

In The Matter Of:

In Re: Nutley Board of Commissioners

Transcript of Proceedings

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NUTLEY, NEW JERSEY 07110

*** PUBLIC SESSION ***

DATE: 1/20/2026

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

JOHN V. KELLY III, MAYOR

JOSEPH P. SCARPELLI, COMMISSIONER

MAURO G. TUCCI, COMMISSIONER

THOMAS J. EVANS, COMMISSIONER

ALPHONSE PETRACCO, COMMISSIONER

Also Present:

JONATHAN BRUNO, TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY

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1 (Recording begins)

2 MAYOR KELLY: All right. Please stand for
3 the flag salute.

4 (Pledge of Allegiance)

5 MAYOR KELLY: The Sunshine Notice, Madam
6 Clerk.

7 MADAM CLERK: Thank you. Board of
8 Commissioners Public Meeting Agenda for Tuesday,
9 January 20, 2026. The time is now 7:18. Pursuant to
10 the requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act
11 (Chapter 231, P.L.1975), notice of this meeting was
12 published in the November 20th, 2025 issues of the
13 Nutley Sun, The Herald-News, and The Star-Ledger. A
14 copy of this notice has been posted on the Nutley Town
15 Hall Bulletin Board and a copy is on file in the
16 Municipal Clerk's Office.

17 Commissioner Evans.

18 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Here.

19 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci.

20 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Here.

21 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli.

22 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Here.

23 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Petracco.

24 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Here.

25 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly.

1 MAYOR KELLY: Present. For everyone's
2 situational awareness, as advertised we held a
3 executive session prior to the meeting, and we have no
4 minutes -- no executive minutes. Communications, Madam
5 Clerk.

6 MADAM CLERK: Thank you. We have three this
7 evening. The Van Riper House has submitted a Social
8 Affair and Event application to hold a Lawn Party at
9 491 River Road from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday,
10 April 25th, 2026 with a rain date of Sunday, April
11 26th, of 2026.

12 The Nutley Elks Lodge has submitted an
13 application for a Social Affair Permit for the St.
14 Patrick's Day Parade Celebration scheduled for
15 Saturday, March 7, 2026 from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. at
16 242 Chestnut Street. And the Nutley Irish American
17 Alliance has submitted an event application to hold
18 their 47th St. Patrick's Day Parade on Franklin Avenue
19 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 7, 2026.

20 MAYOR KELLY: Move it.

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: Commissioner Petracco.

4 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

5 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly.

6 MAYOR KELLY: Aye. Bills, please.

7 MADAM CLERK: Thank you. Bill list for
8 January 20th, 2026. Public affairs, \$25,160.91.
9 Revenue and finance, \$2,960,613.47. Public safety,
10 \$68,381.94. Public works, \$56,998.04. Parks and
11 public property, \$1,351,748.45. Water and sewer
12 utility, \$1,393,911.20.

13 Payroll as of Friday, January 2nd, 2026.
14 Regular payroll total, \$988,328.38. Overtime payroll
15 total, \$105,530.98. Total payroll, \$1,093,859.36 for a
16 grand total of \$6,950,673.37.

17 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Move the bills.

18 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: 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: Commissioner Petracco.

1 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

2 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly.

3 MAYOR KELLY: Aye.

4 MADAM CLERK: And that's it for bills.

5 MAYOR KELLY: We have public comment on
6 agenda items only. Anyone wishing to be heard on
7 agenda items only, please approach the microphone and
8 state your name for the record. Seeing none, we don't
9 have any ordinances on introduction. Moving to
10 ordinances on second reading and public hearing, Deputy
11 Mayor Evans or --

12 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Mayor, the Commissioner
13 announcements?

14 MAYOR KELLY: Oh, I skipped that.

15 Commissioner announcements?

16 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Mayor, I just wanted
17 to say welcome back.

18 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.

19 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Thank you for your
20 service, and glad you're home safe and sound.

21 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.

22 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: I'm sure I speak for
23 everybody.

24 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Absolutely.

