

**Township of Nutley  
Board of Commissioners  
Emergency Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, October 30, 2012  
2:00 P.M.**

An emergency meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Nutley was held in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Municipal Court Room, 228 Chestnut Street, due to power outages the meeting was not held at the Town Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Commission Chambers. 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 township website and a copy is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT: Read by Municipal Clerk Rosario  
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 township website and a copy is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Rogers	- Present
Commissioner Tucci	- Present (Arrived at approximately 2:05 P.M.)
Commissioner Evans	- Present
Commissioner Scarpelli	- Present
Mayor Petracco	- Present

Also Present: Kevin P. Harkins, Esq. Township Attorney  
Municipal Clerk Rosario was present via telephone – telephone speaker utilized during this meeting.

Discussions concerning the impact of Hurricane Sandy were held.

Mr. Frank DeMaio, Parks and Public Property came forward with information about the list of trees and wires that were taken down during the hurricane. We lost service at our operations centers and generators were also down due to the severity of the storm. Parks and Public Property employees were out early in the morning helping to assess all damages in the Township.

Thomas Nicolette – Nutley Office of Emergency - gave a briefing and explained why there were no current Nutley weather reports due to the fact that all e-mail systems were down due to Nutley being without any power. At this point, there were no answers as to when any type of power would be returned.

Russell Lazovick – Superintendent of Schools - informed the Township that all schools were being closed. Mayor Petracco had to cancel all Halloween festivities.

Commissioner Evans stated that he had been reviewing the town and had noted that many of our transformers were out. The primary concern was keeping the public away from any live wires.

Mayor Petracco traveled with Jason Kirk around midnight and at that time alerts were sent out to keep the public aware of the current situation.

Commissioner Rogers stated that since all power was out and lines/e-mails were down that a possible solution would be to have police officers go around town with speakers systems to make announcements.

Mayor Petracco made it clear that we were under a State of Emergency and Thomas Nicolette agreed.

Commissioner Scarpelli stated that DPW workers out working on trees and lines that are down to ensure the safety of our citizens.

Commissioner Tucci made everyone aware that we have multiple contact numbers for PSEG concerning the live wire situation but it's difficult to get through because of the storm. One major concern was with medical emergencies. Mayor Petracco wanted to know what kind of response time we were having with PSE&G throughout the storm, Commissioner Tucci was not aware of a time response. He also made it clear that he would not allow any of his employees to touch any live wiring until they knew they were safe to handle.

Thomas Nicolette - Nutley Office of Emergency- stated that when PSEG is working in the area they will automatically remove any live and dangerous wires. PSEG is the only one that can confirm the safety of the wires. Having that information, Commissioner Tucci stated that he will not allow any of his employees or any other person go near any wire, tree, bush near any type of wire until Thomas Nicolette confirms through PSEG that the area of concern is safe.

Commissioner Evans made everyone aware that there is some power in Nutley Town Hall and that the Code Office team would be in the following day. Dave Berry, Carl Thunell and Pat Loloya would be available. Town Hall would be open for some services. Both the Municipal Clerk's office and Code Enforcement would both be open.

Commissioner Rogers stated that on October 29, 2012, 14 people utilized the housing available at Public Affairs along with 5 dogs. One Person was ill. Medications were held at the Office of the Public Affairs and they were prepared for Stage 2 – they had numerous calls pertaining to loss of heat.

Kathy Remppusheski – Shelter Coordinator - addressed the Board concerning the citizens and shelter. Ms. Remppusheski commented that the Red Cross could not support the town on a municipal level and could only provide support at a county level. Commissioner Rogers was very reluctant to send the citizens out of town for shelter. Commissioner Tucci felt that the Township should have been notified prior concerning the Red Cross not being able to support the township during a crisis verses only supporting us at a county level.

Plan #2 would be the use of the John Walker Middle School as a place of shelter for residents. Residents would be required to bring their own blankets, pillows, food and any other necessities.

The Board decided that the Middle School would be the staging area for October 30, 2014 and Mayor Petracco would provide the food.

Mayor Petracco addressed a curfew for 9pm on October 30, 2012. Commissioner Tucci felt that would not be an issue with residents being out. Commissioner Scarpelli was having the town well shut down and Thomas Nicolette stated that coverage would be needed for shelters.

Both Chief Holland and Deputy Chief Paul Cafone addressed the Board concerning safety issues around town.

Further discussions took place concerning the opening of town buildings and all departments due to the lack of power. Code Enforcement would be open and only essential employees would be brought in.

Commissioner Rogers stated that there would be no pick up of any garbage.

Mayor Petracco was very impressed with the Township of Nutley and how they set up their OEM operations. He went on to thank several emergency personnel for their work and dedication.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Rogers , seconded by Commissioner Scarpelli . All "Ayes" on a roll call vote. Meeting adjourned at 2:25 P.M.

ATTEST:

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Evelyn Rosario, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

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Commissioner Steven Rogers

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Commissioner Mauro G. Tucci

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Commissioner Thomas J. Evans

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Commissioner Joseph P. Scarpelli

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Mayor Alphonse Petracco