

Council President Buchanan called the Agenda Meeting to order at 7:58 PM followed by a salute to the flag.

• **STATEMENT OF NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

Municipal Clerk Farbaniec announced that this Agenda Session Meeting being held on Monday, August 19, 2019 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 Buchanan, Dalina (via telecommunication), Enriquez, Kilpatrick, McGill, Novak.

Absent: Mayor Kennedy O'Brien

Others Present: Daniel Frankel, Business Administrator  
Denise Biancamano, C.F.O./Treasurer  
Theresa A. Farbaniec, Municipal Clerk  
Michael DuPont, Borough Attorney  
Jay Cornell, P.E., Borough Engineer

Others Absent: None

• **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Council President Buchanan announced that the following Ordinance(s) were introduced at the August 19, 2019 Council meeting and are scheduled for Public Hearing and Adoption on September 9, 2019.

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 462-19**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR 2019 VARIOUS PARK IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$910,700 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$865,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF**

(Admin. & Finance –Public Hearing 9-9-19)

**ORDINANCE #466-19**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REHABILITATION OF DUHERNAL WELL BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$1,300,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,300,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE WATER UTILITY OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE THE COSTS THEREOF**

(Admin. & Finance Committee - Public Hearing 9-9-19)

**ORDINANCE #467-19**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER III OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE TO ADD SECTION 13-17 STIPEND FOR FIRE CHIEF SERVICE AWARD**

(Public Safety Committee - Co. Buchanan Public Hearing 9-9-19)

• **NEW BUSINESS:**

**COMMUNICATIONS & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

➤ **ADMINISTRATIVE & FINANCE – Councilman McGill**

A) **Minutes & Departmental Reports:**

Councilman McGill moved the following Minutes/Reports be Received & Filed:

- 1) Municipal Clerk's monthly report for the month of July, 2019.
- 2) CFO's Investment Activity report for the month of July, 2019.

- Seconded by Councilwoman Novak.

B) Applications for **Bingo/Raffle Licenses** received from the following Organizations:

- 1) **SWMHS Band Parents Assoc.** to conduct an Off-Premise 50/50 on November 1, 2019 (RA: 2289).
- 2) **St. Stan's HSA** to conduct an On-Premise Draw, On-Premise 50/50 and Bingo on October 18, 2019 (RA: 2290, RA:2291, BA:535).
- 3) **St. Stan's HSA** to conduct an On-Premise Non Draw, Off-Premise 50/50 and On-Premise Draw (Tricky Tray) on Dec. 8, 2019 (RA: 2292, RA: 2293 & RA: 2294).
- 4) **St. Stan's HSA** to conduct an Off-Premise Calendar Raffle on 26 various dates Drawn from Jan. 5, 2020 – June 28, 2020 (RA: 2295).
- 5) **PTO Wilson School** to conduct an On-Premise Draw (Tricky Tray), On-Premise 50/50, and Bingo on Oct. 11, 2019 (RA: 2296, RA: 2297, BA:536).

- B 1-5 Approved

C) Notice of public hearings received from the following:

- 1) PSE&G 2019/2020 Annual Compliance Filings for a change in the statewide electric and gas permanent universal service fund program factors within the electric and gas societal benefits charges rates.
- 2) Petition of PSE&G Company for approval of changes in its electric green programs recovery charge and its gas green programs recovery charge.
- 3) Petition of PSE&G Company's 2019/2020 Annual BGSS Commodity Charge Filing for its residential gas customers under its periodic pricing mechanism and for changes in its balancing charge.
- 4) Petition of PSE&G Company for approval of gas base rate Adjustments pursuant to its gas system modernization program.
- 5) Petition of JCP&L for the review and approval of costs incurred for environmental remediation of manufactured gas plant sites pursuant to the "2017 RAC Filing".
- 6) JCP&L 2019/2020 Annual Compliance Filings for a change in the statewide electric and gas permanent universal service fund program factors within the electric and gas societal benefits charges rates.
- 7) NJ Transit public hearing notice received for Sr. Citizen & Disabled Residents Transportation Assistance Program Hearings (notice posted on Bulletin Bd).

