

**OCTOBER 28, 2024
REGULAR/AGENDA
MEETING**

Mayor O'Brien opened the Regular/Agenda 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 October 28, 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
Jessica Morelos, Municipal Clerk
Ryan Windels, Esq., Borough Attorney
Jay Cornell, P.E., Borough Engineer
Nicole Waranowicz, Asst. Municipal Clerk
Denise Biancamano, C.F.O./Treasurer

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:

- ☒ October 15, 2024 - Regular/Agenda and Executive Sessions
- ☒ October 21, 2024 - Special Meeting

Seconded by Councilman Balka.

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

- **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 #44-24.

Mayor O'Brien opened the meeting to the public for comments on Ordinance #44-24.

There were no comments.

Councilman Balka moved the Public Hearing be closed and the Ordinance be adopted on second and final reading and advertised according to law. Seconded by Councilwoman Roberts.

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

ORDINANCE #44-24

**AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN
BOROUGH OFFICIALS, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES
FOR THE YEARS 2023-2027
(School Traffic Guards-Per Diem)**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Sayreville as follows:

Section 1. The following annual salaries be and the same are hereby established for the following Borough Officials, officers and employees as per Schedules annexed hereto and made a part hereof.

Borough of Sayreville – Salary & Wage Schedule

School Traffic Guards – Per Diem

1st School Year	-	\$16.00
2nd School Year	-	\$17.00
3rd School Year	-	\$18.00

Upon completion of the 3rd school year, they will receive annual percentage increases in accordance with the AFSCME Contract.

Section 2. All ordinance or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

INTRODUCED/APPROVED ON FIRST READING

DATED: September 23, 2024

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

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

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

DATED: October 28, 2024

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

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

APPROVAL BY THE MAYOR ON THIS 28th DAY OF October, 2024.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/Matthew Moench, Borough Attorney

Public Hearing on Ordinance #45-24.

Mayor O'Brien opened the meeting to the public for comments on Ordinance #45-24.

There were no comments.

Councilman Zebrowski moved the Public Hearing be closed and the Ordinance be adopted on second and final reading and advertised according to law. Seconded by Councilwoman Roberts.

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

ORDINANCE #45-24
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING
CHAPTER XXVI OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES
OF THE BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE TO
AMEND SECTION 26-89.8 Sign Schedule I & II "Sign Permit Revocable"

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Sayreville, in the County of Middlesex, that the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Sayreville are hereby amended as follows amending section 26-89.8 Sign Schedule I & II as follows:

26-89.8 Sign Permit Revocable

- a. All rights and privileges acquired under the provisions of this chapter or any amendment thereto, are revocable at any time by the Office of Code Enforcement if the applicant fails to accurately depict the sign erected or to be erected or if the sign which is erected fails to meet the details of the detailed drawing submitted by the applicant. All such permits shall contain this provision.
- b. The following signs and the standards and conditions that govern such signs are set forth below. The total calculation of sign area shall include building, hanging, window and canopy signs as regulated by this chapter. All other signs are expressly prohibited.

See Chart Below

Political	32 sq. ft. (16 sq. ft. one side)	4	1	Not located in ROW and cannot create a safety hazard	no	no	Such sign may be displayed for a period of not more than 30 days 45 days before the election and no more than 3 days after the election. no later than 11:59pm of the Saturday immediately following the election.
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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Sayreville, in the County of Middlesex, that SECTION 26-89.8 - Sign Permit Revocable of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Sayreville, shall be amended to reflect said change.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication in accordance with law.

INTRODUCED/APPROVED ON FIRST READING
 DATED: September 23, 2024

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

/s/John Zebrowski, Councilman
 (Planning and Zoning Committee)
 Borough of Sayreville

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING
 DATED: October 28, 2024

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

/s/John Zebrowski, Councilman
 (Planning and Zoning Committee)
 Borough of Sayreville

APPROVAL BY THE MAYOR ON THIS 28th DAY OF October, 2024.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/Matthew Moench, Borough Attorney

- **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) Introduction of the following ordinances:

ORDINANCE #46-24
ORDINANCE AMENDING CONSTRUCTION FEE SCHEDULE
FOR THE BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX
(Admin. & Finance Committee- Co. Balka - Public Hearing 11-12-24)

Councilman Balka moved the Ordinance be approved on first reading, advertised according to law and a Public Hearing be scheduled for November 12, 2024. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Roberts.

