TOWNSHIP OF NUTLEY, NEW JERSEY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ORIGINAL

PUBLIC MEETING

TRANSCRIPT OF

PROCEEDINGS:

April 15, 2014

7:00 p.m.

BEFORE:

Mayor Petracco

Commissioner Thomas J. Evans

Commissioner Steven Rogers

Commissioner Joseph P. Scarpelli

Commissioner Mauro G. Tucci

Township Clerk

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PROCEDINGS

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Would everyone please rise for the flag salute?

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

MAYOR PETRACCO: Madam Clerk.

MADAM CLERK: Yes, Mayor.

Tuesday, April 15, 2014, pursuant to the requirements of the Open Public Meeting Law, Chapter 231, Public Laws, 1975, notice of this meeting was published in the December 12, 2013 issues of the Nutley Sun, the Star Ledger and the Herald News. A copy of this notice has been posted on the Nutley Town Hall bulletin board and a copy is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

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: Thank you. I see we have minutes
tonight.

MADAM CLERK: Yes, Mayor. We have several minutes this evening. We have a set of minutes for regular meetings held on January 24th, February 4th, February 18th, March 4th, 2014.

I need a motion please.

COMMISSINER SCARPELLI: Moved.

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: I have executive session minutes for 2012. I'll read the dates. January 20th, January 25th, February 7th, February 10th, April 17th, May 14th, July 3rd, July 17th, August 7th, August 21st, September 4th, September 18th, October 2nd, October 16th, November 8th, November 20th, December 4th and December 18th, all for 2012.

I need a motion, please.
COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Move it.
COMMISSIONER EVANS: Second.
MADAM CLERK: That was Commissioner Tucci?
COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Yes.
MADAM CLERK: And seconded by Commissioner Evans?
COMMISSIONER EVANS: Yes.
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: I have executive session minutes for the year 2013. January 15th, February 19th, March 5th, March 19th, April 2nd, April 25th, May 7th, May 16th, June 4th, July 2nd, July 16th, August 20th, September 17th, October 1st, October 15th, November 7th, December 3rd and December 17th, all for the year 2013.
I need a motion please.
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: That's all for minutes this evening, Mayor.
MAYOR PETRACCO: Thank you. Communications?
MADAM CLERK: Yes, Mayor. I have one item of communication this evening. The communication is from the Nutley Belleville Columbus Day & Italian Heritage Month Parade Committee. They are requesting permission from the governing body to hold a Sunday Raffle on May 18th, 2014. The raffle will held at the Nutley Parks and Recreation Center at 44 Park Avenue.
I need a motion please.
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”.
MADAM CLERK: That’s all for communications this evening, Mayor.
MAYOR PETRACCO: We’ll move to bills, please.
MADAM CLERK: Yes, Mayor. Bill list, April 15, 2014. Public Affairs - $93,948.46; Revenue & Finance - $3,131,898.42; Public Safety - $73,099.68; Public Works - $20,346.78; Parks & Public Property - $392,799.43; Payroll as of April 11th, 2014 - $769,286.96 for a grand total bill list of $4,481,379.73. And that’s for bills this evening, Mayor.
COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Move the bills.
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: Thank you, Mayor.

MAYOR PETRACCO: Thank you, Madam Clerk. I see we have no ordinance introductions or public hearings. We will move on to resolutions. Commissioner Tucci, I think we're going to take something out of order for a special guest tonight?

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Yes, we are, Mayor. Thank you.

This is one of the best parts of this job. There are a lot of good parts, but this is absolutely one of the best, especially when you look out into the audience and we see all these smiling faces and we see all the talent that we have and we know that our future is in great hands.

But, having said all that, let me read this resolution.

WHEREAS, the Girls Sixth Grade Basketball Team has enjoyed an outstanding season posting an overall record of 10 wins and 2 losses; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Girls Sixth Grade Basketball Team are: Abigail Scheidel, Ava Intindola, Ava
WHEREAS, head coach, Dave Scheidel, along with Assistant Coaches Stephanie Pavone and Megan Ginter worked tirelessly to train and guide these athletes; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Girls Sixth Grade Basketball team were the Suburban Travel Basketball Division Champions with a record of 10 wins and 2 losses; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Nutley, the County of Essex, join with the citizens of Nutley honor and congratulate the members and coaches of the Girls Sixth Grade Basketball Team, for their exceptional efforts and accomplishments.

I proudly move this 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”.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: “Aye”.
MADAM CLERK: Mayor Petracco?

MAYOR PETRACCO: I have to say something before I vote. I was fortunate enough to go to the girls' high school games this year and they had such an exciting season where I think they came in second in the State. They lost to West Morris and even at that game, I said it wasn't even a loss because they played so hard. So you young ladies, keep practicing because we need a State championship in Nutley. So you're out hope. So I very proudly vote yes.

