

In The Matter Of:
In Re; Nutley Board of Commissioners

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NUTLEY, NEW JERSEY 07110

***** PUBLIC SESSION *****

DATE: 6/16/2026

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

JOHN V. KELLY III, MAYOR

JOSEPH P. SCARPELLI, COMMISSIONER

MAURO G. TUCCI, COMMISSIONER

THOMAS J. EVANS, COMMISSIONER

Also Present:

JONATHAN BRUNO, TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY

1 (Recording begins)

2 MAYOR KELLY: Now, everyone, please stand for
3 the flag salute.

4 (Pledge of Allegiance)

5 MAYOR KELLY: Sunshine notice, Madam Clerk.

6 MADAM CLERK: Thank you, Mayor.

7 Board of Commissioners Public Meeting Agenda
8 for Tuesday, June 16th, 2026. The time is now 7:09.

9 Pursuant to the requirements of the Open
10 Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, Public Law in 1975,
11 notice of this meeting was published in the November
12 20th, 2025, issues of the Nutley Sun, the Herald News,
13 and the Star Ledger. A copy of this notice has been
14 posted on the Nutley Town Hall Bulletin Board and a
15 copy is on file in the municipal clerk's office.

16 Commissioner Evans?

17 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Here.

18 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

19 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Here.

20 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

21 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Here.

22 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Petracco is
23 absent, excused this evening.

24 Mayor Kelly?

25 MAYOR KELLY: Present.

1 MADAM CLERK: Thank you.

2 MAYOR KELLY: We have no minutes, no
3 executive minutes. We do have a presentation, which
4 looks like it fell off the agenda, but I'll do that
5 now. This is a presentation by me.

6 I wanted to find some way to thank the
7 Township and I want to do something for the Township
8 during my absence while I was deployed to Iraq. And
9 one of the things I did is that I flew a flag, you
10 know, our United States flag, over our LSA, which is a
11 life support area, in -- where -- in my base that I was
12 stationed in Iraq; that was Erbil Air Base.

13 And so I have that flag here today. And I
14 didn't know how to present this to town, so I asked the
15 Nutley Historical Society to come here because they run
16 the Nutley Museum. And I think it would be a good
17 thing to display at the museum.

18 I do want to read the certificate. It's a
19 certificate of authenticity presented to the Township
20 of Nutley, New Jersey, that the accompanying flag of
21 the United States of America was proudly flown over
22 Task Force Integrator, Combined Joint Task Force-
23 Operation Inherent Resolve at Erbil Air Base Iraq on 10
24 October 2025. As this flag flew, it symbolized the
25 sovereign power of the United States and the unshakable

1 resolve of the American men and women keeping our state
2 and our nation safe.

3 And it's signed by the BOS-I director and
4 sergeant major. BOS-I is Base Operations Support
5 Integrator, so we're integrating all the services. And
6 I just wanted to present this to the township,
7 especially, I think, it's appropriate today, even
8 though we're a couple of days late; this Sunday was
9 flag day. And so I wanted to present this at an
10 appropriate time to the township and then have it be
11 received by the Nutley Historical Society.

12 So I guess, you guys want -- we can take a
13 picture and present it to the Historical Society?

14 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Sure.

15 UNIDENTIFIED: I really just wanted to thank
16 you for presenting the flag and we'll display it
17 proudly.

18 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you. Absolutely.

19 MADAM CLERK: Yes.

20 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you --

21 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Picture.

22 MAYOR KELLY: -- for all that you guys do.

23 UNIDENTIFIED: Thanks for bringing this.

24 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Thank you.

25 UNIDENTIFIED: Thank you for having us.

1 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Thank you. Here we go.

2 UNIDENTIFIED: Always nice to see you all.

3 COMMISSIONER EVANS: You, too.

4 UNIDENTIFIED: Yep.

5 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you for taking time out
6 of your day to come here. I appreciate it.

7 UNIDENTIFIED: Take care.

8 MAYOR KELLY: Absolutely. Thank you. I'll
9 see you.

10 UNIDENTIFIED: It'll be done.

11 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you again.

12 Okay. I'll need you to go this way.

13 UNIDENTIFIED: Thank you, Mayor.

14 UNIDENTIFIED: Okay. Thank you.

15 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you. And thank you again
16 to the township for their patience. You know, with
17 technology, I was able to stay abreast of everything
18 and come to these meetings, at least virtually. I
19 appreciate the patience and bearing with the time delay
20 and everything.

