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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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) PROCEEDINGS:

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April 19, 2016

BEFORE:
Mayor Alphonse Petracco
Commissioner Thomas J. Evans
Commissioner Mauro G. Tucci
Commissioner Steven L. Rogers
Commissioner Joseph P. Scarpelli
Township Clerk

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MAYOR PETRACCO: Madam Clerk.

MADAM CLERK: Yes, Mayor. The Board of Commissioners Public Meeting Tuesday, April 19th, 2016. The time is 7:41.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, Public Law, 1975, notice of this meeting was published in the December 24th, 2015 issue of The Nutley Sun, The Star Ledger and The Herald News.

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Commissioner Rogers?

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Here.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Here.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Here.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Here.

MADAM CLERK: Mayor Petracco?

MAYOR PETRACCO: Here.

MADAM CLERK: All present, Mayor.

MAYOR PETRACCO: I see we have minutes.
MADAM CLERK: No minutes this evening, Mayor.

MAYOR PETRACCO: Communications, correspondence, please.

MADAM CLERK: This Historic Preservation Trust of Nutley has submitted a Social Affair Permit to hold a speakeasy party fundraiser at 3 Kingsland Street on Saturday, June 4, 2016 from 7 to 10 p.m.

I need a motion.

COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Move.

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Second.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Mayor Petracco?

MAYOR PETRACCO: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Maureen Jaret of Jaret's Stuffed Cupcakes has submitted an event application to take part in the Spring Festival on Friday, April 29th, 2016 from 6 to 10 p.m.

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Move it.
MAYOR PETRACCO: Second.
MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?
COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.
MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?
COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.
MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans?
COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.
MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?
COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.
MADAM CLERK: Mayor Petracco?
MAYOR PETRACCO: Aye.
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MAYOR PETRACCO: Second.
MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?
COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.
MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?
COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.
MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans?
COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.
MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?
COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.
MADAM CLERK: Mayor Petracco?

MAYOR PETRACCO: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: And the Nutley-Belleville Columbus Day and Italian Heritage Month Parade Committee is asking for permission to hold their 34th Annual Columbus Day Parade on Sunday, October 9th, 2016.

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Move it.

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Second.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans.

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Mayor Petracco?

MAYOR PETRACCO: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: And that's it for communications, Mayor.

MAYOR PETRACCO: Okay. Then we're going to move on to presentations tonight.

The first presentation we have is for the Nutley Police Department for accreditation award. I see that our Chief is here somewhere. Where did he go? Chief --
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible) not even here yet.

MAYOR PETRACCO: He's running a little late?

Okay.

Then we'll move on to our Proclamations.

This year we have our L.E.A.D officer of the month, Steven Rogers. Is Steven here?

Steven. There you are. I don't recognize you out of uniform.

But this is a brief summary of what the L.E.A.D. Program is. We were able to get police officers back in the school. I don't want to compare it to D.A.R.E, the old D.A.R.E. program, but it is -- I guess, it is something like that.

Chief, you want to give a -- a little brief statement about exactly what we're doing with the L.E.A.D. Program?

CHIEF STRUMOLO: The Lead Program is, again, like the Mayor stated, getting -- getting the officers back into the school system, interacting with the children on a positive -- a positive note. Getting them to know the officers.

Also, teaching a curriculum that will discourage, you know, future drug abuse, teaching them to be leaders, teaching them to go in the right direction as -- as they're
maturing through the school system and -- and I can't tell you enough how -- how receptive the program has been.

We're getting nothing but compliments; whether from the school district, from parents walking up to me, saying it's truly a great program and for a little while there, we were -- we (inaudible) we weren't involved too much in the elementary schools.

But, now, this program has allowed us to get back in and -- and -- and do the interaction. That's important and it's working out well and -- and Steve Rogers, and -- and the other officers, that volunteered to become L.E.A.D. instructors have been tremendous and -- and I have to give them credit because they really have taken it to the next level and they really, truly are going in and caring to work with the kids and -- and -- and become leaders and figures for them to look up to.

So I congratulate him on his award and hopefully the program will continue to move forward and it's an -- it's an asset to the department and also good for the children in the community.

MAYOR PETRACCO: Thank you, Chief.

Okay. Thank you, again, Chief.

We have a Proclamation that I'll read. I'll read this in conjunction with my good friend, Commissioner Rogers, being that it's son that's receiving the award.
WHEREAS, Steven Rogers, II grew up in Nutley going through the school system and graduating from Nutley High School in 2001; and

WHEREAS, after graduation, Steve enlisted in the United States Marine Corps an infantryman serving in various regions throughout the world including Operation Iraqi Freedom during which time he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, while serving in active duty, Steve received several medals and commendations before being honorably discharged in 2005; and

WHEREAS, in a desire to continue to serve his country, Steven joined the Nutley Police Department following his discharge; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure in the Nutley Police Department, Steve became actively involved in the Township concerns, most specifically as an active member of the Nutley Amvets; and

WHEREAS, most recently Steve became a L.E.A.D. Officer, Law Enforcement Against Drugs, and demonstrated his give-back spirit in guiding children in the same elementary school he attended as a child; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners, Township of Nutley, County of Essex, State of New Jersey that, Steven Rogers, II, Police Officer in the
Nutley Police Department, be recognized and congratulated on his recent distinction as the L.E.A.D. officer of the month in March and for also demonstrating the importance of being a positive, inspirational force among the youth in our community.

Congratulations, Steve. Would you like to come up?

(Applause)

MAYOR PETRACCO: Steve, come -- please come to the podium, Steve.

Before we give you a chance -- excuse me. Before we give you a chance to speak, I'd just like to give my fellow Commissioners a chance to speak also.

But, you know, a little funny story between Steve, the 2nd, I guess it's not junior, it's Steve the 2nd.

OFFICER ROGERS: I'm the 2nd. Nope. Make sure there's no confusion; all right?

(Laughter)

MAYOR PETRACCO: Steve, be nice to your dad.

(Laughter)

MAYOR PETRACCO: But --

OFFICER ROGERS: Hey, he gets my bank statements and everything; you know.

(Laughter)

MAYOR PETRACCO: But, at any rate, you know, when
I -- when I first came to Public Safety and I first met Steven, you know, I was a little up in the air about how our relationship was going to go. And, I have to tell you, and I say this story often, the speech that you gave at that Memorial Day service really -- I know it touched me and -- and you especially won over the heart of my mom.

You know, I looked to my left after you got done speaking of what your life was in the military like that people take for granted; how you escorted kids to school with a machine gun. You know, I looked to my left and I saw my mother sobbing and I thought she was coming up to me to give me a hug and a kiss and she wind up running up to Steve the 2nd, you know.

So you do remember that, right, Steve?

OFFICER ROGERS: I remember that.

MAYOR PETRACCO: Yep. So I can't thank you enough for serving your country and I sure can't thank you enough for volunteering for this L.E.A.D. program.

You're a unique individual. I have a lot of respect and regard for you of, you know, what you did for this country and what you do for the Nutley Police Department. So, thank you.

Commissioner Scarpelli.

COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Steven, thank you for your service to our country, your service to your town,
service to the Board of Education and our kids.

I know the Mayor's, along with his HOPE program, we had another young person pass away this week and it's -- so this kind of educational process is much needed for our young people.

So, thank you.

OFFICER ROGERS: Thank you, sir.

COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Thank you, to the Mayor.

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Certainly, as a father, I'm proud of you. Now they can start calling you Captain America.

(Laughter)

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: The Chief alluded to something very important and you have, Mayor, all along. This L.E.A.D. program, in my 38 years in law enforcement and thereafter, I have never heard of such a good -- good, solid program in the community; well run, well operated.

So I certainly congratulate you, Steven, on the job you're doing.

I've heard from teachers, Chief. I've heard from parents. I've heard from a heck of a lot of people. The men in uniform behind you are the greatest cops in the world. I know, Mayor, you've said that to me a million times. You've got the greatest police department in the world there.
So you're with a good crew. You're certainly following dad's footsteps. You know what he wants to do next, fellows? He wants to get a German shepherd.