(Applause.)

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Would the girls and the coaches please come up for a photo?

(Pause.)

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good job, ladies.

Mayor Petracco: Guys, we're going to take a short break so if there's anyone that would like to leave now, you can feel free to. Thank you so much for coming.

Great job.

(Chorus of great job)

(Pause.)

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Commissioner Tucci, since you started with your resolutions --

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Yes.

COMMISSIONER EVANS: -- would you complete?
COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Thank you.

MADAM CLERK: Mayor, before we continue, I just, for the record, Mayor Petracco has exited the commission chambers and exited the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

COMMISSIONER EVANS: With that, Commission Tucci, you want to finish up.

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: Thank you.

WHEREAS, in 1949, the legislature set aside the last Friday of April or 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 properties in municipalities;
and

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

WHEREAS, The Township of Nutley has completed its
27th 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 3, 2014 at Arbor Day in the community of
Nutley and urge all citizens to support efforts to protect
our trees and woodlands and to support out town's urban
forestry program, and

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

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".

COMMISSIONER TUCCI: And my last resolution of the night.

WHEREAS the Township of Nutley is desirous of enhancing the transparency of the local government; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the Township understand and embrace the concept that communication and transparency in government is strength; and

WHEREAS, an informed and educated citizenry is vital to the continued progress and understanding of the workings of the local government; and

WHEREAS, funding to accomplish same may be available and utilized from existing capital funds, grants from our local cable provider, private sources and/or county and state funding sources; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to broaden the reach of the Board of Commission meetings in the most efficient and effective way inclusive of video.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that authorization is granted to the Nutley Parks and Public Property Department to move forward gathering information to be presented to the Board of Commissioners for consideration to implemenal the broadcasting of Commission meetings with
greater transparency in accordance with any and all applicable regulations and laws.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that coordination and cooperation from other Township departments will be expected to realize the best possible result.

This is something that has been a long time coming. We started talking about this, at this Board level, I believe it was 2002 and I believe the time has now come for us to move into the 21st century and to pass this resolution.

And I proudly present this.

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”.

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

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Thank you. Commissioner Scarpelli, would you read Mayor Petracco?

COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Sure.
WHEREAS, raffle applications have been received from the following organizations; Holy Family Catholic Church, License No. 41-14, off-premise 50/50 cash raffle, May 17, 2014; Nutley-Belleville Columbia Day & Italian Heritage Month Parade Committee, License No. 42-14, on-premise 50/50 cash raffle, May 18th, 2014; Nutley-Belleville Columbia Day & Italian Heritage Month Parade Committee, License No. 42-14, on-premise tricky tray, May 18th, 2014.

WHEREAS, the applications have been reviewed and approved by the Municipal Clerk and the Police Department.

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

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". That's all I have.

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Thank you. Commissioner Rogers.

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Thank you.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Nutley, in the County of Essex New Jersey that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for sealed bids for surplus equipment no longer in use by the township. Equipment and vehicles are listed: a 1999 GMC Yukon versus in icon; a 1994 GMC 3500; a 1992 Volvo FE-42 for the Department of Public Works. For the Department of Parks and Public Property: 1999 GMC 3500 pickup, a 1994 Dodge white van, a 1992 Jeep Cherokee that is blue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the equipment is to be sold "as is" and "where is". Bids to be received on May 7, 2014, 3 p.m. prevailing time in the Commission Chambers, Township Hall, 1 Kennedy Drive, at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

So moved.

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".

COMMISSIONER EVANS: BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Nutley, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, that the Treasurer be and she is hereby authorized to refund overpayments of property taxes in the amount of $4,195.25 for accounts, let see: Block 1400, Lot 1, Cl037 for $2,648.64; Block 9701, Lot 5, c0701 for $1,546.61.

So moved.

UNIDENTIFIED COMMISSIONER: 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".

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Under statute, local municipalities, can if they are deemed by the State to be fiscally sound and responsible, they can be granted the annual budget examination to self-examination. Nutley
qualifies for that. So as I read this resolution to adopt it, it is the recollection that young -- this is a team effort on the part of the Board of Commissioners that we are able to achieve this every year and consistently. So given our ongoing focus on good fiscal management we're able to available ourselves of this type of statute. So --

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

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

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 through 7.5 the Township has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Governmental Services, and the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the local government meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2014 budget year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Nutley, that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:307.6a and 7.6b, and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification, the Board of
Commissioners have found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. With reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:
   a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
   b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
   c. Cash deficit of preceding year
   d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
   e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
   f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes.

2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found in N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3 are fully met and complies with the CAP law.

3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.

4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated  
b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth  
c. In itemization for arrangement and content the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller's function within the municipality.