25 COMMISSIONER EVANS: I was -- do the same,

1 Joe. Just about -- I want to add former governor Dick
2 Cody passed away recently. He was a friend to Nutley.
3 He was very outgoing and very helpful, especially with
4 mental health issues and those with need. I just
5 wanted to recognize that a longtime public servant has
6 passed, and recognize that he made a significant
7 contribution to the State of New Jersey.

8 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you, Commissioner.
9 Commissioner Tucci?

10 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: I don't want to be
11 redundant but I just want to echo what Mr. Scarpelli
12 said. Welcome home. We're glad you're back safe and
13 sound.

14 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.

15 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Thank you,
16 Commissioner. I'd like to welcome you back officially
17 as well. It's good to have you back. I do have a
18 public safety announcement as well. I am happy to
19 report some good news as far as these house break-ins
20 and the car thefts in Nutley have, you know, the police
21 department, I have to say kudos to them. Again, we
22 won't say what changes we made to get those numbers
23 down, but that has been very subdued at the moment.

24 However, the pedestrian crossings, you know,
25 we have had way too many people getting hit by cars in

1 our town. Had another one today, unfortunately. That
2 Center Street, I just urge our residents -- in the
3 morning on these sunny days, the sun glare is
4 impossible, almost, to navigate. Please give yourself
5 a little more time to go down Centre Street. The
6 message to our pedestrians as well, please don't take
7 it for granted when you step out in the street that a
8 car's going to stop, you know?

9 You know, it's wintertime, ice on the road.
10 You know, the sun glare is horrific in some of the
11 areas in the town. Please help yourself. Again, at
12 night, please wear reflecting clothing. I travel these
13 roads many, many times of the day myself. And, you
14 know, no matter who's at fault -- if it's the driver of
15 a car or the pedestrian -- you know, please use the
16 crosswalks. And I urge our drivers around town, please
17 take your time especially this time of year.

18 You know, loss of life, you know -- two
19 families are really scarred, you know? The people that
20 hit the person, you know, has to live with that, taking
21 a life. And, you know, again, the pedestrian getting
22 hit, you know. So please, you know, slow down. Give
23 yourself some extra time. It's starting to be an
24 epidemic here. Thank you, Mayor.

25 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you, Commissioner. And I

1 have -- I do -- I have one announcement, but I do want
2 to thank each of you for being so supportive in my
3 absence. And I'm happy to be back, and I'm looking
4 forward to saying hello to everyone in our community.
5 Just bear with me. It's going to take a moment but
6 there's only one of me. But we do have our annual
7 blood drive at the health department in honor of Keith
8 Jaret on January 26th. Walk-ins are welcome, but
9 you're highly encouraged to register so this way we can
10 make sure it runs as smooth as possible.

11 So absent any further announcements, we can
12 now go to the ordinance on second reading, either
13 Deputy Mayor Evans or Commissioner Tucci.

14 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Thank you, Mayor. This
15 is an ordinance which is a fully funded ordinance.
16 There's no bonding associated with this, which is
17 necessary to provide all the funds necessary to improve
18 the chambers that we're sitting in.

19 MAYOR KELLY: At this time we will open the
20 public hearing on Ordinance Number 3605. Anyone
21 wishing to be heard on Ordinance Number 3605 may
22 approach the microphone and state your name for the
23 record.

24 COMMISSIONER EVANS: 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: Commissioner Petracco.
8 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.
9 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly.
10 MAYOR KELLY: Aye.
11 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Move the ordinance.
12 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second, but I'd also
13 like to add that these renovations and these
14 improvements are absolutely appropriate and necessary.
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: Abstain. Moving on to
25 resolutions. Resolutions from Commissioner Evans -- we

1 have 12 resolutions on this evening, four from
2 Commissioner Evans.

3 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Thank you, Mayor.