(Laughter)

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: But I thank you for the service to your country. Mayor, thank you for your kind words and for having this L.E.A.D. program.

And I'll clos by saying, Semper Fi. Hoorah.

OFFICER ROGERS: Hoorah.

MAYOR PETRACCO: Thank you, Commissioner.

Commissioner Evans.

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Steve, it's -- I apologize for my voice.

But, first, let me say, it's always a special day when a parent, especially a father, can be present when their child is being honored. So I want to congratulate you on that and Steve I congratulate you as well. It's always a special -- a special day.

It's also special when that activity that you're being honored for is something that is so highly treasured and so valuable in this day and age. Drug abuse is an epidemic. It's easy for children to get sidetracked. All of your efforts in this, I applaud you for that -- that you give your time and your willingness to try and help those children.
I understand you serve our country and I appreciate that as well.

So congratulations.

OFFICER ROGERS: Thank you, sir.

MAYOR PETRACCO: Commissioner Tucci.

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Yes, thank you, Mayor.

Well, it's obvious that the apple didn't fall far from the tree.

I want to thank you for your service to our country. I want to thank you for everything you do for our children. I know your -- your father and your wife and your children (inaudible) entire family are very proud of you and what you've accomplished in this short period of time.

And I just want you to know that you make us very proud sitting up here seeing that we have police officers with dedication and commitment such as yours. That is really moving our town forward.

So thank you for everything that you do.

OFFICER ROGERS: Thank you, sir.

MAYOR PETRACCO: Steven, now this is your big moment. You have the spotlight. Would you like to say a few words?

OFFICER ROGERS: I'd just -- Mr. Mayor, I'd like to thank you, Chief Strumolo and where's (inaudible) Detective Sergeant Padilla (ph) for giving me the
opportunity to actually take part in this program.

Back when I became a police officer, I saw what my
dad did when I was a little kid back at Lincoln School when
the cops were in the schools and that's why I became a cop
to be involved in the community, to be a good role model and
to be involved in kids' lives. And I'm so happy that it was
your direction, sir, because of the Chief, all the efforts
that Sergeant Padilla's doing, that we're actually being
able to go back in the school.

And, then, take part and that's the greatest
thing. I mean, I don't know if we have any teachers here,
but kudos to all the teachers. My hardest day of work is
the L.E.A.D. day. My wife will know. I come home after we
do our classes. I'll go home and I just crash. By eight
o'clock, I'm in bed sleeping. I took my Aleve --

(Laughter)

OFFICER ROGERS: -- and the next day I'm popping
the vitamin C because I'm like my body is totally drained.
It's -- it's really hard what but what makes it, is the
teachers. The teachers are able to provide an atmosphere in
which the police officers could go in and we could actually
speak to the kids.

So if there is any teachers, whoever been in teach
before, thank you so much for allowing us to (inaudible) in
the schools and to build a relationship with the children
because police, right now, have a bad perception and it
takes us being within the community, doing more than just
writing tickets, but saying, hello, and reaching out to
people. That's what changes our perceptions.

So I thank you, Mr. Mayor, for this opportunity,
all the Commissioners, every teacher and my superiors behind
me. Thank you so much.

(Applause)

(Mayor Petracco) Okay. While we are on
presentations, our next presentation is actually going to be
Steve Rogers, Sr., our Commissioner here. And I'm going to
-- it's a Veteran's Award, and I'm going to ask Mr. Jack Kane
to come up here and give a little synopsis of what we're
doing.

(Mr. Kane) Good evening, Commissioners, Mayor.
Steve Rogers especially. We're here to honor him as Veteran
of the Year for 2015. (Inaudible) 16 now but (inaudible)
how hard it is to nail him down to make him stand still long
enough. So we had to come here where he has to be here.

So we're going to honor him for being Veteran of
the Year because, after being elected Commissioner, he
started the Department of Military and Veteran's Affairs
here in the town. And he's got notoriety throughout the
State. All the municipalities, they're asking about this
program and (inaudible).

We're proud of it because it sees to it that veterans in this town get the help they need. It gets them to the VA hospitals for appointments because it's very difficult to get a cab or a county bus to get them there for their appointment and pick them up and get them home (inaudible). Scheduling is very difficult so he has people picking (inaudible).

So it's -- it's a great program. The veterans come in the door all the time looking for help and we've got two guys here, veteran service officers Courtney Johnson and Dan Jacoby. They're -- they're (inaudible) veteran service officers. They've got it on the computer all the information they need to assist them as in the help they need.

After all his military service of many years (inaudible) retired lieutenant, now he's a Commissioner (inaudible) this program. So we're very pleased that he is the Veteran of the Year for Nutley and we are presenting this plaque (inaudible).

MAYOR PETRACCO: I have it.

MR. KANE: (Inaudible).

MAYOR PETRACCO: I have it. In back, here.

MR. KANE: Phew.

MAYOR PETRACCO: So, thank you, Mr. Kane. I -- I
just -- before we bring Commissioner Rogers up, I'd like to (inaudible) okay. Okay. I'd just like to comment.

You know, Steve, over the last four years and before that, I be -- I've been able to -- please stay up there, Jack. Please. Yeah. Yeah.

And I just wanted to comment. You know, we've been very fortunate to really get to know each other and the things that's Commissioner Rogers have done with the veterans is really unbelievable in my eyes.

And the thing that you've been able to do, Steve, if I may, you've been able to put a smile on their faces. And, I have to tell you, these young kids coming back from these wars without limbs and, you know, mental inabilities, to make somebody like that smile or somebody that served, as my father did, that you gave a medal to him, to see those elderly people smile like that, I have to tell you, I'm really, really proud to call you my friend. Really a job well done.

Commissioner Scarpelli.

COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Commissioner, great job. You know, this is a model program throughout the State and I hope other towns take the -- the baton from you to serve all veterans throughout the State, not just (inaudible).

Congratulations.

MAYOR PETRACCI: Thank you. Commissioner Evans.
COMMISSIONER EVANS: Steve, I'll just -- I'll play on your words.

This is another great thing about Nutley. We have a program. We have leadership in a program. We're fortunate is that we all sit here as a team to lead the way for the town and that leadership comes at many levels. So the engagement that you have, the passion that you have, benefits all of us. And, as a result, we all rise from it. So congratulations.

MAYOR PETRACCI: Commissioner Tucci.

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Yes. I'll be brief.

Steve, first of all, I'm very proud and honored to serve with you up here.

What you've done for our veterans is second to none. Most importantly, I think to understand is that you've given our veterans that didn't get the recognition that they deserved that recognition. You've -- you've raised the bar as far as how we need to treat veterans and how veterans need to be treated, not only in Nutley and the State of New Jersey, but throughout the entire country.

So I'm very proud of what you've done. I'm very proud to support all of your efforts and just keep on going because our veterans need people like you.

Thank you very much.

MAYOR PETRACCO: Thank you. Commissioner, would
you like say a few words.

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: You know, there's a lot of praise being thrown upon me but here's the truth. The truth is that in June of 2012, this governing body, they took a bit of a chance. They took a bit of a risk because never in the history of this State had a local municipality taken a step forward to create the first military and veteran's affairs bureau on a local government level. Nobody in the State has done this.

In fact, it was so talked about, if you gentlemen remember, Fox News actually came and they did an investigative report and they talked to the veterans. And they found out that, you know what, what this governing body did is working.

It was this governing body, not just me, that took that step forward. So it is I who owe you a thanks.

Secondly, there was another part of this team. It was a team led by men like Jack Kane, men like Herb, who's sitting there quietly, working very hard with our veterans. The VFW, the American Legion, the Amvets.

We had a difficult task. We had to go out and find the veterans. Any veteran will tell you, especially those World War II guys, you know what the answer is? And I -- Mayor, I talked to you a lot about -- even your own dad you faced this with. They don't want medals. They don't
want recognition. Their answer is; I served my country, period. But it was tough getting these gentlemen and these ladies together. But as a team we were able to do that.