5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced and publicly advertised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-4 shall not prevent such certification.

6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

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

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".

COMMISSIONER EVANS: That concludes the formal business before the Board of Commissioners tonight. Evelyn, would you read the notice.

MADAM CLERK: Yes. All persons addressing the Board of Commissioners regarding community concerns should approach the microphone and provide their name and address for the record.

Unless further time is granted by the Board, each person shall limit their address to five minutes.

All remarks to the Board and its individual members must be addressed to the Mayor. The Mayor may defer citizen comments to the appropriate member of the Board.

Dialogue between citizens and others addressing the Board shall be allowed unless the Mayor or presiding officer or the majority of the membership of the Board shall determine that the interests of quorum and of the expeditious conduct of municipal business are being adversely affected by such dialogue.

Name and address, please.

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Evelyn, just a note for the record that Commissioner Tucci's excused from the meeting at 8:14.

MADAM CLERK: Okay. Commissioner Tucci has exited the chambers and exited the meeting at 8:14 p.m. Thank you.
MS. LANDRY: Pennie Landry, 135 Lakeside Drive, Nutley, New Jersey 07110. Who's acting as Mayor right now.

COMMISSIONER EVANS: The Mayor is not present as the Deputy Mayor I sit in and preside over the meetings.

MS. LANDRY: Okay. In 2012, there were land reassessments done. Do you recall how many residential property land assessment decreases there were in 2012?

COMMISSIONER EVANS: No, I have -- no.

MS. LANDRY: You have no idea.

COMMISSIONER EVANS: No. The tax assessor would have that information.

MS. LANDRY: Okay. So you're not aware of that information?

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Not specifically. You asked me a specific question, so, no.

MS. LANDRY: Okay. I'll ask you a range. Did you receive notification of the number of land value assessment decreases that were going to be done in 2012? Did you receive notification?

COMMISSIONER EVANS: The notification that the tax assessor was going to execute a compliance plan; is that your question?

MS. LANDRY: I'm asking if you received notification that there would be land value decreases on certain blocks in 2012?
COMMISSIONER EVANS: Overall, we received notification that the assessed value of the Township was adjusted.

MS. LANDRY: Okay. But you did not receive specific --

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Specific --

MS. LANDRY: -- blocks?

COMMISSIONER EVANS: -- blocks, no.

MS. LANDRY: Okay, in 2012, 170 residential blocks had land value decreases on properties. Just so you know.

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Thank you.

MS. LANDRY: And now I'm going to read you the update from the State of New Jersey. I'll just read part of it because it's extremely circular.

Anyway. Thank you for your correspondence to Robert Scott and Jessica Lana (ph). As you are aware, George Librizzi did a compliance plan approved by the Essex County Board of Taxation. According to N.J.S.A. 54-4-23 states: "When the assessor has reason to believe that property comprising all or part of a taxing district is not in substantial compliance with the law, that the interests of the public will be promoted by a reassessment of such property, the assessor shall under due investigation make a reassessment of the property in the taxing district that is not in substantial compliance provided that: (1) the
assessor has first notified, in writing, the Mayor, the
municipal governing body, the County Board of Taxation and
the tax administrator of the basis of the assessor's
determination that a reassessment of compliance land to the
County Board of Taxation for approval. Following the
reassessment of a portion of the taxing district pursuant to
and approved compliance plan, the assessor shall certify to
the Board of Taxation that it's deemed adequate that the
reassessment is in substantial compliance with the portions
of the taxing district that were not reassessed. For the
purposes of reassessment, the assessor shall compute and
determine the taxable value of such real property at the
level established for the County pursuant to law. They are
approved and reviewed at the County level."

So basically what I read into this and I'm asking
for your interpretation that the Board of Commissioners was
notified that a hundred and seventy residential lots were
going to have decreases; one of which was 18 Edgewood, which
was 59 X 130 zoned R1AA, which it was approved to be
decreased but 135, a smaller lot in a lesser zone, was not
decreased. So the Board was notified that a hundred and
seventy pieces of land were going to be decreased and it was
decided, I guess, to go forth with that because it was
considered to be in the best interests of some of the
taxpayers. Is that correct?
MR. GENITEMPO: Commissioner?

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Yes.

MR. GENITEMPO: Ms. Landry, you are well aware of -- from notice reading that this is public comment. It's not question and answer. I know the Commissioners have been indulgent in providing as much information as they can. This is obviously the same information you requested and asked before.

MS. LANDRY: Well, I'm going to read the last part of the --

MR. GENITEMPO: Please, if I just may finish. So the commission meeting, this part of the meeting is the public comment section and giving you every opportunity to comment as you wish. It's not a question and answer session. It's not a, you know, a deposition --

MS. LANDRY: I got it.

