

Mayor O'Brien opened the Regular/Agenda Meeting at 6:57 PM followed by a short prayer and salute to the flag.

- **STATEMENT OF NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

Municipal Clerk Morelos announced that this April 29, 2024 Regular/Agenda Meeting had been advertised and posted in accordance with Open Public Meetings Act Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 by advertising in the Home News Tribune and the Star Ledger, notifying the Tapinto Raritan Bay, posting on the bulletin board, and is on file in her office.

- **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Councilpersons Balka, Colaci (arrived at 7:03pm), Onuoha, Roberts, Synarski, Zebrowski

Absent: None

Others Present: Mayor Kennedy O'Brien
Glenn Skarzynski, Business Administrator
Denise Biancamano, C.F.O./Treasurer
Jessica Morelos, Municipal Clerk
Matthew Moench, Esq., Borough Attorney
Jay Cornell, P.E., Borough Engineer
Nicole Waranowicz, Asst. Municipal Clerk

Others Absent: None

- **APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:**

Council President Roberts moved the following minutes be approved, subject to correction if necessary:

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Seconded by Councilman Balka.

Roll Call: Councilpersons Roberts, Balka, Onuoha, Synarski, Zebrowski, All Ayes.

- **PROCLAMATION & PRESENTATIONS**

✦ **Larry Bishop Proclamation**

Proclamation

Borough of Sayreville

Whereas, Larry Bishop, a dedicated resident of Sayreville, New Jersey, has exemplified unwavering commitment and service to his community and country; and

Whereas, at the 104th Convention of The American Legion held in Wildwood, New Jersey on June 9th, 2023, Commander Bishop was duly elected as the esteemed New Jersey State Commander, a position of great honor and responsibility; and

Whereas, Commander Bishop's profound dedication to his nation is showcased through his valiant service in the United States Army, where he served with distinction from April 24, 1969, to April 23, 1971, including assignments at, Fort Myer, Virginia, and Fort Totten, New York; and

Whereas, with an illustrious 35-year membership at Sayreville American Legion Post 211, Commander Bishop has consistently demonstrated leadership and commitment to the welfare of veterans, holding various esteemed positions such as Post Commander, County Commander, Department Executive Committeeman, and Department Vice-Commander; and

Whereas, Commander Bishop's steadfast advocacy for veterans is encapsulated by his poignant motto for the coming year: "VETERANS - WE'RE HERE FOR YOU!", reflecting his unwavering dedication to the well-being and support of those who have served our nation;

Now, Therefore, I, Kennedy O'Brien, Mayor of Sayreville, New Jersey, do hereby extend praise and appreciation to Commander Larry Bishop, on behalf of the Borough and Council, in honor of his exceptional service, leadership, and dedication to his fellow veterans and community.



Remarks by Borough Council.

Council President Roberts moved the following proclamation be approved.
Seconded by Councilman Onuoha.

Roll Call: Councilpersons Roberts, Balka, Colaci, Onuoha, Synarski, Zebrowski, all Ayes.

✦ **Buddy Poppy Proclamation**

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the annual distribution of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States has been officially recognized and endorsed by governmental leaders since 1922; and

WHEREAS, VFW Buddy Poppies are assembled by disabled veterans and the proceeds of this worthy fund-raising campaign are used exclusively for the benefit of disabled and needy veterans and the widows and orphans of deceased veterans; and

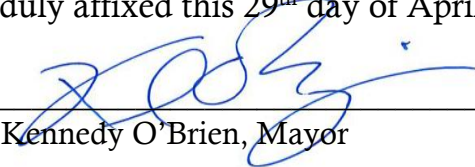
WHEREAS, the basic purpose of the annual distribution of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars is eloquently reflected in the desire to "Honor the Dead by Helping the Living".

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kennedy O'Brien, Mayor of the Borough of Sayreville, do hereby urge the citizens of this community to recognize the merits of this cause by contributing generously to its support through the purchase of Buddy Poppies on the day set aside for the distribution of these symbols of appreciation for the sacrifices of our honored dead.

I urge all patriotic citizens to wear a Buddy Poppy as mute evidence of our gratitude to the men and women of this country who have risked their lives in defense of the freedoms which we continue to enjoy as American Citizens.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have caused this Proclamation to be issued and the official seal of the Borough duly affixed this 29th day of April, 2024.