4 Whereas, New Jersey State Statute 54:4-3.30
5 provides that war veterans, who were honorably
6 discharged from active service, in time of war, in any
7 branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, who
8 have been or shall be declared by the United States
9 Veterans Administration to be 100 percent totally and
10 permanently disabled, connected with their wartime
11 service, a full tax exemption of their dwelling and the
12 lot on which it is situated; and

13 Whereas, the following taxpayer has filed an
14 application for allowance of a full exemption with
15 proper supporting documentation thus making them
16 eligible;

17 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board
18 of Commissioners of the Township of Nutley, County of
19 Essex, State of New Jersey, that Stephen Dabreo be
20 granted full exemption from the property tax -- from
21 payment of property taxes from January 6, 2026 and all
22 subsequent years thereafter on the property identified
23 as Block 9701, Lot 5, Qualifier C0102 which is also
24 known as 101 River Road, Unit 2A. So moved.

25 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: 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: Whereas, the Township of
12 Nutley through the Department of Revenue and Finance
13 has the need to acquire Grant Consulting Services as a
14 non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions
15 of N.J.S.A. 44: -- excuse me -- 19:44A-20.5; and

16 Whereas, Millennium Strategies, LLC, 60
17 Columbia Road, Suite 230, Morristown, NJ 07960, has
18 submitted a proposal indicating that they will provide
19 such services for the sum not to exceed \$43,200.00
20 which is the same amount as in 2025. There's no
21 increase.

22 Whereas, the term of the contract is for 12
23 months, January 1, 2026 through December 31st, 2026.

24 Whereas, Millennium has completed and submitted a
25 Business Entity Disclosure Certification which

1 certifies that said corporation has not made any
2 reportable contributions to a political or candidate
3 committee in the Township of Nutley in the previous one
4 year, and that the contract will prohibit Millennium
5 Strategies partners from making any reportable
6 contributions through the term of the contract; and

7 Whereas, funds will be available for this
8 purpose from the Account No. 6-01-209-205, subject to
9 the adoption of the 2026 Municipal Budget, and a
10 Certificate of Availability of Funds has been filed by
11 the Chief Financial Officer of the Township in
12 accordance with the Local Budget Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-57
13 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.2.

14 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board
15 of Commissioners of the Township of Nutley, County of
16 Essex, State of New Jersey, as follows. One, a
17 contract shall be entered into between the Township and
18 Millennium Strategies for the stated rate of \$3,600.00
19 per month or \$43,200.00 for the year. A copy of this
20 Resolution shall be published as required by law within
21 ten days of its passage. A copy of this Resolution as
22 well as the Contract shall be placed on file with this
23 clerk. So moved.

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 EVANS: Whereas, it is necessary
11 to designate the official medium for the publication of
12 legal notices as required by law. Whereas, currently
13 under applicable State law, legal notices are required
14 to be published in a newspaper circulating within the
15 municipality or county when such publication is
16 required; and

17 Whereas, beginning March 1, 2026, P.L.2025,
18 c.72 requires when a public entity does publish or
19 advertise a legal notice, such notice shall be
20 published in the public entity's official website and
21 no longer mandates that such notices be published in a
22 local newspaper; and

23 Whereas, in accordance with P.L.2025, c.72
24 legal notices will be published on the Township's
25 municipal website. The Township's website shall be

1 accessible and available to the public free of charge,
2 with a direct hyperlink to legal notices placed
3 conspicuously on the homepage.

4 Further, legal notices will remain displayed
5 on the official website for at least one week before
6 being archived, and maintained in an online archive of
7 legal notices for at least one year.

8 Whereas, until March 1, 2026, publication in
9 a designated official newspaper remains a lawful method
10 of publishing required legal notices consistent with
11 existing statutes.

12 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the
13 Township of Nutley, County of Essex, State of New
14 Jersey, that one, during the transition period prior to
15 March 1, 2026, all required legal notices shall
16 continue to be published in the Township's designated
17 official newspapers in accordance with applicable law.

18 Effective March 1, 2026, all required public
19 notices of the Township of Nutley shall be published on
20 the Township's official website, in compliance with
21 P.L.2025, c.72.

22 The Township shall maintain an online archive
23 of legal notices accessible to the public for at least
24 one year following initial posting of the notice.

25 Nothing in this resolution shall prohibit the Township

1 from also publishing legal notices in an eligible
2 online news publication consistent with P.L.2025, c.72.
3 So moved.

