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ALPHONSE PETRACCO, COMMISSIONER A/E

Also Present:

ALAN GENITEMPO, TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY
RALPH R. CAPUTO, ASSEMBLYMAN
(Recording begins)

THE CLERK: Board of Commissioners

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

Commissioner Rogers?

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Here.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Here.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Here.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco is absent, excused.

Mayor Scarpelli?

MAYOR SCARPELLI: Here.

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

MAYOR SCARPELLI: Let's see. Commissioner Petracco has two ordinance introductions, one on
Yantacaw Place and one on Brookfield, all to accommodate the Yantacaw School, so we're going to introduce those tonight. I'll do that. He doesn't have any resolutions.

Commissioner Evans?

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

And then I have an individual who is 100
percent disabled, and is entitled to a full tax exemption.

MAYOR SCARPELLI: Thank you, Commissioner.

Commissioner Rogers?

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

MAYOR SCARPELLI: Commissioner Tucci?

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

MAYOR SCARPELLI: Thank you, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: That's all I have.

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Want to trade?

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: No.

MAYOR SCARPELLI: I'd like to welcome --

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: No.

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

ASSEMBLYMAN CAPUTO: My pleasure. My pleasure.

MAYOR SCARPELLI: Appreciate all his hard
work that he does in Trenton for multitude of issues that we've had.

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

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

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

    Madam Clerk?

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

    MAYOR SCARPELLI: Okay. Very good.

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

    MAYOR SCARPELLI: Oh, yes.

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

    MAYOR SCARPELLI: Yeah, he's giving -- he wants to give -- the Nutley Family Service Bureau wants to give a presentation to us tonight, so --
THE CLERK: Okay.

MAYOR SCARPELLI: -- they asked for ten minutes.

THE CLERK: And the VFW and the Nutley --

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Are they going to --

THE CLERK: I'm sorry.

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

MAYOR SCARPELLI: Back there.

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Okay.

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

MAYOR SCARPELLI: Mr. Genitempo?

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

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

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Budget negotiations, yeah.

MAYOR SCARPELLI: Okay. Can I have a motion?

MR. GENITEMPO: Contract negotiations.

MAYOR SCARPELLI: Contract negotiations?

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Potential litigation.
MR. GENITEMPO: We covered that.

MAYOR SCARPELLI: Covered everything.

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

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

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

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Yes.

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Second.

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

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

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

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

Be it further resolved that at the time when
such discussions may be disclosed to the public shall be when as such disclosures may be made without adversely affecting the Township of Nutley, pending and/or anticipated legal, personnel, contractual matters and other matters within the exceptions provided for by statute.

Commissioner Rogers just stepped out for a moment.

Commissioner Tucci?

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

THE CLERK: The time is 7:11.

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MAYOR SCARPELLI: Everybody please stand for the flag salute.

(Pledge of Allegiance)

MAYOR SCARPELLI: Madam Clerk?

THE CLERK: Thank you, Mayor. Board of Commissioners public meeting, Tuesday, September 17, 2019. The time is now 7:50.

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COMMISSIONER EVANS: Here.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco is absent, excused this evening. Mayor Scarpelli?

MAYOR SCARPELLI: Here.
THE CLERK: All present, Mayor, except for Commissioner Petracco. He's absent, excused this evening.

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

(Pause)

MAYOR SCARPELLI: Thank you.

Minutes, Madam Clerk?

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

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Move the minutes.

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Abstain.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

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

MAYOR SCARPELLI: Let's do correspondence,
Madam Clerk.

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

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Move it.

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Second.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

THE CLERK: And that's it for correspondence.

MAYOR SCARPELLI: Let's do reports.

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

MAYOR SCARPELLI: Commissioner Petracco has a
Public Safety report for the month of August, and Public Works has a monthly progress reports for June, July, and August. Let's go to the Little League.

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Thank you, Mayor.

MAYOR SCARPELLI: Commissioner Tucci?

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Thank you so much.