21 We do have a proclamation on for this
22 evening, if I can find it. Here it is.

23 MADAM CLERK: Do you need it?

24 MAYOR KELLY: No, I got it. This is a
25 proclamation to recognize Prudence Soobrattie. She is

1 the -- an educator at Nutley High School who assists
2 with our Junior Nutley Cultural Inclusion and Diversity
3 Council. And the Nutley Cultural Inclusion Diversity
4 Council awards -- gives an award out each year to
5 representatives of the township of the community who
6 promote the values of the township through the --
7 through diversity and inclusivity.

8 She's actually the second recipient of this
9 award. The first recipients will be with us next
10 meeting. Unfortunately, I wasn't here last year to be
11 able to give the award, so we're getting a double duty
12 this year.

13 So I do want to read the -- this proclamation
14 on behalf of the township. "Whereas the Township of
15 Nutley recognizes the importance of fostering a
16 community that values diversity, promotes inclusion,
17 and celebrates the rich cultural backgrounds of all its
18 residents.

19 Whereas Prudence Soobrattie has demonstrated
20 outstanding dedication as an educator and volunteer,
21 serving as the advisor for Building Bridges, a student
22 organization committed to celebrating and uplifting
23 cultures from around the world.

24 "Whereas through her leadership, Prudence
25 Soobrattie has created meaningful opportunities for

1 students to share their identities, learn from one
2 another, and develop a deeper appreciation for
3 diversity and inclusion. Whereas Prudence Soobrattie
4 has played a vital role in organizing and executing the
5 annual Nutley High School Night of Nations, an event
6 that brings together students, families, the community
7 in a vibrant celebration of cultural, unity, and shared
8 experience.

9 "Whereas her commitment, creativity, and
10 passion have helped strengthen the fabric of the Nutley
11 community by encouraging understanding, respect,
12 connection among all people. Whereas Prudence
13 Soobrattie's efforts have empowered students to become
14 leaders, embrace their identities with pride, and
15 contribute to a more inclusive and compassionate school
16 environment. That therefore, it be proclaimed that the
17 Nutley Board of Commissioners in the Township of
18 Nutley, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, hereby
19 thank Prudence Soobrattie for a job well done."

20 Does anyone want to make any additional
21 comments? If not, I'll bring up Ms. Soobrattie for her
22 comments, and we can present her with the award. Well,
23 Commissioner Petracco is not here this evening, so
24 we're going to sign it tonight and get him to sign it
25 tomorrow, and we'll present you the proclamation; send

1 -- I guess, send it through the school.

2 But if you want to come up and say a few
3 words, you're more than welcome to.

4 MS. SOOBRATTIE: Okay.

5 MAYOR KELLY: The microphone is over --

6 COMMISSIONER EVANS: The microphone --

7 MS. SOOBRATTIE: So yes, thank you. An
8 unexpected honor. Thank you, Courtney. Thank you to
9 the Board. It is a pleasure being the ESL teacher at
10 Nutley High School. I actually live in Montclair and I
11 have to say a lot of times Montclairians kind of look
12 down on Nutley, and they always act like they're a lot
13 better, a lot more diverse. But actually, I don't see
14 that. I see actually a great thing at Nutley High
15 School.

16 Not only are we diverse, but we're really
17 integrated. The kids work together. I see, like, the
18 non-ESL kids working with the ESL kids who do United
19 Nations. You should all come. It's really fun.
20 There's lots of food. Just dancing, there is music
21 every year. I just see the kids really getting along.
22 It makes me so happy to be there. So thank you so much
23 for this award.

24 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Thank you.

25 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you. And we thank you

1 for all of your efforts to build bridges rather than
2 tear them down and create a -- an inclusive community
3 that's representative of everyone in Nutley. So thank
4 you for all your efforts. We do have an award for you.

5 MS. SOOBRATTIE: Okay.

6 MAYOR KELLY: Better not stop this. Would
7 the rest of the commissioners like to join us? So this
8 is just -- reading it backwards. Just a presentation
9 of the Cultural Inclusion Diversity Award of the
10 township to Ms. Soobrattie. So I would want to
11 congratulate you and thank you for your dedication and
12 service to the Township.

13 MS. SOOBRATTIE: Thank you. It's beautiful.
14 Thank you so much. Yeah. You're welcome to -- thank
15 you.

16 COMMISSIONER EVANS: That was nice.

17 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Yes, you beat me to it.
18 If you guys want to take the time to duck out of here,
19 and you're more than welcome to.

20 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Take the moment.