4 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Second.

5 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans.

6 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

7 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci.

8 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

9 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli.

10 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

11 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Petracco.

12 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

13 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly.

14 MAYOR KELLY: Aye. I just want to add that
15 both your departments, Commissioner Evans and
16 Commissioner Tucci, do a great job in cataloging and
17 archiving -- and the Clerk's Office -- of all of our
18 minutes and town records already, and so this is just
19 the cherry on the top that we're able to save the town
20 some money here.

21 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Yes, because -- and it's
22 a good amount because legal notices cost a lot of
23 money, especially if you have to go into one of the
24 major newspapers. So yes, Mayor, agree. Great
25 opportunity to save some money.

1 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah, and I do appreciate the
2 good work and hard work that your departments do on
3 these.

4 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Appreciate that. Thank
5 you. My next resolution is for the appropriations for
6 2026 for pension and debt service.

7 Whereas, New Jersey Statutes 40A:4-19
8 provides that where debt service and statutory
9 expenditures are to be paid in 2026 prior to the time
10 of the final adoption of the '26 Budget, temporary
11 appropriations shall be made for such debt service and
12 statutory expenditures in the manner and time therein
13 provided.

14 Whereas, debt service and statutory expenses
15 will become due during the first six months of 2026.
16 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of
17 Commissioners of the Township of Nutley, that the
18 following temporary appropriations be made.

19 This temporary resolution includes all the
20 accounts listed for debt service, for statutory
21 expenses, for the Public Employees' Retirement System,
22 and the Police and Fire Retirement System as well as
23 the debt service payments for the water and sewer
24 utility for all the accounts listed in the resolution.

25 Be it further resolved that, that, in

1 accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19,
2 the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to
3 make the above appropriations. So moved.

4 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

5 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans.

6 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

7 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci.

8 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

9 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli.

10 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

11 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Petracco.

12 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

13 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly.

14 MAYOR KELLY: Aye.

15 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Thank you, Mayor.

16 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you, Commissioner.

17 Commissioner Tucci?

18 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Yes, thank you, Mayor.

19 It's a resolution authorizing New Jersey Department of
20 Community Affairs 2026 Local Recreation Improvement
21 Grant Program.

22 Whereas, the Township of Nutley desires to
23 apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey
24 Department of Community Affairs Local Recreation
25 Improvement Grant for approximately \$75,000.00 to fund

1 critical pathway and stairway improvements at Father
2 Glotzbach Memorial Park in order to enhance safe,
3 accessible access to the park's recreational fields and
4 amenities for residents and visitors; and

5 Whereas, the Township of Nutley does hereby
6 authorize the application for such a grant and
7 recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer
8 lesser or a greater amount upon receipt of the grant
9 agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community
10 Affairs.

11 Now, be it therefore resolved, that the
12 Township of Nutley does further authorize the execution
13 of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of
14 the executed agreement from the Department, does
15 further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to
16 the terms of the agreement between the Township of
17 Nutley and the New Jersey DCA.

18 Be it further resolved that the persons whose
19 names, titles, and signatures appear below are
20 authorized to sign the application, and that they or
21 their successors in said titles are authorized to sign
22 the agreement and any other documents necessary in
23 connection therewith. I move the resolution.

24 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Second.

25 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans.

1 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye. Just to a point,
2 it says for me as deputy mayor. The mayor is now back,
3 I don't -- so Mayor, I think it should be just edited
4 to say Mayor. And you sign it.

5 MAYOR KELLY: That's fine.

6 MADAM CLERK: Thank you. I will make that
7 change.

8 Commissioner Tucci.

9 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

10 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli.

11 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

12 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Petracco.

13 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

14 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly.

15 MAYOR KELLY: Aye.

16 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Thank you, Mayor.

17 MAYOR KELLY: Moving on, Commissioner
18 Scarpelli.

19 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Thank you, Mayor.

