

Council President Onuoha opened the Council Meeting at 7:00 PM followed by a short prayer and salute to the flag. This meeting was held hybrid.

- **STATEMENT OF NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

Municipal Clerk Morelos announced that this September 26, 2023 Council 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, posting on the bulletin board, and is on file in her office.

- **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Councilpersons Balka, Conti, Novak, Onuoha, Roberts, Zebrowski

Absent: None

Others Present: Glenn Skarzynski, Business Administrator
Denise Biancamano, C.F.O./Treasurer
Jessica Morelos, Municipal Clerk
Salvatore J. Alfieri, Esq., Borough Attorney
Jay Cornell, P.E., Borough Engineer
Nicole Waranowicz, Assistant Municipal Clerk

Others Absent: Mayor Victoria Kilpatrick

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

Councilman Onuoha moved the following minutes be approved, subject to correction if necessary:

- ☒ August 21, 2023 - Regular & Agenda Sessions
- ☒ September 11, 2023 - Regular, Agenda & Executive Sessions

Seconded by Councilwoman Novak.

Roll Call: Councilpersons Onuoha, Balka, Conti, Novak, Roberts, Zebrowski, all Ayes.

- **PROCLAMATION & PRESENTATIONS**

- Tina Earley, JCP&L
Ms. Earely gave an update on the street light outages.

- **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- **OLD BUSINESS:**

a) Public Hearing on the following Ordinances: None

- **NEW BUSINESS:**

a) Introduction of the following ordinances:

ORDINANCE #32-23
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING
CHAPTER II OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES
OF THE BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE TO AMEND
SECTION 2-51 "SAYREVILLE ECONOMIC AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY"
(Admin. & Finance Committee - Co. Balka - Public Hearing 10-10-23)

Councilman Balka moved the Ordinance be approved on first reading, advertised according to law and a Public Hearing be scheduled for October 10, 2023. Motion was seconded by Councilman Zebrowski.

Roll Call: Councilpersons Balka, Conti, Novak, Onuoha, Roberts, Zebrowski, all Ayes. Carried.

ORDINANCE #33-23
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING
CHAPTER VIII OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES
OF THE BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE TO AMEND
SECTION 8-3 "PEDDLERS AND HAWKERS"
(Admin. & Finance Committee - Co. Balka - Public Hearing 10-10-23)

Councilman Balka moved the Ordinance be approved on first reading, advertised according to law and a Public Hearing be scheduled for October 10, 2023. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Novak.

Roll Call: Councilpersons Balka, Conti, Novak, Onuoha, Roberts, Zebrowski, all Ayes. Carried.

• **CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS**

Council President Onuoha opened the meeting for any questions or comments on Consent Agenda Resolutions.

Those commenting were:

- Jim Robinson, 11 Borelle Square

Mr. Robinson questioned Resolution #2023-269 and if an investigation would also be done.

Borough Clerk Morelos responded that we will need a resolution authorizing to readvertise for the RFP.

No further comments.

Councilwoman Novak made a motion to close the Public Portion and adopt the Consent Agenda Resolutions. Seconded by Councilman Balka.

Roll Call: Councilpersons Novak, Balka, Conti (Abstained from Items 23-05115 on Resolution #2023-258), Onuoha, Roberts, Zebrowski, all Ayes.

RESOLUTION #2023-258

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.

Absent
Victoria Kilpatrick, Mayor

/s/ Daniel Balka, Councilman

/s/ Christian Onuoha, Councilman

/s/ Vincent Conti, Councilman

/s/ Donna Roberts, Councilwoman

/s/ Mary J. Novak, Councilwoman

/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/ Salvatore J. Alfieri, Borough Attorney

Bill list of September 26, 2023 in the amount of \$2,423,538.82 in a separate Bill List File for 2023 (See Appendix Bill List 2023-A for this date).

RESOLUTION #2023-259

BE IT RESOLVED that the proper Borough officials are hereby authorized to award a contract through NJ State Contract T0106/17-Fleet-00738, for the purchase of six (6) In Car Video Systems from Axon Enterprise, Inc., 17800 N 85th Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85255 at a total cost not to exceed \$96,750.00.

