

Mayor Kilpatrick opened the Council Meeting at 7:00 PM followed by a short prayer and salute to the flag.

- **STATEMENT OF NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

Municipal Clerk Morelos announced that this March 28, 2022 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, notifying the Sentinel Publishing Co., posting on the bulletin board, and is on file in her office.

- **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Councilpersons Conti, Dwumfour (arrived at 6:29pm), Maher, Novak, Onuoha, Roberts

Absent: None

Others Present: Mayor Victoria Kilpatrick
Daniel E. Frankel, Business Administrator
Denise Biancamano, C.F.O./Treasurer
Jessica Morelos, Municipal Clerk
Michael R. DuPont, Esq., Borough Attorney
Jay Cornell, P.E., Borough Engineer
Nicole Waranowicz, Asst. Municipal Clerk

Others Absent:

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

Councilwoman Maher moved the following minutes be approved, subject to correction if necessary:

- ☒ January 11, 2022 - Receipt of Bids (Duhernal Well Maintenance & Redevelopment Services)
- ☒ February 15, 2022 - Receipt of Bids (2021 Roadway Paving & Reconstruction Project – Phase I)
- ☒ March 15, 2022 - Receipt of Bids (2020 Roadway Paving & Reconstruction Project – Phase III)
- ☒ March 14, 2022 - Regular & Agenda Sessions
- ☒ March 21, 2022 - Budget Workshop Meeting

Seconded by Councilwoman Roberts.

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

- **PROCLAMATION & PRESENTATIONS**

- **† Arbor Day Proclamation**

Proclamation

WHEREAS, The Borough of Sayreville was named Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effectuate urban forestry management; and

WHEREAS, Sayreville obtained this recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation; and

WHEREAS, Tree City USA program was started in 1976 and is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation, in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters; and

WHEREAS, in 1872 J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Victoria Kilpatrick, Mayor of the Borough of Sayreville, do hereby acknowledge that **ARBOR DAY** will be observed April 23, 2022 and urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands to support our town's urban forestry program.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have caused this Proclamation to be issued and the official seal of the Borough duly affixed this 28th day of March, 2022.

Victoria Kilpatrick
Mayor

Council President Maher moved the following proclamation be approved. Seconded by Councilwoman Roberts.

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

- **EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE**
- **OLD BUSINESS: NONE**
- **NEW BUSINESS:**

a) Introduction of the following ordinances:

ORDINANCE # 11-22

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER II, "ADMINISTRATION",
TO AMEND SUBSECTION 2-15.5 "FEES"
OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES
OF THE BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE**

(Recreation Committee- Co. Maher - Public Hearing 4-11-22)

Council President Maher moved the Ordinance be approved on first reading, advertised according to law and a Public Hearing be scheduled for April 11, 2022. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Roberts.

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

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Kilpatrick opened the meeting for any questions or comments on Consent Agenda Resolutions.

There were no appearances.

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

Roll Call: Councilpersons Maher, Conti(abstained from item #22-01507 on Resolution #2022-70), Novak, Onuoha, Roberts, all Ayes.

RESOLUTION #2022-79

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/ Victoria Kilpatrick, Mayor

/s/ Vincent Conti, Councilman

/s/ Mary J. Novak, Councilwoman

Absent
Eunice Dwumfour, Councilwoman

/s/ Christian Onuoha, Councilman

/s/ Michele Maher, Councilwoman

/s/ Donna Roberts, Councilwoman

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/ Michael R. DuPont, Borough Attorney

Bill list of March 28, 2022 in the amount of \$1,870,140.03 in a separate Bill List File for 2022 (See Appendix Bill List 2022-A for this date).

RESOLUTION #2022-80

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 through 7.5, the *Borough of Sayreville* has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local government Services, and the Chief Financial officer has determined that the local government meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2022 budget year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the *Borough of Sayreville* that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & 7.6b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification, the governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:
 - a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
 - b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
 - c. Cash deficit of preceding year
 - d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
 - e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
 - f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes.
2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3 et seq., are fully met (complies with CAP law).
3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.
4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
 - a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated,
 - b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth
 - c. In itemization, form, arrangement and content, the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.
5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced and publicly advertised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.
6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services upon adoption.