Kennedy O'Brien, Mayor

Council President Roberts moved the following proclamation be approved.
Seconded by Councilman Onuoha.

Roll Call: Councilpersons Roberts, Balka, Colaci, Onuoha, Synarski, Zebrowski, all Ayes.

✦ARC Middlesex County 75th Anniversary Proclamation

Proclamation

WHEREAS, developmental and intellectual disabilities manifest during the formative years of life, before the age of 22, and are lifelong in duration, resulting in the continuing need for a variety of services designed to support full inclusion in community life.

WHEREAS, it is estimated that approximately two percent of the United States population has an intellectual or developmental disability, which translates to approximately 178,000 children and adults in New Jersey, and The Arc Middlesex County alone serves 333 individuals, and their families; and

WHEREAS, The Arc Middlesex County has worked collaboratively with individuals, with developmental and/or intellectual disabilities, their families, organizations, coalitions, state and local agencies; and

WHEREAS, The Arc Middlesex County has valued and promoted effective partnerships between community partners volunteers, staff and leadership at all levels; and

WHEREAS, The Arc Middlesex County is guided in the belief that all people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities are defined by their own strengths, abilities and inherent value, not by their disability and are entitled to the respect, dignity, safety, and security accorded to other members of society, and are equal before the law.

WHEREAS, The Arc Middlesex County has articulated a positive vision for the future of people with developmental and/or intellectual disabilities and has catalyzed public and private support in the realization of that vision by its unwavering commitment to its individuals, families, community, leadership, staff and volunteers; and

WHEREAS, in 75 years The Arc Middlesex County has led in the area of providing support, care and opportunity with integrity and accountability that reflects quality and excellence in all its work.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Sayreville does hereby recognize The Arc Middlesex County in celebrating 75 years of outstanding and dedicated contributions in caregiving and support to empower individuals with developmental and/or intellectual disabilities and their families to live their lives to the fullest.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have caused this Proclamation to be issued and the official seal of the Borough duly affixed this 29th day of April, 2024

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kennedy O'Brien", written over a horizontal line.

Kennedy O'Brien, Mayor

Council President Roberts moved the following proclamation be approved.
Seconded by Councilman Onuoha.

Roll Call: Councilpersons Roberts, Balka, Colaci, Onuoha, Synarski, Zebrowski, all Ayes.

✦ SERA Presentation on Pilots and Trammel Crow Pilot

Presentation given by Himanshu Shah, Steven Grillo of SERA and Bryan Morris of Phoenix Advisors.

Mayor called up the following for testimony:

- Ed Soefield, Middlesex County Building Trades

Mr. Soefield stated this will bring jobs to people in Sayreville and Middlesex County. He stated that the Borough would get \$54 million more money in taxes and if not approved the town will get nothing.

- Bob Davis

Mr. Davis stated he represents about 6,000-8,000 members of the operating engineers. He stated this is how municipalities grow and the numbers do not lie.

Mayor opened it up to the public for comments.

- Evelyn Smith, 124 Kendall Drive

Ms. Smith commented on the amount of trees that were cut down.

- Demetra Wagner, 7 Roma Street

Ms. Wagner stated she is in support of this PILOT.

Borough Attorney Moench stated that this is the public portion for the ordinance.

- Sharon Wells, 11 Hendricks Court

Ms. Wells commented that there is an audit that has to be done yearly to determine how much money the town gets and who will ensure that is done.

- Mary Novak, 1 Scarlet Drive

Ms. Novak stated the town is not developing the property. She stated she voted no on this back in October because the application process was tainted. Ms. Novak questioned if those buildings have been taxed for the past two years. She stated in the long run that this would be good but asked to consider a shorter term.

- Jim Robinson, 11 Borelle Square

Mr. Robinson stated the presentation was on pilots in general and he doesn't know how this is the Public Hearing on the Trammel Crow pilot ordinance. He commented on the pilot. Mr. Robinson stated the former tax assessor didn't approve of this pilot. He stated it's about denying the Board of Education \$24 million.

- Mike Pinkiewicz, 32 Becker Drive

Mr. Pinkiewicz stated the numbers don't lie, pilots don't have to be 30 years and pilots should not equal profit. He commented on the numbers in the pilot. He stated that during a second reading for an ordinance in Woodbridge, the 5 minute rule is suspended, questions are answered and would like to know what ordinance is prohibiting it.