And then God really blessed me with two fine veterans who we were able to bring into the Township as employees, veteran service officers, and I introduce them tonight. I introduce Courtney Johnson, Iraq War Vet, Gunny Sergeant, U.S. Marines. He's done a great job.

(Applause)

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Hoorah.

(Applause)

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: I introduce Dan Jacoby, quietly sitting back there, United States Army, Iraq War Vet and has one motto every day; my veterans are going to be taken care of. Thank you Dan and God bless you for your work.

(Applause)

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: And then, finally, I say this. I cannot say enough good about our police department and our fire department. How many times did I make a call to you, say we have a vet in need? You were there.

The Parks and Recreation Department, the same thing. Commissioner Scarpelli, the same thing and Commissioner Evans the same thing.

So it isn't a one man or one department effort.
It is an effort on behalf of all of our departments.

Then the final, final thing I'll say this. Nutley, New Jersey, and I've said this all over the country, a model for this country because I -- I -- I don't know of anywhere I've ever seen so many people volunteer to do the great things we're doing in town.

There are so many organizations where people are taking a step forward. Whether you're a young person or an elderly -- excuse me, citizen or -- or -- or a civilian who's never served -- you know, I hear people say; gee, I never served. Can I help? Well, you have served. You've served here at home when the troops are overseas.

But it's a truly a team effort. It's a community effort and I thank you. And, you know what, I'm going to stand up and salute you. Thank you and God bless you.

(Applause)

(Pause)

MAYOR PETRACCO: Okay. I just got word that we are going to do our Nutley Police Department presentation with the accreditation.

Just before we bring them up, Chief, I'd just like to talk about the commitment from the Nutley Police Department, what went into this accreditation.

It is an unbelievable amount of work. It's -- it's -- to take charge leadership that starts at the top
with our Chief and filters down. I know we have people here that are going to talk about what was done but I have to tell you it is really something that has put our police department in the forefront.

And every time we have the auditors come in that do the accreditation, it's really nice to hear that Nutley is way ahead of the curve with our technology and everything else that the police department brings.

So, at this time, Chief, would you like to bring them up?

(Pause)

CHIEF STRUMOLO: I'd like to introduce Mr. Harry Delgado (ph). He's from the New Jersey State Chiefs of Police Association. He's the State accreditation manager for the association that oversees all the accreditation process throughout the State. So Harry.

MAYOR PETRACCO: Thank you.

MR. DELGADO: Good evening, Commissioners. I -- I certainly appreciate the privilege of presenting to you or recognizing your police department as not only one of the best in the State of New Jersey but one of the best in the nation. I do have proof. I'd like to offer that.

And to add context to what I'm about to present your police department with tonight, I should say that there's over 470 law enforcement agencies in the State of
that would be eligible to apply for accreditation. Only about a -- only a hundred and fifty-two are accredited to date, or have gone through the process of accreditation and that says a lot because that means that it is a very rigorous process.

Now, maintaining the process after initial accreditation becomes even more difficult. That's where the Nutley Police Department actually falls into.

So out of those a hundred and fifty-two, a little bit about -- a little bit more than a third actually have completed a re-accreditation cycle because it is that difficult.

So if you'll indulge me for a few -- for a few minutes, for a couple of minutes, I'd like to share with you the significance of the achievement.

Accreditation is a process. Certainly, it is here in Nutley. The foundation of accreditation lies in the adoption of standards containing a clear statement of professional objectives.

Accreditation is a progressive and time proven way of helping law enforcement agencies calculate and improve their overall performances.

It is a certification by an independent reviewing authority, in this case, the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police, that the accredited agency was carefully
measured against an established set of State and National standards and has met and, in the case of the Nutley Police Department, in many instances, exceeded accepted practices in the field of law enforcement.

Accreditation agencies are better able to defend against lawsuits and citizen complaints. Accreditation provides objective evidence of an agency's commitment to excellence in leadership, resource management and service delivery.

Government officials can be more confident in the agency's ability to operate efficiently and meet community needs because accreditation embodies the precepts of community-oriented policing. It creates a forum -- a forum in which police and citizens work together to prevent and control challenges confronting law enforcement, provides clear direction about community expectations.

Accreditation standards give the Chief a proven management system of written directives, sound training and clearly define lines of authority and routine reports that support decision-making and resource allocation. And, in fact, it improves the efficiency of your police department and it also enhances the delivery of police services (inaudible).

So I can see the even more important effect that every officer in the Nutley Police Department can take
credit and be proud that they have been objectively recognized for their professionalism adhering to the high standards.

Not only do we make the process difficult by design because if it means something it should be difficult to achieve. But after the -- on the average, 18 months, in this case, two years of accreditation, we have a final on-site where we come and actually you have to show the proof to the one hundred and five standards.

And I'll paraphrase, exemplary performance from the Nutley Police Department right out of the assessor's report.

The -- the Nutley Police Department join an elite group of law enforcement agencies that have achieved re-accreditation because only a third of those that have achieved accreditation actually have come twice and that is the Nutley Police Department.

Accreditation is very difficult to maintain. It must be supported by leadership. That leadership is that of the Chief, his command staff and the local government that supports it.

(Inaudible) is the process in the Nutley Police Department is embedded in their culture is the way to deliver police services each and every day.

The Nutley Police Department is a highly
professional and committed agency which exemplifies all of
the tenets of law enforcement accreditation.

So there's a reason for all of us to be proud.

So, therefore, the New Jersey State Association of
Chiefs of Police and New Jersey Law Enforcement Commission
congratulates Chief Thomas Strumolo. I practiced that all
evening. I know --

MAYOR PETRACCO: Strumolo. Let me help you.

MR. DELGADO: Strumolo.

(Laughter)

MR. DELGADO: My apologies, Chief. Accreditation
manager, I know him very well, Lieutenant Ken Watson. The
staff of the Nutley Police Department, the Commissioners and
those citizens that they so proudly serve for achieving re-
accreditation joining a very exclusive group of law
enforcement agencies that have made this important commitment
to excellence in policing.

Congratulations to you.

MAYOR PETRACCO: Thank you so much.

(Applause)

(Pause)

MAYOR PETRACCO: Chief, before you guys leave, I
just want to thank you guys for coming and I want to
congratulate everyone that participated in the accreditation
process. (Inaudible) -- being -- being there, I have to say
and I know there's a lot of people that help that aren't here tonight, so I want to congratulate them and thank them for their hard work.

You know, eight years ago when I first got elected, Chief Holland came to me and said to me that, you know, we really want to go forward with the accreditation. And I'm like; okay. What's accreditation and how much does it cost, of course.

And what he told me back then, most court cases, the first thing out judge -- judges' mouths are; are you accredited? And, if not, why not?

But that's how important it is and I know the painstaking work to the details of how hard it is to get that done. So congratulations to everyone. It's been a truly a team effort to get that job done. Chief?

CHIEF STRUMOLO: Thank you. I'd just like that thank Mr. Harry Delgado from the New Jersey State Chiefs of Police for coming out and for his support throughout the entire process. He guided us along and has been very supportive.

I'm very proud of our department and all the work that went into achieving this status. It is, like Harry said, it is a very hard challenge to accomplish. But I couldn't do it without the command staff that I have and all the department's support right down to the patrol
officers. It starts at the top but everybody's involved in it from -- from Captain Irwin to Captain Green, all the lieutenants, all the way down to the -- to the -- to the bottom of the organization.

I'd also like to make a special acknowledgement for Lieutenant Ken Watson. Ken has -- has served as my accreditation manager through the first time and now he's served through it through the re-accreditation which, like Harry said, is even harder to keep the standards going. And without Kenny's hard work and dedication of just keeping everything together, keeping the process moving along, keeping sure that everybody's meeting their requirements, it's really a challenge for him and he did an unbelievable job. And I'd just like to acknowledge him for that tonight.