/s/ Mary J. Novak, Councilwoman
(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/ Michael R. DuPont, Borough Attorney

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE

/s/ Jessica Morelos, RMC
Municipal Clerk

/s/ Victoria Kilpatrick
Mayor

RESOLUTION #2022-81

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2022, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Sayreville received bids for the "2020 Roadway Paving and Reconstruction Project – Phase III"; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council on this 28th day of March, 2022 that:

1. Contract for the “2020 Roadway Paving and Reconstruction Project – Phase III” be awarded to Crossroads Paving, 386 South Street, Suite 169, Newark, NJ 07105 for a total of \$886,912.50 as appears on their bid documents and attached hereto and made a part hereof, subject to the waiver of minor irregularities.

/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/ Michael R. DuPont, Borough Attorney

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE

/s/ Jessica Morelos, RMC
Municipal Clerk

/s/ Victoria Kilpatrick
Mayor

READ IN FULL

RESOLUTION #2022-82

TEMPORARY EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION #1

WHEREAS, an emergency condition has arisen in the 2022 Operating Budgets with respect to additional cost prior to the adoption of the 1 d N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation, and;

WHEREAS, the total Emergency Temporary Resolutions adopted in the 2022 pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 (Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 as amended) including this resolution totals \$15,403,756.50, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20:

1. An Emergency Temporary Appropriation be and the same is hereby made for:

Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Grant \$2,973,956.50

/s/ Mary J. Novak, Councilwoman
(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/ Michael R. DuPont, Borough Attorney

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE

/s/ Jessica Morelos, RMC
Municipal Clerk

/s/ Victoria Kilpatrick
Mayor

At this time Mayor Kilpatrick opened the meeting up to the public for questions or comments on this resolution.

There being no comments, Council President Maher moved the public portion be closed and the Resolution be adopted on Roll Call vote. Seconded by Councilwoman Roberts.

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

- **BOROUGH ATTORNEY - Michael DuPont**

Mr. DuPont stated the they are working on the land swap contract with the Board of Education.

- **PUBLIC PORTION**

At this time Mayor Kilpatrick 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 commented on an issue with the Business Administrator.

- Karen Bebert, 9 Burlington Road

Ms. Bebert thanked Sgt. Braile for working on the problem on Johnson's Lane. She commented on a meeting she had with Mr. Samuel about Pilot programs. She stated that the Republican and Democratic organizations will host an event together that will explain pilot programs.

- Barbara Kilcommons, 22 Schmitt Street

Ms. Kilcommons commented on the conditions of the town and Senior Center. She also commented on maintenance of properties throughout town.

Councilwoman Maher stated that the artist who will be doing the veterans' mural went down to Kennedy Park and suggested that the do it on the side of the bathroom building. She stated it would be a nice welcoming when you are driving into the park.

- Dave Sivilli, PBA President

Mr. Sivilli questioned the status of hazard pay.

Council President Maher stated they are still having discussions on it. He questioned if they could submit for reimbursement for money that was spent from their own pockets during COVID. Mr. Sivilli stated that the Borough has a four or five minimum on shifts. He also questioned if they can raise the amount of police officers in town.

- Ghalib Syed, 3 Sophie Street

Mr. Syed commented on the garbage on the streets and suggested that the borough hire students for the summer. He commented on the two new council members pictures not online.

- Mr. & Mrs. Ed Hernandez, 8 Joseph Street

Mr. & Mrs. Hernandez commented on the condition of their street and surrounding streets.

- Jim Robinson, 11 Borelle Square

Mr. Robinson questioned the federal funds that Sayreville would be receiving for water transportation improvements.

Mayor responded that they would look into it because they don't have that information.

Mr. Robinson commented on the street lights that are out in town.

Business Administrator Frankel stated that the police department did a sweep of the lights out and public works is going to add to that.

- Karen Bebert, 9 Burlington Road

Ms. Bebert stated that Sayreville Cares will be doing a cleanup at Kennedy Park on April 23rd.

- Robert Izzo, 21 N. Edward Street

Mr. Izzo thanked Sgt. Braile for his work and explaining the radar equipment. He questioned if they have come up with a solution for the speeding on his block. Mr. Izzo commented on the hiring of police officers.

- Robert Duffy, 111 Merritt Avenue

Mr. Duffy suggested that the Borough might be able to rent radar equipment. He stated that there use to be community service program for people that need it and maybe they can pick up garbage throughout the town.

No further comments.

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

Roll Call: Voice Vote, all Ayes.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Roll Call: Voice Vote, all Ayes.

Time 8:54 P.M.

Jessica Morelos, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Date Approved: _____