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In Re; Nutley Board of Commissioners

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4 NUTLEY, NEW JERSEY 07110

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6 *** PUBLIC SESSION ***

7
8 DATE: April 1, 2025

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10 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

11 JOHN V. KELLY III, MAYOR

12 JOSEPH P. SCARPELLI, COMMISSIONER

13 MAURO G. TUCCI, COMMISSIONER

14 THOMAS J. EVANS, COMMISSIONER

15 ALPHONSE PETRACCO, COMMISSIONER

16
17 Also Present:

18 JONATHAN BRUNO, TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY

1 (Recording begins)

2 (Pledge of Allegiance)

3 MAYOR KELLY: Madam Clerk, Sunshine Notice,
4 please.

5 MADAM CLERK: Thank you, Mayor. Board of
6 Commissioners Public Meeting Agenda for Tuesday,
7 April 1st, 2025. The time is now 7:05. Pursuant to
8 the requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act
9 (Chapter 231, P.L. 1975) notice of this meeting was
10 published in November 21st, 2024, issues of the Nutley
11 Sun, The Herald-News, and The Star-Ledger. A copy of
12 this notice has been posted on the Nutley Town Hall
13 Bulletin Board and a copy is on file in the Municipal
14 Clerk's Office.

15 Commissioner Evans.

16 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Here.

17 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci.

18 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Here.

19 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli.

20 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Here.

21 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Petracco.

22 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Here.

23 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly.

24 MAYOR KELLY: Present.

25 MADAM CLERK: All present, Mayor.

1 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you, Madam Clerk.
2 Minutes please.

3 MADAM CLERK: Thank you. We have Board of
4 Commissioner meeting minutes for March 4th, 2025th
5 [sic].

6 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Move it.

7 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

8 MADAM CLERK: 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: Commissioner Petracco?

15 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

16 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly.

17 MAYOR KELLY: Aye.

18 MADAM CLERK: And that's it for minutes,
19 Mayor.

20 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you. Communications,
21 please.

22 MADAM CLERK: Sure. We have two this
23 evening. The first one is the mayor's office has
24 submitted an event application for the 2025 Memorial
25 Day Parade scheduled for May 26th, 2025 from 11 a.m. to

1 3 p.m. And the second one is the Nutley-Belleville
2 Columbus Day Parade Committee has submitted an event
3 application for their 43rd annual Columbus Day Parade
4 and flag raising scheduled for October 12th, 2025,
5 starting in Belleville and ending on Chestnut Street.

6 Motion please.

7 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Move it.

8 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: 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: Commissioner Petracco.

16 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

17 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly.

18 MAYOR KELLY: Aye.

19 MADAM CLERK: And that's it for
20 communications, Mayor.

21 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you. And I see we have a
22 report on for this evening, Commissioner Evans?

23 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Yes, Mayor. I have a
24 code enforcement report for the month of February 2025.

25 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you. And Madam Clerk,

1 will you do the bills please?

2 MADAM CLERK: Sure. Bill list for April 1st,
3 2025: Public Affairs, \$130,460.20, revenue and finance
4 \$10,599,910.03. Public safety \$127,032.90. Public
5 works \$39,376.52. Parks and public property
6 \$1,070,041.66. Water and sewer utility \$279,505.00.

7 Payroll as of March, 28th, 2025. Regular
8 payroll, total \$1,063,307.66. Overtime payroll total
9 \$66,994.09. Total payroll \$1,130,331.75 for a grand
10 total of \$13,376,658.06.

11 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Move the bills.

12 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: 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: Commissioner Petracco?

20 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

21 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly?

22 MAYOR KELLY: Aye.

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

24 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you. And I think we'll
25 take some of the rest of the agenda out of order,

1 because I could see everyone is here this evening for
2 the budget. Right, Commissioner Evans?

3 COMMISSIONER EVANS: I am thrilled. I can't
4 get over it. (Indiscernible).

5 MAYOR KELLY: A little April Fools' fun, but
6 Commissioner Tucci, you want to take it over from here?

7 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Sure. Thank you.
8 Mayor. You know, this is another one of --

9 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Excuse me. The budget's
10 not April Fools.

11 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: We're voting against the
12 budget, but we're not going to go there yet.

13 This is another one of those auspicious
14 occasions, all right, where we get to celebrate our
15 athletes, both our female athletes and our male
16 athletes. We continue to excel in so many different
17 areas that it's just unbelievable. I can't remember
18 the last time we had a crowd like this here, all right,
19 but I'm glad everyone's here to celebrate our young
20 ones and our coaches and our parents and everyone
21 that's involved, because this is really the essence of
22 what this town is about. All right.

23 So having said that, I want to begin with the
24 girls competition cheer team. Whereas, the Girls
25 Competition Cheer Team has enjoyed an outstanding

1 competition season becoming undefeated, 6-time division
2 champions; and,

3 Whereas, the members of the Girls Competition
4 Cheer Team, are Lindsey Baker, Bella Calo, Ava Centeno,
5 Sara Dabkowski, Veronica Dabkowski, Julia Delaney, Hope
6 DeNicolas, Leigha Derco, Kayleigh Hanly, Sophia Harris,
7 Avery Higgins, Dylan Jasnowitz, Brooklyn Knott, Morgan
8 McCann, Gabriella Nason, Emme Rado, Charlotte
9 Romonowski, Peyton Rotbaum, Ava Segarra, Allison Spina,
10 Madison Toppeta, Mariana Torrillo, Julia Tortora, Mia
11 Weseloh, Grace Williams, Josie Wladyka; and,

12 Whereas, head coach Jaime Ardizzzone, along
13 with high school cheerleader volunteer Caitlin Chua,
14 worked tirelessly to train and guide these athletes;
15 and,

16 Whereas, the members of the Girls Competition
17 Cheer Team are undefeated 6-time division champions for
18 the 2025 competition season;

19 Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board
20 of Commissioners of the Township of Nutley in the
21 County of Essex, in the State of New Jersey join with
22 the Citizens of Nutley to honor and congratulate the
23 members and coaches of the Girls Competition Cheer
24 Team, for their exceptional efforts and
25 accomplishments.

1 I very proudly move this resolution.

2 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Second.

3 (Pause)

4 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans.

5 COMMISSIONER EVANS: I just want to take a
6 moment and congratulate, you know, the entire girls
7 team, the coaches, their families for their support.
8 Any time that you compete in any sport, any activity
9 you do that competitively. It's a testament to the
10 amount of effort, work, and leadership that goes into
11 that. So congratulations to all of you. And Jaime,
12 remember what I said last year, if you won and you came
13 back this year, you had to say something at the mic.
14 Good girl.

15 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: She has notes.

16 COMMISSIONER EVANS: So thank you.

17 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Okay. I also vote aye,
18 but before we move on, cheering has evolved over the
19 years. And I remember when my girls first started and
20 that was many, many years ago. This is an unbelievable
21 sport that it -- that it's turned into. I mean, not
22 only do you need (break in audio).

23 (Conversation away from microphone)

24 MAYOR KELLY: I want to see girls back here
25 for a seventh time, and I think we're going to have to

1 petition Netflix to make the next cheer documentary
2 about the Girls Competition Cheer Team because six
3 times, it is an unbelievable feat. And I wish you guys
4 nothing but the best. We're moving on, and I will want
5 to see the rest of you come back here next year.
6 Remember to thank not only your teammates, but thank
7 your coaches and your families as well, because they
8 sacrificed to get you here. And I'm looking forward to
9 what you girls can do in the future. Congratulations
10 again.