- Ken Olchaskey, 108 North Edward Street

Mr. Olchaskey commented on the presentation and pilot. He commented on not being allowed to ask questions.

- Bill Henry, Orchard Street

Mr. Henry commented on the council meeting that defeated the pilot in 2023. He commented on the pilot and requested that the public see the unredacted financial report. Mr. Henry stated they have a right to answer the public's questions.

- Joe Darold, 96 North Edward Street

Mr. Darold stated his concern is about the school system not getting their share. He stated this is a bad deal for the town.

- Bob Duffy, 111 Merritt Avenue

Mr. Duffy commented on the whole process. He stated the county is spending a lot of money to accommodate the company.

- Bob Egan, 43 Elizabeth Street

Mr. Egan commented on union jobs. He questioned why this is coming up again when last year it was voted down.

- Steve Levenson, 5 Telegraph Lane

Mr. Levenson commented on the pilot numbers.

- Ed Soefield, Middlesex County Building Trades

Mr. Soefield stated these would be 100% union jobs. He stated that the town will lose \$54 million. Mr. Soefield stated pilots are good.

- Bob Egan, 43 Elizabeth Street

Mr. Egan stated the Borough needs good industry but does not need thousands of trucks going through town each day.

Borough Attorney Moench stated that we have had all the comments and everyone has had an opportunity to speak on this matter. He stated now the council can have discussion or make a motion to consider this. Borough Attorney Moench stated that being there was just an extensive discussion on the topic you can certainly switch topics and come back to this but seems to make sense to take this issue now. Mr. Moench stated that it was announced before that anyone who wanted to make comments that was the public's opportunity to do so and there is no requirement to reopen and to have the same discussion that was already done. He stated there is no action to take on the presentation.

Council President Roberts moved the Public Hearing be closed. Seconded by Councilman Zebrowski.

Roll Call: Councilpersons Roberts, Balka, Colaci, Onuoha, Synarski, Zebrowski, all ayes.

Further discussion ensued and remarks made by the Mayor.

• **OLD BUSINESS:**

a) Public Hearing on the following Ordinances:

Borough Clerk Morelos read the heading for the following ordinances listed for Public Hearing:

Public Hearing on Ordinance #20-24.

The Public Hearing was held earlier in the meeting.

Council President Roberts moved the Ordinance be adopted on second and final reading and advertised according to law. Seconded by Councilman Zebrowski.

**Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons Roberts, Roberts, Synarski, Zebrowski.
Nays: Councilpersons Balka, Onuoha.**

ORDINANCE #20-24

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT, BY AND BETWEEN THE BOROUGH AND PARLIN SECTION 1 URBAN RENEWAL, LLC, PURSUANT TO THE LONG-TERM TAX EXEMPTION LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 ET SEQ.

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.*, as amended from time to time (the “**Redevelopment Law**”), authorizes municipalities to determine whether certain parcels of land in a municipality constitute areas in need of redevelopment, and to adopt a redevelopment plan for such areas, pursuant to which redevelopment projects are to be undertaken; and

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Law confers certain contract, planning and financial powers upon a redevelopment entity, as defined in *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-3*, in order to implement redevelopment plans adopted pursuant thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Sayreville (the “**Borough**”), in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, has elected to exercise these redevelopment entity powers through its redevelopment entity, the Sayreville Economic and Redevelopment Agency (“**SERA**”), as permitted under *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.*, and

WHEREAS, PARLIN SECTION 1 URBAN RENEWAL, LLC (the “**Entity**”), is the redeveloper of a portion of the property known as the Hercules Redevelopment Area, Block 40 , Lot 1, a portion of Block 83.04, Lot 1, a portion of Block 43, Lot 1, a portion of Block 44, Lot 1 and a portion of Block 45, Lot 1 on the Borough’s tax maps (together, the “**Project Area**”), which is located in an area previously designated by the Borough as an “area in need of redevelopment,” as that term is defined under the Redevelopment Law; and

WHEREAS, the Entity and SERA entered into a Redevelopment Agreement, pursuant to which, among other things, the Entity will redevelop the Project Area by constructing thereon a project consisting of three (3) warehouse / distribution / industrial buildings totaling approximately 1,077,776 square feet and associated on-site and off-site infrastructure improvements, (the “**Project**”); and

