

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ESSEX FELLS,
ESSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

Held at the Essex Fells Municipal Building in said Borough on January 4, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Present

**Mayor Edward A. Davis
Councilman Michael Cecere
Councilman BJ D'Avella
Councilman Greg Hindy
Councilman John King *
Councilwoman Maggie O'Connor
Councilman William Sullivan**

Absent

Also Present

**Borough Administrator/Borough Clerk Francine T. Paserchia
Borough Attorney James Parisi ***

***By phone**

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order. He stated that in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Law (Chapter 231, Public Laws of 1975) notice of this meeting was transmitted to The Progress and The Star Ledger and was filed with the Borough Clerk and is posted on the Bulletin Board of the Borough Hall.

Mayor Davis led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the Invocation.

The Certification of Election was read by the Borough Clerk.

The Oath of Office was administered by the Essex Fells/North Caldwell Municipal Court Judge, Joseph Angelo to Edward A, Davis:

**Edward A. Davis, Mayor
For a 4 Year Term**

The Oath of Office was administered by the Essex Fells/North Caldwell Municipal Court Judge, Joseph Angelo to Michael W. Cecere:

**Michael W. Cecere, Council Member
For a 3 Year Term**

The Oath of Office was administered by the Essex Fells/North Caldwell Municipal Court Judge, Joseph Angelo to William B. Sullivan:

**William B. Sullivan, Council Member
For a 3 Year Term**

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the Organizational Meeting of the Borough of Essex Fells.

Councilman Hindy nominated John A. King for President of the Council for 2022, Councilman D’Avella seconded the nomination

Mayor Davis asked if there were any more nominations. Hearing none, he asked the Clerk to poll the Council.

And was carried on call of the roll:

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Michael Cecere	None	None
BJ D’Avella		
Greg Hindy		
John King		
Maggie O’Connor	<u>Abstain</u>	
William Sullivan	None	

Committee Reports

Public Safety (Police & Fire)

Councilman Hindy reported on Public Safety for 2021.

Water

Submitted by Councilman D’Avella -

[As you’ve heard from the mayor’s comments,] The good news out of the water department is that over the course of the past year – beyond learning that “PFAS” is far easier to pronounce than the ten syllables of “per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances” – we’ve wrapped our arms around not just the problem, but the solution to the PFAS issue that is faced by every water system in the state, up against the most stringent regulatory standard in the nation. Our water was already well below the EPA guideline of 70 ppt and was just barely in excess of the NJ threshold of 14 ppt. Not only did we act quickly to identify options and determine the best one for a long-term solution, but we also devised an interim solution that will keep the utility in service and producing fully-compliant drinking water to our residents and neighbors until the long term solution has been implemented.

That said – as you might imagine, solutions like these take more than just time and expertise to devise and implement - they require monetary investment. We are working with all relevant funding agencies as well as experts in this area to help inform the Council’s decision-making with regard to funding options for the required improvements. Over the coming weeks, we will be running every option to ground to ensure that we both deliver all necessary improvements and limit the financial outlay required to deliver them. While it is perhaps inevitable that rates will go up as a result of the increased infrastructure costs that the utility will bear as a result of the regulatory changes, we have been and continue to be committed to right-sizing the solution and obtaining all available funding from state and federal sources to minimize that impact.

I am incredibly proud of the effort that has gone into getting us to this point, and am just as grateful for the expertise available to us to help get us to this point. I would remind our residents that, at this time last year, we had a different water operator and were still waiting to learn where the state would set the PFAS threshold. When the previous water operator departed, we approached it as an opportunity to rethink how we operate the utility within the broader context of the town’s services, and engaged experts to assess the utility’s overall infrastructure and operations. As a direct result, we made significant improvements in certain areas that have greatly increased our ability to operate the water utility safely, effectively, and continuously – and by so doing have set the system up well for the work that lies ahead of us this coming year, and beyond. Due to the tireless contributions and flexibility of DPW head Roger Kerr and his team, Water Operator Bill Ryden, Jim DeBlock and his expert team of water consultants, and the engineering team at Suburban Consulting Engineers, we have come a significant way towards improving the operations and physical plant of the water department. It bears repeating that this effort was separate and apart from anything to do with the PFAS remediation that has absorbed so much of our attention of late. Kudos and thanks to everyone involved on all fronts - it been a ton of work,

but it has been far more bearable and the outcomes have been far better because it has been a great team effort.

