

**BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
EXECUTIVE SESSION / WORKSHOP SESSION / COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA**

**Monday, March 18, 2024
Executive Session 6:00 P.M.
Public Portion 7:00 P.M. (estimate)**

LOCATION: COUNCIL CHAMBERS – SOMERVILLE CIVIC CENTER
24 ROBESON STREET, SOMERVILLE, NJ 08876

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- 1. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW STATEMENT**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- EXECUTIVE SESSION**
 - a. March 4, 2024
- 4. RESOLUTION 24-0318-090 TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA

- a. Redevelopment
- b. Personnel- Borough Hall
- c. Personnel-Construction Office

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

- 1. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW STATEMENT**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG** - Girl Scout Junior Troop #60725
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. March 4, 2024
- 5. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS & NOTICES**
- 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- 7. RECOGNITION/RESOLUTION**
 - a. Girl Scout Junior Troop #60725-Bronze Award Blizzard Box Drop Off Project
- 8. BUDGET PRESENTATION**
- 9. CY-2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET– INTRODUCTION**
(Motion, Second and Roll Call Vote required)
- 10. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**
(Motion and 2nd needed and roll call vote to open and close the meeting to the public. Regulations that apply during public meetings also apply during electronic meetings. Comments may be submitted prior to the meeting and maybe summarized during the meeting)
- 11. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION** (full copy is available at the end of this agenda)

2730-24-0318 AMENDING ORDINANCE #2726-24-0116 ESTABLISHING A SALARY RANGE FOR EMPLOYEE TITLES TO BE PAID TO CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE

2731-24-0318 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FUNDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL PURPOSES FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE AND APPROPRIATING \$2,132,000 FOR SUCH PURPOSE.

2732-24-0318 AMENDING CHAPTER 166 SCHEDULE III ENTITLED NO STOPPING OR STANDING EXTENDING THE AREA ON MOUNTAIN AVENUE BETWEEN W. CLIFF STREET AND MOUNTAIN AVENUE

12. ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION (full copy is available at the end of this agenda)

2729-24-0304 AMENDING CHAPTER 166-50 SCHEDULE IX ENTITLED "STOP INTERSECTIONS" TO INCLUDE DIVISION STREET AT THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTH STREET

13. CONSENT RESOLUTIONS (ANY ITEMS PULLED OFF CONSENT AGENDA ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A MOTION AND ROLL CALL VOTE)

(RESOLUTIONS 24-0318-091 THRU 24-0318-109)

(Resolutions may be pulled off consent agenda for discussion and roll call vote. Resolutions may be removed or added to the agenda)

24-0318-091 APPROVING EVENT PERMIT FOR SOMERVILLE RESCUE SQUAD TO USE LEPP PARK– FOR COMMUNITY EVENT ON MARCH 30, 2024 (rain date April 6, 2024) FROM 11:00 A.M.TO 1:00 P.M.

24-0318-092 APPROVING THE HIRING OF JOSHUA BONADUCE AS LABORER FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

24-0318-093 APPROVING SOMERVILLE STREET FAIR ON OCTOBER 6, 2024 FROM 11:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. ON MAIN STREET (ROUTE 28) FROM GROVE STREET TO DOUGHTY AVENUE (Road closure from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)

24-0318-094 APPROVING THE TITLE CHANGE OF DONNA D'ANUNCIACAO AS SENIOR RECORDS CLERK- ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT RETROACTIVE TO MARCH 4, 2024

24-0318-095 APPROVING ANNUAL SALARY ADJUSTMENT FOR ZINA VAN NESS RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2024

24-0318-096 APPROVING THE VOLKSWAGEN CLUB TO UTILIZE PARKING SPACES IN FRONT OF HISTORIC COURTHOUSE ON AUGUST 30TH FROM 5:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. FOR CRUISE NIGHT DISPLAY

24-0318-097 AMENDING RESOLUTION 24-0304-087 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION FOR \$125,000 FOR THE VANDERVEER PARK PROJECT

24-0318-098 AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE TO ENTER INTO A LEASE BY AND BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE AND THE FIRST AID AND RESCUE SQUAD OF SOMERVILLE NJ, INC. FOR THE LEASING OF

PROPERTY OWNED BY THE BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE COMMONLY KNOWN AND IDENTIFIED AS 137 WEST HIGH STREET AND DESIGNATED ON THE OFFICAL TAX MAP OF THE BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE AS BLOCK 115, LOT 6

- 24-0318-099 AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION FOR 2024 CURRENT OPERATING MUNICIPAL BUDGET
- 24-0318-100 AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION FOR 2024 PARKING UTILITY BUDGET
- 24-0318-101 SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION FOR AN HDSRF GRANT FOR ADDITIONAL WETLAND REMEDIATION ACTIVITIES AT THE LANDFILL BDA REDEVELOPMENT AREA, LOCATED ON ROUTE 206 NORTH IN THE BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
- 24-0318-102 AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH EXEMPLIS LLC d/b/a SITONIT SEATING UNDER NJ STATE CONTRACT #81711 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$116,063.28 FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES FACILITY
- 24-0318-103 AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH THE HON COMPANY UNDER NJ STATE CONTRACT 19-FOOD-00927 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,095.90 FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES FACILITY
- 24-0318-104 AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DOWNTOWN SOMERVILLE ALLIANCE, INC., TO UTILIZE SPACE IN A MUNICIPAL BUILDING FOR STORAGE
- 24-0318-105 AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH STEELCASE, INC., UNDER NJ STATE CONTRACT A81639, T-G2004 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$534,505.15 FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES FACILITY
- 24-0318-106 AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH GREAT OPENINGS UNDER NJ STATE CONTRACT A81631, T408176 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,611.14 FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES FACILITY
- 24-0318-107 INTENT TO PURCHASE THROUGH SOURCEWELL NATIONAL CONTRACT FROM SPACESAVER'S NEW JERSEY DISTRIBUTOR THROUGH MODERN OFFICE SYSTEM, LLC FOR FURNITURE TO BE INSTALLED AT THE EMERGENCY SERVICES FACILITY
- 24-0318-108 AUTHORIZING A REDUCTION OF A CASH PERFORMANCE BOND POSTED FOR SUMMIT SOLAR #2021-010Z FROM \$109,116 TO \$5,000 FOR IMPROVEMENTS ON BLOCK 151, LOT 1, 240 MOUNTAIN AVENUE
- 24-0318-109 APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN
WALK ON THE BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE AND SOMERVILLE PBA LOCAL 147

14. BILLS AND VOUCHERS

15. ADJOURNMENT

KEVIN SLUKA, MUNICIPAL CLERK
Ordinances scheduled for Introduction

ORDINANCE# 2730-24-0318

**AMENDING ORDINANCE #2726-24-0116 ESTABLISHING A SALARY RANGE FOR
EMPLOYEE TITLES TO BE PAID TO CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF
THE BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, in the County of Somerset, and the State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. The salaries, wages or other compensation to be paid to the following officers and employees of the Borough of Somerville, in the County of Somerset, shall be fixed and determined from time to time by resolution of the Council, of the said Borough, at amounts or rates of not less than the respective minimum, nor more than the respective maximum amounts or rates hereinafter set forth opposite the title of the respective officers or employees as follows:

PRIMARY TITLE	MIN	MAX
MAYOR	\$3,500	\$5,500
COUNCIL MEMBER	\$3,000	\$4,500
BORO ADMINISTRATOR	\$91,600	\$142,000
BORO CLERK	\$54,400	\$90,000
DEPUTY CLERK	\$35,000	\$70,000
BORO ATTORNEY	\$32,000	\$65,000
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	\$40,000	\$60,000
RECEPTIONIST/ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	\$40,000	\$58,000
ASS'T TO DPW DIR/ASST TO ENGINEER	\$80,000	\$135,000
ADMIN. ASS'T TO THE POLICE CHIEF	\$45,000	\$60,000
PROJECT MANAGER	\$44,000	\$65,000
PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER	\$75,000	\$145,000
DIR OF COMM DEV	\$45,000	\$135,000
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	\$75,000	\$155,000
ASISTANT TO THE CFO/PAYROLL	\$45,000	\$70,000
RECREATION DIRECTOR	\$45,000	\$90,000
SUPT OF FIRE MAINT.	\$45,000	\$90,000
ASST SUPT FIRE	\$40,000	\$65,000
TAX ASSESSOR (PT)	\$30,000	\$65,000
ASST TAX ASSESSOR	\$32,000	\$40,000
CORRESPONDING SECTY (PT)	\$32,000	\$50,000
SECRETARY	\$32,000	\$60,000
CONFIDENTIAL SECTY	\$32,000	\$60,000
MUNICIPAL JUDGE	\$20,000	\$70,000
ASS'T TO FINANCE OFFICER/RECEPTIONIST	\$39,000	\$70,000
TAX COLLECTOR	\$32,000	\$80,000
DEP TAX COLL	\$32,000	\$70,000
DEP SEWER UTY COLL	\$32,000	\$35,000
PLUMBING SUB-CODE	\$3,000	\$25,000
FIRE SUB-CODE INSP PT	\$10,000	\$30,000
FIRE OFFICIAL	\$32,000	\$90,000
FIRE INSPECTOR/PROPERTY MTC	\$42,000	\$55,000
PART-TIME FIRE INSPECTOR	\$10,000	\$50,000
PART-TIME TECHNICAL ASSISTANT TO CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL	\$10,000	\$30,000
FULL-TIME TECHNICAL ASSISTANT TO CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL	\$45,000	\$70,000
ELECTRICAL SUBCODE/CONST CODE OFF.	\$45,000	\$95,000
FIRE SUBCODE/INSPECTOR/ ELECTRICAL SUBCODE/INSPECTOR	\$85,000	\$135,000
BUILDG SUB CODE/INSPECTOR		
HOUSING INSP (PT)	\$3,000	\$40,000
DEPY CODE ENF OFF	\$32,000	\$50,000
BUILDING SUB-CODE	\$2,000	\$25,000
BOOKKEEPER/CLERK	\$32,000	\$50,000
SR. CLK /TYPIST	\$32,000	\$45,000
SR. RECORDS CLERK/ADMIN ASS'T	\$40,000	\$60,000
CLERK/TYPIST PT	\$20,000	\$40,000
CLERK PT	\$10,000	\$30,000
SECTY PL/ZONING BDS (administrator)	\$32,000	\$80,000
REGISTRAR/VITAL STAT	\$45,000	\$90,000
DEP REGISTRAR/ADMIN ASS'T	\$45,000	\$70,000
DEPUTY REGISTRAR	\$45,000	\$65,000

PARK ENFORC OFF	\$33,000	\$60,000
RECEPTIONIST – PT	\$17.00/hr	\$26.00/hr
PARK ENFORC. – PT.	\$17.00/hr	\$26.00/hr
PART-TIME INTERN	\$17.00/hr	\$20.00/hr
PART-TIME CLERICAL	\$17.00/hr	\$30.00/hr
RECREATION ASSISTANTS	\$17.00/hr	\$30.00/hr
LIFEGUARDS	\$18.00/hr	\$25.00/hr
POOL SUPERVISOR	\$21.00/hr	\$25.00/hr
PART-TIME FIRE MAINTENANCE (hourly)	\$17.00/hr	\$35.00/hr
PART-TIME FIRE MAINTENANCE	\$10,000	\$35,000
INTERN	\$17.00/hr	\$25.00/hr
FIRE MAINTENANCE	\$17.00/hr	\$26.00/hr

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

FIRE APPARATUS DRIVER	\$600	\$2,000
FIRE DUTY	\$17.00/hr	\$20.00/hr
FIRE WATCH	\$17.00/hr	\$20.00/hr
FIRE ON-CALL	\$17.00/hr	\$20.00/hr

POLICE DEPARTMENT: (salary as per collective bargain contract)

CHIEF OF POLICE	\$140,000	\$195,000
CAPTAIN	\$115,000	\$190,000
LIEUTENANT	\$105,000	\$185,000
SERGEANT	\$79,000	\$180,000
DETECTIVE	\$60,000	\$165,000
PATROLMAN	\$50,000	\$165,000

PUBLIC WORKS: DPW employees are hourly employees salary as per collective bargaining contract

GENERAL	\$50,000	\$85,000
SUPERVISING MECHANIC	\$48,000	\$85,000
MECHANIC	\$44,000	\$75,000
HEAVY EQUIP OPR	\$46,000	\$70,000
LIGHT EQUIP OPR	\$46,000	\$70,000
DRIVER LABORER	\$46,000	\$65,000
LABORERS	\$40,000	\$55,000
DRIVER-LABORER-INSPECTOR	\$40,000	\$60,000
CUSTODIAN	\$35,000	\$55,000
HEAD CUSTODIAN	\$37,000	\$58,000
PART- TIME LABORER	\$17.00/hr	\$30.00/hr
SEASONAL EMPLOYEES	\$17.00/hr	\$25.00/hr

Part time employees and Public Works employees are hourly employees.

Contracts for PBA, OPEIU and AFSCME shall govern salary adjustments of fulltime and unionized part-time employees.

Hourly, non-unionized and management are governed by the Borough Council.

SECTION 2. Not all titles are used. The Borough reserves the right to amend the ordinance to accommodate new titles.

SECTION 3. The Borough Council reserves the right to hire any individual within the range by Resolution.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its final passage and publication as required by law.

ORDINANCE NO. 2731-24-0318

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FUNDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL PURPOSES FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE AND APPROPRIATING \$2,132,000 FOR SUCH PURPOSE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Borough of Somerville, in the County of Somerset, New Jersey, authorizes various capital improvements to be undertaken, including:

(a) Improvements to Lincoln Avenue/Cleveland Street, Altamont Place and Safe Routes to School	\$1,842,000 (includes \$482,000 NJDOT Grant)
(b) Library Roof Replacement	\$110,000
(c) Acquisition of Sport Utility Vehicle	\$80,000
(d) Acquisition of Street Cameras	\$100,000

to be funded from the sources specified in Section 2 of the Ordinance.

Section 2. The amount of \$2,132,000 is hereby appropriated for the purposes stated in Section 1 of the Ordinance and which amount was funded from the Capital Improvement Fund in the amount of \$2,132,000 (\$482,000 of said amount expected to be derived from a NJDOT grant)

Section 3. In connection with the purpose and the amount authorized in Sections 1 and 2 hereof, the Borough determines the purpose described in Section 1 hereof is not a Current Expense and is an improvement which the Borough of Somerville may lawfully make as a general improvement.

Section 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon due passage and publication according to law.

ORDINANCE #2732-24-0318

AMENDING CHAPTER 166 SCHEDULE III ENTITLED NO STOPPING OR STANDING EXTENDING THE AREA ON MOUNTAIN AVENUE BETWEEN W. CLIFF STREET AND MOUNTAIN AVENUE

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville that Chapter 166 Schedule III shall be amended to extend the no parking or standing area on Mountain Avenue as designated as follows:

§ 166-44 Schedule III: No Stopping or Standing.