(Applause)

CHIEF STRUMOLO: Again, I'd like to thank my entire command staff. Captain Irwin's here tonight. Sergeant Padilla here's tonight and all the other captains and lieutenants that, again, put their heart and dedication into this to make sure it works.

Like Harry said, this process is very time-consuming and requires constant review of best practices and standards in law enforcement. But I believe it's well worth it to ensure the residents of this community have -- that they're receiving the best law enforcement services
I'd like to take the moment to thank the Mayor for your support through the initial accreditation and also through the re-accreditation because without the support, like Harry said, of the governing body, the Mayor, it's hard to accomplish things. Everybody's got to be working together and on the same page. And the Mayor has been tremendous with that; whether it's financially; whether it's just support in management of the process; he's always been there and -- and I thank you for that.

In addition, I'd like to thank the entire Board because it's really comforting to work in a community where all -- the entire governing body supports law enforcement, supports the police department, gives us the tools and the resources that we need to continue to keep Nutley safe and I, again, I just want to publicly thank all of you for that and that's it.

MAYOR PETRACCO: Thank you and -- and, in ending, what I could tell you about our Board of Commissioners here is they all acknowledge if we don't have safety in our town, we don't have anything. So it's a job well done.

Commissioner Scarpelli, would you like to say a comment?

COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Yeah. I'd just like to say congratulations to everybody who was involved in this
process. The rigors that are involved is certainly a credit to you, Chief, and to the Mayor and the leadership within the entire department. So congratulations.

MAYOR PETRACCO: Thank you. Commissioner Rogers.

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Chief, you had one of the finest law enforcement officers in the State, Harry Delgado, working with you. And Harry and I go way back and great, great job.

One cannot say enough about Lieutenant Ken Watson. I remember when right before I retired and he was given this assignment, boy, did he make sure every dot was -- every "I" was dotted and "T" was crossed. He took tremendous ownership of that accreditation program. So, to you, is he a lieutenant now?

CHIEF STRUMOLO: Yep.

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Lieutenant Watson, God bless you. Thank you for your good work and you're next to one of the finest sergeants right there in the PD.

Now -- and Chief, thank you. You've done a great job.

Now, let's get to this fellow to my left here. Mayor, I'll tell you what. I know that when you first came on board, you had probably the toughest job in the world, managing a police department.

Look how far you have brought this police
department. You brought it into the 21st century. You knew -- you picked the right people to the right job and look where we are today. So, thank you, thank you. Thank you for keeping this community safe. Thank you.

MAYOR PETRACCO: Thank you so much, Commissioner Rogers. Commissioner Evans.

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Chief, it takes leadership at all levels, that includes Commissioner and Mayor of that department, to you, to your men, your officers that are here and the men that are on the street.

I'm proud of you. I congratulate all of you. I sleep better because of you and I'm thrilled with the fact that now that my grandson is back in town, we're a great safe town to live in. So, again, thank you to all of you.

MAYOR PETRACCO: Thank you. Commissioner Tucci.

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Yes. Congratulations, first to the Mayor and Director of the Public Safety Department.

And just a little bit of history before I congratulate the Chief and (inaudible) the outstanding job that they've done.

Several years ago, this entire accreditation program was brought to my attention by the fellows on the Joint Insurance Fund. And they explained how hard it was and how difficult it was and how many departments throughout the State of New Jersey just didn't have the wherewithal,
forget about accomplishing what you've accomplished, but
even to attempt it. But I brought it to the Mayor's
attention; all right? And I believe at the time you were
just a Deputy Chief; all right?

The two of you together, all right, with people
like Lieutenant Watson and the other folks in your
department seized the moment, jumped on it and just
continued right through.

You not only make Nutley proud. You make the
entire Suburban Essex Joint Insurance Fund proud and even
the next level of insurance throughout the State of New
Jersey and, not only are our people safer and is our police
department much more professional, but people throughout the
country recognize what you've accomplished here.

And, like Commissioner Evans said, we all sleep
better because of you fellows. It's easy to criticize a
cop. But when you really need a cop, you're there.

Thank you for your service. Thank you for
everything you've done, Chief. Thank you, again, Mayor. I
can't say enough for what you've accomplished and what you
continue to accomplish. You have to be the finest police
department in the State of New Jersey.

CHIEF STRUMOLO: Thank you.

MAYOR PETRACCO: Just before you leave,
Commissioner Rogers.

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: I'm always looking up like that but I want to thank, Captain, now? Bob Irwin, Uniform Division. You've always done a great job. And there's Anthony Montaneri (ph). You're a sergeant, Anthony?

OFFICER MONTANERI: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: He's -- I -- I -- you've done a great job and you're the public relations guy, now, right?

OFFICER MONTANERI: Yes, sir.

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Go ahead. Do me a favor. Look into the camera. They're your best friends.

(Laughter)


CHIEF STRUMOLO: Mayor, on a side note, the award -- I just want to clarify, the award that Patrolman Rogers got, that was on a State level of L.E.A.D. That wasn't just a Nutley Police Department, that was -- he was recognized as L.E.A.D. officer throughout the State of New Jersey. So it was good accomplishment.

And, while we're speaking on it, I'd like to recognize Detective Sergeant Mike Padilla because, again, Mike -- Mike is heavily involved in the L.E.A.D. Program. When we first decided to go to it, Mike was my go to guy.
And I -- I gave it to him and he ran with it. And, as we all know, he's -- he's unbelievable with the kids and organizing any activities with them and he's really taken this program and made it what it is today. So I'd like to thank Mike.

MAYOR PETRACCO: Guys, I just want to congratulate all of you. I don't want to single anyone out. But it's really nice to be sitting in the seat that I do when you have a team and police officers like we have in our Public Safety Department. So job well done. It's good to be part of that team. Thank you for coming.

(Applause)

MAYOR PETRACCO: Okay. We will move along to -- I see we have reports. Is this a Code Enforcement?

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Yes. Mayor, I'd like to take a moment to present to the Board a copy of the Code (inaudible) enforcement report for the first quarter of 2016.

MAYOR PETRACCO: Thank you. I'll hold that up for the people at home. It's quite a job you did on that, Commissioner. Thank you so much.

Okay. We will move on to bills. Madam Clerk.

MADAM CLERK: Yes, Mayor. Public Affairs, $167,772.07; Revenue and Finance, $3,198,306.80; Public Safety, $33,689.31; Public Works, $25,697.82; Parks and
Public Property, $80,827.85; total payroll $768,826.74; for a grand total of $4,275,120.69

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Move the bills.

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Mayor Petracco?

MAYOR PETRACCO: Aye. Thank you.

We'll move on to Ordinance introductions, please.

Commissioner Evans.

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Thank you, Mayor.

In accordance -- an Ordinance to Amend an Ordinance Codified in the Code of the Township of Nutley, Chapter 228, Entitled: Vehicles and Traffic, Particularly Article VII, Special Zones and Areas, Section 29A entitled: Handicapped Parking, to Add the Locations Set Forth herein.

I move that this Ordinance by passed to a second reading and advertised in The Nutley Sun together with the Notice required by law and that further consideration of
said Ordinance for final passage by the Board of Commissioners by held at its second reading on May 17th, 2016.

So move.

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Mayor Petracco?

MAYOR PETRACCO: Aye.

COMMISSIONER EVANS: I have the second Ordinance introduction which is an Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14.

This is a journal entry that we hold in the event, at some future date, appropriations need to rise greater than the three percent limit which we are not there this year so we had a difference, we're allowed to include in a bank.
I move that this Ordinance be passed to a second reading and advertised in The Nutley Sun together with the Notice required by law and that further consideration of said Ordinance for final passage by the Board of Commissioners be held at its second reading on May 17th, 2016.

So move.

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

MAYOR PETRACCO: Aye.

Move on to Resolutions now.

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Do you want to do the budget next?

MAYOR PETRACCO: Oh, I'm sorry.

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Do you want to do the budget next?

MAYOR PETRACCO: Oh, I skipped the most important thing. I'm sorry about that. Commissioner Evans.
COMMISSIONER EVANS: Thank you for acknowledging that it's the most important thing.