That team effort will continue into this New Year as we bring temporary PFAS filtration online, identify financing options and funding sources for the PFAS-driven improvements, finalize PFAS remediation plans, and submit remediation permit applications to the state. Furthermore, we will be concluding a process that began in 2021 with the renewal of the existing water purchase agreements with our neighbors. All of this is being done so we can continue to provide the amazing natural resource that is Essex Fells water to our neighbors' residents and our own, and to keep the water department (and the water itself) running smoothly in 2022 and beyond, as it has continuously since 1893. Thank you.

Public Works

Submitted by Councilman King -

The DPW continued to maintain and landscape the boro properties and the fields at the Egan field complex that starts in April and goes through November.

The DPW has also redeveloped the basketball courts at the Egan field complex

We relocated the sprinkler system at the Egan field complex to have a more consistent flow to further improve the fields terrain

We have made many improvements to borough owned properties including painting borough hall and the service building.

We picked up a total of 1089 tons of recycling throughout the year

During November leaf pickup in 2021 we collected 10,900 cubic yards of leaves from the borough streets which will be composted and recycled back to the Residents

The Recycling Center has been operating 2 days a week ensuring compliance from residents with just one employee overseeing the operation.

An ongoing storm inlet cleaning program continues to be a work-in-progress throughout the borough.

The ongoing catch basin program continued. Repairing 14 catch basins this year.

A DOT grant allowed us to improve drainage, mill and pave Fellswood and Fellcrest the project will be completed early 2022.

We purchased a 2020 International truck that will have a salter and a ten-foot plow.

Lastly, during the ever changing Covid outbreak the DPW followed CDC and State guidelines to ensure sanitation protocols for all municipal buildings and employees to prevent further outbreaks.

Public Affairs

Submitted by Councilwoman O'Connor –

Once again we faced issues with Covid that impacted some of our events, but within Essex Fells there was a commitment on behalf of the Borough and local civic groups to hold as many events as were possible. We took into consideration the restrictions we faced and with some sensible adjustments we were able to host a lot of the events and traditions that are so important to our community and our residents look forward to each year.

The Skating Races were held at the Pond in February. It was a short but very successful season of ice skating at the Pond and we had a very strong turnout for the annual skating races. Thanks to the Pond Committee and all of the volunteers who helped maintain the ice and organize the day of the races.

On Memorial Day we had a ceremony at Borough Hall that was well attended by our veterans and the public. The Essex Fells Volunteer Fire Company also hosted its annual Memorial Day picnic on the Green but unfortunately, the West Essex parade was canceled.

On Veterans Day ceremony at Borough Hall was very well attended by our resident veterans, the public and the 6th grade class at Essex Fells School. After the ceremony we held the school event outdoors with the 6th grade. We had a very informative Q & A session and refreshments were served.

Most recently there was the Holiday Tree Lighting, the 97th annual lighting that was hosted by the Garden Club on Christmas Eve. This was well attended, especially by a lot of our newest and youngest residents.

Let's hope for a return of all of our events this coming year!

Recreation

Submitted by Councilman Cecere -

- *Essex Fells Recreation continues to notice an increase of young children in town, especially at the Pre-K/K level.*
- *The EFRD continued to request certification of our volunteer coaches through the Rutgers Safety Clinic Program. It is mandatory that all head coaches complete a criminal background check or use one that they have already completed within the last three years.*
- *EFRD extends deadlines to include all interested participants. One of our goals is to keep all children involved in recreation sports as they move from grades K-8.*
- *Essex Fells continues to plan and schedule each season with surrounding towns: Roseland, North Caldwell, Fairfield and other local towns when needed (Verona, Cedar Grove, etc).*
- *The EFRD works with Sports Universe to offer a Pre-School-K soccer program in the fall and baseball clinics in the spring.*
- *The EFBOE continues to allow our programs to use their facilities.*
- *We continue to work closely with the West Essex Junior Girl's and Boy's Lacrosse Club personnel in the implementation of their training program for girls and boys in grades 1-8 during the Spring.*
- *We continued to offer field space for the Fall/Spring field space for the travel soccer programs, the West Essex Girl's and Boy's Lacrosse Clubs and West Essex Soccer Club. In addition, we rent out our fields to private groups that offer both lacrosse and soccer clinics for our residents as well as West Essex residents. All must provide proper insurance certificates and pay field use fees.*
- *EFRD receives compliments on how well-maintained the fields are and overall how beautiful our field complex is. We appreciate all that DPW does to maintain the fields.*
- *The EFRD appreciates the support from the volunteers on the Recreation Foundation.*
- *The EFRD plans to continue to offer a summer baseball league to those interested and enrolled in the Cedar Grove travel baseball league.*
- *The EFRD offered a modified Summer Clinic due to COVID-19 which included sports and arts and crafts clinics for grades prek-grade 6. This was in place of our traditional summer rec camp at the EFS.*
- *The EFRD implemented new health guidelines during the the Summer 2020/Fall 2020 season which included a daily healthy questionnaire and temperature checks prior to the start of each practice/game.*
- *The EFRD offered a soccer season throughout the Fall 2020 due to COVID-10 which included a regular game schedule with weekly practices and*

games following the health protocols from our governor and local health officials.