20 Whereas, bids for the 2023 Vreeland Avenue Roadway
21 Improvement Project, Franklin Avenue to Bloomfield
22 Avenue NJDOT, were received and opened on Wednesday,
23 August 23rd, 2023;

24 Whereas, D&L Paving Contractors Inc., 675
25 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110 was the low bidder;

1 Whereas, a contract was awarded in the amount
2 of \$505,856.14 on September 5, 2023, via a grant from
3 NJDOT in the amount of \$505,856.14, and the Chief
4 Financial Officer issued a Certificate of Funds
5 Availability for the contract; and

6 Whereas, Change Order No. 1 has been
7 authorized for a total decrease to the contract in the
8 amount of \$52,846.42 for a total contract amount of
9 \$453,009.72;

10 Whereas, Change Order No. 1 will be credited
11 to Account No. G-04-177-401 in the amount of
12 \$52,846.42.

13 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board
14 of Commissioners in the Township of Nutley, County of
15 Essex, State of New Jersey, that Change Order No. 1 as
16 attached is a change from the contract previously made
17 by the Township of Nutley with D&L Paving Contractors
18 for the Project known as 2023 Vreeland Avenue Roadway
19 Improvement Project, (Franklin Avenue-Bloomfield
20 Avenue) NJDOT, and is hereby authorized and approved.
21 I move the resolution.

22 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Second.

23 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans.

24 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

25 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci.

1 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

2 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli.

3 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

4 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Petracco.

5 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

6 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly.

7 MAYOR KELLY: Aye.

8 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Whereas, bids for
9 the 2024 Coeyman Avenue Roadway Improvement Project
10 (Bloomfield Avenue - Bloomfield Township Border) NJDOT,
11 were received and opened on Wednesday, July 24, 2024.

12 Whereas, D&L Paving Contractors, Inc., 675
13 Franklin Avenue, New Jersey was low bidder; and whereas,
14 a contract was awarded in the amount of \$512,431.38 on
15 August 6, 2024, via a grant from NJDOT in the amount of
16 \$481,926.00 and Account No. C-04-55-170-401 in the
17 amount of \$30,505.38, and the Chief Financial Officer
18 issued a Certificate of Funds Availability for the
19 contract.

20 Whereas, Change Order No. I has been
21 authorized for a total decrease to the contract in the
22 amount of \$28,691.89 for a total contract amount of
23 \$483,739.49; and whereas, Change Order No. I will be
24 credited to Account No. C-04-55-170-401 in the amount
25 of \$28,691.89.

1 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board
2 of Commissioners in the Township of Nutley, County of
3 Essex, State of New Jersey, that the Change Order No. I
4 as attached is a change from the contract previously
5 made by the Township of Nutley with D&L Paving
6 Contractors, Inc., for the Project known as 2024
7 Coeyman Avenue Roadway Improvement Project (Bloomfield
8 Avenue - Bloomfield Township Border) NJDOT, and is
9 hereby authorized and approved. Move the resolution.

10 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: 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 SCARPELLI: That's all I have,
22 Mayor.

23 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you, Commissioner.
24 Commissioner Petracco?

25 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Whereas, sealed bids

1 for furnishing and delivering police, dispatchers and
2 crossing guard uniforms and equipment were publicly
3 opened and read on April 10, 2024; and

4 Whereas, Turn Out Uniforms is the better
5 bidder based on the prices; and

6 Whereas, per the original specifications the
7 contract is for two-year terms through December 31st,
8 2025 with the option for an extension for an one -- for
9 an additional year.

10 Therefore, the existing contract with Turn
11 Out Uniforms is extended to December 31st, 2026.

12 Whereas, the funds, in the amount of \$154,000 will
13 available in an appropriation entitled 6-01-310-200
14 "Police and Dispatcher Maintenance & Allowance" and the
15 funds in the amount of \$14,500.00 will be available in
16 an appropriation entitled 6-01-310-200 "Crossing Guards
17 Allowance" and have been certified by the Chief
18 Financial Officer, said certification being attached to
19 this resolution.

