

**In The Matter Of:**  
*In RE: Nutley Board of Commissioners*

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*Transcript of Proceedings*  
*September 17, 2019*  
*Conference Session*

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\*\*\* CONFERENCE SESSION \*\*\*

DATE: September 17, 2019

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

- JOSEPH P. SCARPELLI, MAYOR
- STEVEN L. ROGERS, COMMISSIONER
- THOMAS J. EVANS, COMMISSIONER
- MAURO G. TUCCI, COMMISSIONER
- ALPHONSE PETRACCO, COMMISSIONER A/E

Also Present:

- ALAN GENITEMPO, TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY
- RALPH R. CAPUTO, ASSEMBLYMAN

1 (Recording begins)

2 THE CLERK: Board of Commissioners  
3 Public Meeting, Tuesday, September 17th, 2019. The  
4 time is 7:05. Pursuant to the requirements of the  
5 Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, Public Law 1975,  
6 notice of this meeting was published in the  
7 November 29, 2018 issues of the Nutley Sun, the  
8 Herald-News, and the Star Ledger. A copy of this  
9 notice has been posted on the Nutley Town Hall  
10 bulletin board, and a copy is on file in the  
11 Municipal Clerk's office.

12 Commissioner Rogers?

13 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Here.

14 THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

15 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Here.

16 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

17 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Here.

18 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco is absent,  
19 excused.

20 Mayor Scarpelli?

21 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Here.

22 THE CLERK: All present, Mayor, except for  
23 Commissioner Petracco. He's absent, excused.

24 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Let's see. Commissioner  
25 Petracco has two ordinance introductions, one on

1 Yantacaw Place and one on Brookfield, all to  
2 accommodate the Yantacaw School, so we're going to  
3 introduce those tonight. I'll do that. He doesn't  
4 have any resolutions.

5 Commissioner Evans?

6 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Tonight, we have -- I  
7 have a Code Enforcement report, we have the usual bill  
8 list, and we're going to do the -- we have to amend the  
9 budget tonight for our state aid, and some other  
10 adjustments, as well as adopt our budget tonight. We  
11 actually had clearance from the state, it's 5 to 6  
12 tonight, to be able to go through the adoption this  
13 evening. So we'll be able to do that all -- we need to  
14 talk about that in executive a little bit. I also have  
15 three resolutions, one giving a refund on -- to --  
16 regarding a far -- a resident, amending the terms of  
17 the trust indenture for the RAB Bond, for the  
18 Redevelopment Area Bond, which is a mainstream  
19 adjustment. It has no effect on us, because it's  
20 non-recourse to us, it just -- it's -- the trust -- the  
21 trustee just wanted some administrative cleanup on the  
22 bond indenture itself, which both Prism and the  
23 Hackensack Center has agreed to, so we just have that  
24 resolution for tonight.

25 And then I have an individual who is 100

1 percent disabled, and is entitled to a full tax  
2 exemption.

3 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Thank you, Commissioner.  
4 Commissioner Rogers?

5 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Yes, Mayor. I have an  
6 amendment to a resolution regarding collection removal  
7 and disposal of solid waste. That's all I have.

8 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Commissioner Tucci?

9 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Yes. I have two  
10 resolutions. One to salute and congratulate the 2019  
11 Nutley/Belleville Columbus Day Parade honorees, and I  
12 have -- my second resolution is congratulating the  
13 members and coaches of the Nutley Little League  
14 Intermediate Team.

15 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Thank you, Commissioner.

16 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: That's all I have.

17 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Want to trade?

18 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: No.

19 MAYOR SCARPELLI: I'd like to welcome --

20 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: No.

21 MAYOR SCARPELLI: I'd like to welcome  
22 Assemblyman Caputo to our meeting.

23 ASSEMBLYMAN CAPUTO: My pleasure. My  
24 pleasure.

25 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Appreciate all his hard

1 work that he does in Trenton for multitude of issues  
2 that we've had.

3 ASSEMBLYMAN CAPUTO: Well, that's my problem,  
4 but this -- the problem -- this is the life I've  
5 chosen.

6 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Yeah, we're going to  
7 close anyway.

8 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Very good. I have a  
9 Public Works report, and I have three resolutions.  
10 One's a approval of a VFW pull tab raffle application,  
11 a transfer of a liquor license, and a change order for  
12 Topology. That's all I have.

13 Madam Clerk?

14 THE CLERK: Yes, Mayor. Commissioner  
15 Petracco also has a report.

16 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Okay. Very good.

17 THE CLERK: Okay? He has a monthly report.  
18 I have minutes for August 20th, and Mr. Armentano from  
19 the Nutley Family --

20 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Oh, yes.

21 THE CLERK: -- Service Bureau is coming this  
22 evening.

23 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Yeah, he's giving -- he  
24 wants to give -- the Nutley Family Service Bureau wants  
25 to give a presentation to us tonight, so --

1 THE CLERK: Okay.

2 MAYOR SCARPELLI: -- they asked for ten  
3 minutes.

4 THE CLERK: And the VFW and the Nutley --

5 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Are they going to --

6 THE CLERK: I'm sorry.

7 COMMISSIONER EVANS: -- I'm sorry. Are they  
8 going to do it here or in the --

9 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Back there.

10 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Okay.

11 THE CLERK: The VFW has submitted a request  
12 to hold a daily pull tab, and the Nutley Academic  
13 Boosters also has submitted an application for a social  
14 affair permit. And that's it.

15 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Mr. Genitempo?

16 MR. GENITEMPO: I just have one matter for  
17 executive, and -- litigation.

18 MAYOR SCARPELLI: And Commissioner, did you  
19 have an executive?

20 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Budget negotiations,  
21 yeah.

22 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Okay. Can I have a motion?

23 MR. GENITEMPO: Contract negotiations.

24 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Contract negotiations?

25 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Potential litigation.

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1 MR. GENITEMPO: We covered that.

2 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Covered everything.

3 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Oh, did it already? We  
4 got them all?

5 MAYOR SCARPELLI: We got them all. Have a  
6 motion to go into executive?

7 THE CLERK: Was that you, Commissioner Tucci?  
8 Motion?

9 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Second.

11 THE CLERK: Whereas, Section 8 of the  
12 Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, Public Law 1975,  
13 permits the exclusion of the public from meeting in  
14 certain circumstances; and

15 Whereas, the public body is of the opinion  
16 that such circumstances exist; and

17 Whereas, the Board of Commissioners of the  
18 Township of Nutley, in the County of Essex, in the  
19 State of New Jersey, desires to proceed to closed  
20 executive session; and

21 Now therefore be it resolved by the Board of  
22 Commissioners of the Township of Nutley move into  
23 closed executive session to discuss litigation, budget  
24 negotiations and potential litigation;

25 Be it further resolved that at the time when

1 such discussions may be disclosed to the public shall  
2 be when as such disclosures may be made without  
3 adversely affecting the Township of Nutley, pending  
4 and/or anticipated legal, personnel, contractual  
5 matters and other matters within the exceptions  
6 provided for by statute.

7 Commissioner Rogers just stepped out for a  
8 moment.

9 Commissioner Tucci?

10 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

11 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

12 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

13 THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

14 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

15 THE CLERK: The time is 7:11.

16 (End of recording)

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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, September 17,  
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23 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco is absent,  
24 excused this evening. Mayor Scarpelli?

25 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Here.

1 THE CLERK: All present, Mayor, except for  
2 Commissioner Petracco. He's absent, excused this  
3 evening.

4 MAYOR SCARPELLI: This past week,  
5 Commissioner Petracco lost his mom, Victoria. I'd just  
6 ask everybody to have a moment of silence in her  
7 memory.

8 (Pause)

9 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Thank you.  
10 Minutes, Madam Clerk?

11 THE CLERK: Yes, Mayor. We have Board of  
12 Commissioner meeting minutes for August 20th, 2019. I  
13 need a motion.

14 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Move the minutes.

15 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

16 THE CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

17 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

18 THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

19 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Abstain.

20 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

21 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

22 THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

23 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

24 THE CLERK: And that's it for minutes, Mayor.

25 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Let's do correspondence,

1 Madam Clerk.

2 THE CLERK: Yes. We have two this evening.  
3 One is for the VFW Post 493. They have submitted a  
4 letter requesting permission to hold a pull tab raffle  
5 from July 1st, 2019 through June 30th, 2020, including  
6 all Sundays. And the Nutley Academic Booster Club has  
7 submitted an application for a social affair permit to  
8 hold their Wine Tasting Event on October 25th, 2019,  
9 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Nutley Museum. I need a  
10 motion.

