

**FEBRUARY 12, 2024
REGULAR/AGENDA
MEETING**

Mayor O'Brien opened the Regular/Agenda Meeting at 7:02 PM followed by a short prayer and salute to the flag.

- **STATEMENT OF NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

Municipal Clerk Morelos announced that this February 12, 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, 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:

✍ January 22, 2024 - Regular/Agenda & Closed Sessions

Seconded by Councilman Balka.

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

- **PROCLAMATION & PRESENTATIONS**

✦ **Historical Society Presentation on the Old Borough Hall/First Fire Dept.**
Historical Society Members gave the history on the building, asked for local recognition for it to be a historical landmark and to create a committee.

- **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Borough Clerk Morelos read the following Executive Session Resolution into record.

RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances, and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist;

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

1. The public portion of this meeting is hereby adjourned in order that the Governing Body may meet in a closed, private session for approximately 10 minutes to discuss the following matters:

- Litigation

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2. Following the conclusion of said closed session, the Governing body shall reconvene the open portion of this meeting to consider any other matters which may be properly brought before it at this time.

3. The nature and content of discussion which occurs during closed session shall be made public at the time the need for non-disclosure no longer exists.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the public be excluded and this resolution shall take effect immediately.

/s/ Donna Roberts, Council President

APPROVED:

/s/ Kennedy O'Brien, Mayor

Council President Roberts moved the Executive Session Resolution be adopted on Roll Call Vote. Motion seconded by Councilman Zebrowski.

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

Time: 7:18 PM

Reconvene:

Council President Roberts made a motion to reconvene. Motion was seconded by Councilman Balka.

Roll Call: Voice Vote, all Ayes.

Time: 7:36 PM

- **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a) Public Hearing on the following Ordinances: None
 - b) Appointments – None

- **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a) Introduction of the following ordinances:
 - ORDINANCE #01-24**
 - ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE**
 - OF A DEED OF RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATION**
 - FOR A PORTION OF BLOCK 175 LOT 10.01 FROM**
 - THE PLACE AT SAYREVILLE, LLC**
 - (Public Works Committee – Co. Colaci – Public Hearing 2-26-24)**

Councilman Colaci moved the Ordinance be approved on first reading, advertised according to law and a Public Hearing be scheduled for February 26, 2024. Motion was seconded by Council President Roberts.

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

ORDINANCE #02-24
AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN BOROUGH
OFFICIALS, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES FOR THE
YEARS 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026 & 2027
(Admin. & Finance Committee – Co. Balka – Public Hearing 2-26-24)

Councilman Balka moved the Ordinance be approved on first reading, advertised according to law and a Public Hearing be scheduled for February 26, 2024. Motion was seconded by Council President Roberts.

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

**ORDINANCE #03-24
AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN BOROUGH
OFFICIALS, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES FOR THE
YEARS 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026 & 2027
(Admin. & Finance Committee - Co. Balka - Public Hearing 2-26-24)**

Councilman Balka moved the Ordinance be approved on first reading, advertised according to law and a Public Hearing be scheduled for February 26, 2024. Motion was seconded by Council President Roberts.

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

**ORDINANCE #04-24
CALENDAR YEAR 2024
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET
APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)
(Admin. & Finance Committee - Co. Balka - Public Hearing 2-26-24)**

Councilman Balka moved the Ordinance be approved on first reading, advertised according to law and a Public Hearing be scheduled for February 26, 2024. Motion was seconded by Council President Roberts.

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

- **CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS**

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

There were no comments.

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

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

RESOLUTION #2024-50

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 February 12, 2024 in the amount of \$10,739,015.69 in a separate Bill List File for 2024 (See Appendix Bill List 2024-A for this date).

RESOLUTION #2024-51
**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND ADOPTING THE CENTRAL JERSEY
JOINT INSURANCE FUND'S 2024 SAFETY INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Sayreville is a member of the Central Jersey Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (CENTRAL JIF); and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the CENTRAL JIF to achieve the best and most practical degree of freedom from accidents and/or injuries; and

WHEREAS, the CENTRAL JIF endeavors to ensure that all of their members' employees, volunteers and public are provided with a safe and healthy environment, free from any recognized hazards; and

WHEREAS, the CENTRAL JIF's Safety Committee is made up of representatives of the Fund's Municipalities, along with the professionals employed by the Fund; and

WHEREAS, the new program will assist all the Central JIF members in becoming or maintaining compliance with all Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health (PEOSH) Requirements; and

WHEREAS, the CENTRAL JIF has adopted the new 2024 SAFETY INCENTIVE PROGRAM which should succeed in providing a safe, healthful and pleasant environment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough of Sayreville, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Central Jersey Joint Insurance Fund SAFETY INCENTIVE PROGRAM be adopted by the Borough of Sayreville.