WHEREAS, in order to enhance the economic viability of and opportunity for a successful project, the Entity submitted to the Mayor of the Borough (the “**Mayor**”) an application (the “**Application**”), which is on file with the Borough Clerk, seeking tax exemption in connection with the Project pursuant to the Long Term Tax Exemption Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 et seq.* (the “**Long Term Tax Exemption Law**”), in exchange for which the Entity proposes to make payments to the Borough in lieu of taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Entity also submitted to the Mayor a form of financial agreement a copy of which is attached to the Application, establishing the rights, responsibilities and obligations of the Entity, which Financial Agreement has been revised through negotiations between the Borough and the Entity. The form of a financial agreement acceptable to both the Borough and the Entity is attached hereto as Schedule A, (the “**Financial Agreement**”); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor submitted the Application and Financial Agreement to the Borough Council with his recommendation for approval, a copy of which recommendation is on file with the Borough Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that the Project represents an undertaking permitted by the Long Term Tax Exemption Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.

Section 2. The Application and Financial Agreement are hereby approved.

Section 3. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Financial Agreement substantially in the form attached hereto, subject to minor modification or revision, as deemed necessary and appropriate after consultation with counsel.

Section 4. The Clerk of the Borough is hereby authorized and directed, upon execution of the Financial Agreement by the Mayor, to attest to the signature of the Mayor and to affix the corporate seal of the Borough upon such document.

Section 5. If any part(s) of this ordinance shall be deemed invalid, such part(s) shall be severed and the invalidity thereby shall not affect the remaining parts of this ordinance.

Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect in accordance with applicable law.

INTRODUCED/APPROVED ON FIRST READING

DATED: April 8, 2024

/s/Jessica Morelos, R.M.C.
Clerk of the Borough of Sayreville

/s/Donna Roberts, Councilwoman
(Admin. & Finance Committee)
Borough of Sayreville

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

DATED: April 29, 2024

/s/Jessica Morelos, R.M.C.
Clerk of the Borough of Sayreville

/s/Donna Roberts, Councilwoman
(Admin. & Finance Committee)
Borough of Sayreville

APPROVAL BY THE MAYOR ON THIS 29th DAY OF April, 2024.

/s/Kennedy O'Brien, Mayor
Borough of Sayreville

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/Matthew Moench, Borough Attorney

Public Hearing on Ordinance #09-24.

Mayor O'Brien opened the meeting to the public for comments on Ordinance #09-24.

Those commenting were:

- Jim Robinson, 11 Borelle Square

Mr. Robinson commented on public hearings. He stated that the Board of Education has no agreement with Cablevision and they should be added.

- Steve Levenson, 5 Telegraph Lane

Mr. Levenson stated that he used to be on the Cable TV Advisory board and they fought to get a local office within the Borough back in 1996. He requested that it not be approved and have it changed to have a definition of local office. Mr. Levenson stated that Cablevision only offers free basic cable and they use to offer senior discounts for just cable.

- Ken Olchaskey, 108 North Edward Street

Mr. Olchaskey stated his concern is with what a local office is.

- Demetra Wagner, 7 Roma Street

Ms. Wagner stated in Gillette Manor the occupants are required to have cable. She commented on the price of cable and other things. She stated without truckers you would be homeless, hungry and naked.

- Bob Egan, 43 Elizabeth Street

Mr. Egan stated there was no public announcement about the cable public Hearing that was held on Friday. He suggested that meetings be sent out by Borough blast.

Council President Roberts moved the Public Hearing be closed. Seconded by Councilman Onuoha.

Roll Call: Councilpersons Roberts, Balka, Colaci, Onuoha, Synarski, Zebrowski, all ayes.

Comments made by Council and discussion ensued.

Councilman Balka moved the ordinance be tabled. Seconded by Council President Roberts.

Roll Call: Councilpersons Balka, Colaci, Onuoha, Roberts, Synarski, Zebrowski, all ayes.

b) Appointments

Mayor made the following appointments:

SERA

5 Yr. Unexpired Member Robert DeWise

CULTURAL ARTS COUNCIL

1 Yr. Member Bernadine Lajewski
1 Yr. Member Christopher Cuneo
1 Yr. Member Gregory Cuneo

SPECIAL COUNSEL - OTHER MATTERS

O'Toole Scrivo, LLC

Mayor asked if there are if there was a motion.