In accordance with the provisions of § 166-8, no person shall stop or stand a vehicle between the times specified upon any of the following described streets or parts of streets:

Name of Street	Side	Hours	Location
Mountain Avenue	East	All	From a point 210 feet north of the intersection of West Cliff Street and from a point 215 feet south of the intersection of West Cliff Street
Mountain Avenue	West	All	From a point 210 feet north of Altamont Place southerly to West End Avenue

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication provided by law.

ORDINANCE #2729-24-0304

AMENDING CHAPTER 166-50 SCHEDULE IX ENTITLED “STOP INTERSECTIONS” TO INCLUDE DIVISION STREET AT THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTH STREET

§ 166-50 Schedule IX: Stop Intersections.

In accordance with the provisions of § 166-14, the following described intersections are hereby designated as stop intersections:

Stop Sign	On Intersection
Division Street	South Street and Division Street
This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as may be required by law.	

The resolutions listed below are in draft form and may be amended prior or during the meeting

RESOLUTION 24-0318-091

APPROVING EVENT PERMIT FOR SOMERVILLE RESCUE SQUAD TO USE LEPP PARK– FOR COMMUNITY EVENT ON MARCH 30, 2024 (rain date April 6, 2024) FROM 11:00 A.M.TO 1:00 P.M.

WHEREAS, Somerville Rescue Squad is seeking to use Lepp Park for Community Event; and

WHEREAS, Jessie Decker on behalf of Somerville Rescue Squad, has completed a Facility Use Application.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey approves an event permit for Somerville Rescue Squad to use Lepp Park for Community Event on March 30, 2024 (rain date April 6, 2024) from 11:00 a.m.to 1:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION 24-0318-092

APPROVING THE HIRING OF JOSHUA BONADUCE AS LABORER FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville advertised for the full time position of Laborer for Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, it’s recommended the hiring of Joshua Bonaduce at an annual salary of \$42,000, prorated for 2024.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey authorizes the hiring of Joshua Bonaduce at an annual salary of \$42,000 prorated for 2024 with an effective date of March 19, 2024.

RESOLUTION 24-0318-093

APPROVING SOMERVILLE STREET FAIR ON OCTOBER 6, 2024 FROM 11:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. ON MAIN STREET (ROUTE 28) FROM GROVE STREET TO DOUGHTY AVENUE (Road closure from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)

WHEREAS, Streetfairs.org has requested to conduct a Street fair on October 6, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Main Street from Grove Street to Doughty Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Daryl Walker the event organizer has filed the Event Application Plan as required and shall file for all necessary state and local permits, including security and sanitation; and.

WHEREAS, Daryl Walker is required to coordinate with the Downtown Somerville Alliance, Inc., to curate the event and to work with the DSA to ensure that Main Street merchants are accommodated in accordance with the terms established; and

WHEREAS, the roadway closure request is from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on October 6, 2024.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey hereby approve the Somerville Street fair on October 6, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Main Street (Route 28) from Grove Street to Doughty Avenue (Road closure from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.).

RESOLUTION 24-0318-094

APPROVING THE TITLE CHANGE OF DONNA D'ANUNCIACAO AS SENIOR RECORDS CLERK-ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT RETROACTIVE TO MARCH 4, 2024

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville approves the title change of Donna D'Anunciacao; and

WHEREAS, Donna D'Anunciacao shall be paid an annual salary of \$55,000.00.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey approves the title change of Donna D'Anunciacao effective retro to March 4, 2024.

RESOLUTION 24-0318-095

APPROVING ANNUAL SALARY ADJUSTMENT FOR ZINA VAN NESS RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2024

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville approves retroactive salary effective January 1, 2024 for Zina Van Ness; and

WHEREAS, Zina Van Ness shall be paid an annual salary of \$55,000.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey approves retroactive salary adjustment effective January 1, 2024 for Zina Van Ness.

RESOLUTION 24-0318-096

APPROVING THE VOLKSWAGEN CLUB TO UTILIZE PARKING SPACES IN FRONT OF HISTORIC COURTHOUSE ON AUGUST 30TH FROM 5:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. FOR CRUISE NIGHT DISPLAY

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey approves the Volkswagen Club to use parking spaces located on East Main Street in front of the Historic Courthouse on August 30th for Cruise Night display.

RESOLUTION 24-0318-097

AMENDING RESOLUTION 24-0304-087 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION FOR \$125,000 FOR THE VANDERVEER PARK PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville is eligible to make application for a Community Development Block Grant with Somerset County; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville seeks to enhance its recreational facilities access; and

WHEREAS, the Borough seeks to refurbish the pickleball and tennis court at Vanderveer Park; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville is eligible to make application to the Community Development Block Grant Program up to \$125,000 per application; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Recreation Committee has prepared an application for submission to the Community Development Block Grant Program for the maximum amount of \$125,000.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey authorizes and endorses an application to the Community Development Block Grant Program for the Vanderveer Park Project in the amount of \$125,000 and authorizes the execution all required documents.

RESOLUTION 24-0318-098

AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE TO ENTER INTO A LEASE BY AND BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE AND THE FIRST AID AND RESCUE SQUAD OF SOMERVILLE NJ, INC. FOR THE LEASING OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE COMMONLY KNOWN AND IDENTIFIED AS 137 WEST HIGH STREET AND DESIGNATED ON THE OFFICAL TAX MAP OF THE BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE AS BLOCK 115, LOT 6

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville (the "Borough") is the owner of certain property commonly known and identified as 137 West High Street, Somerville, New Jersey and designated on the Official Tax Map of the Borough as Block 115, Lot 6 (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Property serves as an active firehouse for West End Hose Company #3 for the purpose of providing emergency response services to the residents of the Borough and mutual aid response; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has entered into a Redevelopment Agreement with FDS Somerville NJ, LLC to construct an Emergency Services Facility at 85-101 North Gaston Avenue (the "ESF"); and

WHEREAS, the Property is located within the boundaries of the Borough in an area previously designated by the Borough's Mayor and Council as the West Main Street Redevelopment Area; and

WHEREAS, West End Hose Company #3 is expected to relocate into, and continue to provide emergency response services out of, the ESF; and

WHEREAS, once West End Hose Company #3 fully relocates to the ESF, the Property will be vacant; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Mayor and Council recognize that The First Aid and Rescue Squad of Somerville NJ, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation, has expressed an interest in the occupancy and use of the Property for the public purpose of providing technical rescue response services within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Mayor and Council have determined that the occupancy and use of the Property for the public purpose of providing technical rescue response services within the Borough as proposed by The First Aid and Rescue Squad of Somerville NJ, Inc. would be an appropriate and beneficial use for the residents of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough and the Squad have agreed to certain terms and conditions reflected and memorialized in a Lease Agreement, a copy of which is annexed to this Resolution as Attachment "A", regarding the future occupancy and use of the Property.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville that the Borough does hereby agree to lease this property to The First Aid and Rescue Squad of Somerville NJ, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation, for the public purpose of providing technical rescue response services within the Borough of Somerville.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville does hereby accept the lease agreement as proposed in the form attached hereto and does authorize and direct the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute the lease agreement in the form attached.