/s/ Donna Roberts, Councilwoman
(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/ Salvatore J. Alfieri, Borough Attorney

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE

/s/ Jessica Morelos, RMC
Municipal Clerk

/s/ Christian Onuoha
Council President

RESOLUTION #2023-260

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2021 the Borough of Sayreville awarded a contract for "HVAC Maintenance, Repairs & Replacement" to Merco Services, Inc. (formally Titan Mechanical); and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Sayreville is desirous of exercising its right to renew the contract; and

WHEREAS, Merco Services, Inc., has indicated their interest in extending their terms of the aforesaid contract; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Sayreville that the terms and conditions of the current contract with the above-captioned supplier for "HVAC Maintenance, Repairs & Replacement" is hereby renewed in an amount not to exceed \$70,650.00.

/s/ Vincent Conti, 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/ Salvatore J. Alfieri, Borough Attorney

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE

/s/ Jessica Morelos, RMC
Municipal Clerk

/s/ Christian Onuoha
Council President

RESOLUTION #2023-261

BE IT RESOLVED that the proper Borough officials are hereby authorized to award a contract through NJ State Contract T3087 18-DPP00173, for the purchase of one (1) Asphalt Hotbox Trailer from Trius, Inc., 5049 Industrial Rd., Farmingdale, NJ 07727 at a total cost not to exceed \$40,175.75.

/s/ Vincent Conti, 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/ Salvatore J. Alfieri, Borough Attorney

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE

/s/ Jessica Morelos, RMC
Municipal Clerk

/s/ Christian Onuoha
Council President

RESOLUTION #2023-262

BE IT RESOLVED that the proper Borough officials are hereby authorized to award a contract through Sourcewell Contract 093021-ELG, for the purchase of one (1) Elgin Eagle Street Sweeper from W.E. Timmerman Co., Inc. PO Box 71, Whitehouse, NJ 08888 at a total cost not to exceed \$435,406.38.

/s/ Vincent Conti, 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/ Salvatore J. Alfieri, Borough Attorney

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE

/s/ Jessica Morelos, RMC
Municipal Clerk

/s/ Christian Onuoha
Council President

RESOLUTION #2023-263

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Qualified Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for the receipt of bids for High Voltage Electrician services.

/s/ John Zebrowski, Councilman
(Water & Sewer 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/ Salvatore J. Alfieri, Borough Attorney

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE

/s/ Jessica Morelos, RMC
Municipal Clerk

/s/ Christian Onuoha
Council President

RESOLUTION #2023-264

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD
OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Sayreville has a need to acquire membranes and related equipment, parts and accessories for the purpose of water filtration through a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A- 20.5* and,

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5* provides exceptions to the public bidding of certain contracts, specifically *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(gg)* a contract for the provision of water supply services or wastewater treatment services entered into pursuant to section 2 of P.L.2002, c.47 (C.40A:11-5.1), or the designing, financing, construction, operation, or maintenance, or any combination thereof, of a water supply facility as defined in subsection (16) of section 15 of P.L.1971, c.198 (C.40A:11-15) or a wastewater treatment system as defined in subsection (19) of section 15 of P.L.1971, c.198 (C.40A:11-15), or any component part or parts thereof, including a water filtration system as defined in subsection (16) of section 15 of P.L.1971, c.198 (C.40A:11-15); and,

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$44,000; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year; and

WHEREAS, Filmtec Corporation has indicated they will provide the necessary goods for the Borough of Sayreville; and

WHEREAS, Filmtec Corporation has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies Filmtec that has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Sayreville in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Filmtec Corporation from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, Certification as to the Availability of Funds is annexed hereto

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Sayreville authorizes the Purchasing Agent to enter into a contract with Filmtec Corporation as described herein; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution.

/s/ John Zebrowski, Councilman
(Water & Sewer 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/ Salvatore J. Alfieri, Borough Attorney

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE

/s/ Jessica Morelos, RMC
Municipal Clerk

/s/ Christian Onuoha
Council President

RESOLUTION #2023-265

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87* provides that the director of the Division of Local Finance may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such items shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation of equal amount:

SECTION 1.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Sayreville hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Finance to approve the insertion of the following items of revenue in the budget of the year 2023 in the sums contained in **Section 2** which items are now available as a revenue from the following sources:

SECTION 2.