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

ORDINANCE #47-24
BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX
ORDINANCE REGARDING LATE FEES FOR MOTEL LICENSES
(Admin. & Finance Committee- Co. Balka - Public Hearing 11-12-24)

Councilman Balka moved the Ordinance be approved on first reading, advertised according to law and a Public Hearing be scheduled for November 12, 2024. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Roberts.

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

ORDINANCE #48-24
BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX
ORDINANCE ACCEPTING DEED OF EASEMENT DEDICATION FROM
PARLIN EXECUTIVE CENTER LLC OVER A
PORTION OF BLOCK 30, LOT 1.01
(Planning & Zoning Committee- Co. Zebrowski - Public Hearing 11-12-24)

Councilman Zebrowski moved the Ordinance be approved on first reading, advertised according to law and a Public Hearing be scheduled for November 12, 2024. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Roberts.

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

ORDINANCE #49-24
BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX
ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE § 2-54A, TITLED "REGULATIONS ON
CONTRIBUTIONS" DUE TO THE PREEMPTION PROVISIONS OF THE
ELECTIONS TRANSPARENCY ACT, P.L.2023, C.30
(Admin. & Finance Committee- Co. Balka - Public Hearing 11-12-24)

Councilwoman Roberts moved the Ordinance be approved on first reading, advertised according to law and a Public Hearing be scheduled for November 12, 2024. Motion was seconded by Councilman Zebrowski.

Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons Roberts, Colaci, Synarski, Zebrowski
Nays: Councilpersons Balka and Onuoha

- **CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS**

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

Those commenting were:

- Mary Novak, 1 Scarlet Drive
Mrs. Novak commented on Resolution #2024-247 and requested that they don't go through with this.

No further comments.

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

Roll Call: Councilpersons Roberts, Balka (Abstained on item #24-06021 on Resolution #2024-244 and Nay on Resolution #2024-247), Colaci, Onuoha (Nay on Resolution #2024-247), Synarski, Zebrowski, all Ayes.

RESOLUTION #2024-244

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/ Ryan Windels, Borough Attorney

Bill list of October 28, 2024 in the amount of \$2,165,488.49 in a separate Bill List File for 2024 (See Appendix Bill List 2024-A for this date).

RESOLUTION #2024-245

WHEREAS, Raritan International Center, LLC, owner of real property located in the Borough of Sayreville has filed real property tax appeals for the year 2021, 2022 and 2023 affecting Block 334, Lot 1.01 and Block 335 Lots 1 & 2 commonly known as 521 Raritan Street; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council upon advice of the Tax Assessor and Special Tax Counsel be and are hereby desirous of settling the pending tax court appeals; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor and Special Tax Counsel after due deliberation and settlement conferences with Counsel for Raritan International Center, LLC, duly recommend the following:

- Appeal of 2021 will be reduced to \$4,045,400
- Appeal of 2022 will be reduced to \$4,045,400

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- 2023 will be reduced to \$4,045,400 as a result of the Freeze Act
- 2024 will be reduced to \$4,045,400 as a result of the Freeze Act
- 2025 will be further reduced to \$4,031,400

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Sayreville as follows:

1. That the Tax Assessor and Special Tax Counsel be and are hereby authorized to cause to be drafted any and all documents and agreements which may be required to effectuate the settlement as herein above proposed and authorized.
2. That a copy of this Resolution shall be kept on file with the Borough Clerk.

/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/ Ryan Windels, Borough Attorney

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE

/s/ Jessica Morelos, RMC
Municipal Clerk

/s/ Kennedy O'Brien, Mayor
Mayor

RESOLUTION #2024-246

WHEREAS, Glenkat Realty, LTD, owner of real property located in the Borough of Sayreville has filed real property tax appeals for the year 2020, 2021, 2023 and 2024 affecting Block 445, Lot 1.03 and Block 446 Lots 2.01 & 2.02 commonly known as 499-A1-B40 Ernston Road; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council upon advice of the Tax Assessor and Special Tax Counsel be and are hereby desirous of settling the pending tax court appeals; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor and Special Tax Counsel after due deliberation and settlement conferences with Counsel for Glenkat Realty, LTD duly recommend the following:

- Appeal of 2020 will be dismissed
- Appeal of 2021 will be dismissed
- 2023 will be reduced to \$2,500,000
- 2024 will be reduced to \$2,400,000
- 2025 will be further reduced to \$2,100,000

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Sayreville as follows:

3. That the Tax Assessor and Special Tax Counsel be and are hereby authorized to cause to be drafted any and all documents and agreements which may be required to effectuate the settlement as herein above proposed and authorized.
4. That a copy of this Resolution shall be kept on file with the Borough Clerk.