RESOLUTION 24-0318-099

AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION FOR 2024 CURRENT OPERATING MUNICIPAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen with respect to the late adoption of the 2024 Municipal Budget, and adequate provision has not been made in the 2024 Temporary Budget appropriations for the aforesaid purpose, and NJS 40:4-20 provides for the creation of emergency appropriations, and

WHEREAS, the total emergency temporary resolutions for appropriations adopted in the year 2024 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, PL 1951 (NJS 40A:20) including this resolution total \$.9,095,977.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provisions of NJS 40:4-20:

1. That emergency temporary appropriations be made and the same is hereby made for the titles and amounts listed below.
2. That said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided for in the 2024 budget under the titles listed below.

<u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Salaries/Wages</u>	<u>Other Exp</u>
Administration	\$25,000	\$25,000
Clerk	\$15,000	
Finance	\$20,000	\$15,000
Tax Collector	\$15,000	\$5,000
Tax Assessor	\$5,000	
Dept. of Technology		\$150,000
Legal		\$20,000
Prosecutor	\$5,000	
Municipal Court		\$50,000
Bldg/Grounds		\$40,000
Fire Department	\$20,000	\$45,000
Fire Safety	\$15,000	
Police	\$700,000	\$60,000
Crossing Guards		\$40,000
Dept of Community	\$40,000	\$15,000
Electrical Sub Code	\$20,000	
Road Repairs/Maintenance	\$200,000	\$100,000
Garbage		\$200,000
Recycling		\$40,000
Board of Health		\$30,000
Dog Regulation		\$10,000
Recreation	\$10,000	\$20,000
Parks & Playgrounds	\$5,000	\$40,000
Health Benefits		300,000
Liability Insurance		\$300,000
Dental		\$15,000
Fire Hydrant		\$30,000
Utility – Water		\$11,000
Utility – Electric		\$10,000

Utility – Street Lights	\$10,000
Utility – Telephone	\$10,000
PERS	\$362,662
PFRS	\$1,546,115
Social Security	\$50,000
LOSAP	45,000
CFO Shared Service	\$40,000
	1,095,000.00
	3,634,777.00

RESOLUTION 24-0318-100

AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION FOR 2024 PARKING UTILITY BUDGET

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen with respect to the late adoption of the 2024 Parking Utility Budget, and adequate provision has not been made in the 2024 Temporary Budget appropriations for the aforesaid purpose, and NJS 40:4-20 provides for the creation of emergency appropriations, and

WHEREAS, the total emergency temporary resolutions for appropriations adopted in the year 2024 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, PL 1951 (NJS 40A:20) including this resolution total \$295,000.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provisions of NJS 40:4-20:

1. That emergency temporary appropriations be and the same is hereby made for the titles and amounts listed below.
2. That said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided for in the 2024 budget under the titles listed below.

<u>Salaries/Wages</u>	<u>Other Expenses</u>
S&W \$15,000	PERS \$40,000
	O&E \$50,000

RESOLUTION 24-0318-101

SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION FOR AN HDSRF GRANT FOR ADDITIONAL WETLAND REMEDIATION ACTIVITIES AT THE LANDFILL BDA REDEVELOPMENT AREA, LOCATED ON ROUTE 206 NORTH IN THE BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville (the “Borough”) is committed to the redevelopment and remediation of a portion of the Landfill BDA located on Route 206 North in the Borough of Somerville (the “Property”) which includes additional wetlands remediation activities; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined that there has been a discharge of hazardous substances or a hazardous waste on the Property; and

WHEREAS, Borough intends to apply for a grant from the NJDEP Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (HDSRF) to fund the continuation of remediation of certain portions within the Landfill BDA/Redevelopment Area, as identified in the Remediation of Green Seam Final Cover Plan prepared by Geosyntec Consultants, dated March 2024 to be submitted to the NJ DEP for approval; and

WHEREAS, the Remediation of Green Seam Final Cover purpose of this HDSRF funding request is to continue remediation activities of the Green Seam to ensure the integrity of the cover system and control invasive species; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the process Geosyntec will evaluate the establishment of wetlands in the Green Seam and address NJDEP comments on Geosyntec’s Mitigation Year 2 Monitoring Report; and

WHEREAS, this remediation is estimated to cost \$391,092 which is intended to be funded through a NJ DEP Hazardous Discharge Remediation Fund (HDSRF) Grant for 75% \$293,319 of the amount and the developer and Borough will contribute the

remaining balance of 25% \$97,773.00 as shown in the proposed budget in the GeoSyntec funding request; and

WHEREAS, this remediation is planned to occur over a five (5) year period with the first inspection in 2022, and completing in 2027, this fully shown in the Remediation of Green Seam Final Cover Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville that it hereby authorizes the submission of an application to the NJDEP Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (HDSRF) to fund the additional wetland remediation activities for the Landfill BDA/Redevelopment Area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Administrator are authorized to sign a HDSRF application and associated documents for the remediation of this portion of the landfill in the amount of \$293,319 to be submitted to the NJDEP.

RESOLUTION 24-0318-102

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH EXEMPLIS LLC d/b/a SITONIT SEATING UNDER NJ STATE CONTRACT #81711 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$116,063.28 FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES FACILITY

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12(a) and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c) may by resolution and without public advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under New Jersey State Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville has the need on a timely basis to purchase goods or services utilizing State contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville intends to enter into contract with Exemplis LLC, under New Jersey State Contract #81711 in the amount of \$116,063.28 for the Emergency Services Facility; and

WHEREAS, Exemplis LLC, is located at 6415 Katella Avenue, Cypress CA 90630.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey authorizes a contract with Exemplis LLC, is located at 6415 Katella Avenue, Cypress CA 90630.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Borough of Somerville pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), the certification of available funds, shall either certify the full maximum amount against the budget at the time the contract is awarded, or no contract amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as the goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for prior to placing the order, and a certification of availability of funds is made by the Chief Finance Officer.

RESOLUTION 24-0318-103

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH THE HON COMPANY UNDER NJ STATE CONTRACT 19-FOOD-00927 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,095.90 FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES FACILITY

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12(a) and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c) may by resolution and without public advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under New Jersey State Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville has the need on a timely basis to purchase goods or services utilizing State contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville intends to enter into contract with The Hon Company under New Jersey State Contract 19-FOOD-00927 in the amount of \$19,095.90 for the Emergency Services Facility; and

WHEREAS, The Hon Company located at 200 Oak Street, Muscatine, IA 52761 has an ordering and payment address as The Hon Company PO Box 404422, Atlanta, GA 30384-4422.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey authorizes a contract with The Hon Company 200 Oak Street, Muscatine, IA 52761.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Borough of Somerville pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), the certification of available funds, shall either certify the full maximum amount against the budget at the time the contract is awarded, or no contract amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as the goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for prior to placing the order, and a certification of availability of funds is made by the Chief Finance Officer.

RESOLUTION 24-0318-104

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DOWNTOWN SOMERVILLE ALLIANCE, INC., TO UTILIZE SPACE IN A MUNICIPAL BUILDING FOR STORAGE

WHEREAS, the Downtown Somerville Alliance, Inc., may have a need to store equipment in a municipal owned building that include but limited to holiday displays, A-frame signage mural panels, artwork, frames, flag, sanitation and recycling cans; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Somerville will hold the Borough of Somerville harmless and the Borough of Somerville shall not be responsible for items stored; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Somerville Alliance, Inc., shall coordinate with the Public Works Department of appropriate municipal agency to coordinate storage activity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey hereby authorize the Borough of Somerville to enter into an agreement with the Downtown Somerville Alliance, for storage of items and equipment utilized in promoting the downtown.