11 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Move it.

12 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Second.

13 THE CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

14 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

15 THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

16 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

17 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

18 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

19 THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

20 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

21 THE CLERK: And that's it for correspondence.

22 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Let's do reports.

23 COMMISSIONER EVANS: I -- Mayor, I have the  
24 Code Enforcement report for the month of August.

25 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Commissioner Petracco has a

1 Public Safety report for the month of August, and  
2 Public Works has a monthly progress reports for June,  
3 July, and August. Let's go to the Little League.

4 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Thank you, Mayor.

5 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Commissioner Tucci?

6 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Thank you so much.

7 Well, ladies and gentlemen, from the chatter you've  
8 been hearing this evening while we were in the back,  
9 taking care of some important business, was absolutely  
10 chatter of happiness, of a group of folks and an entire  
11 town being proud of the accomplishments of what our  
12 children can do, and what our adults can do when their  
13 energies are channeled properly, and this evening, I  
14 have the very high distinction, all right, of  
15 presenting this resolution, and just for everyone's  
16 edification, for the first time in the history of  
17 Little League play here in Nutley, we have a state  
18 championship team. Let's give them a round of  
19 applause.

20 (Pause)

21 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: The Nutley American  
22 Little League Intermediate 50/70 All-Stars won the  
23 District 2 title over the Clifton Little League, and  
24 then beat Chester-Mendham Little League to win the  
25 Section 1 and Section 2 Title. In the

1 State Championship versus Middletown Little League,  
2 Nutley swept the best of three series in deciding  
3 fashion, 4 to 0 and 13 to 2;

4           Whereas, this team wasn't done. For the  
5 first time in the history of Little League play in  
6 Nutley, we have a regional champion. Representing the  
7 State of New Jersey in the Eastern Regionals, Nutley  
8 overwhelmed Connecticut, and mercy-ruled them 12 to 1.  
9 In the next round, Nutley was relentless again, and  
10 mercy-ruled the team from New York. To make it to the  
11 regional final out of the winner's bracket, Nutley beat  
12 Maryland 6 to 3. In the regional finals, Nutley had to  
13 beat Maryland once with Maryland needing two wins.  
14 Nutley lost a close game to Maryland 4 to 1 that forced  
15 a rubber match. In that rubber match, Nutley was  
16 dominant, and dispatched Maryland, 13 to 3, to earn a  
17 berth in the Little League Intermediate World Series in  
18 Livermore, California;

19           Whereas, playing on ESPN+, in front of an  
20 international audience, East Region Nutley ran into a  
21 powerhouse team from Southeast Region Alabama, and fell  
22 11 to 2. In an elimination game, East Region Nutley  
23 lost a heartbreaker to host team District 57,  
24 California, 10 to 8. In the consolation game against  
25 Australia, East Region Nutley came out on top, 15 to 6.

1 A great experience was had by the boys and coaches, and  
2 they represented Nutley, the State of New Jersey, and  
3 the region with honor throughout the tournament;

4           Whereas, Coaches Peter Breihof and  
5 Joseph Haines led the following boys on the successful  
6 campaign, and Nutley could not be prouder that the  
7 players were Jonathan Breihof, Rocco DeLitta,  
8 Anthony DiPaolo, Myles Gomez, Joseph Haines,  
9 Kevin Jiratatprasot, Jacob LoMonaco, Ryan Roque,  
10 Christopher Sarno, Eric Thompson, and Jaden Velez;

11           Whereas, this group is special because this  
12 team is a combination of the best of Nutley American  
13 and Nutley East, playing under the Nutley American  
14 charter, and shows what a merged Nutley team can  
15 accomplish on the diamond. There will be talk of what  
16 could have been in years past, but the reality is that  
17 this team, these boys, actually accomplished something  
18 that no team has before in Nutley, and for that, they  
19 will always be legends. Congratulations to the  
20 Nutley Little League Intermediate All-Stars,  
21 District 2, Section 1 and 2 New Jersey and East Region  
22 Champions.

23           Now therefore be it resolved that the  
24 Board of Commissioners of the Township of Nutley, in  
25 the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, join with

1 the citizens of Nutley to honor and congratulate the  
2 members and coaches of the Nutley Little League  
3 Intermediate Team for their exceptional efforts and  
4 accomplishment. I so very proudly move this  
5 resolution.

6 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Second.

7 THE CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

8 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Before I vote, I'd like  
9 you to know that what you have accomplished was not  
10 only watched and looked at by the sports world, but by  
11 a lot of people not involved in sports. It was an  
12 amazing, amazing feat that you made, and you made your  
13 township proud, and you made the state proud, and you  
14 made this nation proud. Thank you and God bless you,  
15 and I vote yes.

16 THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

17 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

18 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

19 COMMISSIONER EVANS: To everyone,  
20 congratulations. I always enjoy these resolutions,  
21 because it's about acknowledging and recognizing all  
22 the people of Nutley, all of our residents, and one of  
23 the special things about it is, is we acknowledge all  
24 of the young talent that we have, so I gladly, gladly,  
25 vote yes.

1 THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

2 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Congratulations, guys, and  
3 the parents. You know, when you go through a summer  
4 with the guys you become close with, you win with them,  
5 you lose with them, you laugh with them, and you cry  
6 with them. And this -- when you look back, 20, 30  
7 years from now, you're going to remember this summer,  
8 and the guys that you went through that with, so, I  
9 proudly vote aye.

10 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Gentlemen, if you'd like  
11 to come forward for a photo? Assemblyman, would you  
12 please join us?

13 (Pause)

14 UNIDENTIFIED: Congratulations.

15 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Congratulations.

16 UNIDENTIFIED: Great job, guys. You told me  
17 you'd have everyone's name from last week, I was  
18 thinking about (indiscernible).

19 UNIDENTIFIED: Congratulations. Real proud  
20 of you, great job.

21 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Guys, can you just stick  
22 around, or we'll give you a couple minutes to shuffle  
23 out. It's up to you guys.

24 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Run them out of here.

25 (Pause)

1           MAYOR SCARPELLI: We're shuffling the agenda  
2 tonight. We're going to bring up Nutley Family  
3 Service Bureau and Joe Armentano, and Eileen Painter  
4 and Emma Fortese. Who's speaking? Joe? Come on up.  
5 Just state your name and your affiliation.

6           MR. ARMENTANO: Yes. My name is  
7 Joe Armentano, I'm the director of clinical services  
8 and program of the Nutley Family Service Bureau. And I  
9 first want to just thank all the commissioners for the  
10 privilege and the time that you're giving me to speak  
11 to all of you tonight about the topic that I'm going to  
12 speak about, because I am very passionate about it, and  
13 particularly want to thank Mayor Scarpelli and  
14 Commissioner Rogers for their commitment to this topic  
15 as well, Mayor -- the mayor as the Mental Health  
16 Administrator, has been specifically involved, and  
17 Commissioner Rogers who we have worked with with the  
18 Department of Health also, I know. And really, that's  
19 one of the reasons that we decided to ask for this time  
20 tonight, because we know that back in July, the topic  
21 of suicide prevention came up at this meeting, and we  
22 really appreciate the opportunity to be able to talk  
23 about that tonight, and to thank everybody on the  
24 council for embracing this topic, which is a really  
25 important one.

1           The Nutley Family Service Bureau -- I'm sure  
2 I'm not telling you, all of you, something you don't  
3 know, we've been in the town for over a hundred years,  
4 since 1913, and one of the things that we have always  
5 tried to do is to be adaptable, and to grow, and adapt,  
6 with the town. Right now, I think the two issues in  
7 mental health that are probably the most important are  
8 the opioid crisis and the alarming rate of suicide, and  
9 suicide attempts in our society.

10           Nutley -- as an example of it, I mean, we've  
11 been touched at the bureau by a couple of particular  
12 examples, but I think even in the media, we've heard  
13 about the alarming rates with the veterans, with first  
14 responders, with police officers, with the elderly,  
15 with the youth. It's -- really, it's an epidemic. So  
16 the walk that's coming up in October is something that  
17 -- the Out of the Darkness Walk, is something that's  
18 going to shed even more attention on it.