MR. GENITEMPO: I would request that you please, if you could, if you could comply with the public comment portion before you use up your time. Obviously, the Board will give you more time.

MS. LANDRY: No. That's okay. I have a different subject and I'll just read the rest of the letter so I won't ask a question.

MR. GENITEMPO: When I told -- I know we've had that communication you have a right to read the letter --
MS. LANDRY: I will read the letter now. Thank you.

MR. GENITEMPO: Absolutely.

MS. LANDRY: With regards to your most recent concern about assessor George Librizzi's working hours, which are five hours, five days per week -- sorry, eight hours a day, five days per week, which was approved by the Board of Commissioners to do 8,000 line items where he is only requires one hour a day, one day a week, to do 6,000 line items in Verona, his or her hours are determined by the municipality that employees them as stated in N.J.S.A. 40A.9-146, the appointing authority may, by resolution or order as appropriate set the total number of weekly work hours of (indiscernible) of the tax assessor's office and the total number of weekly work hours of the tax assessor commensurate with the compensation paid to the tax assessor which I believe before his increase was $132,000.

As recommended by both Robert Scott and Jessica Lana, it is advisable that you discuss your specific concerns with assessor, George Librizzi. Now for four months, I've been being told that Mr. Librizzi is going to contact me. I would just like to state, for the record, that as of April 15th, I have still not heard from Mr. Librizzi and the State has sent me back to Mr. Librizzi, the
person I have the issue with. So I will keep going around
this merry-go-round as long as it takes.

So I am making a request of the Board of
Commissioners as stated by Mr. Thomas Riley, Division of
Taxation, New Jersey, that I speak with Mr. Librizzi. So as
I understand it also, each Commissioner serves as a
department head with each having complete control over the
executive administrative judicial and legislative powers of
their departments as per N.J.S.A. 4:72-4.

So, in four months, Mr. Evans, you've not been
able to have Mr. Librizzi contact me so I am once again
making the request. Thank you very much.

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Thank you. Would anyone else
like to approach the Board of Commissioners this evening?

Seeing no one --

MR. ODRIA: I might as well get this off my chest.
Michael Odria, 133 High Street. As you said before, Mr.
Harkins, it's about comments, correct? I'm sorry about
that.

MR. GENITEMPO: I don't mind being called Kevin
Harkins (inaudible)e

MR. ODRIA: I just saw that there and totally
forgot. Sorry. Here's my comment. I have this piece of
paper in here and I don't mean just to pick on your section,
you're in charge of finance and -- this tax assessor,
gentlemen, $132,000 a year. Township Clerk, $87,000 a year. I mean, just to pay this one gentleman in the tax assessor's office you literally have to collect combined property taxes of basically 14 homes on this -- in this town. You got to drive by 14 homes. Combine those property taxes that you collect from those homes just to pay one person. We only have 8,000 homes, I think, in this town; if I'm correct on that.

I mean, no wonder why all our property taxes are so extremely high plus we have $8 million a year, I think you mentioned the last time that we've got to pay in pensions, what's that? Like 80 people or something like that? I don't know. Eighty-five, 90 people. I mean, this is kind of getting out of control. Don't you think so, you guys?

I'm just saying, if, we should like shoot for maybe like a said before a tax -- a property tax freeze in this town and just try to work it down from there. That's all I'm saying. Because a lot of people, you might not see it, but a lot of people in this town are suffering. For the store owners in this town, the reason why I don't shop here a lot, like I used to, but when I do, I have to, I got to save my money up to pay these property taxes. If this tax burden was less on me, I would spend more money in this town. I'm not buying a lot. And I'm sure I'm not the only
homeowner in this town that feels that way. What happens here, the tax burdens that are imposed on us people, basically the eighty-eight percent that work in the private sector that live in this town, you going to affect us. We can't spend more money in this town. I mean, the other day, I went to the Franklin diner, it was dead. There was no one day. You know, I went to get a coffee and I'm like, oh my God, there's no people here. I wonder why? Because maybe it's cheaper to eat at home. That's all I'm saying.

COMMISSIONER EVANS: Thank you for your comment. Would anyone else like to approach the Board this evening?

COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Move to adjourn.

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Second.

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Rogers?

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: "Aye".

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Tucci? Oh, he's -- Commissioner Evans?

COMMISSIONER EVANS: "Aye".

MADAM CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: "Aye".

MADAM CLERK: Okay. Meeting adjourned. It's now 8:26 p.m. (Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned.)
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ATTEST:

Evelyn Rosario, RMC
Municipal Clerk
(Meeting Minutes Approved at the)
(June 10, 2014 Board of)
(Commissioners Meeting)

Commissioner Steven Rogers
Commissioner Mauro G. Tucci
Commissioner Thomas J. Evans
Commissioner Joseph P. Scarpelli
Mayor Alphonse Petracco