/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/ Ryan Windels, Borough Attorney

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE

/s/ Jessica Morelos, RMC
Municipal Clerk

/s/ Kennedy O'Brien, Mayor
Mayor

RESOLUTION #2024-247

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an amendment to the Shared Services Agreement with Sayreville Economic and Redevelopment Agency (SERA) for Services to be provided by the Agency and payment by the Borough.

/s/ Donna Roberts, 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/ Ryan Windels, Borough Attorney

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE

/s/ Jessica Morelos, RMC
Municipal Clerk

/s/ Kennedy O'Brien, Mayor
Mayor

- **CORRESPONDENCE:**
 - A. Departmental Reports for September, 2024.
 - B. Minutes from Boards/Commissions:
 - 1. Shade Tree Commission – September 19, 2024
 - 2. Board of Health – September 5, 2025
 - 3. Planning Board – September 4, 2024, September 18, 2024 and October 2, 2024
 - 4. Recreation Advisory Board – September 5, 2024
 - C. Retirement/Resignations received from the following:
 - 1. Resignation received from Marcel Milewski from Melrose Hose Company #1, effective September 2, 2024.
 - 2. Resignation received from Nicholas Molteg from Engine Company #1, effective September 19, 2024.
 - 3. Resignations received from Anthony Malara, Joseph Malara, Harshad Patel and Gaynell O'Leary from the Human Relations Commission, effective December 31, 2024.
 - 4. Resignation received from Nelia Rodriguez from Human Relations Commission, effective October 3, 2024.
 - 5. Resignation received from Joan McCarthy from Human Relations Commission, retroactive to March 7, 2024.
 - 6. Resignation received from Keith Kandel from Human Relations Commission, retroactive to May 9, 2024.
 - 7.

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D. Notice of Public Hearings:

1. Notice of Public Hearing held before the Township of Old Bridge Zoning Board of Adjustment to review and act upon the application for preliminary and final major site plan approval for the property located adjacent to U.S. Route 9 and Ernston Road on October 17, 2024.
2. Notice of Public Hearing held before the Borough of South River for relief from the zoning code so the applicant can use the existing property for storage of trash collection vehicles and empty dumpsters located at 209 William Street on October 15, 2024.
3. Notice of Public Hearing to be held before the Old Bridge Township Council on November 18, 2024 at 7:30pm amending Chapter 250-35 "Zoning Map."
4. Notice of Public Hearing to be held before the BPU on November 14, 2024 at 4:30pm and 5:30pm for PSE&G's petition for approval of changes in its electric and gas green programs recovery charge.

E. Planning Board Resolution which were memorialized:

1. Gonzalez Minor Subdivision, 1120 Bordentown Avenue, Block 439, Lot 1 on September 18, 2024.
2. Andrew & Deborah Wallentine Minor Subdivision, 43 Pershing Avenue, Block 83.17, Lot 12 on October 16, 2024.

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

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

Mayor called forward the representative from Senator Helmy's office.
- Michael Gray, Senator Helmy's office.
Mr. Gray spoke about free services available to residents.

• **MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS**

➤ **ADMINISTRATIVE & FINANCE – Councilman Balka**

- 1) Scored 40.5 on the Best Practices Inventory from the State and the Borough will receive full state aid this year.
- 2) Thanked everyone involved for getting Hilltop and Hutson Court paved.
- 3) Ballot question is non-binding so it will not automatically increase taxes. The Borough should come up with a plan for the old firehouse.

Councilman Balka made a motion to designate the old Firehouse/Borough Hall a local historic landmark. Seconded by Councilman Onuoha.

Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons Balka and Onuoha
Nays: Councilpersons Colaci, Roberts, Synarski, Zebrowski

Motion failed.

➤ **PLANNING & ZONING – Councilman Zebrowski**

- 1) Commented on the Senior Halloween Party and the Trunk or Treat.
- 2) He explained the shared services agreement with SERA and that SERA is providing a service to the Borough.
- 3) Planning Board meeting regarding the mosque will be on December 4th at the Active Adult Center.

➤ **PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilman Onuoha**

- 1) Commented on designating the old Firehouse/Borough Hall.