RESOLUTION 24-0318-105

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH STEELCASE, INC., UNDER NJ STATE CONTRACT A81639, T-G2004 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$534,505.15 FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES FACILITY

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12(a) and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c) may by resolution and without public advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under New Jersey State Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville has the need on a timely basis to purchase goods or services utilizing State contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville intends to enter into contract with Steelcase, Inc., under New Jersey State Contract A81639 in the amount of \$534,505.15 for the Emergency Services Facility; and

WHEREAS, Steelcase Inc., is located at 901 44th Street SE, GH.2E, Grand Rapids, MI 49508.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey authorizes a contract with Steelcase Inc., is located at 901 44th Street SE, GH.2E, Grand Rapids, MI 49508.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Borough of Somerville pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), the certification of available funds, shall either certify the full maximum amount against the budget at the time the contract is awarded, or no contract amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as the goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for prior to placing the order, and a certification of availability of funds is made by the Chief Finance Officer.

RESOLUTION 24-0318-106

**AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH GREAT OPENINGS UNDER NJ STATE
CONTRACT A81631, T408176 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,611.14 FOR THE
EMERGENCY SERVICES FACILITY**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12(a) and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c) may by resolution and without public advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under New Jersey State Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville has the need on a timely basis to purchase goods or services utilizing State contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville intends to enter into contract with Great Openings, under New Jersey State Contract A81631, T408176 in the amount of \$29,611.14 for the Emergency Services Facility; and

WHEREAS, Great Openings is located at 330 Washington Street, MI 49660.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey authorizes a contract with Great Openings Great openings is located at 330 Washington Street, MI 49660.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Borough of Somerville pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), the certification of available funds, shall either certify the full maximum amount against the budget at the time the contract is awarded, or no contract amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as the goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for prior to placing the order, and a certification of availability of funds is made by the Chief Finance Officer.

RESOLUTION 24-0318-107

**INTENT TO PURCHASE THROUGH SOURCEWELL NATIONAL CONTRACT
FROM SPACESAVER'S NEW JERSEY DISTRIBUTOR THROUGH
MODERN OFFICE SYSTEM, LLC FOR FURNITURE TO BE INSTALLED AT THE
EMERGENCY SERVICES FACILITY**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville intends on purchasing from Sourcewell, a National Cooperative; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville has identified furniture it seeks to acquire in the amount of approximately \$207,765.42 from Spacesaver, distributed through Modern Office Systems; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville has published an intent to purchase in the official newspaper and allowing for comments.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey issued an intent to purchase in the amount of \$207,765.42 from Spacesaver distributed through Modern Office Systems, LLC 45 West 36th Street, New York, NY 10018 comments can be made to the Business Administrator at 25 West End Avenue, Somerville, NJ 08876.

RESOLUTION 24-0318-108

**AUTHORIZING A REDUCTION OF A CASH PERFORMANCE BOND POSTED FOR
SUMMIT SOLAR #2021-010Z FROM \$109,116 TO \$5,000 FOR IMPROVEMENTS ON
BLOCK 151, LOT 1, 240 MOUNTAIN AVENUE**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville has a cash performance bond in the amount of \$109,116 posted for application, Summit Solar #2021-010Z by Immaculata High School, Somerville, New Jersey 08876; and

WHEREAS, an internal meeting was held on March 14, 2024, regarding the project and the existing cash performance bond attended by Mayor Brian Gallagher, Bernard Navatto, Michael Cole and Colin Driver; and

WHEREAS, the attendees could not identify any reasonable need or compelling legal reason to continue to retain the full amount of the posted cash performance bond as the outstanding off site work is minimal compared to the entire scope of the project; and

WHEREAS, the performance bond as described in the preamble of this resolution shall be reduced by \$104,116 to a new amount of \$5,000 and said amount shall be retained by the Chief Financial Officer; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer shall return \$104,116 to Immaculata High School, Somerville, New Jersey and shall retain \$5,000 until the remaining work is completed or resolved.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey hereby reduces the amount of the performance bond from \$109,116 to \$5,000 posted for Summit Solar, #2021-010Z, 240 Mountain Avenue, Somerville, New Jersey, Block 151, Lot 1.

RESOLUTION 24-0318-109

APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE AND SOMERVILLE PBA LOCAL 147

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville and the Somerville PBA Local #147 has conducted collective negotiations; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Somerville has agreed to a 4-year contract from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2026 contingent upon final review of the Borough's labor counsel; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator and/or the Mayor are authorize to execute a Memorandum of Agreement.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey hereby approves a Memorandum of Agreement between the Borough of Somerville and Somerville PBA Local 147 for contract years January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2026 upon final review of the Borough's Labor Counsel.

MINUTES

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW STATEMENT

Kevin Sluka, RMC, read the Open Public Meeting Law statement.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Gallagher Councilmembers Bonner, Denys, Stravic and Vroom

Excused Absent: Councilmembers Mitchell and Pitts

Also Present: Kevin Sluka, Municipal Clerk and Jeremy Solomon, Borough Attorney

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Girl Scout Junior Troop #60725 led the pledge of allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Gallagher offered a moment of silence for Nancy Decker.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 4, 2024

Councilmember	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Bonner		X	X			
Denys			X			
Mitchell						X
Pitts						X
Stravic			X			
Vroom	X		X			

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS AND NOTICES

The mayor said there are no department reports and notices.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

G. Stravic - The Rescue Squad responded to 132 calls last month. Their response time is about 4 minutes for a call in Somerville and 7.2 minutes for calls out-of-town. We should be grateful for their good work. The Green Team had 25 volunteers at the community garden and they are looking to add 6 new garden beds.

G. Denys - The Environmental Commission met last week and had a great presentation by Somerville High School students in the Environmental Club. Applications are live until April 15 for the community garden. There will be a lottery after the Green Fair on April 20. We will meet at the HS on April 20 to help clean up the town and then the Green Fair will continue from 11 am to 2 pm on Division Street. You can also apply to get a street tree planted in front of your house.

The Fire Department is excited about the St. Patrick's Day Parade and everyone who came out to support them. This is a good time to check your smoke detectors and change the batteries.

T. Bonner - The Municipal Alliance and Youth Services Commission did not meet this month. I attended the DARE graduation at Van Derveer school last week. It was a wonderful event.

R. Vroom - Registration is still open for youth tennis clinics, youth soccer clinic and adult pickleball. Please visit the borough website for more information.

RECOGNITION/RESOLUTION

The mayor recognized Girl Scout Junior Troop #60725. They received a Bronze Award for their Blizzard Box Drop Off Project.

RECOGNIZING GIRL SCOUT JUNIOR TROOP #60725 ON THEIR BRONZE AWARD PROJECT BLIZZARD BOXES AND CONTINUED COMMUNITY WORK

WHEREAS, Girl Scout Junior Troop # 60725 is based in Somerville, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Junior Troop # 60725 is to be awarded the Bronze Award, which is the highest award a Girl Scout Junior can earn; and

WHEREAS, the scouts chose to make Blizzard Boxes for their Bronze Award Project, an extremely helpful resource for people who are unable to get to the grocery store during bad weather; and

WHEREAS, the Junior Troop coordinate with their school to conduct a food donation drive, and then using their arts and crafts skills to create a beautiful box, filling up 120 Blizzard Boxes with donations and inspirational messages for the Somerset County Office of Aging; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Troop Leaders, Kathi Gutierrez and Katie Hutzayluk, we recognize and congratulate the work of Christina Alafazanos, Francesca Genovese, Quinn Gilroy, Serena Gutierrez, Ollie Ferrao, Avery Harabin, Mariana Hutzayluk, Zoe Mathias, Charlotte O'Neill, Bella Sambucini and Genevieve Tkacs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Brian G. Gallagher, Mayor of the Borough of Somerville, join with the Borough Council to recognize the members of Girl Scout Junior Troop # 60725 for their successful Blizzard Boxes Project in addition to their continued community and volunteer civic work performed throughout the Borough of Somerville.