19           The Bureau -- I am -- I'm registered to  
20 attend that walk, so the Bureau wants to position  
21 itself tonight so that we can be a part of anything  
22 that the town is doing. We have -- we've grown in the  
23 time that I've been there. I started out at Nutley  
24 Family Service Bureau back in 2010 as an intern. I was  
25 getting my master's in social work, and I was assigned

1 to be at Nutley for my field placement, and it became a  
2 place that as soon as I walked in, I knew I belonged  
3 there. And luckily, I was with a team of people who  
4 really were committed to growth, and I have two people  
5 here tonight with me, who I've gotten to know.  
6 Eileen Painter is our executive director, Emma Cortese  
7 is one of our board members, who really I think has  
8 been involved on the board since the time I've been  
9 here on one -- in one capacity or another.

10 So in the time I've been there, we've been  
11 committed to a mission, and that mission has been to  
12 strengthen the emotional and social well-being of  
13 individuals and families through affordable mental  
14 health counseling and affordable social services. So  
15 that's a key word, affordable. In the time I've been  
16 here, we've grown into a professional staff of licensed  
17 clinical social workers, licensed professional  
18 counselors, and a lot of support people. Those of you  
19 that know Yolanda Solis is our administrator/manager,  
20 has been leading the support effort in the agency, and  
21 really impacted the community in that role for quite a  
22 long time.

23 So because we've been successful growing on  
24 the mental health side, we've been able to expand with  
25 our social services, and that's why now we're

1 positioned in a way where we have, because of Eileen's  
2 -- her role here, we have really developed a position  
3 in to be as available to the community and surrounding  
4 communities, and to really be responsive to whatever  
5 the needs are. This is a need that's here right now.

6           So what have we done? Our case management  
7 has been a big thing that we've done. We've -- we  
8 right now have about 450 clients of individuals,  
9 couples, and families that see us for psychotherapy.  
10 We have some thriving groups going on. A men's group  
11 which took a long time for us to get going, but it's  
12 been going for about two-and-a-half years. I just left  
13 it right now, we run for every -- every first and third  
14 Tuesday of every single month. We have a group for  
15 families and loved ones of addict -- that are affected  
16 by addiction, and we have a women in transition group.  
17 We have social skills groups for kids that have been in  
18 existence for at least five years, and are still  
19 thriving. So we really have a lot of services that we  
20 offer, and we also have built a lot of progressships in  
21 the town.

22           We're working on a partnership now with the  
23 schools to address -- and we're going to be meeting  
24 with Superintendent Glazer this week to discuss the new  
25 law that was passed in New Jersey, that mental health

1 has to be on the curriculum of every public school in  
2 New Jersey from kindergarten through 12th grade. And  
3 we're going to position ourselves to partner with the  
4 schools, so that we can offer whatever services that we  
5 can.

6 When the town was hit by suicides recently,  
7 and by sudden deaths, we were there. We had, about  
8 three years ago, a suicide, unfortunately, in the  
9 high school, and we opened our doors for two weeks, and  
10 provided free services to whoever wanted to walk in and  
11 needed counseling, needed support, just needed someone  
12 to listen to them. And that's another area that we  
13 have been involved with.

14 So basically, I guess in closure tonight, you  
15 know, it's very symbolic I think that we were here  
16 tonight, on a night where we're celebrating the youth  
17 of our community. The youth of our community,  
18 probably, in 2019, probably has more challenges against  
19 it than probably any other generation before it, and  
20 mental health is going to be something that will be  
21 really important for them to have access to. So I  
22 think in that light, we just wanted to present  
23 ourselves tonight in a way and be able to say, whatever  
24 help we can offer, and whatever initiatives are going  
25 to be happening around mental health, and especially

1 around suicide prevention, we feel that it's good  
2 timing, the council seems really open to it now, based  
3 on what happened in July, so we want to make sure that  
4 we are -- we just had our voices heard tonight. So I  
5 thank you. I thank you for your openness.

6 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Thank you, Joe. I want to  
7 congratulate you on being newly named the clinical  
8 director.

9 MR. ARMENTANO: Thank you very much.

10 MAYOR SCARPELLI: And I want to congratulate  
11 you on a great fundraiser over the weekend. I think --  
12 I hope you guys raised a lot of money. I don't want to  
13 leave -- Commissioner Tucci has a great interest in  
14 mental health --

15 MR. ARMENTANO: I'm sorry. Yes. I'm sorry.

16 MAYOR SCARPELLI: He's the CEO of a mental  
17 health organization.

18 MR. ARMENTANO: I didn't know that. I  
19 apologize, Commissioner Tucci.

20 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: No apology necessary.

21 MR. ARMENTANO: Thank you for sharing that  
22 with me.

23 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Joe, I have a question.  
24 You mentioned veterans?

25 MR. ARMENTANO: Yes.

1           MAYOR SCARPELLI: You mentioned first  
2 responders, and you mentioned a new men's group.  
3 Stigma. Where does that prevent people from seeking  
4 treatment? And not getting the help they need,  
5 especially in suicide prevention?

6           MR. ARMENTANO: Well, I think probably Nutley  
7 is probably one of the best communities to be I guess  
8 an example of that. I mean, we're an agency that was  
9 created back in 1913, to basically be a service to the  
10 community of Nutley. But what happens in a town like  
11 Nutley is, what you see here tonight that is such a, I  
12 guess, a strength of the town, also becomes a barrier.  
13 Because everyone knows everyone, judgment is something  
14 that people fear. The whole idea of stigma where it is  
15 connected to groups like first responders, veterans,  
16 you're talking about groups of people who see mental  
17 health, seeking mental health treatment as weakness.  
18 If people in their environment find out, not only  
19 judgment, but it could be much more punitive, and  
20 dangerous for them, in terms of the repercussions that  
21 can come from it. So there's a lot of fear.

22           I've worked with quite a few police officers  
23 on my caseload, and they come to Nutley Family  
24 Service Bureau because almost as if they were going to  
25 a private practitioner, they know that they have the

1 privacy there, and the confidentiality, which we hold  
2 that -- so -- as such an important thing.

3 But yeah, that's why the whole idea of  
4 stigma-free now is -- it's something that is becoming  
5 much more of a visible thing. I sent some  
6 (indiscernible-12:16:51) to you on Sunday morning,  
7 Mayor, and one of the things that I found out was that  
8 Bergen County has 69 out of 70 county -- towns that are  
9 stigma-free environments. You don't have to be a town,  
10 you -- it can be a school, it can be an organization.  
11 It's basically you're showing that you have a  
12 commitment to -- that anyone that comes into that  
13 environment is going to feel that they are welcome in  
14 terms of who they are, and in terms of whatever way  
15 they may be stigmatized, that they're going to feel  
16 welcome. And it's -- it involves initiatives that the  
17 town commits -- that the organization or the town  
18 commits itself to.

19 MAYOR SCARPELLI: I know we all have a friend  
20 who took their own life that we wish he would have  
21 gotten help.

22 MR. ARMENTANO: Yeah.

23 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Commissioners, any  
24 questions or comments?

25 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Just one comment if I

1 might, Mayor. You know, earlier this month, there was  
2 a service for Ruth Bedford, who was one of the chief  
3 sponsors of the Nutley Family Service Bureau, and  
4 whenever the Nutley Family Service Bureau name pops up,  
5 you have to think of Ruth, because she worked for so  
6 long, so hard, to promote, you know, all of the goals  
7 of the agency and to keep it solvent for so many years,  
8 and just did so much. This is just one of the many  
9 things that she's done, all right, so I'm very happy  
10 and I'm very pleased, Joe, that you're here, and  
11 Eileen, and the rest of the folks that you have there  
12 to carry on in that tradition, all right, and if  
13 there's anything we can do, and I know I speak for  
14 everyone here, to help further your efforts with the  
15 Family Service Bureau, we always stand ready to help.

16 MR. ARMENTANO: Thank you. Thank you very  
17 much, I really appreciate that, Commissioner Tucci.

18 COMMISSIONER EVANS: So I'm just -- to add a  
19 couple things. One, it's a -- Mauro, dead on about  
20 Ruth, right, just a wonderful lady who was so involved  
21 and so passionate about the Nutley Family  
22 Service Bureau, so this is -- I agree, I want to echo  
23 that. But you know, you guys do so much more than just  
24 mental health, right? The -- and I think it's to your  
25 credit, and important to acknowledge, you know, all the

1 volunteers, the people that, you know, support the  
2 thrift shop, the food pantry.