11 MS. ARDIZZONE: This is my favorite part of
12 the night. Okay. I'm going to make this quick. Thank
13 you for taking the time to recognize the phenomenal
14 group of young ladies sitting here tonight. A big
15 thank you to Commissioner Tucci and Frank DeMaio for
16 your unwavering support of this program for allowing me
17 to coach this amazing group of young ladies, giving us
18 a safe place to call our home three nights a week at
19 the annex. Without your support we would not be here
20 this evening.

21 Five months ago, 44 young ladies showed up at
22 the annex fighting for a spot on this team. The 26
23 ladies that sit before you tonight made that cut. They
24 showed up week after week in countless hours working on
25 fast, difficult choreography, harder tumbling passes,

1 and even harder sun sequences supporting one another,
2 both on and off the mat, preparing for a very
3 competitive season.

4 Unfortunately, at our very first competition
5 of the season, two of our athletes collided on the mat
6 halting the entire (break in audio) -- I don't know why
7 this keeps going off -- halting the entire competition,
8 resulting in two athletes being taken to the hospital
9 with head injuries. Our team was devastated over this
10 accident, and I honestly thought it was going to be
11 impossible to get them back on the mat. In the true
12 spirit of this team, these ladies rallied around one
13 another offering love, support, and encouragement,
14 enabling us to get back on the mat just six days later,
15 two athletes short, but we competed at another
16 competition and took home first place. That trend
17 continued for the next four competitions.

18 Then came the last team standing competition
19 at American Dream. This was a competition like no
20 other. It was an All Star competition completely out
21 of our wheelhouse, and what I thought to be way out of
22 our league. I did not think we even belonged at a
23 competition of this caliber, but I wanted nothing more
24 than to give these girls the incredible experience to
25 perform on such a huge platform in the middle of the

1 American Dream Mall. My advice to the girls that
2 morning was to simply take in the experience, be
3 together as a team and go out and have fun. And they
4 did just that. They set the mat on fire and walked
5 away with the first -- with first place and the title
6 of last team standing. It truly was an incredible end
7 to the season.

8 This team has been my light, my support, and
9 my happy place during some of the darkest and most
10 uncertain times. Last week at our end-of-season dinner
11 some of these ladies got up and spoke warm heartfelt
12 words about what this team meant to them and the impact
13 it has had on their lives. While I was touched to hear
14 their words, I don't think they will ever realize the
15 impact that they have had on me and my life, and how I
16 could have never gotten through this health journey
17 without them. Their constant support, their strength,
18 their love and laughter has made my days brighter and
19 has kept me fighting a good fight. This is worth more
20 than any trophy or first place banner in my book.

21 This season, I have to say goodbye to 18 of
22 these young ladies as they will be graduating and
23 moving on to high school. I would like to recognize a
24 few young ladies who have been on this team with me
25 since I took over coaching four years ago, Dylan

1 Jasnowitz, Charlotte Romonowski and Grace Williams. I
2 would also like to shout out to our high school helper,
3 Caitlin, who will be leaving us to go to Rutgers this
4 fall.

5 Thank you, ladies, for your commitment and
6 dedication and congratulations on such an amazing
7 recreation career. Between us there are 21 first place
8 division championship titles, as well as a title of
9 grand champion, and now the title of last team
10 standing. I truly couldn't be more proud of these
11 girls and this team. Our first place awards are hung
12 and trophies are displayed proudly in the annex, and
13 tomorrow we will hang our new banner in the gymnasium
14 at parks and recreation naming you all undefeated six-
15 time division champions and the last team standing for
16 2025. Congratulations to all of you. I look forward
17 to seeing great things from you in the years to come.
18 Thank you.

19 (Pause)

20 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Okay. (Audio
21 interference) celebrating this evening (indiscernible)
22 Jr. Raider wrestlers. Now, if any of you know,
23 anything about wrestling, you do know that there's not
24 a lot of smiling in wrestling, all right? There's a
25 lot of hard work. There's a lot of physical training.

1 There's a lot of technique training, all right, but the
2 one thing that stands out to me time and time again
3 with wrestling, is the fact that you can't blame
4 anybody else, because when you're on that mat, it's you
5 and your opponent. It's not the first baseman who
6 dropped the ball. It's not the guard or tackle that
7 didn't block, all right, or the quarterback that threw
8 the bad pass. All right. Or who -- the goalie that
9 didn't block the ball coming in, all right, it's you
10 and your opponent. This is one of the ultimate
11 competitive sports that I can think of, all right, and
12 it's growing more and more every day.

13 Here in Nutley, we are very, very fortunate.
14 We have a wrestling room that is second to none. We
15 have coaches that are the very, very best of the best.
16 We have parents that are always there for our children.
17 And we have children who are committed, all right.
18 This is not a fly-by-night sport. This is a sport that
19 you commit to, you dedicate yourself to, and you just
20 continue going day and night. Wrestling never stops,
21 okay? Wrestling is a continuous process, and it's a
22 process that as you continue on, you get better and
23 better until you reach the heights of the sport.

24 So what I'd like to start with the first
25 resolution this evening and it begins as follows:

1 Whereas, the Jr. Raider Wrestling Team has
2 enjoyed an outstanding season posting a league record
3 of 8 wins and 1 loss enhancing their three-year record
4 of 28 wins and 3 losses; and

5 Whereas the members of the Jr. Raider
6 Wrestling Team are Carlo Crespo, Jase Giordano, Joseph
7 "JoJo" Duarte, Kevin Konz, Michael Liam Timonera,
8 Jonathon "JJ" Labbao Jr., Tyler Gonick, Robin Hemerick,
9 Austin Prodigalidad, Liam Rosales, James Poth, Grayson
10 Alvarez, Justin Gavilanes, Dylan Giordano, Jason
11 Nolasco, John Macari, Nicolas Rivera, Eliana Galarza,
12 Kamil Stroczan, Michael Iannuzzi, Rex Diliberto,
13 Vincent Celona, William DeNyse, and Christian
14 Smergiualo; and

15 Whereas coaches Christian Crespo, Jamil
16 Hamdan, Michael Siljanoski, Saverio Marinelli, Jeff
17 Quinn, and Julio Galarza, and Jon Hernandez, and Chris
18 Andres worked tirelessly to train and guide these
19 athletes; and

20 Whereas the members of the Jr. Raider
21 Wrestling Team were the Suburban Co-League Champions;

22 Now, therefore be it resolved that the Board
23 of Commissioners of the Township of Nutley, County of
24 Essex, and State of New Jersey, join with the Citizens
25 of Nutley to honor and congratulate the members and

1 coaches of the Jr. Raider Wrestling Team, for their
2 exceptional efforts and accomplishments.

3 I move the resolution.

4 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Second.

5 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans.

6 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye. I would add
7 comments similar is anytime you, again, you engage in a
8 sport for any type of competitive activity, it shows
9 leadership. You have to deliver skill. You have to
10 have mindset. It's wonderful to see that such young
11 minds are actually being schooled in how to live
12 through life, because these are life skills that
13 they'll take with them. So I want to congratulate you
14 on your record. It's a wonderful win record. Please
15 continue, and we'll look forward to seeing you here
16 again.