BUDGET PRESENTATION

Paige Elster, Chief Financial Officer, presented the 2024 municipal budget.

- The Finance Committee consists of Roger Vroom, Gina Stravic, Paige Elster and Kevin Sluka
- The anticipated revenues are listed on pages 4 to 6
- We were able to secure a much higher interest rate on investments last year. In 2023, we anticipated \$74,000 and in 2024 we can anticipate \$950,000. We're also using a \$146,000 state aid municipal relief fund to support the budget.
- We have an additional \$1 million in PILOT revenue this year
- We will not be incurring any debt for capital projects this year
- The statutory employee costs are listed on page 19
- We are no longer in state benefits and lowered the cost for health benefits by \$200,000
- Our debt service in 2024 is \$2,877,242. We retired about \$8 million in debt last year, partly due to the sale of the sewer for \$7 million.
- New grants in 2024 total \$2,456,557
- The average home in Somerville is assessed at \$275,700. Based on this assessment, the 2024 municipal portion of the tax bill is \$3,102 and the municipal increase is \$14.
- The tax rate last year was 3.862 for all entities. We're estimating the tax rate this year at 3.933, but this won't be confirmed until July.
- Our tax base is stabilized
- The tax collection rate for 2023 was 98.7%
- The Parking Utility budget is \$853,500. The user fees support the budget.
- The Capital budget is \$2,132,000, with \$1.8 million funding road projects. Funded projects include roof renovations for the library, street security cameras and a fire department command vehicle.

Principal		3,271,617.00				
Outstanding Balance		17,435,614.00		0.00		0.00

Notice is hereby given that the budget and tax resolution was approved by the COUNCIL of the BOROUGH of SOMERVILLE, County of SOMERSET on MARCH 18, 2024.

A hearing on the budget and tax resolution will be held at 24 ROBESON STREET, SOMERVILLE NJ on APRIL 15, 2024 at 7:00 o'clock PM at which time and place

objections to the Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2024 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested parties.

Copies of the budget are available in the office of MUNICIPAL CLERK at the Municipal Building, 25 WEST END AVENUE, SOMERVILLE New Jersey, during the hours of 8:30AM to 4:00 PM.

Councilmember	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Bonner		X	X			
Denys			X			
Mitchell						X
Pitts						X
Stravic			X			
Vroom	X		X			

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Open Public Session

Councilmember	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Bonner	X		X			
Denys		X	X			
Mitchell						X
Pitts						X
Stravic			X			
Vroom			X			

Public Comments

Eric Sutherland – Advised that he signed up for the do not call list and Vendors still knock on his door. Mayor Gallagher advised that it is likely they do not have a permit and hence do not have the do not call list. If someone is soliciting on your property, the Police Department should be notified.

James Meister- HS student- Branchburg – Felt that Somerville over developed and the over development is causing negative impact of the community. Suggested that the Borough develop green policies in development. Mayor Gallagher talked briefly about the efforts that are being made in the development process and thanked him for his interest and encouraged his involvement. Councilman Denys talked about the

Environmental Commissions efforts with community garden and tree inventory reforestation. Councilwoman Stravic agreed with Mr. Meister comments and advised that the Environmental Commission is there to include green development.

Robert Slawski 411 William Street advised of the regular speeding that occurs on William Street and throughout the borough and suggested that the PD have a better strategy dealing with speeding. Suggested adding police. Suggested that town should adopt a flyer that can be handed out as a warning.

Mayor Gallagher advised that the 25 miles per hour will be remaining in place and conversations will take with Police Department regarding enforcement.

Mr. Slawski has other concerns:

PSEG needs to do a better job providing temporary patching.

Street Cleaner needs to go out.

Had a conversation with Rodney Hadley regarding placement of signs and did not get a response. Kevin Sluka advised he spoke with Mr. Hadley and a conversation was apparently had. Mr. Slawski advised that Mr. Hadley communicated on one issue regarding his neighbor's water but not the other.

Rich O'Neill 124 W. Cliff Street advised that all the development in Somerville has been redeveloped. Most of the land was redeveloped and did not include the development of large open spaces such as other municipalities.

Celine Greaves 97 E. Spring commented on the following:

Concerns regarding the streaming technology and recent problems.

Lacks accessibility for those that can't make the meeting.

2/20 minutes have yet to be posted on the Borough's website.

Concerns over gun and ammunition store

Raised concerns about communication with the public.

Close Public Session

Councilmember	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Bonner			X			
Denys		X	X			
Mitchell						X
Pitts						X
Stravic			X			
Vroom	X		X			

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

2730-24-0318 AMENDING ORDINANCE #2726-24-0116 ESTABLISHING A SALARY RANGE FOR EMPLOYEE TITLES TO BE PAID TO CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE

Open Public Comment

Councilmember	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Bonner			X			
Denys	X		X			
Mitchell						X
Pitts						X
Stravic			X			

Vroom		X	X			
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Public comments – No comments

Close public comment

Councilmember	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Bonner			X			
Denys		X	X			
Mitchell						X
Pitts						X
Stravic			X			
Vroom	X		X			

Introduction vote:

2730-24-0318 AMENDING ORDINANCE #2726-24-0116 ESTABLISHING A SALARY RANGE FOR EMPLOYEE TITLES TO BE PAID TO CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE

Councilmember	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Bonner			X			
Denys			X			
Mitchell						X
Pitts						X
Stravic		X	X			
Vroom	X		X			

2731-24-0318 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FUNDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL PURPOSES FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE AND APPROPRIATING \$2,132,000 FOR SUCH PURPOSE.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilmember	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Bonner			X			
Denys			X			
Mitchell						X
Pitts						X
Stravic		X	X			
Vroom	X		X			

Public Comments– No comments

Councilmember	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
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Bonner			X			
Denys			X			
Mitchell						X
Pitts						X
Stravic		X	X			
Vroom	X		X			

Introduction vote:

2731-24-0318 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FUNDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL PURPOSES FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE AND APPROPRIATING \$2,132,000 FOR SUCH PURPOSE.

Councilmember	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Bonner			X			
Denys			X			
Mitchell						X
Pitts						X
Stravic		X	X			
Vroom	X		X			

2732-24-0318 AMENDING CHAPTER 166 SCHEDULE III ENTITLED NO STOPPING OR STANDING EXTENDING THE AREA ON MOUNTAIN AVENUE BETWEEN W. CLIFF STREET AND MOUNTAIN AVENUE

Councilmember	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Bonner			X			
Denys			X			
Mitchell						X
Pitts						X
Stravic		X	X			
Vroom	X		X			

Public comments:

Dennis Sullivan, S. Richards Avenue requests that the residents in the area be notified prior to adoption. Mayor Gallagher thanked former Mayor Sullivan for his comments and directed the Municipal Clerk to notify residents that are affected in the area.

