

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

**Monday, April 15, 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. April 1, 2024
- 4. RESOLUTION 24-0415-128 TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA

- a. Redevelopment
- b. Personnel

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

- 1. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW STATEMENT**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. February 20, 2024
 - b. April 1, 2024
- 5. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS & NOTICES**
 - a. GNO – May 16, 2024, 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm
 - b. Rolling Thunder – May 26, 2024- Noon
 - c. Family Fun Ride – May 27, 2024, 8:00 a.m.
 - d. Memorial Day Parade – May 27, 2024, 8:30 a.m.
 - e. Tour of Somerville – May 27, 2024, 9:00 a.m.
- 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- 7. FIRE DEPARTMENT OATH OF OFFICES**
 - a. Chief Joseph P. Stitley
 - b. Deputy Chief Jose “Joe” Rodriguez
 - c. Assistant Chief Brian Ceponis
- 8. PUBLIC HEARING CY-2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**
(Motion, Second and Roll Call Vote required)
- 9. RESOLUTION AMENDING CY-2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**
(Motion, Second and Roll Call Vote required)
- 10. CY-2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET & USER-FRIENDLY BUDGET ADOPTION**
(Motion, Second and Roll Call Vote required)

11. PRESENTATION

- a. Life Scout in BSA Troop 83 -John Schaub Park

12. DISCUSSION

- a. Ordinance authorizing a standing Historic Advisory Committee

13. 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)

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

(RESOLUTIONS 24-0415-129 THRU 24-0415-137)

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

- 24-0415-129 AWARDING A CONTRACT TO S AND L CONTRACTORS, LLC FOR NORTH AUTEN AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
- 24-0415-130 AUTHORIZING THE SALE OR DISPOSITION OF BOROUGH OWNED BOOKS IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36
- 24-0415-131 APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #2 TO A CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN ASPHALT & TRUCKING, LLC FOR 2022 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM SMVB -00022 FOR \$65,949.71 FOR A NEW CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$797,417.00
- 24-0415-132 AUTHORIZING FINAL PAYMENT FOR TIME ACCUMULATED FOR JOHN MUSELLI IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,331.29
- 24-0415-133 AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF A HANDICAP PARKING SPACE ON CAMMANN PLACE
- 24-0415-134 APPROVING THE HIRING OF WAYNE PALEY AS PART TIME BUILDING SUB CODE OFFICIAL/BUILDING INSPECTOR EFFECTIVE APRIL 22, 2024
- 24-0415-135 AWARDING A CONTRACT WITH AA BERMS FOR 2022 CDBG CURB RAMPS FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE, SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$93,700.00
- 24-0415-136 SUPPORTING SENATE NO. 725 CONCERNING UNLAWFUL OCCUPANCY OF DWELLINGS AND SUPPLEMENTING TITLE 2C OF THE NEW JERSEY STATUTES OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY
- 24-0415-137 AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR \$100,000 FOR ATHLETIC COURTS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

15. BILLS AND VOUCHERS

16. ADJOURNMENT

KEVIN SLUKA, MUNICIPAL CLERK

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

RESOLUTION 24-0415-129

**AWARDING A CONTRACT TO S AND L CONTRACTORS, LLC
FOR NORTH AUTEN AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION AND DRAINAGE
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville publicly advertised for bids North Auten Avenue Reconstruction and Drainage Improvements Project in accordance with local public contract law; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Sluka, Municipal Clerk accepted bids on April 2, 2024 and read them aloud publicly witnessed by Rodney Hadley Public Works Director; and

WHEREAS, it is determined that S and L Contractors, LLC, 200 Swenson Drive, Kenilworth, New Jersey 07033 was the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$619,019.79.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey hereby award a contract to S and L Contractors, LLC, 200 Swenson Drive, Kenilworth, New Jersey 07033 at \$619,019.79 for North Auten Avenue Reconstruction and Drainage Improvements Project.

