

Mayor Kilpatrick called the Agenda Meeting to order at 11:03 PM followed by a salute to the flag. This meeting was held hybrid.

- **STATEMENT OF NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

Municipal Clerk Morelos announced that this Agenda Session Meeting being held on Monday, February 13, 2023 has been advertised and posted in accordance with Open Public Meetings Act Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 by advertising in the Home News Tribune, notifying the Star Ledger and the Sentinel Publishing Co., posting on the bulletin board, and is on file in her office.

- **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Councilpersons Balka, Conti, Novak, Onuoha, Roberts

Absent: None

Others Present: Mayor Victoria Kilpatrick
Glenn Skarzynski, Business Administrator
Denise Biancamano, C.F.O./Treasurer
Jessica Morelos, Municipal Clerk
Sean Kean, Borough Attorney
Jay Cornell, P.E., Borough Engineer
Nicole Waranowicz, Assistant Municipal Clerk

Others Absent: None

- **GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

- Admin. & Finance**

- 1) Authorization to accept and adopt the Central Jersey Joint Insurance Fund's 2023 Safety Incentive Program.

- Resolution.

- 2) Authorization to affirm the Borough's Civil Rights policy as required by CJIF for the Safety Incentive Program.

- Resolution.

- 3) Authorization to make an application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Program for funding to support the rehabilitation of the walking trail and restrooms at Kennedy Park in the amount up to \$900,000.00.

- Approved (Public Hearing scheduled for 2/27/23).

- Planning & Zoning**

- 1) Discussion on the banning of Smoke and Vape Shops.
Councilman Conti questioned if they would be able to remove it from convenience stores.
Borough Attorney Kean stated that the Borough wouldn't be able to do that.
Mayor commented on the ones that are in school zones.
Councilwoman Roberts requested three paragraphs to be removed.

- Ordinance.

- Public Safety**

- 1) Coin toss request for the corner of Washington & Ernston Road received from The Knights of Columbus for April 22 & 23, 2023 from 10am-2pm.

- Approved.

- 2) Authorization to award a contract to The Rodgers Group for the Lexipol Police Accreditation and Training Module for 2023 through Sourcewell Contract 011822-LXP in an amount not to exceed \$19,002.00.

- Resolution.

3) Request to travel received from Morgan Hose & Chemical Co. 1 to attend a St. Patrick's Day parade on March 10, 2023 in Matawan, NJ.

- Approved.

- Public Works

1) Authorization to award a contract to Marturano Recreation Group for Rubber Surfacing at Kennedy Park through ESCNJ Contract 20/21-01 in an estimated amount of \$215,000.00.

- Resolution.

- Recreation

- Water & Sewer/Environmental

➤ **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR – Glenn Skarzynski**

1) Need to schedule Swearing In of Police Officers.

➤ **C.F.O. – Denise Biancamano**

1) Budget Transfer Resolution.

- Resolution.

➤ **BOROUGH ENGINEER -Jay Cornell - None**

➤ **BOROUGH ATTORNEY – Sean Kean - None**

➤ **EXECUTIVE SESSION - None**

➤ **PUBLIC PORTION**

Mayor Kilpatrick opened the meeting up to the public for any and all questions or comments.

Those commenting were:

- Jim Robinson, 11 Borelle Square

Mr. Robinson questioned if the vape ordinance would have to go before the Planning Board. He stated he watched the SERA meeting and was not able to hear it.

Mayor requested that SERA hold their meetings in Council Chambers.

Mr. Robinson questioned if there was discussion at the SERA meeting about the Arsenal Pilot.

Business Administrator Skarzynski responded there has been no application for a Pilot from the Arsenal project.

Mr. Robinson stated that the warehouses on the Main Street Extension and Kennedy Drive pay \$1.9 million in property taxes each year and none received a Pilot. He stated that they paid a portion to pave the road.

Borough Engineer Cornell responded that the Borough paid for the road.

Mr. Robinson questioned if at the next meeting will there be discussion on the Pilot for the self storage facility.

Mayor responded that would be sent to the Borough's Financial Advisor to review it.

No further comments.

Councilwoman Novak made a motion to close the Public Portion. Seconded by Councilwoman Roberts.

Roll Call: Voice Vote, all Ayes.

Council President Onuoha commented on the community center and encouraged them to work with the professionals to resolve all the issues. He commented on

the death of Councilwoman Dwumfour and that everyone is looking for answers. He commented on the flag request.

Councilwoman Novak stated every Tuesday at the Active Adult Center they hand out 200 meals. She stated that the Borough ordinance states the Mayor shall make appointments to fill a vacancy within 30 days after the appointment comes vacant and if the Mayor fails then after the 30 days the Council shall make the appointment.

➤ **ADJOURNMENT**

No further business. **Councilwoman Roberts made a motion to adjourn the Agenda Session. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Novak.**

Roll Call: Voice Vote, all Ayes.

Time: 11:34 P.M.

Jessica Morelos, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Date Approved: _____