Councilmember	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Bonner		X	X			
Denys			X			

Mitchell						X
Pitts						X
Stravic			X			
Vroom	X		X			

Introduction Vote:

2732-24-0318 AMENDING CHAPTER 166 SCHEDULE III ENTITLED NO STOPPING OR STANDING EXTENDING THE AREA ON MOUNTAIN AVENUE BETWEEN W. CLIFF STREET AND MOUNTAIN AVENUE

Councilmember	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Bonner			X			
Denys			X			
Mitchell						X
Pitts						X
Stravic		X	X			
Vroom	X		X			

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

2729-24-0304 AMENDING CHAPTER 166-50 SCHEDULE IX ENTITLED "STOP INTERSECTIONS" TO INCLUDE DIVISION STREET AT THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTH STREET

Open public comments

Councilmember	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Bonner		X	X			
Denys			X			
Mitchell						X
Pitts						X
Stravic			X			
Vroom	X		X			

Public comments – No comments

Close public comments

Councilmember	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Bonner			X			
Denys		X	X			
Mitchell						X
Pitts						X
Stravic			X			

Vroom	X		X			
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Adoption Vote:

2729-24-0304

AMENDING CHAPTER 166-50 SCHEDULE IX ENTITLED "STOP INTERSECTIONS" TO INCLUDE DIVISION STREET AT THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTH STREET

Councilmember	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Bonner			X			
Denys			X			
Mitchell						X
Pitts						X
Stravic		X	X			
Vroom	X		X			

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS 24-0318-091 THROUGH 24-0318-107, Item 108 was removed for a roll call vote and Item 109 was a walk-on and also taken separately.

Councilmember	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Bonner			X			
Denys		X	X			
Mitchell						X
Pitts						X
Stravic			X			
Vroom	X		X			

24-0318-108 AUTHORIZING A REDUCTION OF A CASH PERFORMANCE BOND POSTED FOR SUMMIT SOLAR #2021-010Z FROM \$109,116 TO \$5,000 FOR IMPROVEMENTS ON BLOCK 151, LOT 1, 240 MOUNTAIN AVENUE

Mayor Gallagher explained that the Borough has been holding onto funds that were posted for an entire project when a small portion of the project remains. Mayor Gallagher advised that the Borough Attorney had not reviewed the bonding as required, and that has not been a practice in the past. There are only some small issues that need to be resolved. Mayor Gallagher asked if anyone had any questions regarding the matter. And no questions or comments were received from the Governing Body.

Councilmember	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Bonner	X		X			
Denys		X	X			
Mitchell						X
Pitts						X
Stravic				X		
Vroom	X		X			

Councilmember	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Bonner			X			
Denys		X	X			
Mitchell						X
Pitts						X
Stravic			X			
Vroom	X		X			

BILLS AND VOUCHERS

Account	PO #	Vendor Name	Amount
3-01-20-100-000-628	24-00509	SOMERSET CTY ADM. BLDG	30.00
3-01-20-140-000-614	23-01089	EPLUS TECHNOLOGY, INC	2,610.92
3-01-20-140-000-614	23-01089	EPLUS TECHNOLOGY, INC	2,436.35
3-01-22-195-000-628	24-00446	SOMERSET CTY ADM. BLDG	225.80
3-01-26-290-000-557	23-01418	POWER PLACE, INC.	24,210.91
3-01-26-290-000-557	23-01418	POWER PLACE, INC.	1,644.99
3-01-26-290-000-560	23-00149	SERVICE TIRE TRUCK CENTER INC	4,166.67
3-01-26-290-000-560	23-01501	SOMERSET CTY ADM. BLDG	90.00
3-01-26-305-000-656	24-00392	F&E REALTY C/O PIVNICK REALTY	1,716.00
3-01-26-305-000-656	24-00393	BROOKSIDE AT SOMERVILLE LLC	30,888.00
3-01-26-305-000-656	24-00394	DGM SOUTH MANAGEMENT LLC	1,144.00
3-01-26-305-000-656	24-00396	C & S JEFFERSON LLC	3,432.00
3-01-26-305-000-656	24-00397	C & S LEXINGTON LLC	4,290.00
3-01-26-305-000-656	24-00398	HEATHER HILL PROPERTIES INC	1,144.00
3-01-26-305-000-656	24-00399	PINE VIEW GARDENS	1,716.00
3-01-26-305-000-656	24-00400	DONALD & MADELYN STORMS	572.00
3-01-26-305-000-656	24-00401	DMG MANAGEMENT	858.00
3-01-26-305-000-656	24-00402	DANIEL NOBLE, PRESIDENT	1,144.00
3-05-55-503-000-655	24-00512	SOMERSET RARITAN SEWERAGE AUTH	311,327.20
4-01-20-100-000-502	24-00024	GANNETT MEDIA CORP	186.11
4-01-20-100-000-530	24-00508	XEROX (STEWART)	847.95
4-01-20-100-000-545	24-00462	SOMERSET COUNTY BUSINESS	1,250.00
4-01-20-100-000-555	24-00436	ZINA VAN NESS	219.00
4-01-20-100-000-628	24-00036	W.B. MASON CO., INC	118.44
4-01-20-100-000-628	24-00384	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC	23.99
4-01-20-100-000-635	24-00027	FEDEX	6.80
4-01-20-100-000-659	24-00026	DRIVER ASSOCIATES LLC	13,500.00
4-01-20-130-000-628	24-00051	W.B. MASON CO., INC	106.95
4-01-20-130-000-628	24-00051	W.B. MASON CO., INC	210.67
4-01-20-130-000-628	24-00051	W.B. MASON CO., INC	-111.99
4-01-20-140-000-528	24-00312	KRS IT CONSULTING LLC	497.00
4-01-20-140-000-533	24-00053	KRS IT CONSULTING LLC	6,746.00
4-01-20-140-000-533	24-00053	KRS IT CONSULTING LLC	949.00
4-01-20-140-000-534	24-00052	COMPUTER SYSTEMS & METHODS	1,810.00
4-01-20-140-000-598	24-00002	VERIZON	131.00
4-01-20-140-000-598	24-00003	VERIZON	109.00
4-01-20-140-000-598	24-00009	VERIZON	119.00
4-01-20-140-000-706	24-00432	PAUL TAUBMAN	62.97
4-01-20-145-000-628	24-00384	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC	49.99
4-01-20-165-000-533	24-00451	CHA DESIGN/CONSTRUCTION SOLUT	1,316.25