- *The EFRD continues to present championship teams with trophies shirts to celebrate their achievements.*

Finance & Personnel

Councilman Sullivan gave a brief overview of 2021.

He thanked the Borough of Essex Fells Staff for doing their best in an extremely difficult year.

Especially the Borough Administrator, Francine T. Paserchia for her leadership.

Mayor Davis then made the following appointments for 2022, pointing out that, with respect to the Committees of the Council, the first named is the Chairman of the Committee.

Public Safety

Maggie O'Connor
Michael Cecere
John King

Finance & Personnel

William Sullivan
BJ D'Avella
Greg Hindy

Water

BJ D'Avella
Greg Hindy
William Sullivan

Recreation

Greg Hindy
Michael Cecere
BJ D'Avella

Public Works

John King
Maggie O'Connor
William Sullivan

Public Affairs

Michael Cecere
John King
Maggie O'Connor

**The Chairman is the first named member of a committee.*

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Thomas J. O'Beirne 4 years 2025

Michael Candido 4 years 2025

Alternates

Christopher Shearin Alternate #1 2 years 2023

The Zoning Board now consists of:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Full Term</u>	<u>Term Expires 12/31</u>
Thomas J. O'Beirne	4 years	2025
Michael Candido	4 years	2025
Oscar M. Bate	4 years	2022
Henry Albulescu	4 years	2022
Michael Spellman (FILLING UNEXPIRED TERM OF John MacEvoy)	4 years	2023

Anne Marie Scolnick 4 years 2024
(FILLING UNEXPIRED TERM OF Michael Spellman)

Bernard J. D'Avella, Jr. 4 years 2024
(FILLING UNEXPIRED TERM OF Anne Marie Scolnick)

Alternates

Christopher Shearin Alternate #1 2 years 2023

MJ Jolda-Crawford Alternate #2 2 years 2022
(filing unexpired term of Christopher Shearin)

Planning Board

<u>Member</u>	<u>Full Term</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Term Expires 12/31</u>
Brittany Thunell	1 year	II	2022
John King	1 year	III	2022
James Irwin	4 years	IV	2025
Edward Davis	4 years	I	2025
Jody James	4 years	IV	2025

Alternates

David Isabel 2 years IV 2023
Alternate #1

Bernard J. D'Avella, Jr. 1 year IV 2022
Alternate #2

The Planning Board now consists of:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Full Term</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Term Expires 12/31</u>
Robert Burchell	4 years	IV	2022
Brittany Thunell	1 year	II	2022
John King	1 year	III	2022
James Irwin	4 years	IV	2025
Edward Davis	4 years	I	2025
Jody James	4 years	IV	2025
Peter S. McMullen	4 years	IV	2023

Alternates

David Isabel 2 years IV 2023
Alternate #1

Bernard J. D'Avella, Jr. 1 year IV 2022
Alternate #2

SKATING POND COMMITTEE

<u>Member</u>	<u>Full Term</u>	<u>Term Expires 12/31</u>
John Haydu - Chair	1 year	2022
James Egan	1 year	2022
Dennis Cusack	1 year	2022
Jody James	1 year	2022
Pat Miczak	1 year	2022
Alair Muzatti	1 year	2022
Chris Boeckel	1 year	2022
Michael Desiderio	1 year	2022
Ed Abbot	1 year	2022
Chris Nowak	1 year	2022
Vacancy	1 year	2022

HISTORY COMMITTEE

<u>Member</u>	<u>Full Term</u>	<u>Term Expires 12/31</u>
Edward P. Abbot - Chair	1 year	2022
Mary Bate	1 year	2022
Lori Kwiatkowski	1 year	2022
Frank Godlewski	1 year	2022
Vacancy		
Vacancy		

Councilman Hindy made a motion to accept the 202 Appointments and Councilman D'Avella seconded the motion.

