR. DEMAIO: That's not true.

4 MS. CHRISTMAN: That's when the trainers
5 basically started in full time.

6 MR. DEMAIO: (Indiscernible).

7 MS. CHRISTMAN: Look -- okay --

8 MR. DEMAIO: (Indiscernible).

9 MS. CHRISTMAN: -- okay -- excuse me. I
10 think I'm allowed the microphone now. Right?

11 MR. DEMAIO: (Indiscernible).

12 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Okay. Thank you.
13 Go ahead, Ms. Christman, please.

14 MS. CHRISTMAN: No, all I'm saying is that it
15 is a private entity, and there is field space. And I
16 get all the juggling act that has to occur to try to
17 accommodate, but the fact is spring soccer is a serious
18 sport. Just because it's not -- just because it occurs
19 in the fall in the high school, there are thriving
20 leagues all over the country, and spring soccer is not
21 a secondary sport. This town may think of it as a
22 secondary sport because that's sometimes the impression
23 we all get, but it is not a secondary sport.

24 And whether you're cutting a deal, and
25 whether you decide to only charge a certain amount of

1 price for Nutley United is on you. So throwing the
2 rate at me is a bunch of -- that's just not fair to do.
3 If you need to raise the price, then you raise the
4 price. But what can I tell you? But you have taken
5 away time -- you've given time to a private club.
6 Clear and simple. And you've taken that field time
7 away from a town-sanctioned activity. That's it. You
8 guys can think of it differently, but that's not how it
9 is. You can try to justify it any way you want, but
10 that's not how it is.

11 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Okay. Now, let me tell
12 you how it is. And I respect your opinion, and I
13 respect your passion for soccer, all right. If you
14 recall, I was the person who actually constructed the
15 first soccer field here in Nutley. I think what
16 Mr. DeMaio was saying was that in the spring, soccer is
17 a secondary sport, and we are, in fact, victims of our
18 own success. Because our programs are so popular, all
19 right, we have limited field time. All right?

20 In our opinion, all right, and we all have
21 judgments to make, all right, it was in the best
22 interests of our people, our children, all right, to
23 give this training group, our training group, a couple
24 of hours a week for the major discount that folks will,
25 in fact, realize. And I'm happy to hear it, and I'm

1 going to assume, and I don't usually do that, that you
2 would be willing to pay more money for that training,
3 but unfortunately, there are many Nutley families who
4 can't afford to pay more money for that training.

5 So what we did was we traded a few hours of
6 field time for a discounted training program so that a
7 maximum number of our Nutley children can benefit from
8 the training. I'm sorry that you don't agree with this
9 logic, and I respect your position, and first you were
10 concerned about your child not being able to play
11 because the program is, in fact, a feeder program for
12 the high school, which it is, and I told you, we will
13 never leave out any Nutley child, and we included your
14 child, and -- I --

15 MS. CHRISTMAN: But that's a --

16 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: -- no don't change it --

17 MS. CHRISTMAN: -- completely different --

18 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: -- no, no, well, it's
19 all related, now, let's not just pick and choose. You
20 can't cherry-pick --

21 MS. CHRISTMAN: No, well, but I didn't even
22 bring that up --

23 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: -- what portions of the
24 story you want to tell.

25 MS. CHRISTMAN: -- that's all.

1 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: So we did that. Then it
2 was the field time and it was practicing on short-sided
3 fields and where the soccer players, in fact, work on
4 their footwork, so there was --

5 MS. CHRISTMAN: Yes, but --

6 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: -- really no detriment
7 there. Then it was a question of --

8 MS. CHRISTMAN: No, but you have to get --

9 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: -- hello -- no, excuse
10 me --

11 MS. CHRISTMAN: -- you have to get
12 (indiscernible).

13 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: -- one at a time, please.
14 Let's respect each other.

15 MS. CHRISTMAN: Sorry. I apologize.

16 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: All right? To play on a
17 full-sized field, and we, in fact, accomplished that.
18 We have some full field time that has been allocated.
19 So there are --

20 MS. CHRISTMAN: Wonderful.

21 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: -- tough choices
22 sometimes that need to be made, but I believe we make
23 the best choices for all of our children.

24 MS. CHRISTMAN: Okay.

25 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: And I'm sorry that you

1 don't agree with that right now --

2 MS. CHRISTMAN: No, I don't totally disagree.
3 I just wanted to bring it up because --

4 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: But to characterize it
5 just as a private entity to make people think that we
6 are taking outsiders and allowing them to play on our
7 Nutley fields instead of our own children is not
8 correct and, quite frankly, it's not even fair to make
9 that statement.