21 MAYOR KELLY: Congratulations again. We'll
22 give them a second.

23 COMMISSIONER EVANS: I think you have to.

24 MAYOR KELLY: At this time, we'll go over
25 communications, Madam Clerk.

1 MADAM CLERK: Yes. Thank you, Mayor. We
2 have only one this evening. Holy Family Church has
3 submitted a letter requesting permission to hold a
4 raffle on Sunday, September 27th, 2026, at 28 Brookline
5 Avenue.

6 Can I have a motion, please?

7 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Move it.

8 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Second.

9 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

10 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

11 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

12 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

13 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

14 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

15 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly?

16 MAYOR KELLY: I'm guessing that's going to be
17 their Italian festival, so it's always a good time.

18 MADAM CLERK: Yes.

19 MAYOR KELLY: So congratulations to them and
20 I move, aye.

21 We have two reports this evening.

22 Commissioner Scarpelli?

23 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Yes. I have various
24 reports, monthly reports from March and April.

25 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you. And Commissioner

1 Petracco is not here, but we have received the
2 Department of Public Safety Monthly report for the
3 month of May detailing police, fire, and EMS services
4 in the municipal court.

5 Bills, Madam Clerk?

6 MADAM CLERK: Thank you, Mayor. We have the
7 bill list for June 16, 2026. Public affairs,
8 \$128,775.77. Revenue and finance, \$3,141,138.57.
9 Public safety, \$37,041.60. Public works, \$33,778.70.
10 Parks and public property, \$187,988.46. Water and
11 sewer utility, \$369,680.74.

12 Payroll as of June 5th, 2026, regular payroll
13 total, \$993,662.76. Overtime payroll total,
14 \$44,768.25. Total payroll, \$1,038,431.01. For a grand
15 total of \$4,936,834.85.

16 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Move the bills.

17 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

18 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

19 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

20 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

21 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

22 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

23 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

24 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly?

25 MAYOR KELLY: Aye.

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

2 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you. We have public
3 comment and agenda items only. This is public comment
4 and agenda items only. If you wish to be heard on
5 agenda items only, please approach the microphone and
6 state your name for the record.

7 Seeing none, we'll have Board of Commissioner
8 announcements. Commissioner Evans.

9 COMMISSIONER EVANS: I don't have anything
10 this evening, Mayor.

11 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Commissioner Tucci?

12 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Yes. I have two short
13 notices, Mayor. Next Thursday, the 25th, we will be
14 holding our annual Nutley Summer Fest. We will have
15 music. We will have food. We'll have video games.
16 We'll have children's amusements and outdoor dining.
17 It's going to be a great time. Usually we have a
18 capacity crowd there, so I would encourage everyone to
19 attend again this year.

20 And I'd also like to comment on an event that
21 we had last Sunday. The Greater Nutley Cancer
22 Foundation held their first Water Lantern Festival
23 where you were able to purchase water lanterns in honor
24 of someone that's passed or someone that's currently
25 fighting cancer. And it was a very nice event. Mayor

1 was gracious enough to stop by with his wife and
2 Meredith. And we had a -- we had a wonderful time. It
3 was the first one. It was very reflective. It was
4 very well done and I just want to compliment the entire
5 Greater Nutley Cancer Foundation.

6 That's all I have, Mayor.

7 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.

8 Commissioner Scarpelli?

9 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Yes. Thanks, Mayor.
10 We had our kickoff of our farmer's market on Sunday.
11 We had great weather. It was very successful. We'll
12 be there every Sunday through the end of October.
13 Booth Drive between 9 and 12 -- 9 and 2 p.m., between
14 the Oval and Nutley High School, for those who don't
15 know where Booth Drive is. Thank you.

16 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you. And I do want to
17 say it was a wonderful event and it was nice to see the
18 lanterns on the mud hole, even if sometimes the wind
19 wasn't cooperating.

20 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: I wasn't going to go
21 there, Mayor, but --

22 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: I didn't, too.

23 MAYOR KELLY: But the weather did cooperate
24 because it was calling for rain and the rain held out
25 until later in the evening, so it did work out.

1 All right. Commissioner Petracco is not
2 here, but I know that if he was here, he would want to
3 comment on the -- we recently had a pedestrian struck
4 by a vehicle. Again, pay attention to what you're
5 doing, pay attention to pedestrians and slow down.

6 Commissioner Petracco and I, over the last
7 several months, have been working on a campaign aimed
8 at pedestrian safety. And this is through both the
9 Public Safety Department and Health Department. And
10 I'm not going to steal his thunder, but we'll have more
11 information later this month when we unveil that
12 campaign.