RESOLUTION 24-0415-130

**AUTHORIZING THE SALE OR DISPOSITION OF BOROUGH OWNED BOOKS IN
ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36**

WHEREAS, the Somerville Borough Public Library is housing books owned by the Borough of Somerville; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 11-36 Any contracting unit by resolution of its governing body may authorize or disposition of property no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville has identified three categories of books; books of no value; books that can be donated and offer to other institutions, non-profits or government agencies and books that can be sold; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville authorizes the donation of books to any non-profit or government entities that have been identified at no cost; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville authorizes the destruction of all books that have de minimis or no value; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville authorizes the private sale of the remaining books if a fair value estimate is \$6,600 or lower, if the value is greater than \$6,600, the descriptions shall be provided to the Borough and placed for public auction, in the same manner the Borough uses to conduct public auctions throughout the year.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey authorizes the donation of books to any non-profit or government entities that have been identified at no cost; authorizes the destruction of all books that have de minimis or no value; and authorizes the private sale of the remaining books if a fair value estimate is \$6,600 or lower, if the value is greater than \$6,600, the descriptions shall be provided to the Borough and placed for public auction, in the same manner the Borough uses to conduct public auctions throughout the year.

RESOLUTION 24-0415-131

**APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #2 TO A CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN ASPHALT &
TRUCKING, LLC FOR 2022 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM SMVB -00022
FOR \$65,949.71 FOR A NEW CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$797,417.00**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville awarded a contract via Resolution 23-0515-170 to American Asphalt & Trucking, LLC, 818 Summer Avenue,

Newark, NJ 07104 in the amount of \$770,618.67and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville seeks approval of Change Order #2 for reduction of quantities in the amount of \$65,949.71; and

Change Order	Description	Contract Amount	Change Order Amount	New Contract Amount
#1	Culver Street concrete work	\$770,618.67	\$92,748.04	\$863,366.71
#2	Reduction of quantity adjustments	\$863,366.71	(\$65,949.71)	\$797,417.00

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey hereby approves Change Order #2 for a contract to American Asphalt & Trucking, LLC, 818 Summer Avenue, Newark, NJ 07104 in the amount of \$65,949.71 for a new contract price of \$797.417.00.

RESOLUTION 24-0415-132

AUTHORIZING FINAL PAYMENT FOR TIME ACCUMULATED FOR JOHN MUSELLI IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,331.29

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes final payment for time accumulated 11.5 accrued vacation day at a daily rate of \$463.59 for total amount of \$5,331.29. (vacation for 2024 was prorated at 3 days, used 1.5 days, leaving 1.5 vacation days from 2024 and 10 days carried over from 2023).

RESOLUTION 24-0415-133

AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF A HANDICAP PARKING SPACE ON CAMMANN PLACE

WHEREAS, it is necessary to place a handicap space on Cammann Place; and

WHEREAS, the location will be on the southside of Cammann Place, east of the Cammann Place and N. Middaugh intersection

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey hereby approve the placement of handicap space to be placed on Cammann Place, on the southside of the roadway, east of the intersection of N. Middaugh Street.

RESOLUTION 24-0415-134

APPROVING THE HIRING OF WAYNE PALEY AS PART TIME BUILDING SUB CODE OFFICIAL/BUILDING INSPECTOR EFFECTIVE APRIL 22, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey hereby approves the hiring of Wayne Paley as part time building sub code official/building inspector at an hourly rate of \$50.00 effective April 22, 2024.

RESOLUTION 24-0415-135

AWARDING A CONTRACT WITH AA BERMS FOR 2022 CDBG CURB RAMPS FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE, SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$93,700.00

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville legally advertised for 2022 CDBG Curb Ramps for the Borough of Somerville, Somerset County, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, sealed proposals were received, opened and read publicly, on April 11, 2024 Borough of Somerville, Somerset County, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, it was determined that AA Berms, PO Box 180 Belleville, NJ 07109 is the lowest responsible bidder.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, hereby award the bid for the 2022 CDBG Curb Ramps for the Borough of Somerville, Somerset County, New Jersey, to AA Berms, PO Box 180 Belleville, NJ 07109 in the amount of \$93,700.00.