- DMHAS Youth Leadership Grant - \$5,000.00

SECTION 3.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

/s/ Daniel Balka, Councilman
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/ Salvatore J. Alfieri, Borough Attorney

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE

/s/ Jessica Morelos, RMC
Municipal Clerk

/s/ Christian Onuoha
Council President

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WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation of equal amount:

SECTION 1.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Sayreville hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Finance to approve the insertion of the following items of revenue in the budget of the year 2023 in the sums contained in **Section 2** which items are now available as a revenue from the following sources:

SECTION 2.

- 2023 Municipal Alliance Grant - \$16,183.00
- Cash Match \$4,045.75

SECTION 3.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

/s/ Daniel Balka, Councilman
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/ Salvatore J. Alfieri, Borough Attorney

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE

/s/ Jessica Morelos, RMC
Municipal Clerk

/s/ Christian Onuoha
Council President

RESOLUTION #2023-267

WHEREAS, Borough Engineer David J. Samuel has recommended that certain increases and decreases be included in the following described project as will more fully appear by Closeout Contract Change Order No. 1:

- Project: Kennedy Park Pedestrian Bridge Improvements – Phase II
- Contractor: Compass Construction
P.O. Box 191
New Egypt, NJ 08533
- Net Decrease: \$5,000.00
- Reason: Adjustment of original contract to reflect actual quantities installed and work performed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

1. That the recommendation and approval of said Borough Engineer referred to above and in said Change Order be and the same is hereby accepted and approved:
2. That the Governing Body determines that said charges are proper and essential and that same be paid upon the submission of properly approved borough voucher.

/s/ Vincent Conti, 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/ Salvatore J. Alfieri, Borough Attorney

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE

/s/ Jessica Morelos, RMC
Municipal Clerk

/s/ Christian Onuoha
Council President

RESOLUTION #2023-268

**ACCEPTING FINAL WORK
AND AUTHORIZING FINAL PAYMENT
UPON EXPIRATION OF STATUTORY PERIOD**

WHEREAS, the following named contractor has completed the following work as indicated on the project hereafter referred to, which work is apparently in accordance with the plans, specifications and contract documents:

- Project: Kennedy Park Pedestrian Bridge Improvements – Phase II

- Contractor: Compass Construction
P.O. Box 191
New Egypt, NJ 08533
- Balance Due \$44,403.10

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has fully issued a certificate certifying to the completion of the work and recommending payment in accordance with the terms thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Standing Committee of the Governing Body under whose jurisdiction this work falls has likewise inspected said work and has determined that it has been completed in apparent conformity with the plans and specifications; and

WHEREAS, the Statutes of New Jersey pertaining to the enforcement of mechanic's and materialmen's liens on municipal projects provide that notice thereof may be filed at any time within 45 days of the final acceptance of said work;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

1. That the project described in the preamble hereof is hereby accepted and approved with the proviso that such action is not to be construed as a waiver of any violation of the terms of said plans, specifications and contract documents if such violation should later appear.

2. That the Borough Clerk is authorized to insert a brief notice in a daily newspaper circulating in Middlesex County once a week for two consecutive weeks giving public notice of the final acceptance of said work so that any potential lien claimants may have notice thereof.

3. That upon expiration of the 45 days from the date hereof, the proper municipal officials be and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver a check to the said contractor covering the amount due him, less any retained percentage authorized by the contract documents.

4. That should the contract under which this work has been done provide for the release of any retained percentage upon the filing of a maintenance bond, that said percentage shall be paid said contractor upon the filing of a one-year 15% Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$55,965.00 and the approval of same as to form and sufficiency by the Borough Attorney.

/s/ Vincent Conti, 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/ Salvatore J. Alfieri, Borough Attorney

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE

/s/ Jessica Morelos, RMC
Municipal Clerk

/s/ Christian Onuoha
Council President

RESOLUTION #2023-269

AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FIRM OF MERCADIEN P.C., OF PRINCETON, NJ AS FORENSIC AUDITOR/ACCOUNTANT TO PERFORM A COMPREHENSIVE TEN (10) YEAR REVIEW OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SAYREVILLE ECONOMIC REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (SERA) AND ANY BOROUGH DEPARTMENT AS DEEMED NECESSARY FROM 2012 TO 2022 AT A FEE NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000.00