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

(Pause)

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: The Nutley American Little League Intermediate 50/70 All-Stars won the District 2 title over the Clifton Little League, and then beat Chester-Mendham Little League to win the Section 1 and Section 2 Title. In the
State Championship versus Middletown Little League,
Nutley swept the best of three series in deciding
fashion, 4 to 0 and 13 to 2;

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

Whereas, playing on ESPN+, in front of an
international audience, East Region Nutley ran into a
powerhouse team from Southeast Region Alabama, and fell
11 to 2. In an elimination game, East Region Nutley
lost a heartbreaker to host team District 57,
California, 10 to 8. In the consolation game against
Australia, East Region Nutley came out on top, 15 to 6.
A great experience was had by the boys and coaches, and they represented Nutley, the State of New Jersey, and the region with honor throughout the tournament;

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

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

Now therefore be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Nutley, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, join with
the citizens of Nutley to honor and congratulate the
members and coaches of the Nutley Little League
Intermediate Team for their exceptional efforts and
accomplishment. I so very proudly move this
resolution.

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Second.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

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

THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

COMMISSIONER EVANS: To everyone,
Congratulations. I always enjoy these resolutions,
because it's about acknowledging and recognizing all
the people of Nutley, all of our residents, and one of
the special things about it is, is we acknowledge all
of the young talent that we have, so I gladly, gladly,
vote yes.
THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

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

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

(Pause)

UNIDENTIFIED: Congratulations.

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Congratulations.

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

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

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

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Run them out of here.

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

MR. ARMENTANO: Yes. My name is Joe Armentano, I'm the director of clinical services and program of the Nutley Family Service Bureau. And I first want to just thank all the commissioners for the privilege and the time that you're giving me to speak to all of you tonight about the topic that I'm going to speak about, because I am very passionate about it, and particularly want to thank Mayor Scarpelli and Commissioner Rogers for their commitment to this topic as well, Mayor -- the mayor as the Mental Health Administrator, has been specifically involved, and Commissioner Rogers who we have worked with with the Department of Health also, I know. And really, that's one of the reasons that we decided to ask for this time tonight, because we know that back in July, the topic of suicide prevention came up at this meeting, and we really appreciate the opportunity to be able to talk about that tonight, and to thank everybody on the council for embracing this topic, which is a really important one.
The Nutley Family Service Bureau -- I'm sure I'm not telling you, all of you, something you don't know, we've been in the town for over a hundred years, since 1913, and one of the things that we have always tried to do is to be adaptable, and to grow, and adapt, with the town. Right now, I think the two issues in mental health that are probably the most important are the opioid crisis and the alarming rate of suicide, and suicide attempts in our society.

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

The Bureau -- I am -- I'm registered to attend that walk, so the Bureau wants to position itself tonight so that we can be a part of anything that the town is doing. We have -- we've grown in the time that I've been there. I started out at Nutley Family Service Bureau back in 2010 as an intern. I was getting my master's in social work, and I was assigned
to be at Nutley for my field placement, and it became a place that as soon as I walked in, I knew I belonged there. And luckily, I was with a team of people who really were committed to growth, and I have two people here tonight with me, who I've gotten to know. Eileen Painter is our executive director, Emma Cortese is one of our board members, who really I think has been involved on the board since the time I've been here on one -- in one capacity or another.

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

So because we've been successful growing on the mental health side, we've been able to expand with our social services, and that's why now we're
positioned in a way where we have, because of Eileen's
-- her role here, we have really developed a position
in to be as available to the community and surrounding
communities, and to really be responsive to whatever
the needs are. This is a need that's here right now.

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

We're working on a partnership now with the
schools to address -- and we're going to be meeting
with Superintendent Glazer this week to discuss the new
law that was passed in New Jersey, that mental health
has to be on the curriculum of every public school in New Jersey from kindergarten through 12th grade. And we're going to position ourselves to partner with the schools, so that we can offer whatever services that we can.