RESOLUTION 24-0415-136

SUPPORTING SENATE NO. 725 CONCERNING UNLAWFUL OCCUPANCY OF DWELLINGS AND SUPPLEMENTING TITLE 2C OF THE NEW JERSEY STATUTES OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the occupancy of a dwelling without the permission of the property owner, also known as "squatting" is an increasing occurrence throughout the State of New Jersey and the Country, Somerville Borough has had several instances that have resulted in significant costs to the local taxpayer; and

WHEREAS, persons engaging in squatting often do so with the express intention of depriving the lawful property owners of the use and possession of their own property for as long as possible, with the express knowledge that squatting is not a criminal offense, thus requiring a property owner to undertake expensive, time-consuming civil litigation to recover their property, which said litigation can be subject to delay tactics including, but not limited to, bankruptcy applications, resulting in squatters successfully depriving lawful owners of the use and benefit of their own property for extended periods of time; and

WHEREAS, Senators Steinhardt, Testa and Polistina have introduced and are sponsoring Senate No. 725, which said legislation would establish squatting in various contexts as criminal offenses and crimes of the fourth degree, thus permitting property owners to avail themselves of filing criminal complaints with local law enforcement that can be duly investigated, and, when appropriate, permit police officers to arrest and remove persons found to be engaged in said criminal squatting activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that it hereby adopts this Resolution to memorialize its strong support for Senate No. 725 and certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded by the Borough Clerk to the Office of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Representatives in the State Legislature, and the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

RESOLUTION 23-0415-137

AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR \$100,000 FOR ATHLETIC COURTS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for Athletic Court Improvements to tennis courts and pickleball courts.

BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borough of Somerville does hereby authorizes the application of the above referenced grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borough of Somerville recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lessor or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt authorize the Mayor and Borough Clerk-Administrator to execute all grant documents as an authorized representatives thereunder, as the representative for the Borough of Somerville and authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to certify the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs and Borough of Somerville.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borough of Somerville that the above referenced grant is hereby accepted, and Borough Clerk-Administrator is hereby authorized to execute all grant documents as an authorized representatives thereunder, as the representative for the Borough of Somerville.

MINUTES

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW STATEMENT

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Gallagher, Councilmembers Pitts, Mitchell, Bonner, Stravic and Vroom

Excused Absent: Glen Denys

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

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The mayor asked the Boy Scouts to lead the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 20 and April 1, 2024

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

Mayor Gallagher - We have received some concerns about a delay in posting the meeting minutes

K. Sluka - We've had some technical issues, and we use the recordings to help draft the minutes. On the 20th of February, we had video but no audio. We had to reconstruct the minutes from various notes. On March 18, there was a gap in the livestream recording. The minutes were on the agenda at the last meeting, but you will receive the completed minutes (including the missing gap) at the next meeting. The person who does the minutes was also on vacation, which caused a 2-week delay.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS AND NOTICES

The mayor said the departmental reports and notices are listed on the agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

T Bonner - The Municipal Alliance and Youth Services Commission meeting was canceled this month. The Library Board of Trustees meeting is on April 25 at 6:30 pm and I'll have a report for you at the next meeting.

R. Pitts - Restaurant Week starts this weekend and goes through April 27. This event features dining deals, shopping discounts and special events. The Girls Night Out event is on Thursday, May 16, from 5 to 9 pm.

G. Stravic - The Health Commission will be represented at the Green Fair on April 20. The Rescue Squad is starting a fund drive. You can donate at www.54rescue.org. The squad could use your help. The Annual Clean Up is on Saturday and we're meeting at the high school at 9 am. From 11 am to 2 pm, there will be a Green Fair on Division Street. We have many requests for street trees and people may have to wait until fall or next year, if we secure additional funding. We will be planting over 140 trees in the next 2 weeks through a grant received from the state. We will be replacing old trees that went down along the brook. The Community Garden committee expanded the garden with 4 more beds. They have 40 applications for 16 garden beds and there will be a lottery. We look forward to the expansion of that program. This past Saturday, Somerville hosted the NJ Environmental Commission workshops and included people from all over the state. This is a very busy time for the Environmental Commission.