/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 #2024-52

**A RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM THE BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE'S CIVIL RIGHTS POLICY
WITH RESPECT TO ALL OFFICIALS, APPOINTEES, EMPLOYEES, PROSPECTIVE
EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTERS, INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS, AND MEMBERS OF THE
PUBLIC THAT COME INTO CONTACT WITH MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, OFFICIALS
AND VOLUNTEERS**

WHEREAS, it is the policy of Borough of Sayreville (Borough) to treat the public, employees, prospective employees, appointees, volunteers and contractors in a manner

consistent with all applicable civil rights laws and regulations including, but not limited to the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 as subsequently amended, the New Jersey Law against Discrimination, the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Conscientious Employee Protection Act, and

WHEREAS, the governing body of Borough of Sayreville has determined that certain procedures need to be established to accomplish this policy

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council that:

Section 1: No official, employee, appointee or volunteer of the Borough by whatever title known, or any entity that is in any way a part of the Borough shall engage, either directly or indirectly in any act including the failure to act that constitutes discrimination, harassment or a violation of any person’s constitutional rights while such official, employee, appointee volunteer, or entity is engaged in or acting on behalf of the Borough’s business or using the facilities or property of the Borough

Section 2: The prohibitions and requirements of this resolution shall extend to any person or entity, including but not limited to any volunteer organization or inter-local organization, whether structured as a governmental entity or a private entity, that receives authorization or support in any way from the Borough to provide services that otherwise could be performed by the Borough.

Section 3: Discrimination, harassment and civil rights shall be defined for purposes of this resolution using the latest definitions contained in the applicable Federal and State laws concerning discrimination, harassment and civil rights.

Section 4: The Business Administrator shall establish written procedures for any person to report alleged discrimination, harassment and violations of civil rights prohibited by this resolution. Such procedures shall include alternate ways to report a complaint so that the person making the complaint need not communicate with the alleged violator in the event the alleged violator would be the normal contact for such complaints.

Section 5: No person shall retaliate against any person who reports any alleged discrimination, harassment or violation of civil rights, provided however, that any person who reports alleged violations in bad faith shall be subject to appropriate discipline.

Section 6: The Business Administrator shall establish written procedures that require all officials, employees, appointees and volunteers of the Borough as well as all other entities subject to this resolution to periodically complete training concerning their duties, responsibilities and rights pursuant to this resolution.

Section 7: The Business Administrator shall establish a system to monitor compliance and shall report at least annually to the governing body the results of the monitoring.

Section 8: At least annually, the Business Administrator shall cause a summary of this resolution and the procedures established pursuant to this resolution to be communicated within the Borough. This communication shall include a statement from the governing body expressing its unequivocal commitment to enforce this resolution. This summary shall also be posted on the Borough of Sayreville’s web site.

Section 9: This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Section 10: A copy of this resolution shall be published in the official newspaper of the Borough of Sayreville in order for the public to be made aware of this policy and the Borough’s commitment to the implementation and enforcement of this policy.

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

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- 1) The Legislature is urged to adopt budget and levy cap exemptions for property/casualty insurance and claims; and
- 2) The Administration and the Legislature should not adopt additional legislation or regulations that will increase municipal claims without a thorough and complete analysis of the cost; and

The New Jersey Department of Labor, the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs should meet with representatives of municipal government to discuss ways to reduce property/casualty costs.

/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
<u>/s/ Jessica Morelos, RMC</u> Municipal Clerk	<u>/s/ Kennedy O'Brien</u> Mayor

RESOLUTION #2024-54

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the following transfers between 2023 Budget Appropriations be and the same are hereby authorized to be made in the following manner to wit:

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
<u>CURRENT FUND</u>		
General Administration S&W (3-01-20-100-011)		3,000.00
Terminal Leave (3-01-30-410-100)		300,000.00
Capital Improvement Fund (3-01-44-901-100)		300,000.00
Group Insurance (3-01-23-220-195)	250,000.00	
Police S&W (3-01-25-240-018)	150,000.00	
Police Dispatch S&W (3-01-25-250-012)	25,000.00	
Road Repair & Maintenance OE (3-01-26-290-237)	25,000.00	
Garbage & Trash OE (3-01-26-305-249)	30,000.00	
Vehicle & Equipment OE (3-01-26-315-267)	13,000.00	
Sewage Treatment & Disposal OE (3-01-31-455-310)	50,000.00	

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Gasoline, Fuel & Lubes (3-01-31-460-316)	50,000.00	
Garbage Disposal – Landfill (3-01-32-465-314)	10,000.00	
	<u>\$ 603,000.00</u>	<u>\$603,000.00</u>