17 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci.

18 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Yes. And you know, many
19 of the attributes that our athletes possess will ripple
20 over into life events, okay? As the commissioner said,
21 what you're learning in our gyms and in our wrestling
22 rooms, all right, are going to help you as you succeed
23 in life. So again, I very proudly vote aye.

24 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

25 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Yes. Again,

1 congratulations to the guys, your parents, and your
2 coaches. Wrestling, although an individual sport, is
3 also a team sport. Something you have to do on that
4 mat to make sure your team is victorious at the end of
5 the match. So all you guys congratulations and see
6 some of you next year also.

7 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

8 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Yes. I'd like to
9 vote, aye, as well. Can you hear me now, Sam? I like
10 to vote aye. And I like to say a couple of things.
11 Once a Raider always a Raider. A few of us up here --
12 yep, once a Raider always a Raider.

13 I still have one of my high school jackets
14 that I'm very proud of, so the energy never goes away.
15 Years ago when my oldest son was in high school, he was
16 really a baseball player, but they had an opening end
17 on the team and the coach was like, you're a pretty
18 tough kid. Why don't you come play with us -- come
19 wrestle with us? So they -- he did. My son knew every
20 ceiling -- what the ceilings looked like in every gym
21 in Essex County. However, a couple of times he's like,
22 Dad, do you want me to quit? I'm like, well, you're
23 kind of embarrassing our family name. But at the
24 last match for some tournament that they were in, he
25 went out there and he worked hard and he winded up

1 pinning the kid and they won this tournament. They
2 carried him off the mat. So hard work does pay off.
3 Don't ever get discouraged. And like I said, you're a
4 Raider, we bleed maroon. Good luck guys. Thank you.

5 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly.

6 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you. Yes. And I'm
7 voting, aye, as well, and I'd like to welcome the
8 returners back and those who are going to continue on,
9 I challenge you to come back here next year, because I
10 want to see you all back here next year. If you've
11 been here before, you've heard me say that, you know, I
12 didn't -- I never wrestled before, but I played rugby
13 in college, and my rugby coach liked to recruit from no
14 other source but from wrestlers, because pound for
15 pound you can't beat a wrestler's fitness level and
16 strength. Your fitness is going to carry you through
17 life.

18 A saying I like to say is, you know, you got
19 to work out, you got to stay in shape because you got
20 to pay rent to live in your body. And you guys are
21 paying excellent rent to live in your bodies for the
22 rest of your life. This is going to set you up --
23 carry your fitness level through the rest of your life.
24 And good luck to you with whatever you're doing. And,
25 like, again, I -- I'd like to see you all back here

1 next year. Congratulations again, and I vote, aye.

2 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: All right, will these
3 teams please come up for a photo.

4 COMMISSIONER EVANS: -- team deserve it.
5 They deserve it.

6 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: All right. I know
7 there's a lot of crossover on these two teams, but we
8 wanted to give everyone their due, so that's why we're
9 doing it twice. So here goes part two:

10 Whereas, the Jr. Raider wrestling team has
11 enjoyed an outstanding season, hosting a league record
12 of 9 wins and no losses, enhancing their four-year
13 record of 41 wins and 1 loss; and

14 Whereas, the members of the Jr. Raider
15 wrestling team again, are Carlo Crespo, Jase Giordano,
16 Jett Siljanoski, Christian Crespo, Anthony Andres,
17 Frankie Wesner, Michael Perna, Saverio Marinelli, Luke
18 Finklestein, Jason Nolasco, Kamil Stroczan, Anthony
19 "AJ" Berardesco, Beau Siljanoski, Elizaiah Perez, Jesse
20 Quinn, Vincent Urbanovich, John Michael Hernandez, and
21 Grayson McCann; and

22 Whereas, coaches Christian Crespo, Jamil
23 Hamdan, Michael Siljanoski, Saverio Marinelli, Jeff
24 Quinn, Julio Galarza, Jon Hernandez, and Chris Andres
25 worked tirelessly to train and guide these athletes;

1 and

2 Whereas, the members of the Jr. Raider
3 wrestling team were the Division Champions and Twin
4 County League Champions;

5 Now, therefore, be it resolved at the Board
6 of Commissioners of Township for Nutley and the County
7 of Essex and State of New Jersey join with the Citizens
8 of Nutley to Honor and congratulate the members and
9 coaches of the Jr. Raider Wrestling Team for their
10 exceptional efforts and accomplishments.

11 I move the resolution.

12 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Second.

13 Hi, just again, echoing my comments. It's
14 about leadership. These are life skills as we talked
15 about it. I congratulate the coaches again. I
16 congratulate all the parents that are here for your
17 dedication to raising such beautiful children. I
18 congratulate all of you and what a wonderful record.
19 Congratulations.

20 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci.

21 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: I vote, aye. I just
22 want to add two words to all of you: Well done.

23 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli.

24 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Congratulations
25 again for the (break in audio) --

1 COMMISSIONER EVANS: I didn't get it.

2 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: (Audio interference)
3 continue the hard work in your later life. Wrestling
4 is a great foundation for you to continue. I vote,
5 aye.

6 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Petracco.

7 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Congratulations
8 again, guys. And I'll say it one more time, once a
9 Raider always a Raider.

10 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly.

11 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you. I'm voting, aye.
12 And 41 and 1, that's incredible. You guys should be
13 very proud of yourselves. And I didn't mention it last
14 time, but I have -- luckily there's two teams, so I got
15 to mention it, but remember to thank your teammates,
16 your coaches and your families because they all
17 sacrificed to get you where you are. Forty-one and one
18 is incredibly impressive, and they all had a part in
19 that. So remember to thank them and again,
20 congratulations.

21 MR. CRESPO: Good evening, everyone. First,
22 I would like to thank all the commissioners, especially
23 Mr. Tucci and DeMaio. We -- you guys expanded the
24 wrestling room, nearly doubled in size. I think it
25 expanded 1,300 square feet. And -- don't worry that

1 it -- that gift was definitely used. A lot of blood,
2 sweat, and tears on those mats. And we had a total of
3 66 wrestlers on the older division of both teams
4 combined, and we averaged over 50 wrestlers per
5 practice. So I don't even know how we would've done it
6 if the room wasn't double in size. There's no way we
7 would have that success we've been having without that
8 room. And I think Christmas Eve, we announced last
9 minute optional practice and we had like 52 kids show
10 up at ten o'clock in the morning, you know, for two
11 hours and the parents just, you know, drop them off.

12 And another thing what -- there was a couple
13 things I was thinking. That one loss you mentioned, 41
14 and 1, we lost last year in the championship finals to
15 Fair Lawn, and we had beat them earlier that year. And
16 Mike asked me if I wanted to speak to the kids before
17 that match, for -- before the rematch of the
18 championship finals, and I said, there's nothing to
19 say. You know, we showed up to win, and there's
20 nothing else to say to the kids. They had unfinished
21 business.

22 I don't want to keep talking. I get a little
23 emotional. I had a big speech a couple of weeks ago at
24 the wrestling there and I got -- my defense, I was
25 running on no sleep from work, so I got a little

1 emotional. But these kids are tough. You know, I
2 talked to them that they win -- it's not just about
3 winning. It's about the fight they have. Like, why do
4 they fight so hard? Like he was saying, like, if you
5 have a big enough why, you find the how, and what is
6 the why? I ask them all the time, like, why.