T. Mitchell - Last week, 6 classes of second graders from VanDerveer School visited the Fire Museum.

R. Vroom - The Fire Department walked through the new Emergency Services Facility on Gaston Avenue. We know there are going to be growing pains for the Fire and Police departments. The Fire Department is continuing with training their members on state regulations.

Mayor Gallagher - I attended a ribbon cutting for a Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity home on Grove Street that was built specifically for a veteran. The homeowner is an army veteran who works for Somerset County. It's a beautiful home and a welcome addition to Somerville. Carol Pager Park was filled with young kids for Somerville Baseball opening day for baseball and softball. There were hundreds of people, and the kids were looking forward to playing.

FIRE DEPARTMENT OATH OF OFFICES

- Chief Joseph P Stitley received the oath of office from Kevin Sluka. He was joined by his family.
- Deputy Chief Jose “Joe” Rodriguez received the oath of office from Kevin Sluka. He was joined by his family.
- Assistant Chief Brian Ceponis received the oath of office from Kevin Sluka. He was joined by his family.

Mayor Gallagher thanked the newly sworn-in chiefs.

PUBLIC HEARING CY-2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

The mayor said we’re looking at about a half-percent increase and on the average home this means a \$14 increase.

Open Public Hearing

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

There were no public comments.

Close Public Hearing

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

RESOLUTION AMENDING CY-2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

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

The mayor asked Paige Elster, Chief Financial Officer, to provide some information about the amendments.

Paige Elster - The amendment is just housekeeping. We moved 1 line where the matching grants were inside the cap to outside the cap. We also amended the parking revenue. We were putting all the fees in 1 miscellaneous category and we had to move that.

Mayor Gallagher - So it doesn't change the bottom line figures?

P. Elster - That's correct.

CY-2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET & USER-FRIENDLY BUDGET ADOPTION

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

PRESENTATION

Sean O'Neill, Life Scout in BSA Troop 83 - John Schaub Park

Mayor Gallagher – We have a presentation from an active Life Scout who is on a quest for his Eagle Scout.

S. O'Neill - My project will be at John Schaub Park on Cliff Street, next to the apartment buildings. Our troop has a lot of our meetings there in the summer. It was recently destroyed during Ida and we haven't really been able to go there.

S. O'Neill provided the borough council with pictures of the park. John Schaub is important to our troop and we want to honor him with this project. I'm going to be digging up all the weeds and putting new sands between the paver stones, plus shrubbery around the flag. The bushes will survive and thrive in the floodplain. I'm also going to install a flag and a solar-powered light. I'm also going to add 2 Adirondack chairs.

Mayor Gallagher – The idea of Adirondack chairs there is very creative and is a very nice look for that part of the park. It's a great project and we wish you success.

T. Mitchell - John Schaub was scoutmaster of Troop 83 for 47 years and he served the community for over 50 years.

DISCUSSION

Mayor Gallagher - We received a request from the Historic Advisory Committee to create an ordinance authorizing the committee as a standing committee of the borough.

T Mitchell - I only recently found out that it wasn't a standing committee. It has been reestablished every year and they do excellent work for the town. We have a member of the committee here who may want to speak.

Jim Somerville, Bridgewater- The Historic Advisory Committee is instrumental in keeping the history of Somerville alive.

G. Stravic - Is the committee state mandated and what is its current status?

Mayor Gallagher - It's not state-mandated. It's ad-hoc. This just formalizes it by ordinance.

The mayor asked Kevin Sluka to put an ordinance introduction on the agenda for the next meeting.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Open Public Session

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

Public Comments

Celine Greaves, Somerville - I have a couple of questions.

Mayor Gallagher - This is a public comment period. There is no Q&A. This is an ability for the public to comment on the policies of the governing body.

Celine Greaves - I would like to point out that there has not been public mention at meetings that there are multiple appeals about the gun store. My understanding is that Mr. John Muselli has left and there has not been any mention of who is going to be the new zoning officer or acting in that capacity. There is not a standard or clear procedure on the borough website for making appeals available to residents who ask for that information. There are regulations, but the paperwork does not exist to make those appeals. There is no transparency for people to be able to do that. Also, there was a tremendous haste to open this particular gun store.