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

So basically, I guess in closure tonight, you know, it's very symbolic I think that we were here tonight, on a night where we're celebrating the youth of our community. The youth of our community, probably, in 2019, probably has more challenges against it than probably any other generation before it, and mental health is going to be something that will be really important for them to have access to. So I think in that light, we just wanted to present ourselves tonight in a way and be able to say, whatever help we can offer, and whatever initiatives are going to be happening around mental health, and especially
around suicide prevention, we feel that it's good
timing, the council seems really open to it now, based
on what happened in July, so we want to make sure that
we are -- we just had our voices heard tonight. So I
thank you. I thank you for your openness.

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

MR. ARMENTANO: Thank you very much.

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

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

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

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

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: No apology necessary.

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

MAYOR SCARPELLI: Joe, I have a question.

You mentioned veterans?

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

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

I've worked with quite a few police officers on my caseload, and they come to Nutley Family Service Bureau because almost as if they were going to a private practitioner, they know that they have the
privacy there, and the confidentiality, which we hold
that -- so -- as such an important thing.

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

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

MR. ARMENTANO: Yeah.

MAYOR SCARPELLI: Commissioners, any
questions or comments?

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

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

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

MR. ARMENTANO: Yeah.

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

MR. ARMENTANO: Yeah.

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

MR. ARMENTANO: Thank you,
Commissioner Evans. I -- I mean, I really feel so
supported here tonight by both Eileen and Emma, who
really, I think, in terms of what you -- what you're
talking about, I mean, the efforts and the blood,
sweat, and tears that go into something like you're
talking about when it comes to the volunteers.

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

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Yes.

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

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

MR. ARMENTANO: You're welcome, and thank you
so much for your time.
MAYOR SCARPELLI: Thank you. Let's -- we're really moving around today. We're going to go to the budget presentation, how's that?

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

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

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

MAYOR SCARPELLI: Bill list, Madam Clerk?

THE CLERK: Yes, Mayor. Bill list for September 17, 2019. Public Affairs, $99,108.79; Revenue and Finance, $2,697,717.70; Public Safety, $18,207.61; Public Works, $71,624.83; Parks and Public Property, $30,906.08; Water Utility, $311,032.63; Overtime Payroll, $42,313.87.

Total Payroll, $843,501.44, for a grand total of $4,072,099.08.

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Move the bills.

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?
COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli.

MAYOR SCARPPELLI: Aye.

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

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

It's been a bit of a -- a little bit of a wild ride, as you might think for a moment, we did all of the up-front work with a lot of support from Assemblyman Ralph Caputo leading the way, with Joe DiVicenzo, our Essex County Executive, and the full support of the Board of Commissioners. We asked for
$4.1 million worth of aid. We actually stayed at that level through the adoption of the state budget, but post-budget adoption, the governor in many areas, because of reservations around our revenue stream, and some changes in spending, had quarantined categories of spending, which included the entire transitional aid pool.

While that pool is still frozen by the governor, we have been involved with his office, with him directly, with Ralph Caputo's help, who's here tonight, and others, to actually compel them to help us, because after tonight's meeting, we would not be able to continue to operate as a municipality, because we would in fact run out of money. And statutorily, we can't adopt -- we can't -- in fact, introduce another temporary budget, which would in effect approve the entire budget for the year which we had adopted, so it's -- statutes were against us, logic was against us. So using that as a backdrop, we had some very intense negotiations over the last several weeks in follow-up calls, which resulted in last evening achieving a transitional aid amount of $3,250,000.

That's only part of the story, because this board had made a commitment early on, and said we will only have a 2-percent increase this year. If you
remember from the spring, when we introduced the budget, it was at 3.85 percent. So before we even looked at state aid, we had to find a 1.85 percent reduction in a 50-something million dollar budget in order to hit that target. So with the full support of the board, and their full cooperation, I want to share with you a couple of the actions that took place.

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

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

Commissioner Petracco is not here, but in order to make this work, we had to reduce the
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Public Safety budget by $150,000 to do that. I didn't need to go to Steve, because we didn't have to get down to pennies. His budget and mine seemed to be the smaller amounts, so I didn't have to get under a hundred bucks to get there, so I didn't have to get to Steve.