Council President Roberts moved the appointments. Seconded by Councilman Zebrowski.

Roll Call: Councilpersons Roberts, Balka, Colaci, Onuoha, Synarski, Zebrowski, all ayes.

Borough Attorney Moench stated he wanted the record straight regarding the public portion on the pilot. He stated he made an announcement to the room when the

discussion started that anyone who wanted to comment on the ordinance that was their chance to do so. Mr. Moench stated everyone in the room was given an opportunity to speak.

- **NEW BUSINESS:**

a) Introduction of the following ordinances:

ORDINANCE #21-24
AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING ORDINANCE #40-23
FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN BOROUGH OFFICIALS, OFFICERS
AND EMPLOYEES FOR THE YEARS 2023-2027
(Admin. & Finance Committee - Co. Balka - Public Hearing 5-13-24)

Councilman Balka moved the Ordinance be approved on first reading, advertised according to law and a Public Hearing be scheduled for May 13, 2024. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Roberts.

Roll Call: Councilpersons Balka, Colaci, Onuoha, Roberts, Synarski, Zebrowski, all ayes.

- **CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS**

Mayor O'Brien opened the meeting for any comments on Consent Agenda Resolutions.

There were no comments.

Council President Roberts made a motion to close the Public Portion and adopt the Consent Agenda Resolutions. Seconded by Councilman Zebrowski.

Roll Call: Councilpersons Roberts, Balka, Colaci, Onuoha, Synarski, Zebrowski, all Ayes.

RESOLUTION #2024-109

WHEREAS, all bills submitted to the Borough of Sayreville covering services, work, labor and material furnished the Borough of Sayreville have been duly audited by the appropriate committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that all bills properly verified according to law and properly audited by the appropriate committees be and the same are hereby ordered to be paid by the appropriate Borough officials.

/s/ Kennedy O'Brien, Mayor

/s/ Daniel Balka, Councilman

/s/ Donna Roberts, Councilwoman

/s/ Michael Colaci, Councilman

/s/ Stanley Synarski, Councilman

/s/ Christian Onuoha, Councilman

/s/ John Zebrowski, Councilman

Reviewed by the Borough Attorney and is approved as to form and the Resolution satisfies all of the legal requirements for the Mayor's signature.

/s/ Matthew Moench, Borough Attorney

Bill list of April 29, 2024 in the amount of \$8,147,687.46 in a separate Bill List File for 2024 (See Appendix Bill List 2024-A for this date).

RESOLUTION #2024-110

WHEREAS, an application has been received by the Municipal Clerk for a person to person transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License #1219-33-012-009, heretofore issued to Ale House Tavern & Tap, LLC located at 1899 Route 35 South, South Amboy, NJ.

WHEREAS, said application is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid, the applicant has disclosed with the issuing authority the source of all funds used in the purchase of said license and business and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term;

WHEREAS, the applicant has duly advertised in the Home News Tribune on February 13, 2024 and February 20, 2024, as required by law, and has produced proof of publication as to such advertising; and

WHEREAS, no objections or protests have been made with regard to said transfer; and

WHEREAS, all other necessary requirements have been fulfilled and proper investigations have been made, the applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all statutory, regulatory and local governmental Alcoholic Beverage Control laws and regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Sayreville does hereby approve, the **transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License #1219-33-012-009 held by Ale House Tavern & Tap, LLC to Sayreville Liquor License, LLC** and that the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to endorse the license certificate to the new ownership effective April 30, 2024, subject to the following terms and conditions as hereinbefore imposed and restated as follows:

- Licensee shall provide proper trash receptacles in the parking lot and shall cause Licensee's parking lots and outside premises, as well as all residential areas within a five hundred (500') feet radius of the Licensed Premises, to be cleaned of all litter, trash and other discarded items. Such cleaning shall be accomplished by ten o'clock in the morning (10 AM) each day following the hours of operation of the Licensed Premises such that the above-described areas shall be free from all litter, trash and other discarded items as may be generated by and/or associated with the Licensee's operation. To the extent that residents within such five hundred (500') feet radius consent to permit access to private property for the purposes of such cleaning on private property, Licensee shall cause such private property to be cleaned of all litter, trash and other discarded items, at Licensee's sole cost. This measure is designed to alleviate any problems associated with the accumulation of empty beverage containers, cans, bottles and other debris that result from the operation of the Licensed Premises.
- Licensee shall install soundproofing equipment and/or take any other necessary steps to limit the escape of sound and vibration from the Licensed Premises, sufficient to ensure that no audible sound is transmitted beyond the property line of the Licensed Premises. This measure is designed to alleviate concerns regarding noise levels as recounted from complaints received by members of the council pertaining to the Licensed Premises.
- Licensee shall cease all sales of alcohol at 1:30AM and shall cease the playing of all music at 1:30AM. This measure is designed to facilitate the prompt and orderly exiting of patrons at or before the time of closing and to prevent large groups of patrons from exiting the Licensed premises at the same time, resulting in loitering in and around the Licensed Premises