3 MR. ARMENTANO: Yeah.

4 COMMISSIONER EVANS: All right? For you.  
5 That -- we weren't, you know, in need to have that  
6 taken -- you know, somebody to take a step up and  
7 responsibility, because the Red Cross was moving out of  
8 town on the food pantry, and really get that under  
9 control. So, just, I also want to acknowledge, you  
10 know, all the great work that you're doing on the other  
11 end of the spectrum, is that sometimes people don't  
12 need financial help, but they do need emotional  
13 stability.

14 MR. ARMENTANO: Yeah.

15 COMMISSIONER EVANS: And, you know, maybe  
16 some food, some clothing, and from what I see, the  
17 socializing and the acceptance that they can actually  
18 go do what they need to do, but keep their heads held  
19 high. So a lot of respect and a lot of dignity. So I  
20 think it's important to acknowledge that part of what  
21 the Family Service Bureau does as well.

22 MR. ARMENTANO: Thank you,  
23 Commissioner Evans. I -- I mean, I really feel so  
24 supported here tonight by both Eileen and Emma, who  
25 really, I think, in terms of what you -- what you're

1 talking about, I mean, the efforts and the blood,  
2 sweat, and tears that go into something like you're  
3 talking about when it comes to the volunteers.

4 One of the reasons why I really felt  
5 passionate about taking this role on when Felicia left,  
6 and she really was someone who -- I mean, she grew the  
7 agency to a position that -- for the success that we're  
8 having right now, and Eileen, though, is passionate  
9 about volunteers. She just is. She doesn't just see a  
10 volunteer as someone who comes and gives their time, it  
11 was a commitment to the environment and our building at  
12 169, become an environment that if people walked in,  
13 they would see that volunteers were really having an  
14 environment that they could feel comfortable in.

15 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Yes.

16 MR. ARMENTANO: That they could do their work  
17 in, that they could be proud of. And really, I mean,  
18 volunteering is probably one of the underpinnings of  
19 our society, but if -- I think if volunteers are  
20 treated that way, we would really entice more people to  
21 want to do it, so, you know, and thank you.

22 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Thank you, Joe. Thank you  
23 for coming in.

24 MR. ARMENTANO: You're welcome, and thank you  
25 so much for your time.

1           MAYOR SCARPELLI: Thank you. Let's -- we're  
2 really moving around today. We're going to go to the  
3 budget presentation, how's that?

4           COMMISSIONER EVANS: You want to do the bill  
5 list first?

6           MAYOR SCARPELLI: Sure, you want to do the  
7 bill list?

8           COMMISSIONER EVANS: Before we -- so we don't  
9 forget it?

10          MAYOR SCARPELLI: Bill list, Madam Clerk?

11          THE CLERK: Yes, Mayor. Bill list for  
12 September 17, 2019. Public Affairs, \$99,108.79;  
13 Revenue and Finance, \$2,697,717.70; Public Safety,  
14 \$18,207.61; Public Works, \$71,624.83; Parks and  
15 Public Property, \$30,906.08; Water Utility,  
16 \$311,032.63; Overtime Payroll, \$42,313.87.  
17 Total Payroll, \$843,501.44, for a grand total of  
18 \$4,072,099.08.

19          COMMISSIONER EVANS: Move the bills.

20          COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

21          THE CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

22          COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

23          THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

24          COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

25          THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

1 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

2 THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli.

3 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

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

5 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Thank you. Tonight, we  
6 have a few things to do regarding the budget. I am  
7 very pleased to share with you that we have been able  
8 to negotiate our transitional state aid for this year,  
9 in the amount of \$3,250,000. That coupled with the  
10 stated commitment of the board, that said we will keep  
11 to a 2-percent tax increase this year, that even though  
12 the aid is lower than what we had originally asked for,  
13 which was \$4.1 million, we have held to that  
14 commitment. So there will be no budget -- or tax  
15 increase, in -- other than what was originally  
16 programmed, and at the municipal level, that was a  
17 2 percent increase for the year. So there will be no  
18 adjustment of the November tax bills to account for any  
19 adjustment in state aid.

20 It's been a bit of a -- a little bit of a  
21 wild ride, as you might think for a moment, we did all  
22 of the up-front work with a lot of support from  
23 Assemblyman Ralph Caputo leading the way, with  
24 Joe DiVicenzo, our Essex County Executive, and the full  
25 support of the Board of Commissioners. We asked for

1 \$4.1 million worth of aid. We actually stayed at that  
2 level through the adoption of the state budget, but  
3 post-budget adoption, the governor in many areas,  
4 because of reservations around our revenue stream, and  
5 some changes in spending, had quarantined categories of  
6 spending, which included the entire transitional aid  
7 pool.

8           While that pool is still frozen by the  
9 governor, we have been involved with his office, with  
10 him directly, with Ralph Caputo's help, who's here  
11 tonight, and others, to actually compel them to help  
12 us, because after tonight's meeting, we would not be  
13 able to continue to operate as a municipality, because  
14 we would in fact run out of money. And statutorily, we  
15 can't adopt -- we can't -- in fact, introduce another  
16 temporary budget, which would in effect approve the  
17 entire budget for the year which we had adopted, so  
18 it's -- statutes were against us, logic was against us.

19           So using that as a backdrop, we had some very  
20 intense negotiations over the last several weeks in  
21 follow-up calls, which resulted in last evening  
22 achieving a transitional aid amount of \$3,250,000.

23           That's only part of the story, because this  
24 board had made a commitment early on, and said we will  
25 only have a 2-percent increase this year. If you

1 remember from the spring, when we introduced the  
2 budget, it was at 3.85 percent. So before we even  
3 looked at state aid, we had to find a 1.85 percent  
4 reduction in a 50-something million dollar budget in  
5 order to hit that target. So with the full support of  
6 the board, and their full cooperation, I want to share  
7 with you a couple of the actions that took place.

8           Early in the year, Commissioner Tucci had  
9 negotiated lower medical rates that had benefitted us  
10 which we in the original introduction, we were able to  
11 reduce that cost by half a million dollars this year.  
12 He had indicated at that time that he continued to  
13 research that, and as he continued to do his analysis,  
14 and so to get to where we are tonight, he made a  
15 further reduction, which I'll let him talk about.

16           The Mayor, through the Water Utility, we had  
17 a Water Utility deficit amount included in our budget,  
18 but the Mayor had made a commitment to resolve that  
19 issue, and so in getting here to tonight, that issue  
20 has been resolved in our budget, so we don't have to  
21 actually provide for that deficit, the Water Utility  
22 stands on its own. And the -- and the Mayor can  
23 comment on that as well.

24           Commissioner Petracco is not here, but in  
25 order to make this work, we had to reduce the

1 Public Safety budget by \$150,000 to do that. I didn't  
2 need to go to Steve, because we didn't have to get down  
3 to pennies. His budget and mine seemed to be the  
4 smaller amounts, so I didn't have to get under a  
5 hundred bucks to get there, so I didn't have to get to  
6 Steve.

7 But nonetheless, fully, fully supported that  
8 as a board, we have to demonstrate to the community  
9 that we can live within our means. So recognizing all  
10 of that, we were able to actually tonight do two  
11 things. One is we will introduce and have a public  
12 hearing on a budget amendment that will reduce overall  
13 spending by approximately a million dollars. We will  
14 include the amendment for the state aid, and after we  
15 do that, we will then, based upon that lower number,  
16 adopt the budget for 2019. And that's progress.

17 One overall note, you know, the transitional  
18 state aid is something that we've been working on since  
19 2013, which we got our first award in 2014.  
20 Accumulatively since then, we have actually received,  
21 including this year, over \$24 million worth of  
22 transitional state aid, which we have to, in my word,  
23 fight for every year, and justify why we need that  
24 money. It takes a lot of effort on the part of not  
25 just me, but a bunch of people to be able to do that,

1 so I wanted to one, on behalf of the board, thank  
2 Assemblyman Ralph Caputo for all of his efforts, which  
3 go back to the beginning when we actually introduced  
4 legislation to try and protect the town from the  
5 closure of the LaRoche site.