WHEREAS, the Borough of Sayreville previously passed Resolution 2022-296 which authorized the Borough to advertise for Request for Professionals to conduct a special investigation which includes, among other things, conducting a forensic audit into the activities of the Sayreville Economic Redevelopment Agency (SERA) and other Borough Departments, as deemed necessary, from 2012 through 2022 at a cost not to exceed \$25,000.00 (twenty-five thousand dollars and zero cents); and,

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2023, the Borough received four (4) proposals, which are identified as follows:

Joseph A. DeLuca Advisory & Consulting Services LLC
Marcum Accountants & Advisors
Grassi Advisors & Accountants
Mercadien, P.C.

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to appoint Mercadien, P.C. to conduct a comprehensive ten (10) year forensic audit and/or accounting of the activities of SERA and any Borough department, as may be deemed necessary, from 2012 through 2022 at cost not to exceed \$25,000.00 (twenty-five thousand dollars and zero cents).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Sayreville, in the County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The aforesaid recitals are hereby adopted and incorporated herein as if repeated in full herein; and,
2. Mercadien, P.C. is hereby by appointed as Forensic Auditor/Accountant to perform a comprehensive ten (10) year review of the activities of the Sayreville Economic Redevelopment Agency (SERA) and any Borough Department as deemed necessary from 2012 to 2022 at a fee not to exceed \$25,000.00 (twenty-five thousand dollars and zero cents); and,
3. The Mayor, Borough Clerk and any other applicable Borough officers or employees are hereby authorized and directed to take such ministerial actions as are necessary to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

/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/ Salvatore J. Alfieri, Borough Attorney

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE

/s/ Jessica Morelos, RMC
Municipal Clerk

/s/ Christian Onuoha
Council President

READ IN FULL

RESOLUTION #2023-270

RESOLUTION PROVIDING DELEGATION TO THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF THE BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY WITH RESPECT TO THE BONDS PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED IN THE PRINCIPAL SUM OF \$13,743,000 IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Sayreville, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Borough"), has heretofore adopted a resolution authorizing bonds in the aggregate principal sum of \$13,743,000 (the "Bonds") to finance part of the cost of various capital improvements in the Borough (the "Resolution"); and

WHEREAS, the Resolution provides for the aggregate principal amount of the bonds to be issued, the bond ordinances being included in the bonds authorized, the maturity schedule of each such series of bonds, the average period of usefulness of the improvements or purposes being financed by each such series of bonds and other certain other matters related to the bonds; and

WHEREAS, in order to comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), certain changes to the Resolution may need to be made to reduce the aggregate principal amount of the bonds, eliminate certain bond ordinances and adjust the average period of usefulness of the improvements or purposes and the maturity schedule for the bonds and the Borough Council of the Borough desires to delegate to the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough the authority to make such changes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY that:

Section 1. Prior to the distribution of the offering document and notice of sale for the Bonds, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough is hereby authorized to (a) reduce the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds below \$13,743,000, (b) eliminate certain bond ordinances being funded with the proceeds of the Bonds, (c) adjust the average period of usefulness of the improvements or purposes being financed with the proceeds of the Bonds based upon the remaining bond ordinances, (d) adjust the maturity schedule for the Bonds, and (e) make such other changes as are deemed necessary in consultation with Bond Counsel and the Municipal Advisor to the Borough in order to comply with the requirements of the Code and for the interest on the Bonds to be tax-exempt from gross income of the holders thereof under the Code.

Section 2. Other than as set forth in Section 1 hereof, the Borough hereby ratifies in all respects all provisions of the Resolution.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

/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/ Salvatore J. Alfieri, Borough Attorney

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE

/s/ Jessica Morelos, RMC
Municipal Clerk

/s/ Christian Onuoha
Council President

At this time Council President Onuoha opened the meeting up to the public for questions or comments on this resolution.

There were no comments.

Councilwoman Novak moved the public portion be closed and the Resolution be adopted on Roll Call vote. Seconded by Councilman Conti.

Roll Call: Councilpersons Novak, Balka, Conti, Onuoha, Roberts, Zebrowski, all Ayes.