20 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board
21 of Commissioners of the Township of Nutley, County of
22 Essex, New Jersey that a contract for furnishing and
23 delivering police, dispatchers and crossing guard
24 uniforms and equipment, consistent with the 2024
25 clothing voucher allocation is hereby awarded to Tur

1 Out Uniforms, 195 Patterson Avenue, Little Falls, New
2 Jersey. I move it.

3 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Second.

4 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans.

5 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye. Just a quick
6 amendment -- these are '26 funds so the -- it would be
7 subject to the adoption of the '26 budget.

8 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Okay.

9 COMMISSIONER EVANS: So with that added, I'm
10 aye.

11 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Sounds good.

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 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Thank you, Mayor.

21 MAYOR KELLY: And I have four on this
22 evening. The first one is Resolution Number 09-26 for
23 raffle license applications that have been received from
24 the following organizations: Lincoln School PTO on-
25 premises merchandise raffle and on-premises 50-50 cash

1 raffle on Friday, March 20th, 2026; Nutley High School
2 Crew Booster, both for an on-premise merchandise raffle
3 and on-premise 50-50 cash raffle on Saturday,
4 March 14th. Nutley Music Boosters Association, license
5 for off-premise merchandise raffle on June 3rd. Saint
6 Mary's Roman Catholic Church off-premise cash raffle on
7 Monday, June 1st; Nutley Irish-American Alliance off-
8 premise merchandise raffle Thursday, May 21st; Nutley
9 Youth Baseball, license number 09-26 for off-premise
10 50-50 cash raffle on Saturday June 13th.

11 Whereas, the applications have been received
12 and reviewed by -- reviewed and approved by the
13 Municipal Clerk and the Police Department;

14 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board
15 of Commissioners of the Township of Nutley, County of
16 Essex, State of New Jersey that the aforementioned
17 licenses are hereby approved, and the Municipal Clerk
18 is authorized to issue said licenses. So moved.

19 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Second.

20 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans.

21 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

22 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci.

23 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

24 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli.

25 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

1 MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Petracco.

2 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

3 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly.

4 MAYOR KELLY: Aye. The second one I have on
5 for this evening is Resolution Number 14-26. This is
6 recognizing February as Black History Month.

7 Whereas, Black History Month is observed
8 annually in February to honor the achievements,
9 contributions, and enduring legacy of African Americans
10 throughout United States history; and

11 Whereas the Association for the Study of
12 African American Life and History has designated the
13 2026 National Black History Month theme as "A Century
14 of Black History Commemorations," marking 100 years of
15 national observance of Black history; and

16 Whereas, this centennial theme explores the
17 impact of Black history commemorations on Black
18 identity, historical awareness, and American culture,
19 while reaffirming the importance of preserving,
20 teaching, and celebrating Black history as an essential
21 part of the American story; and

22 Whereas, acknowledging Black history promotes
23 a deeper understanding of our shared past and
24 strengthens our collective commitment to equality,
25 justice, and inclusion; and

1 Whereas, celebrating Black History Month
2 provides an opportunity to uplift Black voices, honor
3 community leaders, and inspire future generations to
4 continue the pursuit of justice, excellence, and unity.

5 Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the
6 Board of Commissioners of the Township of Nutley,
7 County of Essex, State of New Jersey, recognize
8 February as Black History Month and encourage all
9 Nutley residents to explore the rich history and
10 culture through reflection, dialogue, service, and
11 celebration. I move the resolution.

12 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: 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. The third one I have on
23 for this evening is recognizing February as National
24 Blood Donor Month. This is 15 -- Resolution
25 Number-15-26.