6           The most significant aspect of the  
7 transitional state aid, while it on average probably if  
8 you think about the 10,000 taxable units that we have  
9 in town, has saved everyone probably about 20 -- close  
10 to \$2500 since 2014 in taxes, the most significant  
11 piece of that is that it has been our ability as a  
12 governing body to focus on the long-term health and  
13 branding of the -- rebranding of the Hoffman/LaRoche  
14 site. You've seen the medical school get established  
15 and operate, Modern Meadow, that is a bio-leather  
16 fabricator is there, and very soon, aside from  
17 Hackensack Research, Ralph Lauren will be occupying  
18 that property in October. All of that was grounded on  
19 the initial work that Commissioner Tucci and at the  
20 time, Mayor Petracco did, in looking at the repurposing  
21 committee, and then the continuing work that  
22 Mayor Scarpelli and I have been doing since then to  
23 actually move this forward.

24           There's not one decision that's made about  
25 Hoffman/LaRoche or state aid that isn't done without

1 the full backing of the Board of Commissioners. We  
2 have had that opportunity to discuss where we want to  
3 go, and the aligned thinking, and the alignment that's  
4 brought us to this point is a testament to the value of  
5 trust and teamwork. So with that, I want to just  
6 acknowledge my commissioners, and Commissioner Tucci,  
7 Mayor, if you'd like to say something, go right ahead.

8 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Thank you, Mayor. First  
9 of all, I'd like to commend Commissioner Evans, all  
10 right, because he absolutely took the lead on this.  
11 And while we have five independent thinkers sitting up  
12 here, all right, when it comes to what's best for this  
13 township and how we spend our tax dollars, we are one  
14 body. All right? And I think that's important that  
15 everyone understands that. Tom did an outstanding job.  
16 I mean, Ralph Caputo, there are not enough good words  
17 for me to say about Ralph Caputo. He takes on the hard  
18 fights, all right, whether it's with people in his own  
19 party, or the opposite party, he doesn't care.  
20 Ralph Caputo's about doing what's right for the town of  
21 Nutley, and Belleville's loss was absolutely Nutley's  
22 gain. So Ralph, I want to thank you for all of your  
23 efforts in making this a reality, all right?

24 Mayor Scarpelli, Commissioner Rogers and  
25 Commissioner Petracco who are not with us this evening

1 because of his loss, everyone pulled together on this,  
2 all right? And everyone went through their budgets  
3 time and time again. We had great leadership and great  
4 guidance from Tom. This is his bailiwick, finance and  
5 numbers are his thing, all right, and he absolutely led  
6 the way. I mean, we were able to scrub out about  
7 600,000 that was in addition to that half a million  
8 that we have already reduced from health benefits.

9 We came up with another hundred thousand, all  
10 right, and we continually look at how we do things, and  
11 how we insure our people to see how we can save money,  
12 whether it's on the health insurance side, or whether  
13 it's on the property and casualty side, through the  
14 JIF, where our administrative costs are some of the  
15 lowest around, and our payouts are even lower than  
16 that, and actually, today we got a great statistic at  
17 our meeting this morning. Our Worker's Compensation  
18 cases have been reduced by 14 percent. And while there  
19 are many different elements in insurance, that's the  
20 problem child in the room, always, all right? So we're  
21 even addressing that through some of the educational  
22 programs.

23 I don't want to belabor the point. I'm very  
24 pleased with all the work that was done with everyone  
25 that helped, and everyone used their own channels, all

1 right, whether it was the County Executive, the  
2 Assemblyman's Office, the Senator's Office, all right,  
3 the mayor contacting them, Commissioner Rogers,  
4 Commissioner Petracco, and this is what happens when  
5 everyone works together.

6 So this is a good example for all of the  
7 other folks in the town to follow. Take our lead on  
8 this. It works.

9 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Commissioner?

10 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Well, I certainly  
11 concur with my fellow commissioners. It certainly is  
12 the teamwork in these past seven and a half years, the  
13 one thing that I have been very proud of, and I've  
14 really made a lot of statements around this country, is  
15 the integrity of this board, and the challenges that  
16 you have met. Commissioner Evans, can't say nothing  
17 bad on you, I've said it over and over again, we're  
18 blessed to have you, with the brain you have, and the  
19 numbers that you've crunched.

20 But I do have something to say to someone.  
21 This is coming from the other side of the aisle. But I  
22 have this opportunity, and I'd like to see some  
23 opportunities, Assemblyman. Since the day I came to  
24 Nutley, you have been one of the most terrific  
25 representatives of the people. You never let party get

1 in your way, you never let anything get in the way of  
2 doing your job, and you've been very, very visible. So  
3 I just want to let you know that, hey, look, as a  
4 friend I'm proud of you, but as a person who believes  
5 in government and good representation, you're a role  
6 model, and I thank you for helping us out with this,  
7 with a very big challenge, and I hope to -- well, I was  
8 actually going to say -- the press is here, I was going  
9 to say you ought to run for governor one day, but  
10 please strike that, but I've got to tell you --

11 ASSEMBLYMAN CAPUTO: (Indiscernible).

12 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: But -- well, but you  
13 know what, thank you so much, and may God bless you as  
14 you move on in your career. Thank you.

15 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Thank you, Commissioner.

16 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Thank you, Mayor.

17 MAYOR SCARPELLI: I want to thank all the  
18 commissioners for the work they did on their budgets,  
19 and especially the last couple of days of getting down  
20 a little bit further to where we had to be. I  
21 especially want to thank Commissioner Evans for his  
22 hard work, and he's been daily on the phone with  
23 Trenton in various capacities to get that transitional  
24 aid, and of course our Assemblyman Caputo, he not only  
25 helped us with the transitional aid, but we've had a

1 myriad of issues that needed his help over the past  
2 year, and he's always been there for us, and I can't  
3 thank him enough, Ralph, I can't thank you enough.

4 ASSEMBLYMAN CAPUTO: I appreciate it. Thank  
5 you.

6 MAYOR SCARPELLI: You know, we were able to  
7 -- on the Public Works side, we were able to find some  
8 unaccounted water through leak detection and some other  
9 things that we've done, and that helped us reduce the  
10 budget, the operating budget of the Water Department,  
11 which enabled us to reduce the budget on the  
12 Public Works side, because we had some money in there  
13 to cover the shortfall. So again, I thank everybody, I  
14 think Commissioner Tucci said it the best, it's a team.  
15 It's a team. And no I in team, and we worked together  
16 to get it done. And appreciate all your hard work, of  
17 everybody here. So, Commissioner, again, thank you for  
18 your -- I think you were burning up the wire to  
19 Trenton.

20 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Yeah, they don't want to  
21 hear from me for a little while.

22 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Yeah, don't aggravate  
23 them anymore.

24 COMMISSIONER EVANS: They know me. They know  
25 me. So we'll just move forward. I want to move to our

1 resolution, which is the budget amendment, and it's  
2 Resolution Number 225-19, which includes a series of  
3 adjustments, as you've been hearing, to reduce the  
4 Water Utility deficit to reflect the lower anticipated  
5 state aid, and adjust in other areas, including  
6 medical. I'm going to -- I think we have to open it up  
7 right now to a public hearing for those amounts before  
8 we vote on the amendment.

9 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Anybody'd like to be heard  
10 on the budget amendments tonight?

11 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Move to close.

12 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Seeing none, we move to  
13 close the public hearing.

14 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

15 THE CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

16 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

17 THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

18 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

19 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

20 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

21 THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

22 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

23 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Whereas, the local  
24 municipal budget for the year 2019 was approved on the  
25 2nd day of April, 2019; and

1           Whereas, the public hearing on said budget  
2 has been held as advertised;

3           Whereas, it is the desire to amend said  
4 approved budget;

5           Now therefore be it resolved by the Board of  
6 Commissioners of the Township of Nutley, County of  
7 Essex, that the following amendments as I previously  
8 mentioned are hereby approved in the 2019 budget. So  
9 move.

10           COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

11           THE CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

12           COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

13           THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

14           COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

15           THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

16           COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

17           THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

18           MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

19           COMMISSIONER EVANS: The second piece of  
20 business is to -- we need to adopt the budget tonight.  
21 We previously held a public hearing on that budget in  
22 April, in the April time frame. So tonight it's a  
23 matter of just adopting the budget now as amended.