READ IN FULL

RESOLUTION #2023-271

BE IT RESOLVED that the proper Borough officials are hereby authorized to award a contract through NJ State Contract 17-Fleet-00819, for the purchase of SCBA equipment from New Jersey Fire Equipment Co., 119-131 Route 22 East, Green Brook, NJ 08812 at a total cost not to exceed \$671,669.18.

/s/ Donna Roberts, Councilwoman
(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/ Salvatore J. Alfieri, Borough Attorney

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE

/s/ Jessica Morelos, RMC
Municipal Clerk

/s/ Christian Onuoha
Council President

At this time Council President Onuoha opened the meeting up to the public for questions or comments on this resolution.

Those commenting were:

- Jim Robinson, 11 Borelle Square
Mr. Robinson questioned what this resolution was for.
Business Administrator Skarzynski responded that it is for self-contained breathing apparatus.

There were no further comments.

Councilwoman Novak moved the public portion be closed and the Resolution be adopted on Roll Call vote. Seconded by Councilman Zebrowski.

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

• CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Departmental Reports for August, 2023.
- B. Resignations/Retirements from Employees/Fire Department/Boards & Commission:
 - 1. Tony Jackowski from his position as Roads Supervisor in the Department of Public Works, October 31, 2023.
 - 2. Heather Miara from the Environmental Commission, effective July 1, 2023.

C. Minutes from Boards/Commissions:

1. Shade Tree Commission – August 17, 2023.
2. Planning Board – September 6, 2023.

Councilwoman Novak made a motion to accept the correspondence. Seconded by Councilwoman Roberts.

Roll Call: Councilpersons Novak, Balka, Conti, Onuoha, Roberts, Zebrowski, all Ayes.

• **MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS**

➤ **ADMINISTRATIVE & FINANCE – Councilman Balka**

- 1) Wished Tony Jackowski well on his retirement.
- 2) Audit is wrapping up and should receive it soon.

➤ **PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilwoman Roberts**

- 1) Thanked Don Riley for his service to Morgan First Aid Squad.
- 2) Thanked all 1st responders who responded to the fire on Furman Avenue and there is a go fund me page for the family.
- 3) Tree planting Memorial for Eli will be held on October 7th who lost his life saving others.
- 4) Commented on the accreditation for the police department, PULSSE program and SAFE program.

➤ **PUBLIC WORKS – Councilman Conti**

- 1) Thanked Don Riley and wished him well on his retirement.
- 2) Thanked Heather for her service on the Environmental Commission.
- 3) Thanked Tony Jackowski for his service and wished him well.
- 4) Congratulated Craig and Chuck on their promotions.
- 5) Working on fixing potholes better.
- 6) Would like to see more traffic lights on Main Street.

➤ **RECREATION – Councilwoman Novak**

- 1) Thanked Heather, Tony & Don Riley for their service.
- 2) Reported on recreation events.
- 3) Construction of the pickleball court has started.
- 4) Residential maintenance program for seniors is available.

➤ **WATER & SEWER/ENVIRONMENTAL – Councilman Zebrowski**

- 1) Water & Sewer Department is unveiling a new logo for their equipment and uniforms.
- 2) Congratulated Tony Jackowski on his retirement.
- 3) Wished Craig & Chuck well in their new positions.
- 4) Thanked Heather and Don Riley for their service.

➤ **PLANNING & ZONING – Council President Onuoha**

- 1) Thanked the residents that attended the Planning Board meeting.
- 2) Zoning Board meeting will be held on Wednesday & Thursday is SERA's meeting.

Councilwoman Roberts gave an overview of the Planning Board meeting.

➤ **MAYOR – Victoria Kilpatrick**

- **PUBLIC PORTION**

At this time Council President Onuoha opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on any and all matters.

Those commenting were:

- Kelly Last, 19 Eulner Street

Ms. Last stated that the roadway needs to be redone and there are several issues on the street.

- Sharon Attamante, 19 Eulner Street

Ms. Attamante commented on the issues on Eulner Street.

- Steve Barrera, 16 Eulner Street

Mr. Barrera commented on the issues on Eulner Street.

- Jen Camporeale, 169 Standiford Avenue

Ms. Camporeale commented on the issues with the intersection of Standiford and Miller.

- Taylor Bernosky, 71 Pulaski Avenue

Ms. Bernosky commented on the ordinances being violated in regards to political signs.