Megan Andrews, Somerville - It appears the rules of order change on a whim at these council meetings. I have witnessed questions and answers and back and forth sometimes. I believe my neighbor who just spoke had reason to believe that answers could be provided. Since December of 2023, all we were told is that nothing can be done. We were never told there is an appeal process. I was really disappointed in that. There are residents who want to be here and want to put their name on the lawsuit, but are afraid because of who we're up against - people with guns. None of this is about people with guns. It's about the specific location of the store.

In regards to the minutes, Mr. Sluka should not have to run tech while doing his job here. Can we get an intern? We've only had 1 set of minutes published since January 16. The February 5 and 20 minutes aren't published. I don't know how you can expect residents to stay involved and know what's going on when the meetings don't always have sound, don't always have video, and then we don't even have minutes.

I was very glad to see the no stopping and standing sign between the entrance and exit on William Street has been put back up there. However, there used to be an exit sign at

the opening to the lot. That sign came down during Covid, but it's still narrow and it should not be an entrance and an exit. This needs to be looked at.

Dan Papuga, Somerville - At the middle school on Davenport Street, during drop-off, people are heading northbound and they're stopping and letting kids out and cars are going around them. I've seen my road turn into 2 lanes northbound with 10 cars backed up at the intersection. That's a problem.

We need to have Davenport, between Cliff and High Street, made into residential parking only. Ten years ago, someone dropped a church on us and we were basically prisoners in our house and now we're starting with the farmer's market on Saturdays. It's going to be the same problem. I came home a couple of weeks ago with 10 bags of mulch and I had to park a block away. Something has to be done.

Close Public Session

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

Mayor Gallagher - Davenport Street is a problem. I do understand the farmer's market may create an impact and that's something we have to monitor. We have a pedestrian safety committee being formed and I'm going to put this on the list of things for them to tackle.

The transparency that this governing body has is extreme. I believe in over customer service and that means bending over backwards for the public. Sometimes when folks get the answers they don't like, they feel they're not getting the answers that they should.

This governing body and the planning board were delayed by about 1.5 months. The delays were due to a civil action being filed in court. Mr. Sluka has bent over backwards trying to provide information. He works extremely hard and he does his job very well. He is stretched thin at times because right now we're being faced with an onslaught of OPRA requests, which is fine. We'll comply with all those OPRA requests. We're actually hiring someone and one of their duties will be to help comply with those OPRA requests. We do try to be completely transparent and will continue to do so.

In terms of the minutes, Mr. Sluka just explained we had some technology hiccups. It's frustrating for me as well. We were in the old space for about 40 years and the pattern has now changed. The tech folks were here for about 1 hour before this meeting and you can tell we're still having issues. We have been very thorough in our ability to get the minutes done on a timely basis and that will continue.

I've been doing this for over 20 years and the rules of order have not changed. Anybody can come up and make any statement they want, but it is a comment period. It is not a period to engage in back and forth. It's a little disheartening when you have people who volunteer their time to make this town the best it can be and we now have folks castigating the people in these positions. I have a problem with folks coming after the employees at Borough Hall, the council members, planning board and zoning board members. And on social media, when they start coming after your families. I have a big problem with that. I ask everyone to take a step back. All of those boards and all of Borough Hall are trying to do the best we can.

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS 24-0415-129 THROUGH 24-0415-135

The mayor said resolutions 24-0415-136 and 24-0415-137 were added to the agenda and will be voted upon separately.

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

24-0415-136 SUPPORTING SENATE NO. 725 CONCERNING UNLAWFUL OCCUPANCY OF DWELLINGS AND SUPPLEMENTING TITLE 2C OF THE NEW JERSEY STATUTES OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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

24-0415-137 AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR \$100,000 FOR ATHLETIC COURTS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