WATER UTILITY

Terminal Leave (3-05-55-135-100)		50,000.00
Water Operating OE (3-05-55-110-361)	50,000.00	

/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 #2024-55

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 Change Order No. 1:

- Project: Improvements to South Minnisink Avenue
- Contractor: Z Brothers Concrete Contractors, Inc.
304 Jernee Mill Road
Sayreville, NJ 08872
- Amount: No Increase in original contract amount.
- 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/ 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 #2024-56

RESOLUTION TO APPLY TO NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GREEN ACRES PROGRAM FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO KENNEDY PARK

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program ("State"), provides loans and/or grants to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition, development, and stewardship of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, Sayreville Borough desires to further the public interest by obtaining funding in the amount of \$650,000.00, in the form of a 50% matching grant and, if available, a \$350,000.00 loan, from the State to fund the following project: Kennedy Park Improvements to include improvements to the walking trail, its lighting and tree cover at a cost of \$650,000.00 (*total project cost*); and

WHEREAS, the Borough is required to provide a 50% match and said match will be provided by Borough capital funds not to exceed \$325,000; and

WHEREAS, the State shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Green Acres Program, and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the State's funds in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the State for the above-named project;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Sayreville Borough Council resolves that:
That Kennedy O'Brien or the successor to the office of Mayor is hereby authorized to:

- a. Make application for such a loan and/or grant;
- b. provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required, and
- c. act as the authorized correspondent of the above-named applicant;

The applicant agrees to provide its matching share to the Green Acres funding request, if a match is required, in the amount of \$325,000;
In the event the State's funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project;
The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and
This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Sales Losses incurred during Program Year 2 pursuant to the Energy Efficiency and Peak Demand Reduction Programs.

3. Notice of Public Hearing to be held before NJ Transit on various dates and times around the State regarding proposed fare increases to rail, bus, light rail, access link and bus contract carriers.

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) Working on the budget and looking to have it introduced in March.

- **PLANNING & ZONING – Councilman Zebrowski**

- 1) Commented on the Planning Board, Zoning Board and SERA meetings. held its annual reorganization meeting on January 17th.

- **PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilman Onuoha**

- 1) Progress.

- **PUBLIC WORKS – Councilman Colaci**

- 1) Garbage pickup is delayed a day due to the impending storm.
- 2) French Street work has begun.
- 3) Public Works is prepping for the storm.
- 4) Police Station is getting a new coat of paint.
- 5) Evelyn Terrace Park equipment is being replaced.

- **RECREATION – Councilman Synarski**

- 1) 2024 schedule of events will be going out shortly.
- 2) Camp Counselors are needed.

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

- 1) Commented on the Swearing in of Police Officers.

- **MAYOR – Kennedy O’Brien**

- **GENERAL DISCUSSION AGENDA ITEMS**

- Admin. & Finance**

- 1) Authorization for the Tax Collector to refund 2023 taxes and cancel all subsequently billed taxes due to 100% Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption covering 64 Scarlet Drive, Block 211.04, Lot 51 in the amount of \$5,704.72.

- Resolution.

- 2) Authorization to auction the following on Municibid.com:
 - a) Pitney Bowes Relay 2500-3500 Mail Folder Inserter
 - b) Three (3) Multi-Function Copiers

- Resolution.

- 3) Application for a **Person to Person Transfer for the following:**

- 1) PRCL#1219-33-046-005 from Pooja Sayreville LLC to 567 Sayreville Liquor LLC, located at 567 Main Street, Sayreville (All Reports and paperwork have been filed).

- Resolution.

- Planning & Zoning**

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- Public Safety

- 1) Authorization to donate Fire Department equipment that has expired to the 911 Fund.

- Resolution.

- 2) Authorization to award a contract to Tactical Public Safety for 2024 Radio and Pager Maintenance through NJ State Contract T0109/A83932 in an amount not to exceed \$80,250.09.

- Resolution.

- 3) Request to travel received from the following:

- a) Sayreville Fire Department to attend the South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 17, 2024 in South Amboy, NJ.
- b) Morgan Hose & Chemical Co. 1 and Melrose Hose Co. No. 1 to attend a Hazmat on scene IC Course on February 15, 21, 22, 28, 29 and March 6, 2024 in Hillsborough, NJ.

- Approved.

- 4) Coin toss request for the corner of Washington & Ernston Road received from the following:

- a) Jersey Allstars Competitive Cheer Team for February 24 and 25, 2024. Discussion on if the organization was from Sayreville. Municipal Clerk will get more information.

- Denied.