13 As far as the Public Affairs and Health
14 Department announcements go, this Friday is Juneteenth.
15 They'll be having a Juneteenth celebration at the
16 Oakley from 4 to 8 p.m. That's this Friday, June 19th
17 in honor of Juneteenth. And of course, we won't be
18 having another Board of Commissioner meetings before
19 our 4th of July, 250th anniversary celebration. But
20 we'll be having the annual fireworks celebration. Will
21 be a little bit bigger this year in honor of our 250th
22 anniversary. Festivities start 6 p.m.? Yeah, 6 p.m.
23 on July 4th, which is Saturday this year.

24 So mark your calendar as we're going to have
25 an excellent firework display and fun events throughout

1 the day, including that we're going to try this for the
2 first time. We're going to have the 4th of July
3 Firecracker Family Run starting and ending at the
4 Kingsland Manor, and that's going to be at 8 a.m. or
5 9 a.m. -- sorry. Thank you, Meredith. 9 a.m. on
6 July 4th.

7 So we're going to have events throughout the
8 day leading up to the firework display with festivities
9 starting at 6 p.m., and leading up to the fireworks.
10 We'll probably start around 9, probably when it --
11 approximately when it gets dark out. So we'll have a
12 lot of fun going on for our celebration of the 250th
13 anniversary of our nation, the Declaration of
14 Independence.

15 And remember that Nutley is a victory town.
16 It was one of a few hundred towns that George
17 Washington marched through to get from New York to
18 Yorktown, Virginia, to have our final victory over the
19 British at Yorktown.

20 And 250 years ago, George Washington was
21 marching through here on his way down to Trenton for
22 the first victory of the Revolution. So Nutley has
23 been involved in a lot of the history of this nation
24 and importantly, a lot of history of the Revolutionary
25 War. And so we're proud to be part of that history and

1 that heritage of this great nation. So -- and that's
2 all we have at least until our next meeting. But keep
3 the -- keep an eye out for more information, more
4 details about all of these events.

5 We do have an ordinance on introduction and
6 I'll be taking care of the first one. This is an
7 ordinance on behalf of the entire Board of
8 Commissioners. It's an ordinance adopting the Roche
9 Townhome Redevelopment Plan. The ordinance seeks to
10 create an overlay zone for the redevelopment of the
11 property identified as Block 102, Lot 9, so that the
12 property can be redeveloped with town homes provided in
13 the redevelopment plan.

14 I move that this ordinance be passed to a
15 second reading and that it's posted on the township
16 website, nutleynj.org/publicnotices, together with the
17 notice required by law. And that further consideration
18 of said ordinance for final passage by the Board of
19 Commissioners shall be held on that second reading on
20 July 7; is that correct?

21 MADAM CLERK: Yes.

22 MAYOR KELLY: July 7, 2026. I moved it. Do
23 we need a --

24 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Move it?

25 MADAM CLERK: Yeah.

1 MAYOR KELLY: Okay.

2 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Second.

3 MADAM CLERK: Thank you.

4 Commissioner Evans?

5 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Just a clarification,
6 that they're age restricted.

7 MAYOR KELLY: Oh, yes. Good point. Thank
8 you.

9 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

10 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

11 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

12 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

13 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

14 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly?

15 MAYOR KELLY: Aye.

16 And then we'll move to Commissioner Evans
17 with ordinance introductions.

18 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Thank you. I have an
19 Ordinance Number 3618, an ordinance providing for the
20 acquisition and installation of informational
21 technology infrastructure in the municipal buildings in
22 and by the Township of Nutley, in the County of Essex,
23 New Jersey, appropriating \$150,000 therefore from
24 Capital Improvement Fund of the township.

25 I move that this ordinance be passed to a

1 second reading posted in the -- in the township website
2 and nutleynj.org/publicnotices, together with the
3 notice required by law, and that further consideration
4 of said ordinance for final passage by the Board of
5 Commissioners be held at second reading on --

6 MADAM CLERK: July 7th.

7 COMMISSIONER EVANS: -- July 7th. So moved.

8 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Second.

9 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

10 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

11 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

12 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

13 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

14 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

15 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly?

16 MAYOR KELLY: Aye.

17 Moving on to ordinances on second reading and
18 public hearing. Commissioner Petracco is not here, so
19 I'll read his ordinance for him. This is Ordinance
20 Number 3614. This is an ordinance to amend an
21 ordinance codified in the Township -- the code of the
22 Township of Nutley, Chapter 228, entitled Vehicles and
23 Traffic, particularly Article 2, Parking on Certain
24 Streets, Section 13, entitled Parking Prohibited at All
25 Times. Amend the location set forth herein.