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

BILLS AND VOUCHERS

Account	PO #	Vendor Name	Amount
3-01-25-240-000-720	23-01239	FORD MOTOR CREDIT - DEPT 43401	13,196.89
3-01-26-305-000-656	24-00610	SW SOUTH BRIDGE LLC	4,576.00
4-01-20-100-000-502	24-00604	NEW JERSEY LEAGUE OF MUNICIPAL	210.00
4-01-20-100-000-530	24-00038	XEROX CORP	953.04
4-01-20-100-000-530	24-00569	SHARP ELECTRONICS CORP	1,236.88
4-01-20-100-000-628	24-00032	STAPLES CONTRACT & COMMERCIAL	268.83
4-01-20-100-000-659	24-00613	TREASURER-STATE OF NEW JERSEY	30.00
4-01-20-130-000-670	24-00619	PHOENIX ADVISORS LLC	1,100.00
4-01-20-140-000-528	24-00054	KRS IT CONSULTING LLC	119.99
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	24-00008	VERIZON	119.00
4-01-20-140-000-598	24-00009	VERIZON	119.00

4-01-20-140-000-598	24-00010	VERIZON	109.00
4-01-20-140-000-598	24-00445	OPTIMUM	200.65
4-01-21-180-000-605	24-00614	MICHAEL LOMBARDOZZI	385.00
4-01-21-180-000-658	24-00510	COLE & ASSOCIATES LLC	1,486.25
4-01-23-220-000-586	24-00028	FLEXFACTS-GRANT BENEFITS SOLUT	56.00
4-01-25-240-000-560	24-00106	FULLERTON FORD INC	714.38
4-01-25-240-000-560	24-00115	VESPIA'S/MR TIRE	1,596.48
4-01-25-240-000-697	24-00570	VISUAL COMPUTER SOLUTIONS INC	249.00
4-01-25-240-000-713	24-00099	ATLANTIC TACTICAL	142.59
4-01-25-240-000-713	24-00099	ATLANTIC TACTICAL	84.96
4-01-25-240-000-713	24-00099	ATLANTIC TACTICAL	85.00
4-01-25-240-000-713	24-00099	ATLANTIC TACTICAL	178.95
4-01-25-240-000-713	24-00244	MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS	300.15
4-01-25-240-000-713	24-00549	OFFICER JOSIAH SULOUFF	177.79
4-01-25-240-000-713	24-00563	OFFICER JEFF HERBERT	268.90
4-01-25-240-000-713	24-00602	OFFICER ANTHONY PALOVICK	249.99
4-01-25-240-001-533	24-00108	HARVARD PROTECTION SERVICES	3,682.86
4-01-25-240-001-533	24-00108	HARVARD PROTECTION SERVICES	2,226.07
4-01-25-240-001-533	24-00108	HARVARD PROTECTION SERVICES	4,266.38
4-01-25-240-001-533	24-00108	HARVARD PROTECTION SERVICES	4,856.87
4-01-25-240-001-533	24-00108	HARVARD PROTECTION SERVICES	4,500.32
4-01-25-240-001-533	24-00108	HARVARD PROTECTION SERVICES	4,377.04
4-01-25-265-000-507	24-00062	AMERICAN TIRE AUTO CARE	426.03
4-01-25-265-000-557	24-00076	GROVE KEY SHOP	57.50
4-01-25-265-000-557	24-00262	CENTRAL JERSEY TRAILER HITCH D	34.22
4-01-25-265-000-560	24-00622	POST ACE HARDWARE	828.95
4-01-25-265-000-596	24-00618	NEW JERSEY FIRE EQUIPMENT CO	1,150.00
4-01-25-265-000-614	24-00011	VERIZON CONNECT FLEET USA LLC	56.85
4-01-25-265-000-713	24-00072	FLEMINGTON DEPARTMENT STORE	67.49
4-01-26-290-000-560	24-00016	VERIZON WIRELESS	38.01
4-01-26-290-000-560	24-00126	FOLEY INCORPORATED	46.52
4-01-26-290-000-560	24-00126	FOLEY INCORPORATED	105.49
4-01-26-290-000-560	24-00126	FOLEY INCORPORATED	-152.01
4-01-26-290-000-560	24-00299	THE HOSE SHOP	111.30
4-01-26-290-000-560	24-00474	LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	140.36
4-01-26-290-000-560	24-00536	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC	563.68
4-01-26-290-000-560	24-00536	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC	-35.94
4-01-26-290-000-560	24-00536	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC	-107.82
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4-01-26-290-000-560	24-00559	APPOLONIA, INCORPORATED	1,925.95
4-01-26-290-000-560	24-00622	POST ACE HARDWARE	164.90
4-01-26-290-000-628	24-00590	SOMERSET CTY ADM. BLDG	97.00
4-01-26-290-000-687	24-00622	POST ACE HARDWARE	177.90
4-01-26-305-000-523	24-00137	LMR DISPOSAL, LLC	1,034.73
4-01-26-310-000-506	24-00114	AUTOMATIC COMMUNICATIONS ALARM	1,139.00
4-01-26-310-000-516	24-00147	PROFESSIONAL CLIMATE CONTROL	1,139.22
4-01-26-310-000-517	24-00622	POST ACE HARDWARE	72.94
4-01-26-310-000-533	24-00142	ONE TOTAL CLEANING SERVICES	4,388.81
4-01-26-310-000-639	24-00611	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	33.96
4-01-26-310-000-639	24-00611	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	30.90
4-01-26-310-000-639	24-00611	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	86.46
4-01-27-330-000-533	24-00021	SOMERSET COUNTY HEALTH DEPT	10,507.82
4-01-27-330-000-533	24-00021	SOMERSET COUNTY HEALTH DEPT	10,507.82
4-01-27-340-000-510	24-00020	ANIMAL CONTROL SOLUTIONS	3,086.00
4-01-28-370-000-614	24-00505	OCCOUTDOORS, INC.	948.90
4-01-28-370-000-699	24-00532	SOMERVILLE BOARD OF ED	1,186.25
4-01-28-370-000-699	24-00565	KATHLEEN GERNDT	14.00
4-01-28-370-000-699	24-00567	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC	179.94
4-01-28-375-000-533	24-00096	UNITED SITE SERVICES	43.75
4-01-28-375-000-533	24-00533	SALVATORE SCALORA LANDSCAPING	5,040.00