- Public Works

- 1) Request received from Robert Downey General Contractor to refund Road Opening Permit fees totaling \$658.52, covering permits #5436, 5398, 5328, 5341 and 5346.

- Resolution.

- 2) Authorization to award a contract to Natural Green Lawn Care for Infield Renovations thorough ESCNJ Cooperative in an amount not to exceed \$26,650.00.

- Resolution.

- Recreation

- 1) Authorization to increase the following Recreation programs:

- a) Summer Camp – Burke's Park
Resident: \$270.00 Non-Resident: \$295
- b) Summer Camp – Burke's Park Before Care Option
Participant: \$90.00
- c) Youth Tennis Clinics
Resident: \$120.00 Non-Resident: \$145.00
- d) Summer STEM Camp
Resident: \$165.00 Non-Resident: \$190.00

- Resolution.

- 2) Application for Special Event received from the following:

- a) Dwarkadhis Temple to conduct Religious Services and Events on various dates on March 24, 2024, March 30, 2024, May 4, 2024, August 26, 2024, October 27 thru November 2, 2024, November 9, 2024 with alternate dates of November 10, 2024 or November 16, 2024. Events will take place on their property located at 717 Washington Road, Parlin.
- b) Masjid Sadar & Community Center to hold a prayer service on April 10, 2024 and June 17, 2024 at Kennedy Park from 7:30am-2:00pm.

- Resolution.

- Water & Sewer/Environmental

➤ **Business Administrator – Glenn Skarzynski**

- 1) Authorization to appoint Robert Lasko and James Satorski as Part-time Code Enforcement Officers, effective February 16, 2024.

- Approved.

➤ **C.F.O. – Denise Biancamano**

- 1) Budget Transfer Resolution.

- Resolution.

- 2) Authorization to refund escrow to Robert Downey General Contractor in the amount of \$734.88.

- Resolution.

➤ **BOROUGH ENGINEER - Jay Cornell**

- 1) Well Maintenance and Redevelopment Services – Closeout of Contract and Change Order (Report Attached).

- Resolution.

- 2) Improvements to Elizabeth Avenue – Change Order (Report Attached).

- Resolution.

Mayor commented about different flags for organizations and will come up with a process. He stated the front of the building is for our country, state and veterans.

➤ **BOROUGH ATTORNEY – Matthew Moench**

- 1) Explained the policy on flying flags on Borough flagpoles.

Borough Attorney Moench stated that if folks would like to speak on the pending mosque application that they can but it will be heard by the Planning Board and the Mayor & Council have no control over that board and will not comment.

• **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:

- Robert Duffy, 111 Merritt Avenue

Mr. Duffy questioned the status of the show cause order for Burlew.

Borough Attorney Moench responded that the previous attorney is still handling that case.

Mayor responded that the Business Administrator will get an update for him.

- Ruth Ann Mahoney, 2 Gerard Place

Ms. Mahoney commented on call ins not allowed anymore for meetings and her concern about an individual on the Planning Board.

- Samaya Sadar, 147 Jackson Avenue

Ms. Sadar commented on the zoom calls not allowed.

- Joe Karmazin, 322 Ernston Road

Mr. Karmazin requested the Borough hire an additional attorney for the mosque application.

- Nikki Voccio, 12 Dunlap Drive

Ms. Voccio requested the Borough hire an independent expert to evaluate the application.

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- Kim Uvari, 15 Louis Street

Ms. Uvari requested to hire an additional attorney to look at the plans for the mosque so that the residents get a fair opportunity.

- Allison Hornbeck, 7 Driftwood Drive

Ms. Hornbeck requested an additional attorney who is an expert to help the Planning Board and residents.

Borough Attorney Moench responded that the Council does not hire any experts or attorneys for the Planning Board. He stated that application will not come before the Council.

Ms. Hornbeck questioned if the Mayor & Council can hire an attorney for the residents.

Borough Attorney Moench responded that residents can hire an attorney.

Ms. Hornbeck questioned where she can find the streets that will be paved for 2024.

Response by Borough Engineer Cornell.

- Syed Ali, 44 Kierst Street

Mr. Ali questioned the bumpy road on Minnisink Avenue.

Borough Engineer Cornell responded that in the spring it will receive the final coat of pavement.

- Ghalib Syed, 3 Sophie Street

Mr. Syed commented on the street light outages and the town needs to do something about it. He commented on not being allowed to participate online for the zoom meetings.

- Barbara Sarnecky, Swider Drive

Ms. Sarnecky commented on an issue with the ongoing mold in her apartment and her daughter is sick from it.

No further comments.

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

Roll Call: Voice Vote, all Ayes.

• **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Roll Call: Voice Vote, all Ayes.

Time 8:42 P.M.

Jessica Morelos, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Date Approved: _____