1 I believe, yes, this is the -- as we
2 mentioned, the -- when this was introduced, this was to
3 affect the parking on Grant Avenue between River Road
4 and Washington Avenue. As Commissioner Tucci
5 mentioned, there's some -- when the -- there's ball
6 games there, there -- there's some issues with parking.
7 That parking is provided for patrons of those games on
8 Park Avenue.

9 Did you want anything to add on that?

10 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: And there's also some
11 parking right adjacent to the field, but when we have
12 large crowds, they obviously park on Grant Avenue. And
13 Commissioner Petracco was gracious enough to have his
14 traffic department investigate and this is the result
15 of that investigation.

16 MAYOR KELLY: Yes. And this will provide
17 much needed relief to the residents of that area who
18 have some difficulty not getting in and out of their
19 homes when there is a ball game.

20 So with that said, I would like to open the
21 public hearing. Anyone wishing to be heard on
22 ordinance Number 3614, please approach the microphone,
23 and state your name for the record.

24 Seeing none, I move to close.

25 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

1 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

2 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

3 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

4 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

5 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

6 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

7 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly?

8 MAYOR KELLY: Aye.

9 And I'll move the ordinance.

10 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Second.

11 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

12 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

13 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

14 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

15 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner --

16 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

17 MADAM CLERK: -- Scarpelli? Sorry.

18 Mayor Kelly?

19 MAYOR KELLY: Aye.

20 The next two on for a public hearing and
21 second reading are with Commissioner Evans. So I'll
22 turn it over to him.

23 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Thank you, Mayor. My
24 first ordinance, Number 3615, is a bond ordinance for
25 public hearing relating to improvements in our water

1 and sewer utility. The -- for \$1,050,000, the bulk of
2 those monies go towards the sewer system improvements
3 as well as the water system, and infrastructure
4 improvements. I see no one.

5 MAYOR KELLY: Oh. All right. At this time,
6 we'll have a public hearing for Ordinance Number 3615.
7 Anyone wishing to be heard on Ordinance Number 3615,
8 approach the microphone and say your name for the
9 record. Seeing none --

10 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Move to close.

11 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

12 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

13 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

14 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

15 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

16 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

17 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

18 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly?

19 MAYOR KELLY: Aye.

20 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Move the ordinance.

21 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Second.

22 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

23 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

24 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

25 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

1 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

2 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

3 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly?

4 MAYOR KELLY: Aye.

5 COMMISSIONER EVANS: My second ordinance is
6 for Ordinance Number 3616. This is for \$2.1 million
7 worth of bonding and capital improvements for the
8 municipal -- municipality itself, buildings and ground
9 improvements, roadway improvements, fire truck -- you
10 know, building for a fire truck acquisition upon the
11 end of the useful life of our truck. One of our trucks
12 coming up is the bulk of the funding in here.

13 What's important about this is that it's part
14 of our annual capital maintenance. We're able to
15 follow a capital management plan that allows us to
16 provide this type of funding every year without
17 impacting our debt service, which obviously has an
18 annual impact on our budget. We're able to do that
19 with also very low interest rates given our bond
20 rating, which is very high at AA1, one step below AAA.

21 MAYOR KELLY: At this time, we'll open the
22 public hearing to -- for Ordinance Number 3616. Anyone
23 wishing to be heard on Ordinance Number 3616, please
24 approach the microphone and state your name for the
25 record. Seeing none --

1 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Move to close.

2 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Second.

3 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

4 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

5 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

6 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

7 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

8 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

9 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly?

10 MAYOR KELLY: Aye.

11 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Move the ordinance.

12 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Second.

13 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

14 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

15 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

16 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

17 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

18 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

19 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly?

20 MAYOR KELLY: Aye.

21 And continuing with resolutions, Commissioner
22 Evans?

23 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Yes. I have two
24 resolutions this evening. Whereas on March 17th, 2026,
25 the Township of Nutley authorized Resolution Number 61-

1 26 to enter into a contract for ROK Industries for tax
2 lien purposes. 306 Harlingen ride -- road in Belle
3 Mead, New Jersey, which is a state new -- of New Jersey
4 authorized contractor for electronic tax sales. The
5 Change Order Number 1, has been authorized from the
6 original contract to amount to be increased by \$2,145,
7 to which with a revised -- not to exceed \$6,645.