➤ **PUBLIC WORKS – Councilman Colaci**

- 1) Lights have been installed at the pickle ball court and the skate park. Lights have been repaired along the walking path at Kennedy Park.
- 2) New water bottle refill stations are being installed at various parks.
- 3) Water fountain at Borough Hall Park has been fixed.
- 4) Focusing on replacing and widening the walking paths within Kennedy Park.
- 5) Thanked the police department for helping with issues on Kennedy Drive.

➤ **RECREATION – Councilman Synarski**

- 1) Commented on the various recreation events.

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

- 1) Commented on the St. Stan's Car Show.
- 2) Commented on attending Legislator's Day at the high school.
- 3) She will be participating in the Climate Change Education Advisory Board meeting tomorrow.

➤ **MAYOR – Kennedy O'Brien**

• **GENERAL DISCUSSION AGENDA ITEMS**

- Admin. & Finance

- 1) Authorization for the Tax Collector to refund 2023 and 2024 taxes and cancel all subsequently billed taxes due to 100% Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption covering Block 379.02 Lot 3 in the amount of \$9,156.27.

- Resolution.

- Planning & Zoning

- 1) Authorization to purchase one (1) 2024 Ford Ranger from All American Ford of Paramus, through NJ Cooperative Purchasing Alliance in an amount not to exceed \$37,069.00.

- Approved.

- 2) Authorization to bill the owner of 37 Karcher Street a total of \$625.00 plus administrative costs for the removal of a substantial amount of over growth from the property.

- Resolution.

- Public Safety

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

a) Sayreville Blue Bomber Softball on November 23 & 24, 2024.

- Approved.

- 2) Authorization to purchase Fire Department Turnout gear from Skylands Area Fire Equipment and Training through NJ State Contract 17-FLEET-00810 in an amount not to exceed \$60,037.32

- Resolution.

- 3) Authorization to execute the renewal of an Inter-Local Services Contract with the County of Middlesex for the provision of public health services in the amount of \$199,323.09.

- Resolution.

- 4) Authorization to award a contract to East Coast Emergency Lighting for installation of lights, sirens and related equipment on OEM vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$19,604.85.

- Approved.

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- 5) Authorization for Melrose Hose Co. No. 1 to donate a 2014 Sure-Trac Cargo Trailer to Carteret Police Department.

- Resolution.

- 6) Application for membership as a Firefighter received from the following:
a) Travis Toth accepted by Morgan Hose & Chemical Co. No. 1 at their July 1, 2024 meeting.

- Approved.

- Public Works

- 1) Authorization to purchase automated refuse cans from IPL North America through Sourcewell Contract #RC01-21 in an amount not to exceed \$123,885.68.

- Resolution.

- 2) Authorization to purchase one (1) 2024 SUV from All American Ford of Paramus, through NJ Cooperative Purchasing Alliance in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.00.

- Resolution.

- 3) Authorization to renew the following five (5) year agreements with Middlesex County for participation in:

- a) The CFC (chlorofluorocarbons) recovery program which includes a 100% reimbursement from the County for costs associated with the program; and
b) For the County to place a container at Fort Grumpy for the purpose of tire recycling for Middlesex County residents with the borough receiving 40% of the total weight of the material deposited.

- Resolution.

- 4) Authorization to purchase one (1) 2025 Ford Explorer and one (1) 2024 Ford Ranger from All American Fleet through New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance contract BC-BID-24-43 in an amount not to exceed \$99,237.05.

- Resolution.

- 5) Authorization to purchase playground equipment for Miller's Corner Playground from MRC Recreation thorough ESCNJ Contract 24/25-01 in an amount not to exceed \$42,551.78.

- Approved.

- 6) Authorization to award a non-fair and open contract to R and J Garage Doors for the installation of new garage doors at Melrose Fire House in an amount not to exceed \$35,785.00.

- Approved.

- Recreation

- Water & Sewer/Environmental

- 1) Authorization to award a non-fair and open contract to Quincy Compressor for compressor inspection and maintenance in an amount not to exceed \$20,126.83.

- Approved.

- 2) Authorization to purchase one (1) 2025 Ford F-250 from Winner Ford through NJ State Contract T210/A88726 in an amount not to exceed \$60,896.00.

- Resolution.

- 3) Authorization to award a non-fair and open contract to Jet Vac Equipment for parts and equipment in an amount not to exceed \$32,222.96.

- Approved.

➤ **Business Administrator - Glenn Skarzynski**

- 1) Authorization to promote Trish Fitzgibbons to Senior Recreation Aide in the Recreation Department, retroactive to September 16, 2024.

- Approved.

