

Emergency Meeting
Board of Commissioners
Township of Nutley
Tuesday, June 26, 2012
2:00PM
Commission Chambers – Third Floor
1 Kennedy Drive, Nutley, NJ 07110

An emergency meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Nutley was held in the 3rd floor Commission Chambers Room and called to order. Notification was e-mailed to the Nutley Sun and Herald News on Sunday, October 28, 2012. A copy of this notice has been posted on the Nutley Town Hall bulletin and a copy is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT: Read by Assistant Sharon L. Bozza
Evelyn Rosario, Municipal Clerk, read the following statement: Pursuant to the requirements of the Open Public Meeting Law (Chapter 231, P.L.1975), notice of this emergency meeting was e-mailed to the Nutley Sun and the Herald News on Sunday, October 28, 2012. A copy of this notice has been posted on the Nutley Town Hall bulletin and a copy is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

Municipal Clerk Evelyn Rosario arrived at 2:20 P.M.
Also Present: Mr. Kevin P. Harkins, Esq. Township Attorney and
Mr. Alan Genitempo, Esq. Assistant Township Attorney

ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Rogers	- Present
Commissioner Tucci	- Present
Commissioner Evans	- Present
Commissioner Scarpelli	- Present
Mayor Petracco	- Present

Discussions began concerning the closing of the Hoffman La Roche property which has been located in the Township of Nutley for 100 years.

Effective today at 12 noon, a press release was issued to the public. The Township Commissioners were notified shortly before the release.

Hoffman La Roche will be releasing all of their employees effective today – June 26, 2012. They will be letting go of 1000 employees which 72 of them are residents of Nutley.

Amy Dempster from Government Affairs in Trenton spoke to Commissioner Evans at 11:30am, June 26, 2012 to let him know about the closure.

Assemblyman Ralph Caputo notified Commissioner Tucci at 11:00am, June 26, 2012

The decision to close down the entire operation was made approximately two weeks ago, June 12, 2012. The entire phasing of shut down will take approximately 18 months and Hoffman La Roche will be off the property by December 31, 2013

Commissioner Tucci asked Commissioner Evans how it would affect our Code Enforcement Department. Commissioner Evans stated that as far as the remediation was concerned, the state would handle all of that (DEP) but Nutley would be notified of the process.

Commissioner Joseph Scarpelli felt that a joint statement should be released between both Township of Nutley and Town of Clifton concerning any future plans for the site

Commissioner Evans stated that no matter what plans are to be made, The Township of Nutley has much control over what developments can be placed there due to the fact that any construction would have to be presented to both the Zoning and Planning Boards.

Commissioner Tucci strongly recommended that we work with the Town of Clifton on a re-development plan as they own more of the property that Hoffman La Roche property is located on. The biggest risk is that Nutley does not own any big areas at. The Board was in agreement that they should meet with the Board of Clifton as soon as possible. Commissioner Scarpelli also stated that the chances are great of another strip mall being developed due to the fact that Route 3 is a main entrance to that property.

Roche has recently invested \$100 million dollars on renovations to their buildings. They have also done thousands of dollars of improvement over the years.

Commissioner Evans suggested that they ask the representatives from Hoffman La Roche to join our Tuesday, July 3, 2012 meeting to discuss what Nutley should expect from this closure. He also stated that as long as no one building or structure is taken down or removed in any way, the tax abatement agreement will remain in existence. Once the first building or structure is demolished, we will lose any monies that should have been paid on the tax abatement agreement. Hoffman La Roche is our largest ratable and pays 9 million dollars in taxes to our Township In the year 2012, Nutley should not expect any negative consequences this year.

Mayor Petracco called Evan Morris – representative from Hoffman La Roche – they put him on speaker phone so all of the Commissioners had the opportunity to ask him some questions. They asked Mr. Morris to attend the meeting of July 3, 2012. He is unable but told the Board that he would have Mr. Tom Lyons of Hoffman La Roche join us.

Mr. Morris indicated that 80 jobs were being re-located and all the other employees would be received a package deal upon leaving.

In conclusion, when asked why Hoffman La Roche was planning on leaving Nutley altogether, Mr. Morris stated that its primary purpose in Nutley was for Research and due to the failure of some products, the company felt it was in its best interest to move the entire operations to Switzerland and Germany.

Motion to adjourn by commissioner Scarpelli, seconded by Commissioner Rogers. All "Ayes". Meeting adjourned at 2:40 P.M.

Prepared by: Sharon L. Bozza
Office of the Municipal Clerk