8 The funds are available from Account
9 601206209 and have been certified by the chief
10 financial officer. Said certification being attached
11 to this resolution, now therefore be resolved by the
12 Board of Commissioners of the Township of Nutley,
13 County of Essex, State of New Jersey, that a Change
14 Order Number 1 is attached as a change from the
15 contract previously made by the township with ROK
16 Industries is hereby authorized and approved.

17 So move.

18 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Second.

19 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

20 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

21 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

22 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

23 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

24 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

25 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly?

1 MAYOR KELLY: Aye.

2 COMMISSIONER EVANS: I would also comment on
3 this that we did host our tax sale. We did have a
4 letter for that. And normally, include that as part of
5 our general conversations. There were approximately 99
6 properties that were included in the tax sale.
7 Seventy-one of which were for water and sewer. The
8 rest were for property taxes. Usually, what happens is
9 by the time we complete the sale and we go through the
10 rest of the summer, those liens are all redeemed. And
11 some of it's just timing.

12 But otherwise it was a very successful sale.
13 Not in terms of success in that we were happy that we
14 did it. It's just, it's statutory and it went
15 smoothly. So I mean, success in the context of a
16 smooth process with being done online.

17 MAYOR KELLY: Just out of curiosity, what is
18 the average debt on those? Are you -- do you happen to
19 know that off the top of your head?

20 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Yeah. Combined, it's
21 generally -- we generally fall between 3- and \$400,000.
22 When the -- it's a business, so people buy those liens.
23 And so you get into -- you get lien premiums. And so
24 the premiums were -- was -- premiums on those were well
25 over \$1 million. So we don't keep that money. It's

1 returned once the lien is redeemed.

2 MAYOR KELLY: Okay.

3 COMMISSIONER EVANS: It's pretty -- what I
4 would say is I think the volume was higher than it was
5 last year. The amount is more stable, so smaller
6 amounts.

7 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Good to know.

8 COMMISSIONER EVANS: One more resolution.
9 Resolution Canceling the Unexpended and Unencumbered
10 Balance of Ordinance 3592-25, whereas certain general
11 capital improvement appropriation balances remain
12 dedicated to projects now completed, whereas it is
13 necessary to formally cancel said balances so that the
14 unexpended balances may be returned to each respective
15 capital improvement fund, or credited to surplus and
16 unused debt authorization may be canceled, now
17 therefore, be resolved by the Board of Commissioners;
18 in the Township of Nutley, County of Essex, the State
19 of New Jersey.

20 That the following unexpended and dedicated
21 balances of the general capital appropriation be
22 canceled: Ordinance Number 3592, August 14th, 2025,
23 improvement of buildings and -- Board of Education
24 buildings and facilities, canceled amount \$150,000.

25 So move on.

1 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Second.

2 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans.

3 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

4 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

5 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

6 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

7 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

8 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly?

9 MAYOR KELLY: Aye.

10 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Thank you, Mayor.

11 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you, Commissioner.

12 Commissioner Tucci?

13 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Yes. Thank you, Mayor.

14 This is a Resolution Approving Non-exclusive Municipal
15 Consent for a Pilot Fiber, which is a company in New
16 Jersey, an LLC, and authorizing the Township of Nutley
17 and Municipal Clerk to execute a rights of way use
18 agreement. Whereas Pilot Fiber NJ, LLC, approved by
19 the New Jersey BPU Docket TE25030109, July 16th, 2025,
20 seeks municipal consent and proposes to execute a
21 rights of way use agreement to install and operate
22 fiber facilities within Nutley's public rights of way.

23 I move this resolution as written.

24 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Second.

25 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

1 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

2 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

3 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

4 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

5 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

6 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly?

7 MAYOR KELLY: Aye.

8 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: The second resolution is
9 as follows: Whereas Resolution Number 147-26 awarded a
10 contract for interim circuits to 11:11 Systems on
11 June 4th, 2026, and whereas the resolution contained an
12 incorrect address for the company's headquarters,
13 because there were two addresses on the document. And
14 whereas it is necessary to correct the address
15 contained in Resolution Number 147-26, now therefore be
16 it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Township
17 of Nutley, County of Essex, State of New Jersey that
18 the headquarters address for 11:11 Systems shall be
19 corrected to read as follows: 11:11 Systems, 695 Route
20 46, Suite 301, Fairfield, New Jersey 07004.

21 Be it further resolved that all other terms
22 and conditions of Resolution Number 147-26 shall remain
23 unchanged and in full force and effect.

24 I move the resolution.

25 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Second.