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

One overall note, you know, the transitional state aid is something that we've been working on since 2013, which we got our first award in 2014. Accumulatively since then, we have actually received, including this year, over $24 million worth of transitional state aid, which we have to, in my word, fight for every year, and justify why we need that money. It takes a lot of effort on the part of not just me, but a bunch of people to be able to do that,
so I wanted to one, on behalf of the board, thank Assemblyman Ralph Caputo for all of his efforts, which go back to the beginning when we actually introduced legislation to try and protect the town from the closure of the LaRoche site.

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

There's not one decision that's made about Hoffman/LaRoche or state aid that isn't done without
the full backing of the Board of Commissioners. We have had that opportunity to discuss where we want to go, and the aligned thinking, and the alignment that's brought us to this point is a testament to the value of trust and teamwork. So with that, I want to just acknowledge my commissioners, and Commissioner Tucci, Mayor, if you'd like to say something, go right ahead.

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

Mayor Scarpelli, Commissioner Rogers and Commissioner Petracco who are not with us this evening
because of his loss, everyone pulled together on this, all right? And everyone went through their budgets time and time again. We had great leadership and great guidance from Tom. This is his bailiwick, finance and numbers are his thing, all right, and he absolutely led the way. I mean, we were able to scrub out about 600,000 that was in addition to that half a million that we have already reduced from health benefits.

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

I don't want to belabor the point. I'm very pleased with all the work that was done with everyone that helped, and everyone used their own channels, all
right, whether it was the County Executive, the Assemblyman's Office, the Senator's Office, all right, the mayor contacting them, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Petracco, and this is what happens when everyone works together.

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

MAYOR SCARPELLI: Commissioner?

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

But I do have something to say to someone. This is coming from the other side of the aisle. But I have this opportunity, and I'd like to see some opportunities, Assemblyman. Since the day I came to Nutley, you have been one of the most terrific representatives of the people. You never let party get
in your way, you never let anything get in the way of
doing your job, and you've been very, very visible. So
I just want to let you know that, hey, look, as a
friend I'm proud of you, but as a person who believes
in government and good representation, you're a role
model, and I thank you for helping us out with this,
with a very big challenge, and I hope to -- well, I was
actually going to say -- the press is here, I was going
to say you ought to run for governor one day, but
please strike that, but I've got to tell you --

ASSEMBLYMAN CAPUTO: (Indiscernible).

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

MAYOR SCARPELLI: Thank you, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Thank you, Mayor.

MAYOR SCARPELLI: I want to thank all the
commissioners for the work they did on their budgets,
and especially the last couple of days of getting down
a little bit further to where we had to be. I
especially want to thank Commissioner Evans for his
hard work, and he's been daily on the phone with
Trenton in various capacities to get that transitional
aid, and of course our Assemblyman Caputo, he not only
helped us with the transitional aid, but we've had a
myriad of issues that needed his help over the past year, and he's always been there for us, and I can't thank him enough, Ralph, I can't thank you enough.

ASSEMBLYMAN CAPUTO: I appreciate it. Thank you.

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

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

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

COMMISSIONER EVANS: They know me. They know me. So we'll just move forward. I want to move to our
resolution, which is the budget amendment, and it's resolution Number 225-19, which includes a series of adjustments, as you've been hearing, to reduce the Water Utility deficit to reflect the lower anticipated state aid, and adjust in other areas, including medical. I'm going to -- I think we have to open it up right now to a public hearing for those amounts before we vote on the amendment.

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

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Move to close.

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

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Whereas, the local municipal budget for the year 2019 was approved on the 2nd day of April, 2019; and
Whereas, the public hearing on said budget has been held as advertised;

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

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

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

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

Be it resolved by the governing body of the Township of Nutley, County of Essex, that the budget
herein before set forth is hereby adopted, and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated, and sums therein set forth as appropriations and authorizations in the amount of $40,597,138.75 for municipal purposes, and $1,275,613.25 for the minimum library tax. So move.