4-01-28-375-000-560	24-00083	L M I	328.80
4-01-28-375-000-560	24-00611	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	109.85
4-01-28-375-000-560	24-00611	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	101.96
4-01-31-430-000-580	24-00149	PSE&G CO.	21,291.01
4-01-31-440-000-704	24-00004	VERIZON	1,322.49
4-01-31-440-000-704	24-00005	VERIZON	196.68
4-01-31-440-000-704	24-00015	VERIZON WIRELESS	972.67
4-01-31-440-000-705	24-00001	VERIZON	409.96
4-01-31-440-000-705	24-00006	VERIZON	233.88
4-01-31-440-000-705	24-00007	VERIZON	307.39
4-01-31-440-000-705	24-00012	VERIZON WIRELESS	894.22
4-01-31-440-000-705	24-00014	VERIZON WIRELESS	136.38
4-01-31-445-000-717	24-00109	AMERICAN WATER	163.78
4-01-31-445-000-717	24-00109	AMERICAN WATER	56.71
4-01-31-445-000-717	24-00109	AMERICAN WATER	731.69
4-01-43-490-000-533	24-00023	BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP	70,227.00
4-01-43-490-000-628	24-00029	GTBM INC	2,278.80
4-09-55-502-000-533	24-00162	IPS GROUP INC	5,322.05
4-09-55-502-000-560	24-00478	IPS GROUP INC	3,019.04
4-09-55-502-000-560	24-00622	POST ACE HARDWARE	30.97
G-02-40-001-000-236	23-01195	T & M ASSOCIATES	3,590.89
G-02-40-002-022-247	23-00911	T & M ASSOCIATES	1,414.40
G-02-40-002-022-541	24-00558	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC	359.40
G-02-40-002-023-541	24-00367	4IMPRINT, INC	2,904.47
T-13-00-000-000-212	24-00605	COLE & ASSOCIATES LLC	207.50
T-13-00-000-000-212	24-00606	COLE & ASSOCIATES LLC	18,653.75
T-13-00-000-000-212	24-00607	COLE & ASSOCIATES LLC	161.25
T-17-00-000-000-211	24-00349	ANIMAL CONTROL SOLUTIONS	580.00

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Kevin Sluka, RMC