24           Be it resolved by the governing body of the  
25 Township of Nutley, County of Essex, that the budget

1 herein before set forth is hereby adopted, and shall  
2 constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated,  
3 and sums therein set forth as appropriations and  
4 authorizations in the amount of \$40,597,138.75 for  
5 municipal purposes, and \$1,275,613.25 for the minimum  
6 library tax. So move.

7 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

8 THE CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

9 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

10 THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

11 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

12 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

13 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

14 THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

15 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

16 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Thank you, Mayor. We  
17 have a budget.

18 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Thank you, Commissioner.

19 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Thank God.

20 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Let's move to public  
21 comment on agenda items only. Madam Clerk?

22 THE CLERK: Yes, Mayor. All persons  
23 addressing the Board of Commissioners regarding  
24 community concerns should approach the microphone and  
25 provide their name and address for the record. Unless

1 further time is granted by the board, each person shall  
2 limit their address to three minutes. All remarks to  
3 the board and its individual members must be addressed  
4 to the mayor. The mayor may defer citizens' comments  
5 to the appropriate member of the board. Dialogue  
6 between citizens and others addressing the board shall  
7 be allowed unless the mayor or the presiding officer,  
8 or the majority of the membership of the board shall  
9 determine that the interests of the quorum and/or the  
10 expeditious conduct of municipal business are being  
11 adversely affected by such dialogue.

12           MAYOR SCARPELLI: Anybody wish to address the  
13 Board of Commissioners on the agenda items only?  
14 Seeing none, let's move on to ordinance introductions.

15           This -- these two are Commissioner Petracco's  
16 ordinance introductions. Ordinance Number 3427, an  
17 ordinance to amend an ordinance codified in the code in  
18 the Township of Nutley, Chapter 228, entitled Vehicles  
19 and Traffic, particularly Article 2, Section 14.

20 Parking prohibited during certain hours. I move this  
21 ordinance be passed to a second reading advertised in  
22 the Nutley Sun, together with the notice required by  
23 law, and that further consideration of said ordinance  
24 for final passage by the Board of Commissioners be held  
25 on its second reading on --

1 THE CLERK: October 15th.

2 MAYOR SCARPELLI: October 15th, 2019. I move  
3 the ordinance.

4 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Second.

5 THE CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

6 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

7 THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

8 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

9 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

10 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

11 THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

12 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

13 Ordinance Number 3428, an ordinance to amend  
14 an ordinance codified in the code of the Township of  
15 Nutley, Chapter 228, entitled Vehicles and Parking,  
16 particularly Article 7, Special Zones and Areas,  
17 Section 29(A) entitled Handicapped Parking, to remove  
18 the locations set forth therein. I move this ordinance  
19 be passed to a second reading advertised in the  
20 Nutley Sun, together with the notice required by law,  
21 and further consideration of said ordinance be for a  
22 final passage by the Board of Commissioners be held at  
23 the second reading on October 15th, 2019. I move the  
24 resolution -- or the ordinance.

25 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Second.

1 THE CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

2 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

3 THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

4 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

5 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

6 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

7 THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

8 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

9 Commissioner Rogers, resolutions?

10 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Okay. Resolution

11 Number 223-19.

12 Whereas, the Board of Commissioners of the  
13 Township of Nutley adopted Resolution Number 173-19 on  
14 July 2nd, 2019, authorizing the Municipal Clerk to  
15 advertise for the receipt of sealed bids for the  
16 collection, removal, and disposal of solid waste, bulk  
17 waste, vegetative waste, leaves, and grass clippings;  
18 and

19 Whereas, said resolution must be amended in  
20 order to include an addendum dated September 12th,  
21 2019, and to correct the bid opening date and time as  
22 per the bid advertisement specifications.

23 Now therefore be it resolved that  
24 Resolution Number 173-19 is hereby amended to include  
25 an addendum dated September 12th, 2019 to said bid

1 specifications, and to state that the aforementioned  
2 bids shall be publicly opened and read on  
3 October 2nd, 2019, in the Commission Chambers,  
4 Township Hall, 1 Kennedy Drive, at 11 a.m. prevailing  
5 time, so move.

6 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Second.

7 THE CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

8 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

9 THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

10 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

11 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

12 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

13 THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

14 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

15 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: That's it, Mayor, thank  
16 you.

17 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Thank you, Commissioner.

18 Commissioner Tucci?

19 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Yes, thank you Mayor.

20 Whereas, on Sunday October 13th, 2019, the  
21 Nutley/Belleville Columbus Day and Italian Heritage  
22 Month Parade Committee will celebrate its 37th Annual  
23 Columbus Day Parade festivities, commemorating  
24 Columbus' historic voyage to the New World; and

25 Whereas, the Parade Committee has a long

1 history of commemorating Columbus Day each year in the  
2 Township of Nutley, which is looked forward to and  
3 enjoyed by both spectators and participants alike; and

4           Whereas, the Nutley/Belleville Columbus Day  
5 and Italian Heritage Month Parade Committee will  
6 celebrate its annual honoree dinner on  
7 Wednesday, October 2nd, 2019, at Nanina's in the Park;  
8 and

9           Whereas, this year's Grand Marshal is  
10 Buddy J. Fortunato; and

11           Whereas, Buddy J. Fortunato is joined by the  
12 Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, our own  
13 Gina Tamburri, the Italian Heritage Award recipient,  
14 Francesca Roselli, Belleville Woman of the Year,  
15 Anna Jannicelli, Belleville Man of the Year,  
16 Joseph Pizzi, Nutley Woman of the Year, Marie Solimo,  
17 Nutley Man of the Year, Joseph Tesei. 2019 Renaissance  
18 Men, Matthew Genitempo and our own Sal Scarpelli;  
19 2019 Italian Business Leaders, Dino Vitagliano and  
20 Joseph Capasso, along with Community Excellence Award  
21 Recipients, Walt Smith and Karen Yeamans.

22           Now therefore be it resolved by -- that the  
23 Board of Commissioners of the Township of Nutley in the  
24 County of Essex join with the citizens of Nutley to  
25 salute and congratulate Grand Marshal Buddy

1 J. Fortunato, Lifetime Achievement Award recipient,  
2 Gina Tamburri, Italian Heritage Award recipient,  
3 Francesca Roselli, Belleville Woman of the Year,  
4 Anna Jannicell, Belleville Man of the Year,  
5 Joseph Pizzi, Nutley Woman of the Year, Marie Solimo,  
6 Nutley Man of the Year, Joseph Tesei, 2019 Renaissance  
7 Men, Matthew Genitempo and Sal Scarpelli, 2019 Italian  
8 Business Leaders, Dino Vitagliano and Joseph Capasso,  
9 along with Community Excellence Award recipients,  
10 Walt Smith and Karen Yeamans as they are honored here  
11 tonight. I move the resolution.

12 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Second.

13 THE CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

14 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

15 THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

16 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

17 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

18 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

19 THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

20 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Proudly aye.

21 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: That's all I have,

22 Mayor.

23 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Commissioner Evans?

24 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Thank you, Mayor.

25 Whereas, New Jersey State Statute 54:4-3.3

1 provides certain war veterans who have suffered serious  
2 disability while in service for tax exemption on their  
3 principal residence;

4           Whereas, Mr. John Kruk was granted a full  
5 exemption from payment of his taxes on June 11th, 2019,  
6 and all subsequent years through Resolution  
7 Number 177-19, which was dated July 2nd, 2019;

8           Mr. Kruk then received a homestead rebate in  
9 error. Now therefore be it resolved by the Board of  
10 Commissioners that the Treasurer be, and she is hereby  
11 authorized to refund the 2016 homestead rebate in the  
12 amount of \$249.03, which would be applied to the fourth  
13 quarter 2019 property tax of Mr. Kruk. So move.

14           COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

15           THE CLERK: Commissioner Rogers.

16           COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

17           THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

18           COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

19           THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

20           COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

21           THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

22           MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

23           COMMISSIONER EVANS: My next resolution,  
24 Number 218-19. This resolution amends the terms of the  
25 trust indenture in -- connected to a million dollar

1 Redevelopment Area Bond, related to the Hoffman/LaRoche  
2 property, which was issued at the time of the medical  
3 school negotiations, and the closure of that deal.

4 This is absolutely non-recourse debt. The  
5 debt is to be paid by the medical school, and will --  
6 does not affect Nutley taxpayers. However, looking at  
7 the trust indenture, the trustee has asked for certain  
8 amendments that are administrative, which I will read.