1 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

2 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

3 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

4 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

5 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

6 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

7 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly?

8 MAYOR KELLY: Aye.

9 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: That's all I have then.

10 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.

11 Commissioner Scarpelli?

12 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Thank you, Mayor.

13 I'm going to read Resolution 156-26 by title. This is
14 a Resolution Authorizing Approval to Submit a Grant
15 Application and Execute a Grant Agreement with the New
16 Jersey Department of Transportation for the Bloomfield
17 Avenue Improvement Project, which is from Chestnut
18 Street to Center Street for fiscal year 2027.

19 I move the resolution.

20 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

21 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

22 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

23 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

24 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

25 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

1 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

2 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly?

3 MAYOR KELLY: Aye.

4 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: That's all I have,
5 Mayor.

6 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you. And I have five
7 resolutions on for this evening. The first one is
8 Resolution Number 151-26, Whereas autistic pride is an
9 autistic-led celebration of neurodiversity held
10 annually in June on June 18th, emphasizing pride in
11 autism as a natural variation of the human mind rather
12 than a condition to be cured. Whereas the 2026 theme,
13 'Strength in Community,' highlights the importance of
14 creating spaces where autistic people can connect,
15 build support networks, and foster mutual empowerment.

16 This theme encourages both autistic
17 individuals and allies to focus on community
18 engagement, collaboration, and shared advocacy.
19 Whereas raising awareness and acceptance about autism
20 is essential in promoting early diagnosis,
21 intervention, and access to appropriate resources and
22 support. Whereas creating an inclusive and supportive
23 environment for individuals with autism involves
24 promoting understanding, empathy, and acceptance within
25 schools, workplaces, homes, and organizations, and

1 communities.

2 Whereas Autistic Pride challenges stereotypes
3 and promotes the idea that autistic individuals have
4 unique strengths and perspectives worth celebrating,
5 Nutley's Rise Beyond Committee aims to do just that by
6 providing not only autistic individuals, but all
7 individuals with special needs meaningful employment.
8 Whereas collaboration among schools, families,
9 businesses, and the broader community is essential to
10 enhancing and accepting -- to enhance -- to enhancing
11 acceptance and understanding of autism as to further,
12 and to also further inclusive practices that provide
13 economic stability, and benefit one's overall health
14 and wellbeing.

15 Now, therefore, be it resolved, the Board of
16 Commissioners of the Township of Nutley, County of
17 Essex, State of New Jersey ask the committee to join
18 them in recognizing and celebrating Autistic Pride Day
19 on June 18th, 2026.

20 And I move the resolution.

21 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Second.

22 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

23 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

24 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

25 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

1 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

2 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

3 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly?

4 MAYOR KELLY: Aye.

5 The second one on for this evening is
6 Resolution Number 152-26, recognizing Juneteenth.
7 Whereas Juneteenth or Juneteenth Independence Day
8 commemorates the traditional observance of the end of
9 slavery in the United States and observed -- and is
10 observed annually on June 19th. Whereas President
11 Abraham Lincoln declared that in giving freedom to the
12 slave, we assure freedom to the free; honorable like in
13 what we give and what we perserve. We shall nobly save
14 or meanly lose the last best hope on earth.

15 Whereas on January 1st, 1863, President
16 Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation declaring
17 that all persons held as slaves within any state or
18 designated part of the state, the people whereof shall
19 then be in rebellion against the United States shall be
20 then, thenceforward, and forever free.

21 Whereas President Lincoln correctly believed
22 slavery to be a violation of the principles of the
23 Declaration of Independence, that its abolition
24 represented a new birth of freedom for the United
25 States, and whereas more than two years would pass

1 before the news reached African Americans living in
2 Texas when on June 19th, 1865, Union Major General
3 Gordon Granger and his regiment arrived in Galveston
4 and spread the word that slavery had been abolished.

5 Whereas the following year, the first
6 official Juneteenth celebrations took place in Texas
7 and have continued to cross the United States
8 throughout the years. Whereas in 1979, Texas became
9 the first state to make Juneteenth an official holiday.
10 Several others followed suit over the years. In
11 June
12 2021, Congress passed a resolution establishing
13 Juneteenth as a federal holiday. President Biden
14 signed into law on June 17th, 2021.

15 Whereas Juneteenth is an important
16 opportunity to honor the principles of the Declaration
17 of Independence and celebrate achievements and
18 contributions that -- of African Americans as -- that
19 they have made and continue to make across our country.
20 Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of
21 Commissioner of the Township of Nutley, County of
22 Essex, the State of New Jersey ask the community to
23 join them in recognizing and celebrating Juneteenth.