- Items C 1-7 Receive & File

D) Received **Tax Appeals** from the following:

- 1) McDonalds Corp., Jabo Two, Inc., covering Block 439.01, Lot 6.02, 970 Route 9.
- 2) Verizon, covering Block 9999, Lot 1

- Items 1 & 2 Refer to Tax Counsel

E) Notice of **Tort Claim** filed by Victoria Uzodike for an incident that took place on May 16, 2019.

- File w/JIF & Atty.

F) Committee Reports: 1) Progress

➤ **PLANNING & ZONING – Councilman Dalina**

A) **Minutes & Departmental Reports:**

Councilman Dalina moved the following Minutes/Reports be Received & Filed:

- 1) Construction Official's report, for the month of July, 2019.
- 2) Fire Prevention report for the month of July, 2019.
- 3) Zoning & Code Enforcement report for the month of July, 2019.
- 4) Planning Board minutes of June 5, 2019.

- Seconded by Councilwoman Novak.

**B) Notice to Adjacent Municipality/Property Owner**

- 1) Notice of hearing held before the Planning Board on Aug. 14, 2019 for Gump Industries II, LLC application to request final Site Plan approval, waiver of Sit Plan requirements, Bulk Variance for minimum lot area, front yard and side yard covering Block 58, Lot. 3.02.
  
- 2) Notice of hearing before the Planning Board received from Developer – The Place at Sayreville to appear before the Planning Board on August 21, 2019 for approval of a Preliminary Major Site Plan to allow for the development of 89 residential housing apartments on River Road Redevelopment Plan Area currently owned by SERA known as a portion of Block 175, Lots 9-11, 13.03 & 12.04; Block 176, Lots 2.02 & 2.04.

- Items B 1& 2 Receive & File

- C) Application for **Temporary Trailer License** received from Pinnacle Commercial Development to place one (1) Temporary Office Trailer on Block 440, Lot 3.01, 969 Route 9, South Amboy.

- Approved / Resolution

- D) Request received from **901 Ernston Road Realty Associates, LLC** to refund bond covering 901 Ernston Road.

- Refer to Boro Engineer

- E) Committee Reports:      1) Progress.

➤ **PUBLIC WORKS – Councilwoman Novak**

**A) Minutes & Departmental Reports:**

Councilwoman Novak moved the following Minutes/Reports be Received & Filed:

- 1) Public Works Supervisor’s reports for Bldg. & Grounds, Parks, Recycling, Roads & Sanitation and Garage Services all for the month of June, 2019.
- 2) Office on Aging Supervisor’s report for the month of June, 2019.

- Seconded by Council President Buchanan.

- B) Request to hang **promotional banners** received from:

- 1) OLV HSA announcing their annual Christmas Bazaar on November 12, 2019 Pole #JC519SE/BT279SE, Washington Rd. & Bissett St.

B1) Approved.

- 2) Shri Dwarkadhis Temple announcing their upcoming events from Sept. 8 thru Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>.

- Pole #JC519SE & BT279SE, Washington Rd. & Bissett St.

B2) Approved Pending County Approval & Certificates of Insurance.

- C) Committee Reports:

- 1) Gave update on roadway paving.
- 2) Informed everyone about the PBA picnic.
- 3) The Business Administrator added to Councilwoman’s report regarding the Conrail Train Tracks on the Main Street Extension which is scheduled to be reconstructed starting this Thursday through Friday/Saturday with detours around the Borough so there will be a lot of traffic from around Kennedy Blvd. to Ernston Road for two full days. It needs to get it done before School starts.