10 MS. CHRISTMAN: But it --

11 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: So I have nothing else
12 to say --

13 MS. CHRISTMAN: -- it is fair because that's
14 true.

15 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: -- thank you. Okay. And
16 I respect your opinion.

17 MS. CHRISTMAN: It is not -- it is not.

18 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: So thank you for coming
19 and sharing that with us.

20 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Anybody else wish to
21 address the Board of Commissioners this evening?

22 MR. CAFONE: Good evening, Commissioners.
23 During this budget year, the Fire Department looks
24 forward to working with all the commissioners to make
25 Nutley a safe place to live and raise a family. We

1 remain committed to our oath to faithfully,
2 impartially, and justly perform all the duties of
3 Firefighter, Lieutenant, Captain, and Deputy Chief. We
4 simply ask that you provide us with the necessary funds
5 to carry out our mission safely and effectively. Just
6 wanted to read that into the record, you know, and as I
7 look at the numbers, you know, and I have meetings with
8 my director, the National Fire Protection Association
9 gives us recommendations on how to safely man a fire
10 department, not only for our residents, but for the
11 safety of all of our firefighters.

12 You know, as the Township begins to evolve,
13 the fire department needs to evolve at the same rate,
14 so the Commissioner and I are working towards doing
15 that. I can tell you that the hazards within the town,
16 the National Fire Protection Association has three
17 types of hazards. It's low, medium, and high. Only
18 one particular hazard comes to mind. That's the ON3
19 property. Years ago, Hoffman LaRoche used to have
20 their own fire brigade, their own ambulance, they used
21 to have their own safety committee. That no longer
22 exists. That particular part of town is going from a
23 low hazard to a high hazard based on the school, based
24 on not having a safety committee, based on the
25 high-rise.

1 So my concern is that the Fire Department
2 needs to evolve as the town evolves. And I thank you
3 for listening to that -- to me tonight. Thank you.

4 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Thank you, Chief.

5 Anybody else wish to address the Board of
6 Commissioners this evening?

7 MS. BOZZA: Hi. Maria Bozza, 209 Highfield
8 Lane. I think this is where the Mayor, the department,
9 the Water Department? I noticed that we have a \$9
10 additional fee every month? Not every month, I'm
11 sorry, every quarter, on our water bill. I called your
12 department, I spoke to the gentleman, I forget his
13 name, in charge of water, and he told me this is an
14 insurance policy? To -- is this an insurance policy or
15 is it a tax?

16 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Well, it's not a tax, it's
17 a maintenance fee, and some of the things that we've
18 taken over as a Township is your supply line, which is
19 the line from the main to the curb, where that was --
20 previous to this maintenance agreement, was the
21 homeowner's responsibility. In addition, the meter was
22 also the homeowner's responsibility. We've taken over
23 that. And if you had had to replace the supply line,
24 you're talking somewhere around \$2,500 to \$4,000,
25 depending on the length of it.

1 So the \$3 per month fee that we're charging
2 for that maintenance fee, if you calculate it out, if
3 you have a \$3,000 bill, would take you --

4 MS. BOZZA: Yes, I appreciate that --

5 MAYOR SCARPELLI: -- that'd be a --

6 MS. BOZZA: -- but I've never known of --

7 MAYOR SCARPELLI: -- that'd be a thousand
8 months.

9 MS. BOZZA: Yeah, but I've never known of my
10 meter, for 74 years, was never broken.

11 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Your meter was -- either
12 your meter was replaced or the head was replaced in the
13 last seven years.

14 MS. BOZZA: And how much does that bring into
15 the town every year? For, you know, what, \$36 per
16 household?

17 MAYOR SCARPELLI: I'd have to figure it out
18 for you, Ms. Bozza, but it's \$36 per household.

19 MS. BOZZA: So it's quite a bit, a lot more
20 than it would cost to put meters in.

21 MAYOR SCARPELLI: No, not necessarily,
22 Ms. Bozza. And you haven't had a water rate increase
23 -- you've had two in the last 12 years. So you haven't
24 had a water rate increase. We still have increases
25 from our purveyors, who supply us with the water. They

1 have increases every year. We have increases in
2 salaries every year. We have increases in help -- in
3 the pension costs, those are all by -- the
4 Water Department has to pick those up. And so the only
5 money we get is through the -- it's not paid through
6 tax dollars, it's paid through your water bill. So we
7 have to cover those increases.