7 And why do these kids fight and not give up?
8 Is it the way they're being raised? Is it the
9 camaraderie between the team? Is it the respect for
10 the coaches? Is it -- is it for the town? Is it for
11 the commissioners, for the banner? And it -- it's a
12 combination of all of them, you know, and this is part
13 of it. You know, I brought them outside the room a few
14 times. I pointed to the banner. Actually, I pointed
15 to a specific banner. In 2006, Nutley were champions,
16 they had one loss, and that was to the Bloomfield team
17 me and my brother were coaching. But Nutley ended up
18 getting them back later on.

19 So I told them I'm part of that banner for my
20 2006. Who wants to be part of these banners? And they
21 all looked at it. Jamil had them out there in the gym
22 when it was empty running sprints and they would all
23 look at the banners. It's special to them. It's
24 special for them to be here.

25 And I always tell them, like, there's more

1 good in the world -- more good in the world than bad.
2 And the same thing as people. There's more people
3 rooting for you than against you. You know, more
4 people want to see you succeed than lose. And people
5 have been following them at the state tournaments,
6 qualifiers. We have -- every bleacher's full. There's
7 standing room only for the matches. How many pizza
8 pies do we sell?

9 UNIDENTIFIED AUDIENCE MEMBERS: A lot.

10 MR. CRESPO: You know, a couple years ago,
11 they used to have like extra pie and give them out for
12 free. Now there's no pizza left over for me at the
13 end, like what the heck's going on, you know?

14 But, you know, it -- it's great to have all
15 your support. And next year we're just going keep
16 setting the bar higher and higher. They're going to be
17 tested next year even more. You know, we might be
18 entering a third league. So we might have three teams
19 up here -- or need to win three divisions. And I think
20 we had 13 people go to states last year. Let's try and
21 bring that to 20. We set the bar high. And that's it.

22 MAYOR KELLY: I'll set the bar even higher.
23 Let's see 20 state champions. You guys are more than
24 welcome to stay and hear us talk about the budget, but
25 if you guys want to get out of here, we'll give you an

1 opportunity to get out of here.

2 (Pause)

3 MADAM CLERK: Can you hear? Can you hear?
4 Everybody?

5 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. It's a packed house for
6 you, Commissioner Evans.

7 Public comment on agenda items only. This is
8 public comment on agenda items only. Anyone wishing to
9 be heard, please approach the microphone and say your
10 name for the record to discuss public comment on agenda
11 items only. Seeing none, Board of Commissioner
12 announcements.

13 Commissioner Evans.

14 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Yes. I have an
15 announcement that at the rabies clinic, the municipal
16 clerk's office will also be there doing the licensing
17 program as we do every year during that same time at
18 the fires that's on April 22nd from 4 to 7:30. And
19 then on April 28th, which is Monday, and Tuesday,
20 April 29th, the clerk's office will be open until
21 8 p.m. for animal licensing. But I encourage people to
22 use the online renewal process, because it works very
23 well, and we do accept credit cards. So it makes it
24 very easy for people to do that.

25 And just the important reminder is, if you're

1 going to renew your license, you need to have your
2 rabies license good through February of '26. Is that
3 correct, Eleni?

4 MADAM CLERK: Yes, that's correct.

5 COMMISSIONER EVANS: February 26th. Thank
6 you.

7 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you, Commissioner Evans.
8 Commissioner Tucci?

9 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Yes, Mayor. One brief
10 comment. Tomorrow we will be lighting it up blue for
11 autism awareness. So if anyone has blue lights left
12 over from previous years, please make sure you put them
13 on tomorrow night. And if you don't have them contact
14 the parks department, we will get them for you. Thank
15 you.

16 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you. Commissioner.
17 Commissioner Scarpelli.

18 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Nothing tonight,
19 Mayor.

20 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you. Commissioner
21 Petracco?

22 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Yes, I do. One of
23 our -- one of my resolutions that I'm reading is going
24 to be about distracting driving, and all of us are
25 aware that we had a pedestrian hit in a crosswalk up

1 the street from here, ironically, and was killed last I
2 believe it was Thursday or Thursday night. And, you
3 know, my heart goes out to his family, Mr. Gilbert.
4 Fortunately, or unfortunately, I know both parties. It
5 was a young woman that hit him making a left-hand turn
6 on that street. And I just wanted to talk a little bit
7 about, if I can, just so I won't talk to on my
8 resolution.

9 You know, Nutley is getting busier. Traffic
10 is what it is. You know, our population is up and a
11 lot of people walk. Even though the pedestrians have
12 the right of way in a crosswalk, I'm just urging you,
13 please stop and look and make sure it's clear before
14 you cross the street. And please, on the pedestrian's
15 behalf as well, at night try to wear bright clothing,
16 you know, even reflectors or light something because it
17 is difficult on some of the darker streets where there
18 are pedestrian crosswalks to, you know, see them. It's
19 actually happened to me, and I'm on high alert and, you
20 know, thank God I haven't hit anybody, you know.

21 Today we have motorized bicycles. You know,
22 I was going down Franklin Avenue just the other day,
23 kid on a motorcycle bike cuts right in front of me
24 making a left-hand turn. So you know, please help us
25 help you, you know. Whatever you could do as far as

1 the right clothing, being careful, looking both ways.
2 Yes, you do have the right to cross the crosswalk and
3 you're in the right, but when a life is taken, you
4 know, be -- and, you know, because either the driver or
5 the pedestrian made a mistake, you know, it's
6 heartbreaking to us at public safety and I'm sure the
7 board of commissioners.

8 Also, a good friend of mine brought attention
9 to a post that was on Instagram today. A woman
10 criticizing the Nutley Police Department, myself, and
11 our chief that, you know, now we're doing distracting
12 driver tonight and that we are, you know, doing
13 enforcement. So you know, I don't usually respond to
14 posts -- probably since 2009, I got over that, but we
15 are doing the same exact thing in Nutley that we always
16 do year after year. This is the time that we do
17 distracting driver. This is the time that we, you
18 know, enforce heavily because of the warmer weather
19 coming and, you know, more people are out, and so
20 forth.

21 So it's not that -- it's not out of the
22 ordinary and, you know, we have thick skin up here, but
23 to take a shot at our police department or a chief and
24 even myself at that matter, especially when somebody
25 just lost their life.

1 You know, we wish we could have a cop on
2 every corner. We wish that we could, you know, be our
3 little green bubble that we want to be. But, you know,
4 unfortunately accidents happen and it's really
5 heartfelt. And at this time, Mayor, just out of
6 respect for Mr. Gilbert -- Gilberti that is, if we
7 could have a moment of silence, I would appreciate it.

8 MAYOR KELLY: Yes.

9 (Pause)

10 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Thank you.

11 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you, Commissioner. And I
12 would like to say that your police -- or our police
13 department does enforcement year round. And I can
14 attest that the day before that accident, I saw a car
15 not yield to a pedestrian and within seconds a police
16 officer pulled that vehicle over. So it's not just one
17 month or it's not intermittent, it's year round and the
18 police force is vigilant all the time, and they do
19 enforce our rules, and it is a tragic situation.