24 I move the resolution.

25 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Second.

 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

1 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

2 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

3 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

4 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

5 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

6 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly?

7 MAYOR KELLY: Aye.

8 The next one I have on for this evening is
9 Resolution 153-26, Whereas, the 4th of July, also known
10 as Independence Day is a national holiday celebrated
11 annually commemorating the adoption of the Declaration
12 of Independence. And whereas 250 years ago, five
13 delegates represented by the State of New Jersey signed
14 the Declaration of Independence.

15 Those men are Richard Stockton, a lawyer;
16 John Witherspoon, a minister; Francis Hopkinson, a
17 lawyer; John Hart, a judge, and Abraham Clark, a
18 lawyer; five men from our great state standing tall for
19 freedom.

20 Whereas, the Township of Nutley, in
21 observance of the Independence Day, will host our
22 annual 4th of July festivities and firework display on
23 or about Friday [sic], July 4th, 2026.

24 Whereas the Garden State -- Whereas, Garden
25 State Fireworks, P.O. Box 403, Carlton Road,

1 Millington, New Jersey 07946, is the vendor performing
2 the fireworks activities for the Township of Nutley.

3 Therefore, it be resolved by the -- by the
4 Board of Commissioner of the Township of Nutley, County
5 of Essex, the State of New Jersey, that the Township
6 authorizes the discharge and use of fireworks by its
7 vendor on or about July 4th, 2026, with a rain date for
8 the next clear night.

9 So moved.

10 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

11 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

12 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

13 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

14 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

15 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

16 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

17 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly?

18 MAYOR KELLY: Aye.

19 The next one I have on for this evening is
20 the raffle application, which we heard in
21 communications for Holy Family Church, License Number
22 2426, an off-premises 50/50 cash raffle on Sunday,
23 September 27th, 2026.

24 The application has been reviewed and
25 approved by the municipal clerk and the police

1 department, that therefore, it be resolved by the Board
2 of Commissioners of the Township of Nutley, County of
3 Essex, State of New Jersey, that the aforementioned
4 licenses are hereby approved, and the municipal clerk
5 has authorized to issue said licenses.

6 I move the resolution.

7 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Second.

8 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second. That's it.

9 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

10 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

11 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

12 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

13 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

14 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

15 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly?

16 MAYOR KELLY: Aye.

17 The last one I have on for this evening is
18 the annual renewal of our liquor licenses. Do I need
19 to read this or could I just say --

20 MR. BRUNO: Yeah. You could say as
21 written.

22 MAYOR KELLY: I move the resolution as
23 written.

24 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Second.

25 MADAM CLERK: And that's all our licensees

1 are --

2 MAYOR KELLY: All.

3 MADAM CLERK: -- on the -- yeah. Everybody
4 is on here.

5 MAYOR KELLY: Okay.

6 MADAM CLERK: I'm sorry. Who second?

7 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Commissioner Scarpelli.

8 MADAM CLERK: Thank you. Commissioner Evans?

9 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

10 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

11 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

12 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

13 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

14 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly?

15 MAYOR KELLY: Aye. Except for the American
16 Legion and VFW, which I abstain.

17 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: One more, mayor.

18 MAYOR KELLY: Oh, I have one more.

19 MADAM CLERK: Which one?

20 MAYOR KELLY: Did I miss one?

21 MADAM CLERK: He read that one.

22 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: He read that one,
23 the raffle license?

24 MADAM CLERK: Yes. He read it.

25 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Okay.

1 MADAM CLERK: Yep.

2 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: They're out of order
3 in mine.

4 MAYOR KELLY: At this time, do we -- we will
5 open the meeting to the public. Anyone wishing to be
6 heard or address the Board of Commissioners may
7 approach the microphone and state your name for the
8 record.

9 Seeing none, Mr. Bruno, do we have a need to
10 -- for executives tonight?

11 I'll entertain a motion to adjourn. Our next
12 meeting will be Tuesday, July 7th at 7 p.m., right here
13 in the Parks and Recreation Building.

14 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

15 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

16 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

17 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

18 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

19 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

20 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

21 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly?

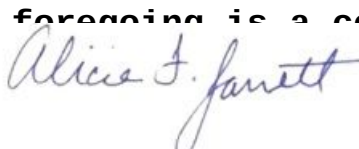
22 MAYOR KELLY: Aye.

23 MADAM CLERK: The time is 7:45.

24 (End of recording)

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