4-01-21-180-000-605	24-00511	MCNALLY, YAROS,KACZYNSKI,LIME	1,172.50
4-01-21-180-000-605	24-00511	MCNALLY, YAROS,KACZYNSKI,LIME	94.50
4-01-21-180-000-658	24-00510	COLE & ASSOCIATES LLC	1,500.00
4-01-21-185-000-607	24-00515	MICHAEL LOMBARDOZZI	959.20
4-01-22-195-000-628	24-00019	W.B. MASON CO., INC	27.05
4-01-23-220-000-586	24-00028	FLEXFACTS-GRANT BENEFITS SOLUT	56.00
4-01-23-220-002-739	24-00460	NFIP DIRECT SERVICING AGENT	12,325.00
4-01-25-240-000-538	24-00420	CREATIVE PRODUCTS SOURCING INC	3,411.36
4-01-25-240-000-545	24-00438	NJ STATE ASSOC OF CHIEF OF POL	275.00
4-01-25-240-000-545	24-00442	SOMERSET COUNTY ASSOC OF	200.00
4-01-25-240-000-545	24-00443	FBINAA	120.00
4-01-25-240-000-560	24-00100	AUTOZONE	218.50
4-01-25-240-000-560	24-00115	VESPIA'S/MR TIRE	876.76
4-01-25-240-000-560	24-00115	VESPIA'S/MR TIRE	99.99
4-01-25-240-000-628	24-00347	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC	78.57
4-01-25-240-000-628	24-00421	SHI INT'L CORP.	314.64
4-01-25-240-000-628	24-00421	SHI INT'L CORP.	389.82
4-01-25-240-000-697	24-00470	TROPICANA ATLANTIC CITY	225.98
4-01-25-240-000-697	24-00471	NJ JUVENILE OFFICERS ASSOC	250.00
4-01-25-240-000-697	24-00506	OFFICER RYAN MILLER	95.00
4-01-25-240-000-713	24-00099	ATLANTIC TACTICAL	189.99
4-01-25-240-000-713	24-00099	ATLANTIC TACTICAL	66.98
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4-01-25-240-000-713	24-00104	FLEMINGTON DEPARTMENT STORE	548.34
4-01-25-240-000-713	24-00422	NICOLE DEBIASE	148.99
4-01-25-240-000-713	24-00504	OFFICER SEAN MEYER	242.67
4-01-25-240-001-533	24-00108	HARVARD PROTECTION SERVICES	2,785.32
4-01-25-252-001-557	24-00385	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC	160.02
4-01-25-265-000-507	24-00062	AMERICAN TIRE AUTO CARE	2,704.28
4-01-25-265-000-507	24-00085	NAPA-GENUINE PARTS CO.	8.31
4-01-25-265-000-507	24-00087	PDQ AUTO SUPPLY OF MANVILLE	19.98
4-01-25-265-000-557	24-00507	POST ACE HARDWARE	305.55
4-01-25-265-000-560	24-00507	POST ACE HARDWARE	20.97
4-01-25-265-000-614	24-00011	VERIZON CONNECT FLEET USA LLC	56.85
4-01-25-265-000-670	24-00369	ESO SOLUTIONS, INC.	5,489.90
4-01-26-290-000-519	24-00125	FANWOOD CRUSHED STONE CO	378.00
4-01-26-290-000-519	24-00160	WELDON ASPHALT CO	87.25
4-01-26-290-000-519	24-00160	WELDON ASPHALT CO	1,627.93
4-01-26-290-000-533	24-00105	AMBASSADOR MEDICAL SERVICES	154.00
4-01-26-290-000-557	24-00507	POST ACE HARDWARE	31.96
4-01-26-290-000-560	24-00016	VERIZON WIRELESS	38.01
4-01-26-290-000-560	24-00116	BATTERIES PLUS BULBS	218.02
4-01-26-290-000-560	24-00118	CENTRAL JERSEY TRAILER HITCH D	174.38
4-01-26-290-000-560	24-00128	FULLERTON FORD INC	481.65
4-01-26-290-000-560	24-00507	POST ACE HARDWARE	10.18
4-01-26-290-000-621	24-00425	RODNEY DORSEY	30.00
4-01-26-290-000-621	24-00426	JAMES SANSEVERINO	10.00
4-01-26-290-000-621	24-00427	ROBERT SONNER	10.00
4-01-26-290-000-621	24-00428	KURT ACKERMAN	10.00
4-01-26-290-000-621	24-00429	WADE HALL	10.00
4-01-26-290-000-621	24-00430	GEORGE CONSTANTINO	10.00
4-01-26-290-000-621	24-00431	KENNY BARNEY	20.00
4-01-26-290-000-673	24-00138	SOMERSET CTY RD & BRIDGE DIV	44.00
4-01-26-290-000-687	24-00507	POST ACE HARDWARE	79.99
4-01-26-305-000-523	24-00137	LMR DISPOSAL, LLC	1,451.98
4-01-26-305-000-523	24-00137	LMR DISPOSAL, LLC	25,710.43
4-01-26-305-000-523	24-00137	LMR DISPOSAL, LLC	300.00
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4-01-26-305-000-523	24-00137	LMR DISPOSAL, LLC	1,372.05
4-01-26-310-000-516	24-00256	CIRCLE FLOORS	2,100.00
4-01-26-310-000-516	24-00418	LOMBARDY DOOR SALES & SERVICE	323.50
4-01-26-310-000-516	24-00461	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	707.30
4-01-26-310-000-516	24-00507	POST ACE HARDWARE	138.93
4-01-26-310-000-517	24-00159	W.B. MASON CO., INC	249.38
4-01-26-310-000-517	24-00507	POST ACE HARDWARE	52.54
4-01-26-310-000-533	24-00142	ONE TOTAL CLEANING SERVICES	4,388.81
4-01-26-310-000-558	24-00120	COWLEY'S "BUG-OUT" PEST CONTRO	35.00
4-01-26-310-000-639	24-00461	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	78.92
4-01-26-310-000-639	24-00461	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	4.97
4-01-26-310-000-639	24-00507	POST ACE HARDWARE	37.12
4-01-27-340-000-510	24-00020	ANIMAL CONTROL SOLUTIONS	3,086.00
4-01-28-370-000-697	24-00437	BSN SPORTS,LLC	1,273.44
4-01-28-370-000-699	24-00197	THOMAS YANNARELLA	180.00
4-01-28-370-000-699	24-00197	THOMAS YANNARELLA	180.00
4-01-28-370-000-699	24-00200	FAYE CLARK-WHITAKER	135.00
4-01-28-375-000-533	24-00096	UNITED SITE SERVICES	43.75
4-01-28-375-000-560	24-00461	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	21.28
4-01-31-440-000-704	24-00004	VERIZON	1,247.22
4-01-31-440-000-704	24-00005	VERIZON	148.90
4-01-31-440-000-704	24-00015	VERIZON WIRELESS	972.73
4-01-31-440-000-705	24-00001	VERIZON	409.97
4-01-31-440-000-705	24-00006	VERIZON	233.74
4-01-31-440-000-705	24-00007	VERIZON	307.39
4-01-31-440-000-705	24-00012	VERIZON WIRELESS	894.16
4-01-31-445-000-717	24-00109	AMERICAN WATER	402.84
4-01-31-445-000-717	24-00109	AMERICAN WATER	267.57
4-01-31-460-000-579	24-00144	SOMERSET COUNTY VEHICLE MAINT	4,701.64
4-01-31-460-000-579	24-00144	SOMERSET COUNTY VEHICLE MAINT	4,483.65
4-09-55-502-000-533	24-00162	IPS GROUP INC	5,051.26
C-04-00-002-715-700	23-01246	MILLENNIUM COMMUNICATIONS GROU	210,221.33
G-02-40-001-000-500	22-01169	MILLENNIUM COMMUNICATIONS GROU	3,719.10
G-02-40-001-000-500	23-00612	THE HON COMPANY LLC	5,119.67
T-13-00-000-000-212	24-00452	CHA DESIGN/CONSTRUCTION SOLUT	867.61
T-13-00-000-000-212	24-00453	CHA DESIGN/CONSTRUCTION SOLUT	243.75
T-13-00-000-000-212	24-00454	COLE & ASSOCIATES LLC	18,193.75
T-13-00-000-000-212	24-00455	COLE & ASSOCIATES LLC	1,151.25
T-13-00-000-000-235	24-00457	JERSEY RECOVERY ASSOCIATES LLC	560.00
T-13-00-000-000-290	24-00513	MINUTEMAN PRESS	21.46
T-13-00-000-000-290	24-00517	MINUTEMAN PRESS	68.00

Councilmember	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Bonner			X			
Denys			X			
Mitchell						X
Pitts						X
Stravic		X	X			
Vroom	X		X			

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Vroom made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Bonner. All voted favorably.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kevin Sluka, RMC