➤ **RECREATION – Councilman Enriquez**

A) **Minutes & Departmental Reports:**

Councilman Enriquez moved the following Minutes/Reports be received & filed.

- 1) Recreation Director's report for the month of July, 2019.

- Seconded by Councilwoman Novak.

B) Application for a **Special Event** received from the following:

- 1) **Dwarkadhis Temple** to conduct Religious Celebrations from Sept. 2-8, 2019 at 717 Washington Road.

- Approved

C) Committee Reports: 1) Councilman Enriquez reported on the various recreation sponsored events.

➤ **WATER & SEWER/ENVIRONMENTAL – Councilwoman Kilpatrick**

A) **Minutes & Departmental Reports:**

Councilwoman Kilpatrick moved the following minutes/reports be received & filed:

- 1) Water & Sewer Director's report for the month of July, 2019.

-Seconded by Councilwoman Novak.

B) Notice of ISRA General Information Notice filed with the NJDEP from new owner of property known as Block 251, Lot 2.01, 1 S. Crossman Road. From Canfield Technologies to Alexander Property Holdings, LLC.

- Receive & File.

C) Committee Reports: 1) Councilwoman Kilpatrick commented on a pep rally she attended for Jr. Bombers Football this past week. Wished them a great season as well as the cheerleaders.

➤ **PUBLIC SAFETY – Council President Buchanan**

A) **Minutes & Departmental Reports:**

Council President Buchanan moved the following Minutes/Reports be Received & Filed:

- 1) Board of Health reports for the months of June & July 2019 and Registrar's report for the month of July 2019.
- 2) Police Department reports for the months of June & July 2019.
- 3) Municipal Court report for the month of July 2019.

- Seconded by Councilwoman Novak.

B) Committee Reports: 1) Progress.

➤ **MAYOR – Kennedy O'Brien**

➤ **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR – Daniel E. Frankel**

- **Admin. & Finance**

- 1) Authorization to appoint Rebecca Garbowski to the title of Insurance & Risk Manager and to amend Ordinance #437-19 to include this stipend at the annual rate of \$7,500.

- Ordinance & Resolution.

- 2) Authorization to continue participation in the ESCNJ Co-Op Energy Aggregation Program for electricity and natural gas, current aggregation agreements are expiring soon. \*ESCNJ requests all applications returned by 8/30

- Resolution.

- 3) Authorization to award a contract to EB Fence for reservoir fencing through NJ State Contract T0640/A88679 in amount not to exceed \$42,356.00

- Resolution.

- 4) Schedule Grievance Hearing

- Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> 6PM

**- Planning & Zoning/Construction**

- 1) Authorization to appoint Tracy Ansley as Code Enforcement Officer, Permanent Full Time in the Construction Office effective September 16, 2019.

- Resolution.

- 2) Authorization to waive all fees for the installation of a generator for a Vietnam Veteran who is suffering with ALS.

- Resolution.

**- Public Safety**

- 1) Authorization to promote one (1) Lieutenant and three (3) Sergeants in the Police Dept.

- Resolution.

- 2) EMS Discussion

- 3) Authorization to issue change order #1 to Tactical Public Safety for the removal and replacement of equipment at the Pulaski Ave. Standpipe in an amount not to exceed \$16,086.36.

- Resolution.

- 4) Authorization to purchase turnout gear through NJ State Contract 17-FLEET- 00810 from Skylands Area Fire Equipment in an amount not to exceed \$44,917.14.

- Resolution.

- 5) Authorization to appoint Maria Gonzalez and Olga Scuzzari as School Traffic Guards

- Resolution.

- 6) Schedule Police Grievance Hearing – September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 6:00PM

**- Public Works**

- 1) Authorization to promote Phil Quigley **from** General Supervisor – Public Works **to** the position of Assistant Superintendent of Public Works in accordance with Civil Service Promotional procedures. Compensation will be increased by \$3,000 annually.

- Ordinance & Resolution.