Business Administrator stated that they would have the signs taken down.

Councilwoman Roberts suggested that the ordinance be amended due to changes in the election which allow the voters to vote earlier.

Council had no objections to amending that ordinance.

-Dariusz Demianczuk, 23 Eulner Street

Mr. Demianczuk commented on the issues on Eulner Street.

- Jim Robinson, 11 Borelle Square

Mr. Robinson commented on the lights at Kennedy Park. He commented on the SERA ordinance that was introduced. He questioned the status on the appraisal for the property on Main Street. Mr. Robinson stated that the SERA minutes from March were not on the website. He commented on indictments. Mr. Robinson stated that traffic lights cause more traffic on main roads.

- Bob Duffy, 111 Merritt Avenue

Mr. Duffy questioned the cost of a traffic light.

Borough Engineer Cornell responded about \$500,000.00.

Mr. Duffy suggested that the Borough can hire a traffic expert and use the money from the Planning Board escrow. He commented on the Route 9 and Bordentown Avenue intersection.

- Allison Hornbeck, 7 Driftwood Drive

Ms. Hornbeck commented on the SERA investigation and who deems other departments necessary.

Borough Attorney Alfieri responded that it depends on what the investigation finds.

Ms. Hornbeck requested that they look into Sayreville AA.

Borough Attorney Alfieri responded that it is a separate organization.

Ms. Hornbeck questioned if the Phoenix report was completed and if that information is public.

Business Administrator Skarzynski responded that it was forwarded to the Council and it is not available to the public because there can be further negotiations.

- Ken Olchaskey, 108 North Edward Street

Mr. Olchaskey questioned if the Trammel Crow warehouses will be ready to open by the end of the year.

Business Administrator Skarzynski responded yes.

Mr. Olchaskey questioned the status of the improvements to Cheesequake and Bordentown intersection.

Borough Engineer Cornell responded that it should be starting shortly.

Mr. Olchaskey questioned who would be paying for the improvements.

Borough Engineer Cornell responded it will be the developer.

Mr. Olchaskey commented on the intersection of Bordentown and Jernee Mill.

Borough Engineer Cornell responded that would be a whole new intersection.

Mr. Olchaskey questioned the status of light repairs and who pays for it.

Councilwoman Novak responded that they are getting back to regular work because they were in storm mode.

Business Administrator Skarzynski responded that the Borough pays for them whether they are working or not.

- Jim Robinson, 11 Borelle Square

Mr. Robinson stated that the Borough paid \$511,000 for street lights last year.

He stated that he heard the school board awarded a contract for the bus depot and what is the status of the agreement, did they appear before the Planning Board and how many trees will be taken down.

Borough Engineer Cornell responded that they have not appeared before the Planning Board.

Business Administrator Skarzynski responded that the Borough is waiting for information in order to complete the lease agreement.

Mr. Robinson stated that the Tax Assessor has not seen the Phoenix report and he should be given it to him for his input.

Councilman Balka suggested that they give the Tax Assessor a redacted copy.

- Ken Olchaskey, 108 North Edward Street

Mr. Olchaskey commented on the Trammel Crow pilot. He commented on the Main Street bypass.

- Barry Mueller, 5 Ryan Court

Mr. Mueller requested that when the Borough negotiates a lease agreement with the Board of Education that they put a provision in the agreement to require bussing for all residents.

- Andrew Mele, Trammel Crow

Mr. Mele stated the intersection of Bordentown and Cheesequake would cost them about \$900,000. He stated the cost of the improvements to Cheesequake and Minnisink was about \$2.1 million dollars. Mr. Mele stated they are working on the signage. He commented on the pilot.

- Bob Duffy, 111 Merritt Avenue

Mr. Duffy questioned if there is a contract with JCP&L for the streetlights.

Business Administrator responded that they will look into it.

Mr. Duffy suggested the Borough hire a company to fix the lights and charge JCP&L.

No further comments.

Councilwoman Novak made a motion to close the Public Portion. Seconded by Councilwoman Roberts.

Roll Call: Voice Vote, all Ayes.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

No further business Councilwoman Novak made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilwoman Roberts.

Roll Call: Voice Vote, all Ayes.

Time 9:07 P.M.

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Jessica Morelos, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Date Approved: _____