1 Whereas, since 1970 National Blood Donor
2 Month has been observed every January to raise
3 awareness about the critical need for blood donations,
4 especially during the winter months when supplies
5 often decline; and

6 Whereas, the demand for blood donations goes
7 beyond unexpected emergencies such as car accidents and
8 natural catastrophes. They are urgently needed to treat
9 patients facing disease like cancer, cardiovascular
10 disease, surgeries and organ and bone marrow
11 transplants; and

12 Whereas, every 2 seconds someone in the U.S.
13 needs blood and or platelets; and

14 Whereas, 3 percent of the U.S. population
15 donates blood each year, it has been stated that if
16 just 1% more donated blood, shortages would be
17 alleviated; and

18 Whereas, platelet donations are a very
19 important part of the donation process. Platelets are
20 assigned the important task of clotting blood to stop
21 bleeding and are vital for cancer patients and well as
22 those with blood disorders or undergoing open-heart
23 surgery and organ transplants;

24 Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board
25 of Commissioners, in the Township of Nutley, County of

1 Essex, State of New Jersey, recognizes January 2026 as
2 National Blood Donor Month and urges all citizens in
3 Nutley to support efforts and activities that bring
4 awareness and education to blood donation during the
5 month of January, and throughout the entire year.

6 Be it further resolved that residents are
7 encouraged to make a lifesaving donation during the
8 annual blood drive in memory of Keith Jaret on Monday,
9 January 26th at the Nutley Department of Public Affairs
10 and Health between the hours of 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. I
11 move -- I proudly move the resolution.

12 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: 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. And the last one I have
23 on for this evening is Resolution Number 16-26,
24 recognizing February as American Heart Health Month.

25 Whereas, February is American Heart Month, a

1 time when all people -- especially women -- are
2 encouraged to focus on their cardiovascular health; and

3 Whereas, heart disease is very common and the
4 leading cause of death for men, women, and people of
5 most racial and ethnic groups; in 2022, 1 in every 5
6 deaths in the United States was caused by heart
7 disease; and

8 Whereas, every year, about 805,000 people in
9 the United States have a heart attack. Of these,
10 605,000 are a first heart attack, and 200,000 are
11 individuals who have already had a heart attack; and

12 Whereas, the Township of Nutley Department of
13 Public Affairs, through its Health Department, and the
14 American Heart Association are committed to changing
15 the future of health together by promoting healthy
16 eating and fitness and thus preventing heart disease
17 through public and professional education about the
18 risk factors; and

19 Whereas, Friday, February 6th, 2026, has been
20 designated as National Wear Red Day, at which time
21 residents are encouraged to Wear Red to raise awareness
22 about cardiovascular risks and disease. On this date,
23 all Township of Nutley Municipal Buildings will be
24 illuminated in red light to bring awareness to this
25 initiative;

1 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board
2 of Commissioners, Township of Nutley, County of Essex,
3 State of New Jersey, that in recognition of the
4 importance of the ongoing effort to prevent heart
5 disease, we do hereby proclaim February 2026 as
6 National Heart Health Month and urge all citizens in
7 Nutley to show their support for preventing heart
8 disease by learning more about their heart health,
9 eating a healthy diet and maintaining an active
10 lifestyle. And as always, the Health Department will
11 be putting on various heart healthy events in February.
12 Be sure to check out the town's website for more
13 information on those events. I move the resolution.

14 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: 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. At this time, we will

25 open the meeting to the public. Anyone wishing to

1 address the Board of Commissioners about any concern
2 they may have may approach the microphone and state
3 your name for the record. Seeing none, I do believe we
4 have a need for executive session this evening,
5 Mr. Bruno.

6 MR. BRUNO: Right, we do have a need to go
7 into closed session to discuss the contract
8 negotiations.

9 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Yes.

10 MR. BRUNO: Thank you.

11 MAYOR KELLY: Anything to motion to go into
12 closed executive session?

13 COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Move it.

14 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Second.

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

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

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

25 Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board

1 of Commissioners of the Township of Nutley move into
2 closed executive session to discuss contract
3 negotiations;

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

12 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: Commissioner Petracco.

19 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

20 MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly.

21 MAYOR KELLY: Aye. And we won't be
22 conducting any further business this evening. Our next
23 meeting is Tuesday, February 3rd, 2026 at 7 p.m. in
24 Nutley Town Hall. I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

25 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Move it.

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COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Second.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans.

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci.

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli.

COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Petracco.

COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Mayor Kelly.

MAYOR KELLY: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: The time is 7:49.

MAYOR KELLY: Good night, everyone.

(End of recording)

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