- 1a) Authorization to amend Ordinance #436-19 to include the title of Assistant Superintendent – Public Works.

- Ordinance

**- Recreation**

**- Water & Sewer**

- 1) Authorization to amend Ordinance #437-19 to include:
  - o Stipend - Water Treatment License  
\$7,500 for W-3 License and \$7,500 for C-3 License annually

In order to come into compliance with the NJDEP (Dave Leitner).

- Ordinance

Council President Buchanan asked about the position and replacement for Water Director.

Mr. Frankel indicated that two applications were received in response to an ad. He said that there is difficulty finding a person who holds the T-4 License. He indicated that at this point they are looking at possible reorganizing the department. He is hoping to have a report back to the Water Committee before the next meeting. Council President Buchanan asked if the two individuals have been interviewed and Mr. Frankel said that they were not.

2) Authorization to award a contract for Water and Sewer Pump Station Repair and Maintenance to Municipal Maintenance Co. for their low bid prices of \$58,325.00 for Water Pump Stations and \$56,585.00 for Sewer Pump Stations see attached summary of Bids.

- Resolution.

### **EMS Discussion**

Council President Buchanan indicated that an RFP was advertised and received and that both Emergency Squads were in favor of one provider and asked where we are at this point.

Mr. Frankel said that at this point we need Council discussion on the providers. He said that both squads are present for questions as well as the Police Chief. Councilwoman Kilpatrick asked for the Business Admin to announce who the two RFP's were received from.

Mr. Frankel said the two that responded to the RFP's were:

- Robert Wood Johnson Health Care System
- Hackensack Meridian Health Services

He indicated that both are providing this service to other municipalities. He reviewed both references and they were both fine. He said that at the committee meeting they did a comparison of both organizations with both squad presidents in attendance and one issue was that Hackensack Meridian in the RFP did not provide for Medical Direction or a computer software system. Councilwoman Kilpatrick asked if both squads were in agreement with the need to supplement services for the safety and security of the Borough. Mr. Frankel said that they do agree.

Council President Buchanan asked the two squad presidents to come forward.

- First speaking was Donald Riley, Jr., President Morgan First Aid Squad.

He said that as President of the Morgan first Aid Squad they do feel that there is a need to supplement their services. He has worked closely with the Public Safety Committee and reviewed response times and that they helped formulate the RFP. He said that they discussed their concerns and that both proposals were good. He said that they are leaning more towards one and felt that it is in the best interest of the Borough of Sayreville to take the recommendation of the Squads. He said that the squads have been doing this for over thirty some years. He said that they also feel that somewhere down the road that Sayreville may become a paid EMS. He said that they felt that they could work better with the one because they have closer facilities and they are willing to work with the squads.

- Dexter Thomas, President Sayreville Emergency Squad.

He said that Sayreville Squad feels the same as Don Riley. They are leaning toward the one. He said that they met with Robert Wood and Hackensack Meridian. He said that Meridian said that there were things that they could not or would not do and that there were items that were not in one RFP. He said that they need an organization that would work with them and there are certain items JFK said that they would not do and Robert Wood would.

He asked that the vote be put off so that the Council could sit and review the proposals so the appropriate decision could be made. He said that he also understood that JFK had in their proposal to pay the town \$100,000. for dispatch and that Robert Wood did not include that because dispatch was supposed be handled by the Police Department and there is a good reason why.

Council President Buchanan asked both presidents if they read the proposals and they said yes. Council President asked what their recommendation would be to the Council and their reason.

Dexter Thomas said that his recommendation would be Robert Wood and the reason was that they are willing to work with the Squads. He gave further reasoning.

Don Riley stated that they are aware there is a problem and it needs to be addressed. He said that they have been open to the Borough and are trying to work with them. He stated that as far as Morgan First Aid Squad is concerned that if they are going to work with anyone they are going to try to stay and with them. He addressed the matter of the taxpayers of this town receiving a bill, no matter which organization gets the RFP. He suggested that they look at the proposals and the dollar amounts to be charged. He spoke about the \$100,000. being used to supplement the residential charge and what would happen when that ran out.