9 Whereas, the U.S. Bank National Association,  
10 the trustee, has requested certain amendments to the  
11 trust indenture to conform the definition of authorized  
12 denominations as currently defined by the trust  
13 indenture to the sinking fund payment schedule set  
14 forth in the trust indenture, which basically says how  
15 it will be paid, and according to the schedule of  
16 payments, and it also says that it will allow the  
17 bondholder to receive the payment of -- against the  
18 redemption price of the bonds without the physical  
19 presenting of actual bonds.

20 So these are, again, administrative clean-up  
21 items. I also -- it's clear that prior to this  
22 resolution, the redeveloper, the bondholder, and the  
23 trustee, which is the -- Prism is the redeveloper, the  
24 bondholder is Hackensack, and the trustee is National  
25 Bank, have all agreed to these changes without

1 exception.

2           So now therefore be it resolved by the Mayor  
3 and the Township -- Council of the Township of Nutley,  
4 in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, as  
5 follows;

6           1. Approves a second amendment to the  
7 supplemental indenture form, and authorizes the  
8 Township Clerk to authorize and affix and attach the  
9 seal of the township to the second amendment indenture.  
10 It is substantially the same form, which such changes  
11 therein as Council may advise;

12           2. That the Township shall assist the  
13 trustee to take any and all actions required by the  
14 trustee to execute these said amendments; and

15           3. Incidental Actions authorized by the  
16 officers that are hereby authorized to execute and  
17 deliver the papers and certificates that are necessary  
18 to affect these indenture amendments. All prior  
19 resolutions of the Township that are inconsistent with  
20 this resolution are repealed. The capitalized terms  
21 used in the resolution not otherwise defined have the  
22 meaning given to such terms in the trust indenture,  
23 which is legalese for saying the capitalization terms  
24 haven't changed, and that this resolution takes effect  
25 immediately. So move.

1 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

2 THE CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

3 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

4 THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

5 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

6 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

7 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

8 THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli.

9 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

10 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Whereas, New Jersey

11 Statute 54:4-3.3 provides war veterans who were  
12 honorably discharged from active service in the time of  
13 war in any branch of the Armed Services of the  
14 United States who have been or shall be declared by the  
15 United States Veteran's Administration to be 100  
16 percent totally and permanently disabled connected to  
17 their wartime service a full tax exemption for their  
18 dwelling and the lot that it's situated on;

19 Whereas, the taxpayer -- the following  
20 taxpayer has filed an application for allowance of the  
21 full exemption with the proper supporting  
22 documentation, thus making the taxpayer eligible.

23 Now therefore be it resolved by the Board of  
24 Commissioners of the Township of Nutley, County of  
25 Essex, State of New Jersey, that Howard Mosher be

1 granted full exemption from payment of property taxes  
2 from June 5th, 2019, and all subsequent years  
3 thereafter on the property identified as Block 1400,  
4 Lot 1, Qualifier C1003. So move.

5 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

6 THE CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

7 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

8 THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

9 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

10 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

11 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

12 THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

13 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

14 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Just as a follow up, I  
15 didn't read it, the Treasurer is hereby authorized to  
16 refund \$3,168.50 for the 2019 property taxes, so moved,  
17 as well.

18 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second, as well.

19 COMMISSIONER EVANS: There you go. There you  
20 go.

21 THE CLERK: You want to call?

22 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Yeah.

23 THE CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

24 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

25 THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

1 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

2 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

3 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

4 THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

5 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

6 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Thank you, Mayor.

7 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Whereas, raffle  
8 applications have been received from the following  
9 organizations; VFW Post Number 493, License  
10 Number 23-18, daily pull tab instant raffle, to be held  
11 daily from July 1st, 2019 through June 30th, 2020;

12 Whereas, applications have been reviewed and  
13 approved by the Municipal Clerk and the Police  
14 Department;

15 Now therefore be it resolved by the Board of  
16 Commissioners, Township of Nutley, County of Essex,  
17 State of New Jersey, that the aforementioned licenses  
18 are approved. The Municipal Clerk is authorized to  
19 issue the raffle licenses. I move the resolution.

20 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

21 THE CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

22 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

23 THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

24 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

25 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

1 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

2 THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli.

3 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye. Whereas, an  
4 application has been filed by Jon-Gru, LLC, for a  
5 person-to-person transfer of an inactive pocket plenary  
6 retail consumption license, Number 0716-33-019-006,  
7 hereto issued to Jo-Ka, Inc; and

8 Now therefore be it resolved that the Board  
9 of Commissioners of the Township of Nutley does hereby  
10 approve, effective September 17th, 2019, the transfer  
11 of aforesaid plenary retail consumption license to  
12 Jon-Gru, LLC, and does hereby direct the  
13 Municipal Clerk to endorse the license certificate to  
14 the new ownership as follows; "This license, subject to  
15 all its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to  
16 Jon-Gru, LLC, effective September 17th, 2019." I move  
17 the resolution.

18 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

19 THE CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

20 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

21 THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

22 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

23 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

24 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

25 THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

1                   MAYOR SCARPELLI:   Aye.

2                   Whereas, Topology New Jersey LLC, 60 Union  
3 Street, Newark, New Jersey, has been awarded a non-fair  
4 and open contract as a professional service as pursuant  
5 to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 and 20.5 as  
6 appropriate, to provide professional planning services  
7 primarily related to the ongoing redevelopment of the  
8 Hoffman/LaRoche and Ciccolini properties in the  
9 Township of Nutley on September 4th, 2018 by  
10 Resolution 196-18; and

11                   Whereas, services have exceeded the original  
12 contract in the amount of \$50,000; and

13                   Whereas, Mayor Scarpelli on behalf of the  
14 Commissioners has recommended the following change  
15 order from said contract;

16                   Change Order Number 1: Provide professional  
17 services primarily related to the ongoing redevelopment  
18 of the Hoffman/LaRoche and Ciccolini Properties  
19 attached to Nutley in the amount of \$23,000;

20                   Whereas, funds are available from  
21 Account Number T-15-909-918, Prism Escrow Account, and  
22 has been certified by the Chief Financial Officer, said  
23 certification being attached to this resolution; and

24                   Whereas, the resolution also authorizes funds  
25 to be available from Account T-15-909-918 for the

1 entire contract, said certification to be attached to  
2 this resolution.

3 Now therefore be it resolved by the Board of  
4 Commissioners of the Township of Nutley, County of  
5 Essex, State of New Jersey, that Change Order Number 1  
6 in the amount of \$23,000 be and is hereby approved. I  
7 move the resolution.

8 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

9 THE CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

10 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

11 THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

12 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

13 THE CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

14 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

15 THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

16 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

17 Commissioner announcements. Commissioners,  
18 any announcements?

19 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Do you want to go first?

20 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Go or -- yeah, I'll go.

21 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Yes, thank you, Mayor,  
22 I'll start this off this evening. On Sunday,  
23 September 29th, from eleven o'clock in the morning  
24 until four o'clock in the afternoon, we will be holding  
25 our Festival in the Park. We will have many vendors

1 there, it's an outrageous event, it's an enjoyable day,  
2 hopefully the weather is going to cooperate with us,  
3 and everyone's going to have an outstanding time.

4 I'd be remiss if I didn't congratulate both  
5 Mayor Scarpelli and our Town Attorney, Alan Genitempo  
6 on both of their sons being named 2019 Renaissance Men  
7 by the Nutley/Belleville Columbus Day Parade Committee.  
8 You gentlemen did an outstanding job. I know Sal's  
9 here, Sal, congratulations again, we're very proud of  
10 you.

11 That's all I have, Mayor.

12 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Thank you very much,  
13 Commissioner.

14 Commissioner?

15 COMMISSIONER EVANS: A couple things. One,  
16 September 24th is National Voter Registration Day. I  
17 wanted to just echo that anyone who hasn't registered  
18 to vote, please take advantage of the opportunity to  
19 vote. The Municipal Clerk's Office here at Town Hall  
20 is always there to help anyone who has any questions in  
21 processing their application, or what's necessary in  
22 order to process their application for voter  
23 registration. The last day for registration for a  
24 voter is October 15th, so the Municipal Clerk's Office  
25 will be open until 9 p.m. that evening, to accommodate

1 anyone who has a need to register at that time.