MAYOR PETRACCO: It sure is.

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Tonight we're introducing our 2016 budget and I'm very pleased with the work of the Board of Commissioners to address the range of cost increases that we received this year and to work very hard to find a way to manage our way through this.

We seem to find a way every year to keep managing the tax burden on the tax payers.

What I would -- would say at a very high level, our budget appropriation is increasing $1,250,000. This is a 1.93 percent increase which is below the 3 percent allowable increase that we would be allowed to receive.

The bulk of that increase relates to costs that -- that we've received for increase in the cost of sewage for $107,000. The increase in the cost health insurance, $400,000. The increase in the cost of pensions, $300,000. And that represents the most -- the bulk of the challenges that we faced.

These aren't normal costs that you can manage each year easily. They are far greater than what we would normally expect to -- to see. They're understandable in that the -- the markets for investment have been very volatile over the last
year. Returns had changed and everyone is experiencing, across the State, increases in these particular areas.

What that means is the -- under the State statutes, we would be allowed to increase our budget 2.8 percent. That would have produced a $125.00 increase at the municipal budget level, not the school or the county. Just the municipal level -- for the average house that's assessed at $316,000.

But the work that the Commissioners have -- have done together and collectively, and this is how we work together as one team, and -- and the alignment around it is always to do the very best we can for the benefit of Nutley, is to achieve a budget, a levy increase of $758,000. so we have been able to absorb a portion of these costs. That means that instead of having a 2.8 percent increase, our budget increase on the levy is 1.99 percent or 2 percent.

So the popular understanding of -- of the tax laws, the budget laws, basically, says two percent. The mechanics of it would actually allow more.

This Board of Commissioners did not adhere to that. They said we have to do better. We led the way through that and everyone cooperated and worked together.

This budget also includes State aid and we did not introduce on May 5th. We were delayed until May 19th because we were continuing to negotiate with the State.
What was really important about that was that our aid, especially for transitional aid light that we received, we received five and a half million dollars last year. We negotiated to receive that same money again this year but the State wanted us to just recognize seventy-five cents -- seventy-five percent of that.

That would have produced a very artificial increase in our budget which we wanted to avoid. So negotiating through that with the State, we were allowed and given permission to anticipate a hundred percent of the aid that we got last year which means that we will be able to include in our budget $5,550,000 of transitional aid light.

As a reminder, what's so important about that is normally, as a municipal government, we would go down and argue for the municipal tax need. We didn't do that in this case.

We recognized that what's going on with the Roche property affects, not just the municipal tax, it affects the school tax. It affects the County tax. And recognizing that that's not just a Nutley issue, it's a State issue. We were able to negotiate aid to include 100 percent of the components of the tax levy.

So when a taxpayer looks at their bill and they see the component for county, school and municipality, we were able to get State aid to cover all three components of
that. And that's -- it took a lot of hard work and a lot of
effort but what's important about it is, it's helping this
Board of Commissioners manage its way through a very complex
situation with the Roche property.

So being able to provide our taxpayers with
relief, being able to provide some patience, that's so
important about the negotiation processes that go on, it
takes so much time. We were able to manage within our
means.

So, tonight, I'm very pleased that we're
introducing a budget that recognizes a two percent increase,
$758,000 worth of that cost in the average -- that average
home out there, wherever is, I know Commissioner Tucci and I
always go back and forth trying to figure out what street
it's actually on because we can't find that one house, but
that $316,000 home out there will -- instead of receiving a
$125 increase will receive at $76 increase, almost a $50
reduction from where we were at our budget workshop a couple
weeks ago.

So congratulations to each of my Commissioners for
working together. I am the messenger because I'm the tax
guy but it's a budget that's being presented by all of us.
So I'm -- we're very proud to introduce our budget tonight.
So, with that being said, the municipal budget of the Township of Nutley, County of Essex, for the fiscal year 2016,

BE IT RESOLVED that the following statements of revenue and appropriations shall constitute the budget for the year 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said budget be published in The Nutley Sun in the issue of April 28th. The governing body of the Township of Nutley does hereby approve the following budget for the year 2016.

So move.

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Mayor Petracco?

MAYOR PETRACCO: Just before I vote, I just wanted to make a statement. Tom, thank you so much for all this preparation and I know you worked very diligently on it.

You know, going around town all the time, all of
our Commissioners, hear the same thing: taxes, taxes, taxes. They keep going up. They keep going up. And it's true. They have gone up.

But I just want to congratulate all my Board Members and it's not a congratulation and we're not celebrating up here because we always want to better. But, I have to tell you, with all the obstacles that were in our way when we first sat down with Commissioner Evans to kind of proofread this summary of what went on, especially with the Roche property leaving, I have to tell you, you really have five people that care up here because the situation could have been much, much worse.

So not that we're happy and ecstatic because no one is -- none of us want to see the taxes go up but with the crisis that was happening three years with LaRoche exiting, for us to be able to manage our cost and really tighten our belts and make sure we gave the residents of this Township the best end result we can is a tribute to our Commissioner Evans, who leads our revenue and finance, but to all our Commissioners.

So Commissioner Tucci, thank you for your efforts, what you do. Commissioner Rogers, a job well done. Commissioner Scarpelli, we appreciate what you do for the outcome of the -- of our Nutley residents here. So thank you so much and I -- I vote Aye. Thank you.
Okay, now, I believe -- and you know what? Before I continue Ro, as Ro Costa (ph), I think he's leaving here, getting up to exit --

(Laughter)

MAYOR PETRACCO: -- you know, one thing I do really want to do, Ro, is I really want to thank you, too, because, I have to tell you, people in my Department sometimes have some adjectives to put in front of your name at times.

ROSEMARY COSTA: None of which can be put on the record.

MAYOR PETRACCO: I think they're -- no. I think they're beautiful. She's smiling today. Things of that sort.

But, you know, what, Ro? I want to thank you, too, for the thankless job that you have there to reign everything in and, you know, to -- to watch the taxpayers' dollars as well as our CFO. You do a wonderful job and it's -- it's good to have people like you in the town. So thank you.

Okay. Now you may exit.

Commissioner Tucci, I think we'll move on to Resolutions.

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Yes. Thank you, Mayor.

WHEREAS, sealed bids were received for tree
removal service on January 7th, 2016 in the Township of Nutley; and

WHEREAS, Dujets Tree Experts, 54 Notch Road, Woodland Park, New Jersey was the low bidder for various sized trees ranging from nine to fifteen inches all the way up to thirty-six inches and above; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Nutley is amending Resolution 45-16 to correct and amend a mistake in that Resolution. The contract will be forwarded to the contractor; and

WHEREAS, the contract is not to exceed $20,000 from account 6-01-512-200 and has been certified by the Chief Financial Officer, said certification being attached to this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners, Township of Nutley, County of Essex, State of New Jersey that a contract for tree removal be awarded to Dujets Tree Experts.

I move the Resolution again.

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Second.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans?
COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Mayor Petracco?

MAYOR PETRACCO: Aye.

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: WHEREAS, in 1949 the legislature set aside the last Friday of April as Arbor Day to promote the planting of trees and to encourage the protection of our forests from fires and pests that destroy the beauty and usefulness of our woodlands; and

WHEREAS, half of New Jersey's total land area is forested or tree covered; and

WHEREAS, trees play an important role in the ecosystem in which we live and trees reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil caused by wind and water, clean the air we breathe and the water we drink, produce oxygen, provide habitat for birds and wildlife and reduce heating and cooling costs by moderating temperature; and

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

WHEREAS, trees provide increased property value, enhanced economic viability, and pleasing aesthetic qualities along streets and property in municipalities; and

WHEREAS, tree planting in yards and farms, in
school yards and parks, and along streets and highways
creates an endearing heritage for generations that follow;
and

WHEREAS, the Township of Nutley has completed its
29th year as a member of Tree City USA; and

WHEREAS, I, Commissioner Mauro Tucci, Director of
Parks and Public Property of the Township of Nutley do hereby
proclaim May 7, 2016 as Arbor Day in the community of Nutley
and urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees
and woodlands and to support our town's urban forestry
program; and

Further, I urge all citizens to plant trees to
gladden hearts and promote the well-being of present and
future generations.