He explained why they want the contract to be for six months. He gave further reasons why they recommend Robert Wood and felt it was in the best interest of the Mayor, Council, the squads and residents of the Borough of Sayreville.

Dexter Thomas said that there is mutual aid coverage in the meantime so Sayreville is covered.

Councilwoman Kilpatrick said this is where the council should be discussing this matter. She thanked them for their input. Further discussion by Co. Pres. Buchanan regarding the Medical Director and when working with one of these originations they are required to meet standards. One RFP would provide a Medical Director and the other did not.

Dexter Thomas addressed the position of the trucks and distance.

Mr. Frankel clarified for the record that JFK did say they would provide the Medical Director but they did not have it written in their proposal.

Mr. Riley said that they did not have it in their proposal but did tell them that, legally they (JFK) could not provide that service.

Councilwoman Kilpatrick said that there was no way the Council wanted to see our volunteers squeezed out.

Don Riley asked if the entire Council has read through the proposals.

Some Councilmembers stated that they had not.

Mr. Riley said that there should not be a vote on something that had not been read. Council President said that they are not voting, they are discussing what they would need before the next council meeting. A decision was made to conduct another EMS Meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 5:00 PM.

All agreed.

➤ **C.F.O. – Denise Biancamano**

- 1) Authorization to award a temporary contract for accounting services to O'Connor Davies, LLP.

- Approved.

➤ **BOROUGH ENGINEER -Jay Cornell**

- 1) Borough Hall Boiler Replacement – Closeout of Contract and Change Order. (Report Attached)

- Resolution.

- 2) Sabert Corporation Site Plan – Bond Release Request (Report Attached)

- Resolution.

➤ **BOROUGH ATTORNEY - Michael DuPont – No Items**

➤ **6. EXECUTIVE SESSIONEXECUTIVE SESSION – No Items**

➤ **PUBLIC PORTION**

At this time Council President Buchanan opened the meeting to the public for any and all questions or comments.

Those appearing were:

- Regina Ladato, 20 Frazee Avenue.  
Resident for over 50 years and complemented the Morgan First Aid Squad. Never paid one cent but with Robert Wood or JFK the residents will pay.

Thanked the Council for the purchase of Open Space Land.

- Janice Benedetto, 1 Thomas Ave.  
Spoke with regards to the open space purchase and thanked the Council for passing Ordinance 464-19 and that these 4+ acres will be used for open space. Only wished that the NL property in the Melrose section was also purchased as open space as the Open Space Committee had recommended.

Spoke with regards to the volunteer services issues and asked that action is taken fast and that it does not become political.

- Mr. Joseph Horn, 23 Patton Drive  
Member of Melrose Hose Co.

Applaud the EMS Presidents for their comments but felt that Mr. Thomas had his timing wrong. That JFK has only been doing this for not even 4 years yet. He commented on JFK biting off more than they can chew. Robert Wood has been doing this for the City of New Brunswick since the 1960's and expanding more every year.

Felt that JFK would be a nightmare. You need to find out if they are going to hard bill or soft bill the residents. You need to also look at fire standby. Council needs to look at their experience.

- Robert Cartagena, 48 Hartshore Way

Thanked the council for their time and effort in passing the Open Space Ordinance.

- There being no further questions or comments, Councilwoman Novak moved the public portion be closed. Seconded by Council President Buchanan.

Roll Call – Voice Vote, all ayes. Carried.

➤ **ADJOURNMENT**

No further business. **Councilwoman Novak to adjourn the Agenda Session. Motion was seconded by Council President Buchanan.**

Roll Call – Voice Vote, all ayes. Carried.

Time: 8:53 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Theresa A. Farbaniec, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_