20 As Commissioner Evans pointed out, we are
21 having the rabies clinic. It's a free vaccine. It's a
22 three-year vaccine. So if you've gotten it within --
23 if your animal has gotten it within the last three
24 years -- well, the last two years, you're due for
25 renewal. If you haven't gotten it in three years,

1 you're overdue for renewal. If you got it last year,
2 you don't need another vaccine. And that's all I have
3 on for this evening.

4 Moving on to ordinance introductions.
5 Commissioner Evans, you want to start?

6 COMMISSIONER EVANS: I think it's
7 Commissioner Scarpelli.

8 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah. Okay. We could start
9 with Commissioner Scarpelli.

10 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Thank you, Mayor.
11 This -- we're reintroducing this. We tweaked these --
12 this ordinance a little bit more from the -- when we
13 introduced it in March. This is Ordinance Number 3581,
14 ordinance to amend Chapter 585 of the code of the
15 Township of Nutley entitled "Sewer" and more
16 specifically, amending Article VII.

17 I move that this ordinance be passed to a
18 second reading and advertised in the Nutley Sun,
19 together with the notice required by law. And that
20 further consideration of said ordinance for final
21 passage by the Board of Commissioners to be held at a
22 second reading on May 6th, 2025. I move the ordinance.

23 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Second.

24 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans.

25 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

1 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci.

2 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

3 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli.

4 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

5 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Petracco.

6 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

7 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly.

8 MAYOR KELLY: Aye. Thank you, Commissioner.

9 Commissioner Petracco?

10 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Yes. I have on
11 ordinance introduction, 3582 an ordinance to amend the
12 ordinance codified in the code of the Township of
13 Nutley, Chapter 228, entitled Vehicles and Traffic,
14 particularly Article VII (special zones and areas)
15 Section 29A entered -- entitled, Handicapped Parking to
16 add the location set forth thereon. This is for
17 375 Chestnut Street.

18 I move that this ordinance be passed to a
19 second reading and advertised in the Nutley Sun
20 together with the notice required by law and the
21 further consideration of said ordinance for final
22 passage by the Board of Commissioners to be held at its
23 second reading, is May 6th, I believe. I move it.

24 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: 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: Commissioner Petracco.

7 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

8 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly.

9 MAYOR KELLY: Aye. Commissioner Evans?

10 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Thank you. My first
11 order of business is an -- is an ordinance
12 introduction, which is our -- every year we establish
13 what they call a cap bank, which is allowed by state
14 statute. It allows the appropriation increase to rise
15 from 2 and a half percent to 3 and a half percent,
16 which in light of the cost increases that we face is
17 absolutely necessary. So by title, ordinance to exceed
18 the municipal budget appropriation limits to establish
19 a cap bank under N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14.

20 I move that this ordinance be passed to a
21 second reading and advertised in the Nutley Sun
22 together with the notice required by law. And that
23 further consideration of said ordinance for final
24 passage by the Board of Commissioners be held at its
25 second reading on May 6th, 2025. So moved.

1 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

2 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans.

3 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

4 MADAM CLERK: Commissioners Tucci.

5 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

6 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli.

7 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

8 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Petracco.

9 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

10 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly.

11 MAYOR KELLY: Aye.

12 COMMISSIONER EVANS: My next order of
13 business is the introduction of the 2025 municipal
14 budget. Tonight represents the statutory deadline for
15 introducing our budget. We will have a public hearing
16 on the budget, potentially around May 6th. There are a
17 couple of things that are in play that may delay that,
18 which hopefully would be beneficial to us in reducing
19 the budget increase for this year.

20 But what I can say about the introduction is
21 first that this year completes the transferring of the
22 setup of the sewer utility. So that part is complete.
23 There was a two-step process, and it's complete now for
24 2025. Overall, our appropriations for the -- for all
25 five of the municipal departments, including -- in all

1 five departments is \$64,799,792. which is an increase
2 of \$2,224,838 over the prior year. Additionally, we
3 had revenues, which from other sources other than taxes
4 of \$18,771,571, which has -- is a net increase of
5 \$734,902.

6 So as a result, the municipal tax levy is
7 increasing to \$44,000,176 and 408 -- \$408, which is a
8 total increase of \$1,347,991 or roughly 3.1 percent
9 increase. That equates to the average household, which
10 in today's dollar is assessed at 491,000 and change to
11 a \$123 increase for that average household.

12 Part of the reason why that increase is as
13 high as it is, is that state aid was reduced this year
14 by \$547. If we didn't receive that reduction in state
15 aid, our municipal increase would be right now at
16 about -- at around \$68. So unfortunately the State in
17 their new budget introduction eliminated a category of
18 municipal aid, which affected us to the tune of over a
19 half a million dollars.

20 The additional increase that we face is that
21 our assessed values in town overall went up
22 \$10,345,000, which enables by statute, the library to
23 get an increase in their funding automatically to
24 \$1,851,813 or an additional \$141,000, which is about
25 \$18 increase. So in total we're -- with the library

1 the increase on the introduction of this budget is \$141
2 per the average household or about 3.44 percent. My
3 hope is that we will continue to look at opportunities
4 to reduce this budget increase to something that's
5 hopefully less than \$100 on the municipal side, but
6 time will tell.

7 The budget itself will be available online
8 tomorrow morning for review, and hard copies will be
9 available at the municipal clerk's office and at the
10 public library for review. You won't take those
11 copies, it's just for -- available for review. So with
12 that -- I got a piece of paper I got to find. Give me
13 a second. It's in here. Give me a second. There it
14 is. I found it.

15 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: We were hoping you wouldn't.

16 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Yeah. Okay. So I read
17 as follows: The municipal budget of the Township of
18 Nutley, County of Essex, for fiscal year of 2025 to be
19 resolved that it is the following -- that the following
20 statements of revenue and calculations does shall
21 constitute the municipal budget for the year 2025.

22 Be it further resolved that said budget is to
23 be published in the Nutley Sun in the April 10th issue
24 of that newspaper, which is the first available date.
25 The governing body of the Township of Nutley does

1 hereby approve the budget for introduction. So move.

2 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

3 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans.

4 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

5 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci.

6 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Before I vote, because,
7 you know, this is a thankless job that Commissioner
8 Evans does. He takes all of our information, him and
9 his staff, and I know we have Ms. Santana here this
10 evening, our CFO, I mean, they take all the
11 information, they summarize it. They put it in a form
12 that's acceptable to the State. They put it in a form
13 that's acceptable and very easy for commissioners to
14 understand with all the ins and outs and requirements
15 that the State puts forward. So while we're still
16 working on this budget, I want to thank you and your
17 staff and commend you on another outstanding job. I
18 vote, aye.

19 COMMISSIONER EVANS: I appreciate it.

20 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli.

21 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

22 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Petracco.

23 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: I'd just like to
24 thank Tom as well. You do a great job. I know you've
25 always helped out with the public safety budget, which

1 is the biggest budget on the municipal side. And I'd
2 like to say, thank you to your staff. They've been
3 great working with Sam and myself. And you do a
4 stellar job, Tom, you really do. I vote, aye.

5 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Thank you.

6 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly.

7 MAYOR KELLY: I would also like to echo the
8 sentiments of thanking you, Commissioner Evans, and
9 your staff. And thank you, Ms. Santana, for being here
10 this evening, our CFO. I vote, aye.

11 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Commissioner Scarpelli,
12 you want to reconsider?