- 2) Authorization to move Samantha Amato from Public Safety Telecommunicator Full-Time to Public Safety Telecommunicator Per-Diem, effective January 1, 2025.

- Approved.

- 3) Authorization to promote Karina Branco from Public Safety Telecommunicator Per-Diem to Public Safety Telecommunicator Full-Time, effective January 1, 2025.

- Approved.

- 4) Authorization to promote Jennifer Betzler from Keyboarding Clerk 1 to Keyboarding Clerk 2 in the Office on Aging, effective November 1, 2024.

- Approved.

- 5) Authorization to appoint Donald Connors and Logan Tischler as Laborers to Department of Public Works, effective November 1, 2024.

- Approved.

➤ **C.F.O. - Denise Biancamano**

- 1) 2023 Best Practices Inventory Discussion.

- 2) Authorization to amend the 2024 Local Municipal Budget for the following:
 - FY24 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Program - \$162,050.00
 - FY24 Local Recreation Improvement Grant - \$65,000.00

- Resolution.

- 3) Budget Transfer

- Resolution.

➤ **BOROUGH ENGINEER - Jay Cornell**

- 1) Bedrock Concrete Corporation II Site Plan – Bond Release Request (Report Attached).

- Resolution.

- 2) Bedrock Concrete Corporation III Site Plan – Bond Release Request (Report Attached).

- Resolution.

- 3) Bedrock Concrete IV Site Plan – Bond Release Request (Report Attached).

- Resolution.

- 4) Bedrock Concrete V Site Plan Bond Release Request (Report Attached).

- Resolution.

- 5) Bedrock Concrete VI Site Plan Bond Release Request (Report Attached).

- Resolution.

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

- Resolution.

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7) 2021 Roadway Paving and Reconstruction Project – Phase III – Change Order (Report Attached).

- Resolution.

8) Tennett Brook Water Line Replacement – Design Authorization (Verbal Report).

- Resolution.

9) Improvements to Cheesequake Road – Receipt of Bids (Verbal Report).

- Resolution.

10) Melrose and President Park Fire House Roof Replacement – Receipt of Bids (Verbal Report).

- Resolution.

➤ **BOROUGH ATTORNEY – Matthew Moench**

• **PUBLIC PORTION**

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

Those commenting were:

- Frank Terzino, 32 Canal Street

Mr. Terzino showed the first flag that was flown in front of the first Borough Hall and spoke about it. He stated that the building needs to be saved.

- Mary Novak, 1 Scarlet Drive

Mrs. Novak commented on the repeal of the pay to play ordinance. She commented on breaking an ordinance by hiring someone from out of town. Thanked the Historical Society for all they do.

Borough Attorney Windels explained that the ordinance introduced tonight to repeal the pay to play ordinance is because last year the legislator passed the Election Transparency Act which installed a statewide pay to play law and invalidated all local ordinances. He stated the state statute supersedes the local ordinance.

- Ken Olchaskey

Mr. Olchaskey congratulated Councilmen Balka and Onuoha for the motion on the firehouse. He stated the referendum is to circumvent what the Historical Society wants to do.

- Arthur Rittenhouse, 33 Delikat Lane

Mr. Rittenhouse commented on grants that the Borough could get for the firehouse next door. He stated that they could still designate it a local historic site tonight.

- Bob Duffy, 111 Merritt Avenue

Mr. Duffy questioned if the vehicles that the Borough are getting rid of can be given to the Fire Department for practice. He stated that they should think about making an ordinance for electric bikes/scooters.

- Ken Olchaskey, Sayreville

Mr. Olchaskey stated that the referendum should've not happened and they didn't ask for any money. He stated all they wanted was it to be designated as a local historic site. He commented on the hirings at the beginning of the year. Mr. Olchaskey spoke about cleaning up corruption.

- Art Rittenhouse, 33 Delikat Lane
Mr. Rittenhouse thanked Councilmen Balka and Onuoha for trying to designate it as a historic site. He stated that the Borough spent \$28,000 on a study of the firehouse which could have been funded with grants. He stated that they have received support from South Amboy. Mr. Rittenhouse stated if the referendum does pass he would like to see who will support it.

- Bob Duffy, 111 Merritt Avenue
Mr. Duffy questioned the amount of garbage cans being ordered. He commented that he doesn't believe the governing body has a right to approve coin tosses on Ernston Road.

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 Synarski.

Roll Call: Voice Vote, all Ayes.

Time 7:50 P.M.

Jessica Morelos, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Date Approved: _____