and in the street, blocking traffic and inhibiting the dispersal of other patrons from the Licensed Premises and from the area.

/s/ Daniel Balka, Councilman
(Admin. & Finance Committee)

Reviewed by the Borough Attorney and is approved as to form and the Resolution satisfies all of the legal requirements for the Mayor's signature.

/s/ Matthew Moench, Borough Attorney

ATTEST: **BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE**

/s/ Jessica Morelos, RMC
Municipal Clerk

/s/ Kennedy O'Brien
Mayor

RESOLUTION #2024-111

WHEREAS, property known as Lot(s) **13.01**, in Borough Block **158**, more commonly known as **20 Smith St.**, in **Sayreville, NJ** is owned by **Robert J. Conklin III**;

AND, WHEREAS, Robert J. Conklin III, who has qualified as a one hundred percent **Disabled Veteran** under the provision of the N.J.S.A 54; 4-3.30, causing his property to be exempt from taxation at the local level beginning with the fourth quarter of Calendar year 2024 as verified by the Tax Assessor;

AND, WHEREAS, the Tax Bills for the two quarters of Calendar Year **2024** were generated from the **2023** Assessor's Tax Lists, as required under regulations promulgated by the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services in The Department of Community Affairs pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-64, thus presenting this property owner with a tax bill for the calendar year **2024**, while the property is correctly classified as being Tax Exempt commencing with the first quarter of **2024**;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector be, and she hereby is, authorized and directed to cancel **2024** taxes billed in the amount of **\$4,377.46**, all subsequently billed taxes, and refund the amount paid, in the amount of **\$2,092.52** on the property known and designated as Lot(s) **13.01** in Borough Block **158**.

/s/ Daniel Balka, Councilman
(Admin. & Finance Committee)

Reviewed by the Borough Attorney and is approved as to form and the Resolution satisfies all of the legal requirements for the Mayor's signature.

/s/ Matthew Moench, Borough Attorney

ATTEST: **BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE**

/s/ Jessica Morelos, RMC
Municipal Clerk

/s/ Kennedy O'Brien
Mayor

RESOLUTION #2024-112

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Borough Engineer is hereby authorized and directed to prepare plans and specifications for the Replacement of the Roof at the Melrose Firehouse and the President Park Firehouse at a fee not to exceed \$44,500.00 and upon approval of said plans and specifications the Borough Clerk is also authorized to advertise for the receipt of

bids.

/s/ Michael Colaci, Councilman
(Public Works Committee)

Reviewed by the Borough Attorney and is approved as to form and the Resolution satisfies all of the legal requirements for the Mayor's signature.

/s/ Matthew Moench, Borough Attorney

ATTEST: **BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE**

/s/ Jessica Morelos, RMC
Municipal Clerk

/s/ Kennedy O'Brien
Mayor

RESOLUTION #2024-113

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S "ENFORCEMENT GUIDANCE ON THE CONSIDERATION OF ARREST AND CONVICTION RECORDS IN EMPLOYMENT DECISIONS UNDER TITLE VII OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964"

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires that the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit's hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000 et seq., (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit's hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual's criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Sayreville, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit's hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

/s/ Daniel Balka, Councilman
(Admin. & Finance Committee)

Reviewed by the Borough Attorney and is approved as to form and the Resolution satisfies all of the legal requirements for the Mayor's signature.