13 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Don't push it, Tom.
14 This is mutual admiration society, but no, Tom, your
15 department does do a great job and I don't know why you
16 didn't get the hatchet out on the public safety report.

17 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: That's because I
18 compliment him. Something like that you didn't do.
19 Thanks again, Tom. Stellar job.

20 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Introduction only.

21 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: I'D like to take back
22 my comments.

23 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you. And I think we have
24 17 resolutions on for this evening. Commissioner
25 Evans, you want to --

1 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Yeah.

2 MAYOR KELLY: -- continue.

3 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Yes. Be it resolved by
4 the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Nutley,
5 County of Essex, State of New Jersey that the Treasurer
6 be, and she's hereby authorized to refund escrow monies
7 for land use applications amounting to \$51,420.44 for
8 the amounts and addresses listed in the resolution. So
9 move.

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: Commissioner Petracco.

18 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

19 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly.

20 MAYOR KELLY: Aye.

21 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Be it resolved the
22 Treasurer is hereby authorized to refund overpayment of
23 property taxes in the amount of \$1073.86 for Block
24 7605, Lot 13. So move.

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: Commissioner Petracco.

8 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

9 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly.

10 MAYOR KELLY: Aye.

11 COMMISSIONER EVANS: My next resolution is on
12 behalf of the board. This resolution is to renew the
13 contract for services with The Banker Group who
14 provides significant support to us in terms of
15 negotiating the various complex financial agreements
16 that are associated with our redevelopment projects.

17 Now, therefore, be resolved by the Board of
18 Commissioners of the Township of Nutley that in
19 accordance with the local public law, the Board is
20 hereby authorized and approved to approve the contract
21 with The Banker Group for professional financial impact
22 analysis and related consulting services relating to
23 various redevelopment projects in the Township of
24 Nutley at a cost and contract amount not to exceed
25 \$35,000. The contract term shall be February 7, 2025,

1 through February 6, 2026.

2 Further resolved that the Mayor and Clerk are
3 hereby authorized and directed to execute, seal, and
4 deliver said contract for professional services on
5 behalf of and in the name of the Township.

6 Further resolved that the Business Disclosure
7 Entity Certification, Business Entity Disclosure of
8 Campaign Contributions, shall be placed on file with
9 this Resolution; and

10 Be it further resolved that a copy of the
11 Resolution shall be published as required within ten
12 (10) days of its passage.

13 So move.

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: Commissioner Petracco.

22 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

23 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly.

24 MAYOR KELLY: Aye.

25 COMMISSIONER EVANS: My last resolution

1 rescinds Resolution 91-23, which was adopted on
2 April 4th, 2023, which granted full exemption from the
3 payment of taxes. This related to a deceased
4 individual who was thought at the time to pass what
5 they call intestate and that all of the assets were
6 being remanded to the State.

7 We subsequently learned that that wasn't the
8 case. New information came to light and property was
9 sold privately, which no longer qualifies for the
10 exemption. So we're rescinding the exemption and we
11 move to collect \$16,000 in taxes. So move.

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: Commissioner Petracco.

20 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

21 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly.

22 MAYOR KELLY: Aye.

23 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Thank you, Mayor.

24 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you, Commissioner.

25 Commissioner Tucci?

1 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Yes. Whereas, the
2 Department of Parks and Public Property has a need to
3 maintain a geese-free environment in the Township
4 parks; and

5 Whereas, Preferred Outdoor Experience, Great
6 Meadows, New Jersey, is a specialized service that's
7 been effective in the past, and will provide the
8 service in the amount of \$1,989.00 per month for an
9 annual maintenance contract in the amount of
10 \$23,868.00, which is below the Township bid threshold,
11 but above the New Jersey State-mandated Pay-to-Play
12 threshold; and

13 Whereas, the contract period shall be from
14 April 1, '25 through March 31st, '26; and

15 Whereas, Preferred Outdoor Experience has
16 completed a Business Entity Disclosure Certification,
17 which certifies that they have not made any reportable
18 disqualifying contributions to a political or candidate
19 committee in the Township of Nutley in the previous one
20 year, that would violate N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 or the
21 Township's Local Unit Pay-to-Play Ordinance or the New
22 Jersey Elect Commission disclosure requirements, and
23 that the contract will bar the owner of Preferred
24 Outdoor Experience from making any reportable
25 contributions through the term of the contract; and

1 Whereas, funds are available from Account 5-
2 04-504-205, which have been certified by the Chief
3 Financial Officer subject to the adoption of the 2025
4 Municipal Budget, said certification being attached to
5 this resolution;

6 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board
7 of Commissioners, Township of Nutley, County of Essex,
8 State of New Jersey, authorized to enter into a 52-week
9 maintenance contract with Preferred Outdoor Experiences
10 to keep our parks geese-free in the most humane way
11 possible.

12 I move the resolution.

13 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Second.

14 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans.

15 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

16 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci.

17 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

18 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli.

19 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

20 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Petracco.

21 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

22 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly.

23 MAYOR KELLY: Aye.

24 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Whereas, the Department
25 of Parks and Public Property determined due to

1 unforeseen circumstances families had to cancel
2 participation in programs offered; and

3 Whereas, the Department of Parks and Public
4 Property has determined the need to refund families;

5 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board
6 of Commissioners of the Township of Nutley, County of
7 Essex, State of New Jersey, that the Treasurer be, and
8 she is hereby authorized to refund payments for
9 recreational programs in the amounts listed below to
10 our neighbors at 108 Union Avenue for Camp Nutley in
11 the amount of \$800.00 for the 2023 year and our
12 neighbors at 40 Ackerman for our theater program in the
13 amount of \$175.00 for the 2025 year.

14 I move the resolution.

15 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Second.

16 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

17 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

18 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

19 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

20 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

21 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

22 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

23 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

24 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly?

25 MAYOR KELLY: Aye.

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

3 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you, Commissioner.
4 Commissioner Scarpelli?

5 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Thank you, Mayor.
6 I'm going to read Resolution 93-25 by title. A
7 resolution authorizing the Township of Nutley to sign
8 an NJDEP treatment works approval application for the
9 connection of an 85-unit residential dwelling located
10 at 35 Evergreen Avenue, Nutley, New Jersey 07110 into
11 the Township of Nutley Sanitary Sewer System.

12 I move the resolution.

13 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Second.

14 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans.

15 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

16 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci.

17 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

18 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli.

19 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

20 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Petracco.

21 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

22 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly.