2           The second thing I wanted to share is that  
3 again, you know, teamwork is always important, right,  
4 so we initially did this this summer, where we've had  
5 the Division of Motor Vehicles Mobile Unit come to  
6 Nutley. We're -- residents were able to take advantage  
7 of services to update their driver's license, they were  
8 able to redeem license plates, and a host of other  
9 things. Because of the popularity of it, and demand  
10 that we saw, we will actually have the mobile unit back  
11 here in town on Friday, October 11th, from 10 a.m. to  
12 2 p.m. We -- once again, with the support of  
13 Commissioner Tucci, we'll be using the municipal lot  
14 down on Park Avenue. Commissioner Petracco will be  
15 providing our necessary Public Safety support for that,  
16 as well.

17           What's really big about this is that the new  
18 -- there's a new service that they're going to provide,  
19 in that if your vehicle needs to be inspected, and  
20 you're within 60 days of the new inspection, the  
21 renewal, you'll be able to inspect your vehicle down on  
22 Park Avenue on October 11th between 10 and 2 p.m. So  
23 it's a great program, a great success.

24           Originally, our Municipal Clerk did the  
25 research on this. She stayed with and dogged the state

1 again, to make sure that they came back, so I want to  
2 thank Eleni for the work that she did on that, but they  
3 will be here on the 11th.

4 I have one thing that I will share. We'll  
5 say more about this in the next meeting or so. As you  
6 know, this town has fought hard to control affordable  
7 housing. We were initially informed that Fair Share  
8 Housing was looking for 550 units to be established in  
9 Nutley. We successfully fought that, and there's only  
10 55 that will be required, and they will be on the  
11 LaRoche site.

12 Part of that program is a rehousing/rehab  
13 program where eligible homeowners who have a need for  
14 certain significant repairs on their property can  
15 actually have those repairs done by securing an  
16 interest-free loan from the current co-trust. The  
17 trust has about \$600,000 in it right now, and we're  
18 going to make that available through a process of  
19 application, where we will award grants -- excuse me,  
20 loans, interest-free loans, for up to about \$12,000.

21 What's important about it is, it's a very  
22 simple thing. If you stay in your house for ten years,  
23 the loan is forgiven. So there's no interest, and the  
24 loan is forgiven. So it's a real opportunity to help  
25 residents in town. We have been able to do some other

1 things. Ceci Tramontana has been involved with this as  
2 our housing liaison. We've been working with the  
3 county to couple our program with the county housing  
4 program, which offers interest-free loans up to  
5 \$25,000. They have agreed to administer the program  
6 and we can couple it, so homeowners would now have the  
7 ability to actually apply for loans that could be  
8 forgiven at the end of years, up to \$35,000. So we're  
9 going to -- we're in the process of getting that  
10 together. We'll be sharing more about that in the  
11 coming weeks. But that's going to be the next step.  
12 And it's important use that the developer fees, the  
13 money that we've been collecting from developers and  
14 people who have been improving their property, those  
15 fees now are going to be returned to the taxpayers in  
16 the form of these interest-free loans to help important  
17 aspects of their property.

18 Included in that is the ability for eligible  
19 property owners to replace their lead water line,  
20 service line from their house to the street. So  
21 there's more to come on that. That's coming.

22 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Thank you, Commissioner.

23 Just to dovetail on Commissioner Tucci's Fall  
24 Festival, we're moving the Farmer's Market that day,  
25 that day only, that Sunday, September 29th, the

1 Farmer's Market will be located in the park, and that's  
2 to take advantage of all the people visiting the Fall  
3 Festival. So thank you, Commissioner.

4 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: My pleasure.

5 MAYOR SCARPELLI: That concludes the business  
6 portion of the meeting. Anybody wish to address the  
7 Board of Commissioners this evening?

8 Madam Clerk?

9 THE CLERK: Yes, Mayor. All persons  
10 addressing the Board of Commissioners regarding  
11 community concerns should approach the microphone and  
12 provide their name and address for the record. Unless  
13 further time is granted by the board, each person shall  
14 limit their address to five minutes. All remarks to  
15 the board and its individual members must be addressed  
16 to the mayor. The mayor may defer citizens' comments  
17 to the appropriate member of the board. Dialogue  
18 between citizens and others addressing the board shall  
19 be allowed unless the mayor or presiding officer or the  
20 majority of the membership of the board shall determine  
21 that the interests of the quorum and/or the expeditious  
22 conduct of municipal business are being adversely  
23 affected by such dialogue.

24 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Anybody wish to address the  
25 Board of Commissioners this evening?

1           MR. CULLARI: Chris Cullari, 115 Joerg  
2 Avenue. I just have a couple quick questions regarding  
3 the redevelopment of the LaRoche site. With  
4 Ralph Lauren moving in, do we have an approximate  
5 percentage of tax revenues that we basically -- what we  
6 lost versus what we're now going to be taking in with  
7 the redevelopment? And then also, is there any  
8 additional projects being planned at the -- at this  
9 time?

10           COMMISSIONER EVANS: Mayor, can I take that?

11           MAYOR SCARPELLI: Yeah, sure.

12           COMMISSIONER EVANS: Thank you. So the  
13 occupancy of the property by Ralph Lauren, basically  
14 occupies what was formerly an empty building. All  
15 right? So included in our tax base right now is taxes  
16 associated with that property of \$4.1 million. So  
17 Ralph Lauren's taxes are part of the current  
18 \$4.1 million on the property.

19           It is a pilot agreement. It does -- but the  
20 pilot terms are very specific in that, one, they pay  
21 full local taxation. It's annually adjusted at  
22 2 percent. And they pay a 2-percent annual  
23 administrative fee to the township, which basically  
24 gives us about 4-percent coverage each year to sustain  
25 that.

1           They -- the -- you might hear about pilots  
2 where people say pilots don't pay the school tax. The  
3 pilot agreements in Nutley include the school tax. So  
4 to your point is, the money that they're paying is  
5 already coming -- is already being paid in taxes, so as  
6 them occupying the building, there won't be an  
7 incremental new tax.

8           MR. CULLARI: So versus what we were getting  
9 when LaRoche was occupying the property, approximately  
10 what percentage are we expecting to -- that's -- of  
11 that -- what LaRoche was paying are we anticipating at  
12 this point in time?

13           COMMISSIONER EVANS: So when LaRoche  
14 announced their closure, they were paying us about  
15 \$10 million in tax. Today, it's \$4.1 million, as I  
16 just said. The determination of how much that number  
17 will rise, all right, will -- is dependent upon what  
18 the future uses of the site will be, and as it is at  
19 this time, and at this point, there hasn't been any  
20 agreement as to what those future uses might include,  
21 because we're in -- we have to go through that  
22 redevelopment planning, and that's still in front of  
23 us. So --

24           MR. CULLARI: And is the school -- the --  
25 Seton Hall. Are they exempt from --

1 COMMISSIONER EVANS: No.

2 MR. CULLARI: No.

3 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Interesting twist of the  
4 law. Because of the medical partnership between  
5 Seton Hall and Hackensack, they didn't purchase the  
6 building directly. They're leasing the building, which  
7 in effect makes it a taxable entity. So they are -- on  
8 a similar basis, they are paying a tax to us. The  
9 biggest point of consideration, though, is that where  
10 there used to be some massive buildings that we did  
11 collect taxes on, today that's parking lot for the  
12 school, which is now -- it will be undeveloped land.  
13 So there will be some exposure, depending upon which  
14 direction that we go into.

15 What's important about that, that's why the  
16 transitional aid has been so important, because it's  
17 been bridging the gap.

18 MR. CULLARI: Yeah, it's just, you know,  
19 that's never good, it's not going to last forever, so.

20 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Well, it's 24 million so  
21 far and counting, so --

22 MR. CULLARI: Oh, definitely.

23 COMMISSIONER EVANS: -- let's keep it going.

24 MR. CULLARI: Yep. And in regards to any  
25 additional plans of redevelopment on that site? Is

1 there anything going?

2           MAYOR SCARPELLI: We're still in negotiation  
3 with the developer.

4           MR. CULLARI: Thank you.

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

7           Seeing none, motion to adjourn?

8           COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Second.

9           THE CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

10          COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

11          THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

12          COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

13          THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

14          COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

15          THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

16          MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

17          THE CLERK: The time is 8:59.

18          MAYOR SCARPELLI: Okay. Good night,  
19 everybody.

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