I move the Resolution.

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Second.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

Mauro, just a comment. Several of the people have
residents have commented -- commented to me about the concern
over our tree canopy and so when I see something like this
and the work that you've been doing with this program, and
continuing to build it, you know, that's leading to not only
the viability of our town, you know, in beautifying it, but
it's also looking at it more from a sustaining value, too.
Sustainability. (Inaudible) sustainability of our town. So
I congratulate you on that.

And I also, when I go home tonight, I'm going to
call my sister and let her know that you -- and I'm sure
she'll be surprised that you picked her birthday (inaudible)
so --

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: That's why we picked it.

COMMISSIONER EVANS: I'm sure she'll be very happy
to see that. So I vote, aye.

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Thank you, Commissioner.

Thank you for all your support and all the other
Commissioners and Mayor Petracco because here in -- in
Nutley and when we read this it talks about farms, once upon
a time when we first started reading this Resolution, and it
was none of us here, we did, in fact, have farms in Nutley.

MAYOR PETRACCO: That's very true.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Mayor Petracco?

MAYOR PETRACCO: Again, Commissioner Tucci, a job
well done. Since I'm a kid here, it's been a little
green ball and I know you have a big -- take a big part in that and that's what makes Nutley special to all of us. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Thank you, Mayor.

MAYOR PETRACCO: I vote Aye. Is that all you have?

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: That's all I have.

MAYOR PETRACCO: Okay. I'm just reviewing the rest of this agenda, council. If there's any Commissioners that would like to read these by -- the rest of the Resolutions by title, I'm okay with that because I see some of them are long. So I'll leave that up to the individual.

Commissioner Evans.

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Thank you, Mayor. The first Resolution, counsel, if I can paraphrase. It's a Resolution to replace a duplicate tax sale certificate. A fee of $100 will be assessed. A copy of the duplicate will be stated with the word -- indicated with the word "Duplicate) on it and its for block 8803, Lot 9, Certificate No. 201453 in the amount of $296.74.

I move that Resolution.

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?
COMMISSIONER Tucci: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Mayor Petracco?

MAYOR PETRACCO: Aye.

COMMISSIONER EVANS: My next Resolution, pursuant to statute 54:4-3.30 is for Mr. Alexander Martinez who was granted a full exemption from payment of property taxes who also received a homestead rebate that needs to be refunded because it's an extra credit on his account in the amount of $966.58.

I move that Resolution.

COMMISSIONER Tucci: Second.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

COMMISSIONER Tucci: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Mayor Petracco?

MAYOR PETRACCO: Aye.
COMMISSIONER EVANS: My next Resolution, and final Resolution, is a contract for -- with environmental -- Impact Environmental who is doing environmental testing on the properties known as the Davis Bike Shop as well as the Ciccolini property as we continue to do our investigative work and due diligence prior to those purchases.

The contract does not exceed $17,500. The money is available for it in account 601226205 and that -- this further directs the Mayor and the Clerk to enter into a contract for those services.

I move this Resolution.

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Mayor Petracco?

MAYOR PETRACCO: Aye. Thank you so much, Commissioner Evans.

Commissioner Scarpelli.
COMMISSINER SCARPELLI: WHEREAS, bids for the New Jersey Department of Transportation's Safe Routes to School Programs for the Township of Nutley were received and opened on Wednesday, March 2nd, 2016;

WHEREAS, A.J.M. Contractors, 300 Kuller Road, Clifton, New Jersey was the low bidder; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Nutley, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, that a contract be awarded to A.J.M. Contracting in an amount not to exceed $319,634 and that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into and sign said contract for the Township of Nutley subject to the final approval and funding by the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

I move the Resolution.

COMMISSINOER ROGERS: Second.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Mayor Petracco?
MAYOR PETRACCO: Aye.

COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: WHEREAS, bids for the 2016 purchase of asphalt material for the Township of Nutley were received and opened on Thursday, April 7th, 2016;

WHEREAS, Newark Asphalt Corp, Foot of Passaic Street, Newark, New Jersey 07104 was the low bidder.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of the Commissioners, Township of Nutley, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, that a contract be awarded to Newark Asphalt for the bidded amount not to exceed $45,000 and that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into and sign said contract for the Township of Nutley.

I move the Resolution.

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Second.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Mayor Petracco?

MAYOR PETRACCO: Aye.

COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: This is a water utility
agreement between the Township of Nutley and the Township of Bloomfield for a construction by Bloomfield of an eight-inch water main and interconnection within the public right-of-way of the Township of Nutley located at Watchung Place, Carlton Terrace and Bromley Place.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners, of the Township of Nutley, that the Mayor and the Township of Nutley is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Township of Nutley a water utility agreement between the Township of Bloomfield and the Township of Nutley for the construction of an eight-inch water main and interconnection within the public right-of-way of the Township of Nutley located at Watchung Place, Carlton Terrace and Bromley Place.

I move the Resolution.

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Second.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

COMMISSIONER SCARPELLEI: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Mayor Petracco?
MAYOR PETRACCO: Aye.

COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: That's all I have, Mayor.

MAYOR PETRACCO: Thank you so much. I'm going to read mine by title.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township Nutley, County of Essex, that the Clerk by and she is hereby authorized for sealed bids for the Nutley Police and Crossing Guard Uniforms.

I move Resolution No. 108-16.

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Mayor Petracco?

MAYOR PETRACCO: Aye.

This is Resolution 109-16. It's for a raffle application for Belleville Crew and Lincoln School.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Nutley, County of Essex, that the aforementioned licenses are approved and the
Municipal Clerk is authorized to issue the licenses.

I move the Resolution.

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Second.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Mayor Petracco?

MAYOR PETRACCO: Aye.

Thank you so much. That concludes are business portion of the meeting.

Is there anyone here this evening that would like to address the Board of Commissioners?

(Pause)

MS. QUIRK: Terry Quirk (ph), 45 Hampton Place, spokesperson for the Nutley Parent Advocacy Network.

I have a question, I guess, for Commissioner Scarpelli in regards to the Safe Routes to School. Can you please explain that? I'm --

COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Okay. This has been ongoing for two years. We received a grant from the
Department of Transportation through the United States Department of Transportation. So it's a Federal Grant administered by the State.

We've gone back and forth between the two bureaucracies for over two years and it's for safety measures at all of the elementary schools so there will be sidewalks at the back of Washington School that will be installed.

There will be crosswalks that will be enhanced at the Spring Garden. (Inaudible) Yantacaw and Lincoln and at Radcliffe school there will be enhancement to the traffic signal.

MS. QUIRK: Okay. So that includes these amounts, 61,000, the 175,000, that includes all of those amounts for those areas?

COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Correct.

MS. QUICK: Does it include anything in regards to the lighted traffic signs that you have?

COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Yeah. We're going -- we're going to light, not -- not everywhere, but we're going to light those crosswalks; yes.

Like similar to the ones that we have -- that Commissioner Petracco purchased and we installed at Washington School --

MS. QUIRK: Okay.
COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: -- and at McKinley Street
and Washington Avenue.

MS. QUIRK: Okay. Anything for Lincoln around
like Harrison and Crestwood?

COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Right -- right now, not
Crestwood. But Harrison at the top of the -- of Spring
Street.

MS. QUIRK: Oh, okay. Okay.

I have another question in regard to the
Pedestrian Safety Education and Enforcement Fund. I just
want to know that we're -- we have $16,000 or it was
approved for $16,000 and I just -- what does that include?
I'm --

MAYOR PETRACCO: Well, what we do with -- through
the police department is we use that money just for
crosswalk enforcement. It's -- and things of that sort.
What we do also, you so you're aware of it, is we partner up
with the County and we have the County actually come in
here. And it's been one of the biggest complaints that I've
received in the police department are these crosswalks, how
no one stops.