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

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

MAYOR SCARPELLI: Thank you, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Thank God.

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

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

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

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

Parking prohibited during certain hours. I move this
ordinance be passed to a second reading advertised in
the Nutley Sun, together with the notice required by
law, and that further consideration of said ordinance
for final passage by the Board of Commissioners be held
on its second reading on --
THE CLERK: October 15th.

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

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Second.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

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

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Second.
THE CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

Commissioner Rogers, resolutions?


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

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

Now therefore be it resolved that Resolution Number 173-19 is hereby amended to include an addendum dated September 12th, 2019 to said bid
specifications, and to state that the aforementioned
bids shall be publicly opened and read on
October 2nd, 2019, in the Commission Chambers,
Township Hall, 1 Kennedy Drive, at 11 a.m. prevailing
time, so move.

MAYOR SCARPELLI: Second.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

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

MAYOR SCARPELLI: Thank you, Commissioner.

Commissioner Tucci?

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Yes, thank you Mayor.

Whereas, on Sunday October 13th, 2019, the
Nutley/Belleville Columbus Day and Italian Heritage
Month Parade Committee will celebrate its 37th Annual
Columbus Day Parade festivities, commemorating
Columbus' historic voyage to the New World; and
Whereas, the Parade Committee has a long
history of commemorating Columbus Day each year in the Township of Nutley, which is looked forward to and enjoyed by both spectators and participants alike; and

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

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

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

   Now therefore be it resolved by -- that the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Nutley in the County of Essex join with the citizens of Nutley to salute and congratulate Grand Marshal Buddy
J. Fortunato, Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, Gina Tamburri, Italian Heritage Award recipient, Francesca Roselli, Belleville Woman of the Year, Anna Jannicell, Belleville Man of the Year, Joseph Pizzi, Nutley Woman of the Year, Marie Solimo, Nutley Man of the Year, Joseph Tesei, 2019 Renaissance Men, Matthew Genitempo and Sal Scarpelli, 2019 Italian Business Leaders, Dino Vitagliano and Joseph Capasso, along with Community Excellence Award recipients, Walt Smith and Karen Yeamans as they are honored here tonight. I move the resolution.

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Second.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

MAYOR SCARPELLI: Proudly aye.

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: That's all I have, Mayor.

MAYOR SCARPELLI: Commissioner Evans?

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Thank you, Mayor.

Whereas, New Jersey State Statute 54:4-3.3
provides certain war veterans who have suffered serious
disability while in service for tax exemption on their
principal residence;

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

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

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.
THE CLERK: Commissioner Rogers.
COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.
THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?
COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.
THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?
COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.
THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?
MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.
COMMISSIONER EVANS: My next resolution,
Number 218-19. This resolution amends the terms of the
trust indenture in -- connected to a million dollar
Redevelopment Area Bond, related to the Hoffman/LaRoche property, which was issued at the time of the medical school negotiations, and the closure of that deal.

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

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

So these are, again, administrative clean-up items. I also -- it's clear that prior to this resolution, the redeveloper, the bondholder, and the trustee, which is the -- Prism is the redeveloper, the bondholder is Hackensack, and the trustee is National Bank, have all agreed to these changes without
So now therefore be it resolved by the Mayor and the Township -- Council of the Township of Nutley, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, as follows;

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

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

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

THE CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli.

MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

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

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

Now therefore be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Nutley, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, that Howard Mosher be
granted full exemption from payment of property taxes from June 5th, 2019, and all subsequent years thereafter on the property identified as Block 1400, Lot 1, Qualifier C1003. So move.

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

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

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second, as well.

COMMISSIONER EVANS: There you go. There you go.

THE CLERK: You want to call?

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Yeah.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?
COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Thank you, Mayor.

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

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

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

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?
COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli.

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

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

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?
MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

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

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

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

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

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

Whereas, the resolution also authorizes funds to be available from Account T-15-909-918 for the
entire contract, said certification to be attached to this resolution.