/s/ Matthew Moench, Borough Attorney

ATTEST: **BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE**

/s/ Jessica Morelos, RMC
Municipal Clerk

/s/ Kennedy O'Brien
Mayor

RESOLUTION #2024-114

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Borough of Sayreville authorizes John Towlen and Thomas Farbaniec to enroll in benefits outside of a life event and open enrollment, effective January 1, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that John Towlen and Thomas Farbaniec are eligible for Medicare due to age, have been approved to enroll as a subscriber under the Borough of Sayreville’s active plan to allow the benefits through the Borough to remain as primary.

/s/ Daniel Balka, Councilman
(Admin. & Finance Committee)

Reviewed by the Borough Attorney and is approved as to form and the Resolution satisfies all of the legal requirements for the Mayor’s signature.

/s/ Matthew Moench, Borough Attorney

ATTEST: **BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE**
/s/ Jessica Morelos, RMC /s/ Kennedy O’Brien
Municipal Clerk Mayor

RESOLUTION #2024-115

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Middlesex for the installation of and responsibilities associated with Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) Devices and/or Video Surveillance Cameras owned by the County of Middlesex.

/s/ Christian Onuoha, Councilman
(Public Safety Committee)

Reviewed by the Borough Attorney and is approved as to form and the Resolution satisfies all of the legal requirements for the Mayor’s signature.

/s/ Matthew Moench, Borough Attorney

ATTEST: **BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE**
/s/ Jessica Morelos, RMC /s/ Kennedy O’Brien
Municipal Clerk Mayor

- **CORRESPONDENCE:**
 - A. Departmental Reports for March, 2024.
 - B. Minutes from Boards/Commissions:
 - 1. Rent Leveling Board – April 9, 2024.
 - 2. Board of Health – March 7, 2024.
 - 3. Planning Board – March 6, 2024 and March 20, 2024.
 - C. Notice of Public Hearing:
 - 1. Notice of Public Hearing to be held before the Sayreville Planning Board on May 1, 2024 at 7:30pm seeking Preliminary and Final Major Site Plan and Conditional Use approval to construct a new house of worship located at 212-216 Ernston Road.

Council President Roberts made a motion to accept the correspondence. Seconded by Councilman Balka.

Roll Call: Councilpersons Roberts, Balka, Colaci, Onuoha, Synarski, Zebrowski, all Ayes.

- **MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS**

- **ADMINISTRATIVE & FINANCE – Councilman Balka**

- 1) Borough received a grant for sidewalks at Kennedy Park.

- **PLANNING & ZONING – Councilman Zebrowski**

- 1) Congratulated the Mayor on receiving an award.
- 2) Commented on the Board of Adjustment, Planning Board and SERA meetings.

- **PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilman Onuoha**

- 1) Progress.

- **PUBLIC WORKS – Councilman Colaci**

- 1) Community Garden will open May 1st.
- 2) Pickleball Courts will be ready by May 4th.
- 3) Paper shred was a huge success.
- 4) First street sweeping is almost complete for the month.
- 5) Main Street is being prepped for Memorial Day.
- 6) Rabies Clinic will be held May 4th.

- **RECREATION – Councilman Synarski**

- 1) Annual Fishing Derby on May 4th.
- 2) Human Relations held its Bias presentation last weekend.

- **WATER & SEWER/ENVIRONMENTAL – Council President Roberts**

- 1) Congratulated the Mayor on his award.
- 2) Congratulated the Shade Tree Commission and the Borough for being recognized as Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation.
- 3) Hydrant flushing is almost complete.
- 4) Earth Day turnout was great.
- 5) Paper shred was successful.
- 6) Commented on Environmental shout outs.

- **MAYOR – Kennedy O'Brien**

- **GENERAL DISCUSSION AGENDA ITEMS**

- Admin. & Finance**

- 1) Request received from James Scarlotta of Garden State Deli to amend his peddler's license to allow the food trailer to be open from 6am-2am on Thursday-Saturday at River Road.

- Referred to Police Department.

- Planning & Zoning**

- Public Safety**

- 1) Coin toss request for the corner of Washington & Ernston Road received from the following:
 - a) OLV Knights of Columbus for May 11 and 12, 2024.
 - b) Sayreville Boy Scout Troop 97 for September 28 & 29, 2024.

- Approved.

- 2) Letter received from President Park Fire Co. No. 1 accepting Anthony Pasquale as a Cadet member at their March 4, 2024 meeting.

- Approved.

- 3) Authorization to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the East Brunswick Police Department to use the Borough's range as a weapons qualification, training and practice facility for police officers of the East Brunswick Police Department.

