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TOWNSHIP OF NUTLEY, NEW JERSEY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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PUBLIC MEETING) TRANSCRIPT OF
) PROCEEDINGS:
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September 21, 2018
9:01 a.m.

BEFORE:

- Commissioner Steven L. Rogers (telephonically)
- Commissioner Mauro Tucci (telephonically)
- Commissioner Thomas J. Evans
- Commissioner Alphonse Petracco (telephonically)
- Mayor Joseph Scarpelli

ALSO APPEARING:

Alan Genitempo, Board Counsel

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MADAM CLERK: One moment. I just want to --

MAYOR SCARPELLI: Ready?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

MADAM CLERK: Today is September 21st. This is the continued meeting from September 18, 2018. The time is now 9:01.

Commissioner Rogers?

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Here.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Here.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Here.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Here.

MADAM CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

MAYOR SCARPELLI: Here.

MADAM CLERK: All present, Mayor.

MAYOR SCARPELLI: All right.

Before we introduce the amendment to the budget, we're going to need an executive. Could I have a motion to go into executive session?

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Motion to go into executive for contract negotiations.

MAYOR SCARPELLI: Need a second.

1 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

2 MADAM CLERK: WHEREAS, Section VIII of the Open
3 Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, Public Law 1975 permits the
4 exclusion of the public from meeting in certain
5 circumstances; and

6 WHEREAS, the public body is of the opinion that
7 such circumstances exist; and

8 WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the
9 Township of Nutley, in the county of Essex, in the state of
10 New Jersey, desires to proceed to closed executive session;
11 and

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of
13 Commissioners of the Township of Nutley, move into closed
14 executive session to discuss contract negotiations;

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the time when such
16 discussion may be disclosed to the public shall be when an
17 das such disclosure may be made without adversely affecting
18 the Township of Nutley, pending and/or anticipated legal,
19 personnel, contractual matters, and other matters within the
20 exceptions provided for by statute.

21 Commissioner Rogers?

22 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

23 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

24 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

25 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

1 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

2 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

3 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

4 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

5 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

6 MADAM CLERK: Just one moment.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yep.

8 (Recessed to executive session)

9 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Ready?

10 MADAM CLERK: Mayor, we're ready.

11 MAYOR SCARPELLI: All right, we're back on public
12 -- we're back in public.

13 MADAM CLERK: And the time is 9:16.

14 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Commissioner, do you want to
15 introduce the amendment?

16 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Yes.

17 WHEREAS, the local municipal budget for the year
18 2018 was approved on the 20th day of March, 2018; and

19 WHEREAS, the public hearing on said budget was
20 held as advertised; and

21 WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said approved
22 budget;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing
24 body, Township of Nutley, county of Essex, that the
25 following amendments to be approved in the 2018 budget.

1 In revenues, recognized a \$976,000 increase in
2 revenues, recognized a \$676,000 increase in appropriations
3 for -- roughly, 676,000, increase in appropriation to
4 transfer additional aid to the school and the county and the
5 lowering of the taxes to be raised by the municipality in
6 property taxes by \$338,000.

7 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Second.

8 MADAM CLERK: Open it to the public hearing.

9 MAYOR SCARPELLI: We're going to open this up for
10 public hearing. Any person in the public like to comment on
11 the amendment to the budget?

12 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Close the public hearing.

13 MADAM CLERK: Need a motion to close.

14 MAYOR SCARPELLI: We have a motion to close the
15 public hearing.

16 Can I have a second?

17 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Second.

18 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

19 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

20 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

21 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

22 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

23 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

24 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

25 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

1 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

2 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

3 Move the amendment.

4 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Second.

5 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

6 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

7 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

8 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

9 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

10 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

11 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

12 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

13 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

14 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

15 The budget, Commissioner?

16 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Yes.

17 The next thing is we just have to move to adopt
18 the budget. This budget now, as amended, recognizes the
19 gross state -- transitional state aid of \$4.1 million. It
20 recognizes, as previously presented, a net increase in
21 appropriations from the departments, including debt service
22 and the reserve for uncollectibles of \$64,000, as well as a
23 revenue shortfall given, the one-time revenues, from last
24 year regarding pending tax appeals and the school guard,
25 school crossing guards reimbursements that we received one

1 time last year.

2 So having said that, BE IT RESOLVED by the
3 governing body of the Township of Nutley, county of Essex,
4 that the budget hearing before -- here and before set forth
5 is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for
6 the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as
7 appropriations and authorization of the amount of
8 \$39,813,388.45 for municipal purposes and for the minimum
9 library tax of \$1,238,941.60.

10 So move.

11 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Need a second.

12 I'll second it.

13 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

14 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

15 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

16 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Yes, I'm voting aye, but I
17 also want to put on the record that this -- while we all
18 worked very hard to get to where we are today, it was
19 extremely painful for the Parks Department, where we cut
20 over \$400,000 and eliminated or didn't fill 10 positions.
21 So it was a very painful process, but it was a necessary
22 process, and with that, I'll vote aye.

23 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

24 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye. As well, the level of
25 cuts across the board -- the -- I think it was -- I agree

1 with Commissioner Tucci, that this is a very difficult
2 process, and I think one that we're going to continue to
3 face.

4 Aye.

5 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

6 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

7 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

8 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Yeah, I'm going to go with the
9 aye, but again, we have the shortfall in the water revenue,
10 which is still going to have to be addressed through our
11 water ordinance so that we don't have this issue next year.

12 So I vote aye.

13 MADAM CLERK: You want to close the meeting?

14 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Any other comments on the
15 budget, Commissioner?

16 COMMISSIONER EVANS: None.

17 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Commissioners, any other
18 comments?

19 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: No.

20 MAYOR SCARPELLI: May I have a motion to adjourn?
21 Need a motion to adjourn.

22 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Motion to adjourn.

23 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Move it.

24 MADAM CLERK: Rogers?

25 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

1 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

2 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

3 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

4 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

5 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

6 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

7 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli?

8 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

9 MADAM CLERK: And the time is now 9:22.

10 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Hope to see -- thank -- again,
11 Commissioners, I want to thank you for all the help that all
12 your departments did coming together for Welcome Day.
13 Please stop by today, and we've got 48 vendors, businesses,
14 and food establishments. So if we get the people to come
15 from across the street, we'll be in good shape today. So
16 we'll see you all later, and have a good weekend.

17 MADAM CLERK: Bye, everybody.

18 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Take care.

19 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Are any of these documents
20 uploaded?

21 MADAM CLERK: Yes.

22 (Whereupon, these proceedings were concluded at 9:22
23 AM)

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C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I, Nicole Yawn certify that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings.



Nicole Yawn

Date: October 3, 2018