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

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

THE CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

Commissioner announcements. Commissioners, any announcements?

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Do you want to go first?

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

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Yes, thank you, Mayor, I'll start this off this evening. On Sunday, September 29th, from eleven o'clock in the morning until four o'clock in the afternoon, we will be holding our Festival in the Park. We will have many vendors
there, it's an outrageous event, it's an enjoyable day, hopefully the weather is going to cooperate with us, and everyone's going to have an outstanding time.

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

That's all I have, Mayor.

MAYOR SCARPELLI: Thank you very much, Commissioner.

Commissioner?

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

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

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

Originally, our Municipal Clerk did the research on this. She stayed with and dogged the state
again, to make sure that they came back, so I want to
thank Eleni for the work that she did on that, but they
will be here on the 11th.

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

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

What's important about it is, it's a very
simple thing. If you stay in your house for ten years,
the loan is forgiven. So there's no interest, and the
loan is forgiven. So it's a real opportunity to help
residents in town. We have been able to do some other
things. Ceci Tramontana has been involved with this as our housing liaison. We've been working with the county to couple our program with the county housing program, which offers interest-free loans up to $25,000. They have agreed to administer the program and we can couple it, so homeowners would now have the ability to actually apply for loans that could be forgiven at the end of years, up to $35,000. So we're going to -- we're in the process of getting that together. We'll be sharing more about that in the coming weeks. But that's going to be the next step. And it's important use that the developer fees, the money that we've been collecting from developers and people who have been improving their property, those fees now are going to be returned to the taxpayers in the form of these interest-free loans to help important aspects of their property.

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

MAYOR SCARPELLI: Thank you, Commissioner.

Just to dovetail on Commissioner Tucci's Fall Festival, we're moving the Farmer's Market that day, that day only, that Sunday, September 29th, the
Farmer's Market will be located in the park, and that's to take advantage of all the people visiting the Fall Festival. So thank you, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: My pleasure.

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

Madam Clerk?

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

MAYOR SCARPELLI: Anybody wish to address the Board of Commissioners this evening?
MR. CULLARI: Chris Cullari, 115 Joerg Avenue. I just have a couple quick questions regarding the redevelopment of the LaRoche site. With Ralph Lauren moving in, do we have an approximate percentage of tax revenues that we basically -- what we lost versus what we're now going to be taking in with the redevelopment? And then also, is there any additional projects being planned at the -- at this time?

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Mayor, can I take that?

MAYOR SCARPELLI: Yeah, sure.

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

It is a pilot agreement. It does -- but the pilot terms are very specific in that, one, they pay full local taxation. It's annually adjusted at 2 percent. And they pay a 2-percent annual administrative fee to the township, which basically gives us about 4-percent coverage each year to sustain that.
They -- the -- you might hear about pilots where people say pilots don't pay the school tax. The pilot agreements in Nutley include the school tax. So to your point is, the money that they're paying is already coming -- is already being paid in taxes, so as them occupying the building, there won't be an incremental new tax.

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

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

MR. CULLARI: And is the school -- the -- Seton Hall. Are they exempt from --
COMMISSIONER EVANS: No.

MR. CULLARI: No.

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

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

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

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

MR. CULLARI: Oh, definitely.

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

MR. CULLARI: Yep. And in regards to any additional plans of redevelopment on that site? Is
there anything going?

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

    MR. CULLARI:  Thank you.

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

    Seeing none, motion to adjourn?

    COMMISSIONER ROGERS:  Second.

    THE CLERK:  Commissioner Rogers?

    COMMISSIONER ROGERS:  Aye.

    THE CLERK:  Commissioner Tucci?

    COMMISSIONER TUCCI:  Aye.

    THE CLERK:  Commissioner Evans?

    COMMISSIONER EVANS:  Aye.

    THE CLERK:  Mayor Scarpelli?

    MAYOR SCARPELLI:  Aye.

    THE CLERK:  The time is 8:59.

    MAYOR SCARPELLI:  Okay.  Good night, everybody.

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