

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

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*Transcript of Proceedings*  
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*Nutley Budget Workshop*

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4 NUTLEY, NEW JERSEY 07110

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6 \*\*\* NUTLEY BUDGET WORKSHOP \*\*\*

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8 DATE: MARCH 22, 2023

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10 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

11 JOSEPH P. SCARPELLI, MAYOR

12 JOHN V. KELLY III, COMMISSIONER

13 MAURO G. TUCCI, COMMISSIONER

14 THOMAS J. EVANS, COMMISSIONER

15 ALPHONSE PETRACCO, COMMISSIONER

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17 Also Present:

18 JOHN DITINYAK, CFO/TREASURER

19 RAYMOND SARINELLI, MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTANT

1 (Recording begins.)

2 THE CLERK: Good morning, Board of  
3 Commissioners, Budget Workshop Meeting. Today is  
4 Wednesday, March 22, 2023. The time is 9 a.m.

5 Pursuant to the requirements of the Open  
6 Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, Public Law 1975,  
7 notice of this meeting was published in the March 17,  
8 2023, issue of The Herald News, and posted on the  
9 township website, and the Nutley Townhall bulletin  
10 board. A copy of this notice has been placed on file  
11 in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

12 Commissioner Kelly.

13 COMMISSIONER KELLY: Present.

14 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans.

15 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Here.

16 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco.

17 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Here.

18 THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci.

19 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Here.

20 THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli.

21 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Here.

22 THE CLERK: All present, Mayor.

23 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Thank you, Madam Clerk.

24 We can turn it right over to Commissioner  
25 Evans. Commissioner Evans.

1 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Thank you, Mayor.

2 As required by statute, we have to have a  
3 public workshop session to go over the progress in  
4 preparing the 2023 budget; and that's what we're doing  
5 this morning.

6 I want to share with you that we've been  
7 able to summarize the submissions from all five  
8 departments and have -- as we look at that, we have  
9 not been able to do much analysis on it because of the  
10 timing of the submissions, but we do have some time to  
11 take a hard look at that.

12 I want to emphasize two things: the  
13 submission that we have right now does not meet the  
14 appropriation cap requirement, nor does it meet the  
15 levy cap requirement. And I think I would view this  
16 budget submission so far as being a very preliminary  
17 rough draft that we need to continue to work on before  
18 we have a public introduction of the budget on  
19 April 4th.

20 John Ditinyak is here. He has been working  
21 on the numbers, and continues to work on them. So  
22 what I expect is that we'll need to take a hard look  
23 at our submissions and provide John with revised  
24 numbers as soon as possible to, you know, refine the  
25 draft that we have.

1           You each have your own packets. You each  
2           have details of what you submitted, and John can help  
3           you go through the areas that we think might be areas  
4           that need to be focused in on.

5           John, do you have any further comments?

6           MR. DITINYAK: Can you hear me? Thank you,  
7           Commissioner, Mayor, other Commissioners. My office  
8           is here to help and provide support for the 2023  
9           budget submissions. As Commissioner Evans said, we're  
10          going to look at some of the major areas of the budget  
11          and help out and refine some of the submissions that  
12          we've received.

13          If we're going to introduce by the 4th, I  
14          really would like to get, sort of, final numbers  
15          locked down a week from today, so March 29th. So  
16          that's really the deadline we should be working for.

17          MAYOR SCARPELLI: All right. Well, let's  
18          all go to work. Let's sharpen our pencils. Let's see  
19          where we can get in a week, and so we're ready  
20          introduction on the 4th.

21          COMMISSIONER EVANS: Agreed. Any other  
22          comments, because that's -- basically, you have your  
23          packets. You're looking at them for the first time.  
24          And it's just time to get down to the details.

25          COMMISSIONER TUCCI: John, I just took a

1 quick look at my packet. And I think you've captured  
2 everything correctly. Obviously, as you're aware, the  
3 major increases in my department are health benefits  
4 and insurance. Okay. So that's something beyond our  
5 control. Everything else in the Parks and Public  
6 Property Department is flat. So we've come out with,  
7 for the first time in maybe 23 years, Commissioner,  
8 exactly the same numbers. So, thank you.

9 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Actually, that's a  
10 milestone.

11 MAYOR SCARPELLI: Any other comments,  
12 Commissioners?

13 COMMISSIONER KELLY: I would just like to  
14 thank my staff, especially Sharon Lemma-Bozza and  
15 Meredith Blank, on working on this budget for the  
16 Public Affairs and Health Department. It looks like  
17 we are actually down 1.24 percent, so that's a round  
18 of applause for them. So, thank you to everyone in my  
19 department.

20 MAYOR SCARPELLI: All right. Let's go to  
21 work. We'll reconvene on the 4th, and everybody get  
22 together with Mr. Ditinyak. And I'm sure

23 Mr. Sarinelli is available in case anybody needs to  
24 talk to him. Correct?

25 MR. SARINELLI: Yes.

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1           MAYOR SCARPELLI: Is there a motion to  
2 adjourn?

3           COMMISSIONER KELLY: Second.

4           THE CLERK: Commissioner Kelly.

5           COMMISSIONER KELLY: Aye.

6           THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans.

7           COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

8           THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco.

9           COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

10          THE CLERK: Commissioner Tucci.

11          COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

12          THE CLERK: Mayor Scarpelli.

13          MAYOR SCARPELLI: Aye.

14          THE CLERK: The time is 9:11.

15          (End of recording.)

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