- Resolution.

- Public Works

- 1) Approval of Closeout Change Order #3 for Preferred Mechanical, Inc. for the Sayreville Public Safety HVAC in the amount of \$2,951.00 which increases the contract amount to \$1,699,589.00.

- Resolution.

- 2) Authorization to accept the work, closing the contact and issuing final payment in the amount of \$84,979.45 to Preferred Mechanical, Inc. for the Sayreville Public Safety HVAC project, subject to the approval of their maintenance bond.

- Resolution.

- 3) Authorization to extend grounds keeping contracts with Krzyz Landscaping and Custom Care Services for one (1) additional 1 year term and increasing the contract rate for Krzyz Landscaping to \$100,397.00 in accordance with NJSA 40A:11-15.

- Resolution.

- 4) Authorization to award a contract to Tom's Ford for the provision of OEM parts and service through Sourcewell Contract 101520-FMC in an estimated amount of \$100,000.00.

- Resolution.

- 5) Authorization to award a contract to Warshauer Electric Supply in the amount of \$18,436.19 for lighting equipment through Bergen County Cooperative Purchasing Program CK04-Bergen 11BECCP Contract 21-50.

- Approved.

- Recreation

- Water & Sewer/Environmental

- 1) Authorization to award a non-fair and open contract to All American Ford for the purchase of one (1) 2024 Ford Ranger in an estimated amount of \$43,800.00.

- Approved.

➤ **Business Administrator – Glenn Skarzynski**

- 1) Authorization to promote Noah Heil to Water Treatment Operator – Unlicensed in the Water & Sewer Department, effective May 1, 2024.

- Approved.

- 2) Authorization to transfer Jennifer Dusko from Principal Payroll Clerk to Keyboarding Clerk 3 in the Office of Aging, retroactive to April 15, 2024.

- Approved.

- 3) Authorization to promote Beth Magnani from Clerk 1 to Principal Payroll Clerk in the Finance Department, retroactive to February 20, 2024.

- Approved.

- 4) Authorization to appoint Evan Zargo as Laborer 1 in the Water & Sewer Department, effective May 1, 2024.

- Approved.

5) Authorization to appoint Peter Margl as Laborer 1 in the Water & Sewer Department, effective June 1, 2024.

- Approved.

➤ **C.F.O. – Denise Biancamano**

➤ **BOROUGH ENGINEER -Jay Cornell**

1) Roadway Improvement Projects – Status Report (Report Attached).

2) French Street/Albert Street Roadway and Drainage Improvements – Change Order (Verbal Report).

- Resolution.

➤ **BOROUGH ATTORNEY – Matthew Moench**

• **PUBLIC PORTION**

At this time Mayor O'Brien opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on any and all matters.

Those commenting were:

- Jim Robinson, 11 Borelle Square

Mr. Robinson appreciated the cable ordinance being tabled and asked that they look into the provision of the statute that allows reduction in fees for seniors and the disabled. He commented on the public hearing for the pilot and the pilot itself. Mr. Robinson commented on the campaign funds the Republicans received.

- Mary Novak, 1 Scarlet Drive

Ms. Novak questioned if the Fire house next door was going to be declared a historic landmark and if the Borough received a report on it.

Mayor responded that the inspection hasn't been done.

Ms. Novak requested that they be allowed to ask questions.

- Ken Olchaskey, 108 North Edward Street

Mr. Olchaskey commented on the local cable office. He commented on the road that will go from Trammell Crow to Jernee Mill Road.

- Adeline Varriale, 92 Coolidge Avenue

Ms. Varriale commented on the preserving the fire house.

- Bob Egan, 43 Elizabeth Street

Mr. Egan thanked the road department for getting their recyclables picked up on a Saturday due to road work. He commented on the pilot.

- Demetra Wagner, 7 Roma Street

Ms. Wagner stated that the residents can also get satellite for cable or stream through the internet.

No further comments.

**Council President Roberts made a motion to close the Public Portion.
Seconded by Councilman Balka.**

Roll Call: Voice Vote, all Ayes.

• **ADJOURNMENT**

No further business Council President Roberts made a motion to adjourn.
Seconded by Councilman Zebrowski.

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Roll Call: Voice Vote, all Ayes.

Time 10:15 P.M.

Jessica Morelos, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Date Approved: _____