23 MAYOR KELLY: Aye.

24 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Whereas, the
25 Township of Nutley pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-6-2:c139

1 may by resolution and without advertising for bids,
2 purchase goods or services through the use of a
3 nationally- recognized accepted cooperative purchasing
4 program that has been developed utilizing a competitive
5 bidding process by another contracting unit within the
6 State of New Jersey or within any other state when
7 available; and

8 Whereas, the Board of Commissioners of the
9 Township of Nutley has passed resolution #284-24 on
10 October 15th, 2024, authorizing the Purchasing Agent to
11 purchase certain gifts or services from approved
12 Sourcewell vendors pursuant to all conditions of the
13 individual contracts for the year 2025, commencing in
14 January 1st, 2025 through December 31st, 2025;

15 Whereas, the Municipal Clerk, Township of
16 Nutley has advertised the Township's "Notice of Intent
17 to Award a Contract under the National Cooperative
18 Purchasing Agreement" in the March 20th, 2025 issue of
19 Nutley Sun;

20 Whereas, Caterpillar, Incorporated, 100 NE
21 Adams Street, Peoria, Illinois entered contract #011723
22 with Sourcewell on May 24th, 2023;

23 Whereas, the Township of Nutley Department of
24 Public Works intend to purchase a CAT-Caterpillar,
25 Inc., Model 914 Compact Wheel Loader, 2024 model and

1 related accessories from Foley Incorporated, 855
2 Centennial Avenue, Piscataway, New Jersey, a vendor
3 affiliated with Sourcewell, which is subject to all
4 conditions applicable to utilization of a National
5 Buying Cooperative; and

6 Whereas, the Department of Public Works has
7 researched backhoe loaders and determined that CAT-
8 Caterpillar, Inc., Model 914 Compact Wheel Loader, 2024
9 model year and related accessories is best suited for
10 the Township needs, based on performance, cost savings,
11 and minimal downtime; and

12 Whereas, Foley Incorporated has provided a
13 quote for the CAT Model 914, Compact Wheel Loader, 2024
14 model and related accessories in the amount of
15 \$187,000.00;

16 Whereas, funds are available from Capital
17 Ordinance #G04-163-410 in the amount of \$29,790.83,
18 G04-166-408 in the amount of \$50,000.00, G04-171-407 in
19 the amount of \$75,000.00, G04-181-407 in the amount of
20 \$32,209.17 and have been certified by the Chief
21 Financial Officer, said certification being attached to
22 this resolution;

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

1 she's hereby authorized to purchase the CAT-
2 Caterpillar, Model 914, Compact Wheel Loader, 2024
3 model year and related accessories from Foley
4 Incorporated, 855 Centennial Avenue, Piscataway, New
5 Jersey, in the amount of \$187,000.00, who is an
6 approved Sourcewell vendor.

7 I move the resolution.

8 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: 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: Commissioner Petracco.

16 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

17 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly.

18 MAYOR KELLY: Aye.

19 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: It's all I have,
20 Mayor.

21 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you, Commissioner.

22 Commissioner Petracco.

23 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Whereas, as the State
24 of New Jersey provides security aid to the Nutley Board
25 of Education that is used to extend security aid

1 benefit to private school systems within the
2 municipality; and

3 Whereas, the Good Shepherd Academy,
4 24 Brookline Avenue, Nutley, has a need for security
5 services and has a request to use a Special Law
6 Enforcement Officer (SLEO III) through the Nutley
7 Police Department as recommended by the State of New
8 Jersey; and

9 Whereas, the Board of Ed and Township of
10 Nutley agree that the school security officer can
11 provide to Good Shepherd Academy and desires to enter
12 into agreement to provide for a SLEO III through the
13 Nutley Police Department; and

14 Whereas, the agreement will be -- will
15 reimburse the Township for all its costs to provide
16 SLEO III to the Good Shepherd Academy;

17 Now, therefore, it be resolved by the Board
18 of Commissioners of the Township of Nutley, County of
19 Essex, State of New Jersey that the Commissioner of
20 Public Safety and the Municipal Clerk are authorized to
21 enter into an agreement with the Board of Ed to provide
22 a SLEO III to Good Shepherd Academy.

23 I move it.

24 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: 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: Commissioner Petracco.

7 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

8 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly.

9 MAYOR KELLY: Aye.

10 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Okay. Whereas,

11 distracted driving is a serious life-threatening
12 practice that prevent -- which is preventable; and

13 Whereas, distracted driving can result in
14 injuries and deaths to all the roads users,
15 motorcycles, pedestrians, and bicyclists;

16 Whereas, the distracted driving occurs when
17 the drivers divert their attention away from the task
18 of driving to focus on another activity instead of;

19 Whereas, in 2023 alone distracted driving-
20 related crashes resulted in 3,502 deaths and over 398
21 injuries on our nation roads;

22 Whereas, in New Jersey distracted driving was
23 listed as contributing circumstances in over 18
24 percent -- I'm sorry, 48 percent of all motor vehicle
25 crashes in 2023;

1 Whereas, the State of New Jersey will
2 participate in the Nationwide Distracted Driving 2025
3 Crackdown from April 1st to the 30th, 2025 in an effort
4 to raise awareness and decrease driving distractions
5 throughout a combination of enforcement and education;

6 Whereas, the national slogan for the campaign
7 is, UDrive. UText. UPay; and

8 Whereas, reduction of distracted driver in
9 New Jersey will save lives on our roadways;

10 Now, therefore, it be resolved by the Board
11 of Commissioners, Township of Nutley, in Essex County,
12 State of New Jersey, that the Township Of Nutley
13 declares its support for Distracted Driving in 2025
14 Crackdown, both locally and nationally, from April 1st
15 through the 30th, 2025 and pledges to be -- to increase
16 awareness of the dangers of distracting drivers.

17 Just before I move this, I was watching one
18 of the news stations tonight. And the videos that they
19 were putting up there are -- and it wasn't of Nutley,
20 but it does happen here, of people on their cell phones
21 is incredible. They had like 20 cars go by this
22 camera. Every person was on their phone. And like I
23 said before, you know, it takes a split second to hit
24 somebody and, you know, if you're the one that is, you
25 know, involved in a fatal, even the person that has to

1 live with that is, you know, unsettling. So again, I
2 move the resolution.

3 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Second.

4 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

5 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

6 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

7 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

8 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

9 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

10 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

11 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

12 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly?

13 MAYOR KELLY: Aye.

14 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Thank you, Mayor.

15 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you, Commissioner.

16 I have four on for this evening. April is a
17 busy month.

18 The first one I have -- first resolution I
19 have on for this evening is the National Donate Life
20 Month, 2025. This is Resolution Number 83-25, whereas
21 more than 100,000 people in the United States are
22 waiting for a life-saving organ transplant, nearly
23 4,000 are New Jersey residents;

24 Whereas, every 8 minutes, another person is
25 added to the national transplant waiting list while

1 6,000+ people die every day waiting for a transplant;
2 and

3 Whereas, one organ, eye and tissue donor has
4 the ability to save up to 8 lives, restore sight to 2
5 people and heal the lives of more than 75 people.

6 Individuals of all ages are considered potential organ
7 and tissue donors;

8 Whereas, Friday, April 11, 2025 has been
9 designated as Blue and Green Day, at which time
10 residents are encouraged to wear Blue and Green to
11 celebrate those who have been touched by the gift of
12 life;

13 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board
14 of Commissioners, Township of Nutley, County of Essex,
15 State of New Jersey recognize April as National Donate
16 Life Month 2025;

17 Be it further resolved that the Nutley Health
18 Department encourages all citizens to consider becoming
19 an organ and tissue donor by placing the organ donor
20 designation on their driver's license or state
21 identification card, registering at online at
22 www.donatelifenj.org and sharing this decision with
23 their family.

24 So moved.

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: Commissioner Petracco.

8 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

9 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly.