8 In addition, as you've heard, consumption is
9 down, all right, so if we continue to only get fees
10 from just the water consumed, we have these fixed costs
11 that need to be covered, and so that's why we initiated
12 that \$3 per month fee, and we took over some of the
13 responsibility to take it away from the homeowner in
14 exchange for that.

15 MS. BOZZA: So really, in essence, it's just
16 an increase in taxes because we don't have a choice,
17 so --

18 MAYOR SCARPELLI: You don't have a choice?
19 No, Ms. Bozza, you don't.

20 MS. BOZZA: I know, because if it was an
21 insurance policy, I'll take my --

22 MAYOR SCARPELLI: You could not have water.
23 That's -- I guess that's your choice, but --

24 MS. BOZZA: Yeah, right. I know.

25 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Well.

1 MS. BOZZA: Okay. Thank you.

2 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Anybody else wish to
3 address the Board of Commissioners this evening?

4 MR. STRUMOLO: Yes, I just wanted to thank
5 the Board of Commissioners for your continued support
6 for the Police Department, Commissioner Petracco. I
7 understand our budget continues to go up. We're the
8 biggest part of the town budget, but what's needed is
9 what we're presenting. We need to maintain our
10 manpower at the current levels if we want to keep
11 Nutley as safe as it is.

12 I know the Commissioner just mentioned how we
13 received a safety award as one of the safest
14 communities in the area, in the state of New Jersey,
15 and we were one of the only ones in this area to
16 receive that. And it's important that we keep our
17 manpower at current levels for us to continue to remain
18 proactive, and protect the town and keep our crime rate
19 low.

20 Just looking at our crime stats over the last
21 five to six years, we've been able to reduce overall
22 crime in the town 31 percent, and by doing that, it's a
23 great success, but we need to continue to keep our
24 manpower at the current levels because we're seeing our
25 calls for service continue to rise and we're seeing,

1 you know, our crime rate drop, that's due to the
2 proactiveness of the officers that are out there with
3 the extra time to be able to look for suspicious
4 activity, rather than just running from call to call.

5 So I understand -- we're doing everything we
6 can in the police department. I meet regularly with
7 the commissioner to trim our budget as much as we can,
8 but unfortunately, you know, manpower, you know, is an
9 expense. But I just want to thank you over the years,
10 over the last several years, we've increased our
11 officers with the support of the entire Board, and I
12 think that has attributed to the award that we just
13 received in reduction of crime because without the
14 additional officers, we're not going to be able to keep
15 the crime rate as low as we're seeing right now.

16 Just looking at the Roche property being
17 developed, real quickly, I just took a look at our
18 calls for service in there, where, historically, we
19 hardly ever went in there because it was a closed
20 campus. This year, as opposed to last year, our calls
21 in there went up 100 percent. We've been in there over
22 150 times already, and the development is only
23 approximately, I believe, 10 percent developed. So
24 that's going to continue to rise, and we need to
25 prepare for that, and in the Police Department, we are

1 preparing for that. And as it develops and we receive
2 additional corporations in there, or whatever
3 infrastructure adds in there, our calls for service are
4 going to continue to rise. And I don't want to see our
5 calls for -- our time -- our response times increase.

6 In some of our neighboring towns, and we've
7 all experienced this, calls for service -- the time has
8 drastically increased. In the neighboring town, it
9 might take you a half hour to get an officer to an
10 accident scene. Our call -- our response times are
11 minutes, and I want to keep it at that.

12 So it's important to, you know, keep our
13 manpower where it is. I appreciate everything you guys
14 do for us, Commissioner Petracco's been doing the best
15 he can to keep it down. And I just ask that you
16 continue to support us, and again, we'll try to do
17 everything we can to keep our budget as low as
18 possible, and we want to keep Nutley as safe as
19 possible so everybody continues to enjoy and see a low
20 crime rate. So thank you again.

21 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Thank you, Chief.

22 Anybody else wish to address the Board of
23 Commissioners this evening? Seeing none --

24 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Move to adjourn?

25 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Motion.

1 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Second.
2 THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?
3 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.
4 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?
5 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.
6 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?
7 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.
8 THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?
9 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.
10 THE CLERK: The time is 8:33.
11 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Have a good night,
12 everybody.

13 (End of recording)

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