We had a campaign last month that there was almost
a hundred tickets issued in one week. The problem is is
that when --

(Laughter)
MAYOR PETRACCO: -- the problem is is that it seems that when the cops -- thank you, Eleni. It seems like that when the cops leave those areas, people go back to their own habits. So I urge -- and I've been beating this drum for the last eight years, I urge people to please slow down while driving through a town and please stop at these crosswalks.

I've instructed the cops from Chief Strumolo all the way down to the police officers. I don't care if it's someone I know, if it's my brother, my sons, whoever it might be. I want everybody issued tickets because it's getting out of hand in Nutley.

We had the incident on Center Street not too long ago. When -- when something like that happens, I take that very personal, being in charge of the Department of Public Safety. So, you know, that goes to a lot of enforcement which we are really, really ramping up.

I don't know if you've seen by Yanticaw School, we've put our speed signs. We did a lot of enforcement there. I was getting a lot of complaints from there and I have to tell you when we start issuing the tickets, guess who the people are getting the violations? The parents dropping off their kids. It's the people that live in those areas.

It's not outsiders coming through town, speeding
through, you know, our towns. And not just to pick on
Passaic Avenue, but it's all of the Township of Nutley. So
we really have to police ourselves because, you know, the
safety of our -- of our treasures, our children, you know,
are at stake here.

So I urge all the residents to please slow down.

MS. QUIRK: I've noticed in other towns, they have
like rumble strips specifically around these school areas.
Have you considered something like that?

MAYOR PETRACCO: I -- I know that Commissioner
Evans probably could answer that. That goes to our traffic
safety. Jack, but if you want me to (inaudible). Jack
Barry has looked into those things. I've seen them in other
towns.

A lot of the -- a lot of the answers that we
received have to be approved by DOT and a lot of it -- a lot
of our roadways don't meet that compliance. It's very
frustrating to us that, you know, we, you know, we would
like to put speed bumps on a million streets.

I can't tell you over the last eight years how
many people have come, you know, to us and -- and we worked
on it and it's very frustrating to us as well that there's
certain streets that we just can't do anything about, you
know, as far as the speed bumps or those rumble strips.

But, you know, we do -- do continue to fight that
MS. QUIRK: And I just have one more question in regards to Partners for Health Grant, the Pedestrian Education. We were -- it was approved $6500. What -- what is that exactly?

MAYOR PETRACCO: Partners to Health Grant?

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: What we do is we have a program set up where -- where educating people on how to walk on the street or in the streets on the sidewalks. One big program that has been started as a result of that is the Yanticaw Walks.

And, hopefully, we're going to expand that to every school.

What we did was and what we continue to is parents will walk their children to school. And, I -- I got to tell you, I got an education one day. When we were walking with children to school, to Yanticaw School from Cambridge and, by the way, part of your grant helped pay for the crossing guard on Washington Avenue and we hope to have that permanent one day.

Here's something very interesting. There are some streets without sidewalks. So the children have to walk in the street. One thing I learned, that as we were walking in the street, people were backing out of their driveways not looking. And children, you know, they're not going to look
all over the place. So we're walking down some of these side streets and lo and behold, you know what? People aren't looking and, you know, there could have -- there could be a tragedy.

So that's part of the Partners for Health Education Program. Hopefully, we're going to be able to (inaudible) as time goes on.

MS. QUIRK: Okay. I just have one more question. I happen to have -- I happen to have to go to the high school a couple of times in one week and I had -- and both times I had to park across the street on Franklin and I had to cross the street at New Street and Franklin and I couldn't because people were just -- people were stopping on one side and they were just barreling through.

It happened -- it just so happened that there was a police officer parked right next to Carvel and he happened to witness some person just come right past the crosswalk while I was in it and he stopped him. But my concern is our kids do come out of that high school. They have these -- these lunch hours where it's a little different. There might be four lunch periods. They go out and that particular crosswalk is really dangerous because nobody stops for that particular one.

I guess, they're speeding up --

MAYOR PETRACCO: Well -- well, I have to tell you
enforcement has been really uplifted and I don't know how much more I could do as far as enforcement but I keep saying this on the mic as far as that we have -- you know, I don't know how to teach people manners. I mean (inaudible) -- incredible.

MS. QUIRK: (Inaudible) the culture --

MAYOR PETRACCO: And I've seen it --

MS. QUIRK: -- and I think we have to fight the --

MAYOR PETRACCO: -- I've seen it myself. I was in a police car just the other day and, I mean, right in front of a cop car, a guy --

MR. QUIRK: Uh-huh.

MAYOR PETRACCO: -- blows through there and we spin around, you know, and the officer got out of the car and issued him a summons. It's -- it's ridiculous that even in front of a police officer --

MS. QUIRK: Oh, yeah.

MAYOR PETRACCO: -- there's just no regard to it. So, you know, we -- we don't quit, Ter.

MS. QUIRK: No. I know.

MAYOR PETRACCO: We don't quit.

MS. QUICK: I know, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR PETRACCO: We keep going and we keep -- you know, trying to get there where we, you know, we keep working it and working on it and working on education.
Working on enforcement and hopefully that we could, you know, we could be a town, and I've said this in front of the Board of Commissioners many times, I spend a lot of time in Morristown. It's unbelievable. Somebody steps off the curb, they slam on their brakes.

MS. QUIRK: Exactly.

MAYOR PETRACCO: It's incredible. And, you know, why can't we have that here in Nutley? So, one way or another, it's either going to be people are going to stop or people are going to get tickets.

And I have to tell you, it's not a cheap ticket and I'll say this on, you know, our municipal tv-land, if somebody gets a ticket and they're a friend of mine, for a pedestrian crosswalk, please don't call me because I am not willing to do one thing for you. That's how serious it is.

MS. QUIRK: I agree. Just -- just getting back to Commissioner Scarpelli. So we're going to be getting some lighted traffic signs, like the ones down in Washington? And where will they be again?

COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: (Inaudible).

MS. QUIRK: Okay. All right. Thank you.

MAYOR PETRACCO: Hey, Ter, before you sit down, I just want to -- and I know we want -- we all want to get out of here tonight, I just want to thank you for the work that you do.
MS. QUIRK: Oh, thank you.

MAYOR PETRACCO: For ANPAN (ph). And, I have to tell you, I -- I really see -- I have a second grader in Spring Garden School that was having difficulty reading. The leaps and bounds that those people made for my son, these teachers that we have there, was second to none.

And I know that you had a lot to, you know, to do that in the past as an advocate but I have to tell you under Helen Marino (ph) and all -- you know, and I'm sorry I don't remember the girl's names that my son actually has, it's incredible how they have inspired my son to read.

So, again, a good shout out to the teachers. Unbelievable job that they're doing and thank you for all your hard work at ANPAN. We appreciate it.

MS. QUIRK: Thank you.

MAYOR PETRACCO: Is there anyone else this evening that would like to address the Board of Commissioners?

MS. RZEMPLICH: Blair Rzemploch (ph), 150 Ridge Road.

Commissioner Scarpelli, I know we were monitoring traffic on Ridge Road, I think sometime in early January or February. There were -- outside of my house there were --

MAYOR PETRACCO: Actually -- actually that would be Commissioner Evans, traffic safety, with Jack Barry.

MS. RZEMPLICH: Traffic safety. Commissioner
Evans, can you tell me any information? I literally had
drag racers on Ridge Road two days after Christmas that were
going about 90 miles an hour. So I just wonder what we do
with the data that we collect and is there any way that we
can have something where automatic tickets potentially get
offered for people that are --

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Sure.

MS. RZEMPLICH: -- sitting on some of the roadways
-- roads in town that have 25 mile an hour speed limits.

COMMISSIONER EVANS: The work that Jack Barry does
is to monitor and study that. If there's anything that's
needed from the State or things like that, he will go after.
The data that he collects is supplied to the police
department so that they can monitor those activities and
then arrange whatever enforcement is required.

If there's something that needs to be there to
create a more visual presence because of signage or things
like that, Jack will investigate that.