10 MAYOR KELLY: Aye.

11 The second one I have on for this evening is
12 Resolution Number 84-25. And this is designating
13 National Public Health Week. And before I read the
14 resolution, I just like to say that our public health
15 staff and the Department of Public Affairs on a whole,
16 are dedicated public servants. Just going back a few
17 years ago to COVID, everyone in that office, whether
18 they were in public health or not what -- became public
19 health staff. And they were working around the clock
20 through holidays, through Mother's Day, through Easter.
21 And Nutley was the only town in Essex County that did
22 not need additional support doing contact tracing that
23 every other town you had someone from out of town doing
24 the contact tracing. But we had that personal touch in
25 Nutley and that's due to our dedicated public servants.

1 Whereas, the week of April 7th, 2025 is
2 National Public Health Week and the theme is, "It
3 Starts Here: Your Health is Our Mission" highlighting
4 the importance of making a difference in our home,
5 community, and state;

6 Whereas, this year is the 30th anniversary of
7 National Public Health Week. In the past 30 years
8 significant strides have been made improving the well-
9 being of communities across the nation, around the
10 world;

11 Whereas, public health isn't just for a
12 single person -- it's for you, your friends, your
13 family, and everyone in your community. And it's -- is
14 an invisible shield that protects our safety and well-
15 being, like the clean air we breathe and the safe water
16 we drink;

17 Whereas, public health continues to
18 prioritize health at every level since a person's
19 health status can differ drastically by ZIP code due to
20 differences in the built environment, environmental
21 quality, community context, access to healthy food,
22 access to education, and access to health care;

23 Whereas, public health organizations use
24 National Public Health Week to educate public policy
25 makers, public health professionals, and the public on

1 issues that are important to improving the health of
2 the people of the United States;

3 Whereas, public health professionals help
4 communities prevent, prepare for, withstand, and
5 recover from the impact of a full range of health
6 threats, ranging from infectious disease outbreaks to
7 national disaster preparedness. For its efforts to
8 adequately support public health in the prevention of
9 disease and an injury can continue to transform a
10 health system focused on treating illness into health
11 system focused on preventing disease and injury and
12 promoting wellness;

13 Now, therefore, it be proclaimed that by the
14 Board of Commissioners, Township of Nutley, County of
15 Essex, State of New Jersey the week of April 7th
16 through the 13th, 2025, is National Public Health Week
17 in Nutley and call upon people of Nutley to observe
18 this week by helping our families, friends, neighbors,
19 coworkers, and leaders to recognize the contribution of
20 public health improving the health of people of our
21 state and achieving health equity. As the theme
22 states, "It Starts Here: Your Health is Our Mission."

23 So moved.

24 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: 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: Commissioner Petracco.

7 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

8 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly.

9 MAYOR KELLY: Aye.

10 April is also Arab American Heritage Month.

11 This is Resolution Number 90-25.

12 Whereas, Arab Americans have been making
13 valuable contributions to the United States for over a
14 century enriching our nation's cultural, economic,
15 political, and social landscape; and

16 Whereas, Arab Americans represent a diverse
17 community with rich traditions, languages, and
18 histories that have helped shape the fabric of our
19 society;

20 Whereas, Arab Americans have contributed to
21 fields such as medicine, law, business, education,
22 technology, government, and the arts, and have played a
23 crucial role in advancing civil rights and social
24 justice;

25 Whereas, the month of April has been

1 recognized nationally as Arab American Heritage Month,
2 and the theme for Arab American Heritage Month is
3 "Honoring the past, inspiring the future" provides an
4 opportunity to celebrate the achievements and
5 contributions of Arab Americans while fostering
6 awareness, education, and inclusivity;

7 Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board
8 of Commissioners, Township of Nutley, County of Essex,
9 State of New Jersey ask the community to join them in
10 recognizing and celebrating April as Arab American
11 Heritage Month.

12 So moved.

13 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

14 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans.

15 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

16 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci.

17 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

18 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli.

19 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

20 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Petracco.

21 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

22 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly.

23 MAYOR KELLY: Aye.

24 And the last one I have on for this evening
25 is Resolution Number 91-25, designating April Alcohol

1 Awareness Month.

2 Whereas, Alcohol Awareness Month is a
3 national public health campaign originally created by
4 the National Council for Alcoholism and Drug
5 Dependence, the NCADD, with the aim of raising
6 awareness for communities and helping them understand
7 causes and treatment available for alcohol use disorder
8 (AUD), which remains a leading national public health
9 issue;

10 Whereas, Alcohol Awareness Month aims to
11 reduce the social stigma associated with alcohol use
12 disorder with no shame or blame placed on individuals
13 and families to educate communities on how the disease
14 can be addressed, offering advice, support, and
15 resources for individuals and families living with AUD;

16 Whereas, research indicates that alcohol use
17 during the teenage years can interfere with normal
18 adolescent brain development, increase the risk of AUD;

19 Whereas, according to the most current 2023
20 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 61.4 million
21 people ages 12 and older reported binge drinking in the
22 past month. U.S. children ages 17 and younger lived
23 with a parent who had an alcohol use disorder;

24 Whereas, we're experiencing what some are
25 calling a mental health crisis with rising rates of

1 anxiety and depression across the lifespan leading to
2 increased use of alcohol with some individuals engaged
3 in alcohol misuse, some subsequently developing AUD;

4 Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board
5 of Commissioners, Township of Nutley, County of Essex,
6 State of New Jersey recognizes the month of April 2025
7 as Alcohol Awareness Month and urge all citizens of
8 Nutley to support efforts and activities that increase
9 community awareness and support for the individuals and
10 families coping with alcoholism in our community.

11 So moved.

12 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: 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: Commissioner Petracco.

20 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

21 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly.

22 MAYOR KELLY: Aye.

23 At this time, we will open up the meeting to
24 the public. Anyone wishing to be heard on any item
25 that they wish to address to the Board of

1 Commissioners, please address your comments to me, and
2 I'll address it to the appropriate commissioner. I --
3 please approach the microphone and state your name for
4 the record at this time. Seeing none.

5 Mr. Bruno, I believe we have a need for
6 executive this evening.

7 MR. BRUNO: Mayor, we do to discuss contract
8 negotiations.

9 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you. I'll entertain a
10 motion for executive session.

11 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Move It.

12 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Second.

13 MADAM CLERK: Whereas, Section 8 of the Open
14 Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the
15 exclusion of the public for meeting in certain
16 circumstances; and

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

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

23 Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board
24 of Commissioners of the Township of Nutley move into
25 closed executive session to discuss contract

1 negotiations;

2 Be it further resolved that at the time when
3 such disclosures may be made -- may be disclosed to the
4 public, shall be when and as such disclosures may be
5 made without adversely affecting the Township of Nutley
6 pending and/or anticipated legal, personnel,
7 contractual matters, and other matters within the
8 exception provided for by statute. This resolution
9 shall take effect immediately.

10 Commissioner Evans.

11 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

12 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci.

13 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

14 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli.

15 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

16 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Petracco.

17 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

18 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly.

19 MAYOR KELLY: Aye.

20 And we will not be conducting any further
21 businesses this evening. Our next meeting is Tuesday,
22 April 15th at 7 p.m. At this time, I'll entertain a
23 motion to adjourn.

24 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Move it.

25 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: 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: Commissioner Petracco.

8 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

9 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly.

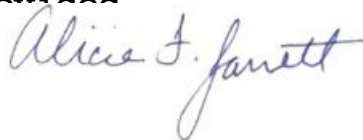
10 MAYOR KELLY: Aye.

11 MADAM CLERK: The time is 8:23.

12 (Proceedings concluded)

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

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