That's basically what he does as it relates
specifically to your question, I don't have an answer for you
right now. But I will find out.

MS. RZEMPLICH: And I just wanted to say that I
just came from the Yanticaw PTO meeting where, again, there
are two schools that we know are already at probably four
kindergarten classes entering in the 2016-2017 school year.
We also see across town building in the places that impact these two particular schools and we can fool ourselves into believing that one and two bedroom apartments are not impacting the enrollment in schools but I don't think that that's the case.

We're -- we're at capacity and I don't know what we're going to do. We're all starting to wonder what we're going to do and we're at least two years away from any building that could happen if the referendum passes.

So I would just encourage all of you to really start taking into account what our infrastructure is and I know we're working towards solutions but they may not be fast enough.

MAYOR PETRACCO: Thank you.

MAYOR PETRACCO: Is there anyone else this evening that would like to address the Board of Commissioners?

Good evening.

MS. MOLINARO: I'm Jamie Molinaro (ph) and, on behalf of --

MAYOR PETRACCO: We need your address.

MS. MOLINARO: Oh, sorry. 214 Stratford Drive.

MAYOR PETRACCO: Thank you so much.

MS. MOLINARO: I just wanted to say thank you to all of you for approving our speakeasy fundraiser on behalf of the Historic Restoration Trust which is going to be on
and we certainly hope to see all of you there. Thank you.

MAYOR PETRACCO: You waited all that time to
invite us. That was very nice of you, Jamie.

MS. MOLINARO: Well, I hope you can make it.

MAYOR PETRACCO: We will -- being you sat through
there, Sam, please put that on my calendar. If I'm re-
elected, I'll be there.

(Laughter)

MS. MOLINARO: I told you. We work together here.

Thank you.

MAYOR PETRACCO: Thank you. Ms. Greengrove (ph),
too.

Okay. Is there anyone else that would like to
address the Board of Commissioners?

MS. LANDRY: Pennie Landry, 135 Lakeside Drive.

First of all, I'd like to say thank you for your
four years of service and I wish each of you good luck in
the coming election. I've spent a lot of time with you in
the past four years so I just wanted to say thank you and
good luck.

I'm also up here to make a third request so maybe
-- maybe this time.

Mayor, as I understand it, part of your job as
Mayor is to oversee the meetings. Our meeting notices say
that the meeting starts at seven o'clock. That meeting
starts in the back room. The official meeting starts at seven and yet the minutes begin once the meeting comes out here, which, I think, is a -- against the Open Public Meetings Act and I am looking into that because the minutes need to start at the time that is advertised as the start of the meeting which is seven o'clock.

I missed the last meeting and read the minutes from a couple meeting --

MAYOR PETRACCO: Counsel, what's the answer to that question. That's actually a pretty good question. Counsel?

ALAN GENITEMPO: (Inaudible).

MAYOR PETRACCO: Thank you.

ALAN GENITEMPO: You're not in violation of the rules (inaudible) why we changed the notice.

MS. LANDRY: The notice said seven p.m.

ALAN GENITEMPO: (Inaudible) conference meeting. We're not (inaudible).

MS. LANDRY: Okay. All right.

Well, I'm making the request because two weeks ago there was a presentation which I'm sure the citizens who were unable to come would have loved to have seen which is about the new parking meters.

Unfortunately, it was not recorded so only the Commissioners got to see the parking meter presentation and
not the citizens.

    MAYOR PETRACCO: You know what? I actually --
actually that -- I think that's a good point that you raise
and I think that --

    MS. LANDRY: Well, I've raised it for two years.

    MAYOR PETRACCO: Yeah.

    MS. LANDRY: And nothing's happened.

    MAYOR PETRACCO: Okay.

    MS. LANDRY: So --

    MAYOR PETRACCO: Well, you know what? I remember
in the parking -- that was which one? The parking meter.

    MS. LANDRY: Right. And then tonight --

    MAYOR PETRACCO: And -- and -- and I -- I have to
tell you, I think that was a great presentation so I think
that we should have a talk about that -- about -- through
the Commissioners.

    MS. LANDRY: Well, wait. This is my -- this is --

    COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Sometimes it, you know, in
here, without the audio visual equipment that is necessary,
it's very difficult to do a presentation here.

    MS. LANDRY: Wait. I have -- it's -- it's not
difficult, excuse me, because there have been many
presentations, including the Roche presentation here. And I
would also like to thank whoever is responsible for fixing
the mics because they appear to be working for the first
time in a long time.

    MAYOR PETRACCO: That would be Commissioner Tucci, I think.

    MS. LANDRY: Thank you, Commissioner Tucci. Much appreciated.

    It is not difficult because many presentations

    COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: We'll -- we'll disagree
    that. on

    MS. LANDRY: Okay. All right.

It's very simple. The Planning Board has them even those
aren't recorded.

    So there were two presentations for things that
would have been beneficial for the citizens to see. One
tonight on your REMYNDER APP and the other on the parking
meters.

    So all I'm asking, for the third or fourth time,
Mayor, is that the presentations that would be beneficial to
the citizens, the taxpaying citizens, for programs that
you're introducing and bringing to us, that those
presentations are done so that they can be recorded --

    MAYOR PETRACCO: I -- I -- I --

    MS. LANDRY: -- they can be included in the
minutes --

    MAYOR PETRACCO: -- I understand. I understand.

    MS. LANDRY: -- and --
MAYOR PETRACCO: Let me just speak. I understand your request.

MS. LANDRY: The third one.

MAYOR PETRACCO: Third one. I think I understand it fully this time.

MS. LANDRY: Thank you.

MAYOR PETRACCO: And I think that I want to look into what we have to do to bring those presentations out there because, myself, and I won't speak for the Board, don't necessarily disagree with you that they're good presentations. Why not let the public see them? So I -- I will -- I will look into that.

What's your next question, Ms. Landry?

MS. LANDRY: Thank you.

Fourth request, I spoke with an economic development advisory committee member this week and they said that there was a meeting a couple of weeks ago. So I'm making my fourth request for the taxpaying citizens and the business owners of Nutley that the economic development advisory committee meetings of the Township of Nutley be open to the public for -- not participation, just for information to be able to sit in to our economic development advisory committee meetings and that the minutes of these meetings, as Commissioner Evans said, by law he is not required to have minutes but he provides them as a courtesy.
to the committee members.

Well, I would like the Township, as a courtesy to the taxpayers of Nutley and to the business owners of Nutley to make those minutes available on the Township website without them having to be OPRA'D.

MAYOR PETRACCO: Thank you.

MS. LANDRY: That's the second request.

MAYOR PETRACCO: Thank you.

MS. LANDRY: And a final note that while there is only a $76 per household $315,000 value, there is still a tax increase this year. For how many years in a row have the taxes increased? Does anyone know? Commissioner Evans?

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Pretty much every year.

MS. LANDRY: Every year we've had a tax increase for how many years?

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Thirteen that I know of.

MS. LANDRY: Thirteen years. So for thirteen years in a row, the citizens of Nutley, every year, have had a tax increase. It's time for us to figure out how to stop having property tax increases in Nutley. Thank you.

MAYOR PETRACCO: Thank you for coming, Ms. Landry.

Is there anyone else this evening that would like to address the Board of Commissioners?

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Mayor, I have one clarification.
MAYOR PETRACCO: Yes.

COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Ms. Quirk, I want to clarify something. The grant, the Partners in Health Grant for 2014 was used for Yanticaw Walks. This particular grant was used for the pace car program that we put together. I wanted to make sure you got the right info.

Thank you.

MAYOR PETRACCO: Thank you, Commissioner.

We need a motion to adjourn.

COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Move to adjourn.

MAYOR PETRACCO: Second.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci?

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

MADAM CLERK: Mayor Petracco?

MAYOR PETRACCO: Aye. Thank you for coming.

MADAM CLERK: And the time is now 9:05.

(Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned.)
CERTIFICATION

I, Pamela A. Skaw, certify that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the April 19, 2016 proceedings.

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