And was carried on call of the roll:

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Michael Cecere	None	None
BJ D'Avella		
Greg Hindy		
John King		
Maggie O'Connor	<u>Abstain</u>	
William Sullivan	None	

Councilman D'Avella moved, Councilman Hindy seconded, approval of the following resolutions on consent:

2022-01

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Essex Fells that the *Meetings* of the Borough Council for the year 2022 will be held in the Council Chambers of the Essex Fells Borough Hall at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted and formal action will be taken on the following dates:

January 4, 2022	Organization Meeting
January 18, 2022 @ 8:00pm	Regular Meeting
February 1, 2022	Conference Meeting
February 15, 2022	Regular Meeting
March 1, 2022	Conference Meeting
March 15, 2022	Regular Meeting
April 5, 2022	Conference Meeting
April 19, 2022	Regular Meeting
May 3, 2022	Conference Meeting
May 17, 2022	Regular Meeting
June 7, 2022	Conference Meeting
June 21, 2022	Regular Meeting

July 19, 2022
August 16, 2022
September 20, 2022
October 4, 2022
October 18, 2022
November 1, 2022
November 22, 2022
December 6, 2022
December 20, 2022

Regular Meeting
Regular Meeting
Regular Meeting
Conference Meeting
Regular Meeting
Conference Meeting
Regular Meeting
Conference Meeting
Regular Meeting

2022-02

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Essex Fells that the following newspapers be designated as the *Official Newspapers of the Borough of Essex Fells*:

The Progress
P.O. Box 72
Caldwell, New Jersey 07006

The Star Ledger
One Star Ledger Plaza
Newark, New Jersey 07102

2022-03

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2022 budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided, and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is within the first 30 days of the fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, said temporary appropriations are limited to 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2021 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvements and public assistance, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Essex Fells, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, that the following appropriations be made and a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for his records:

	<u>2021 BUDGET</u>	<u>2022 TEMPORARY BUDGET</u>
ADMINISTRATION & EXECUTIVE - S&W	\$ 84,715.00	\$ 22,237.69
ADMINISTRATION & EXECUTIVE - O/E	\$ 24,045.00	\$ 6,311.81
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - O/E	\$ 24,750.00	\$ 6,496.88
ELECTIONS - O/E	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 918.75
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION - S&W	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 5,250.00
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION - O/E	\$ 54,120.00	\$ 14,206.50
ANNUAL AUDIT	\$ 24,500.00	\$ 6,431.25
COLLECTION OF TAXES - S&W	\$ 26,635.00	\$ 6,991.69
COLLECTION OF TAXES - O/E	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,625.00
ASSESSMENT OF TAXES - S&W	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 3,937.50
ASSESSMENT OF TAXES - O/E	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 3,675.00
LEGAL - O/E	\$ 51,000.00	\$ 13,387.50
ENGINEERING O/E	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 15,750.00
ZONING BOARD O/E	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 3,150.00
PLANNING BOARD O/E	\$ 10,300.00	\$ 2,703.75
CONSTRUCTION CODE OFFICIAL - S&W	\$ 55,200.00	\$ 14,490.00

CONSTRUCTION CODE OFFICIAL - O/E	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 1,653.75
OTHER INSURANCE	\$ 76,196.00	\$ 20,001.45
EMPLOYEE GROUP HEALTH	\$ 520,000.00	\$ 136,500.00
POLICE - S&W	\$ 1,624,691.00	\$ 426,481.39
POLICE - O/E	\$ 91,350.00	\$ 23,979.38
FIRST AID CONTRIBUTION	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 1,837.50
FIRE - S&W	\$ 6,630.00	\$ 1,740.38
FIRE - O/E	\$ 26,275.00	\$ 6,897.19
STREETS AND ROADS - S&W	\$ 375,327.00	\$ 98,523.34
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - O/E	\$ 176,000.00	\$ 46,200.00
SNOW REMOVAL - S&W	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 3,937.50
SNOW REMOVAL - O/E	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 6,562.50
SEWER SYSTEM - O/E	\$ 44,500.00	\$ 11,681.25
SANITARY SEWER - O/E	\$ 59,000.00	\$ 15,487.50
BOARD OF HEALTH - O/E	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 1,470.00
RECREATION - S&W	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 6,300.00
RECREATION - O/E	\$ 23,975.00	\$ 6,293.44
POWER	\$ -	\$ -
STREET LIGHTING	\$ -	\$ -
ELECTRIC & GAS	\$ 77,593.03	\$ 20,368.17
PHONES	\$ 18,040.54	\$ 4,735.64
HEATING FUEL	\$ -	\$ -
ACCUMULATED ABSENCES	\$ -	\$ -
SEWER SERV VERONA	\$ 27,050.40	\$ 7,100.73
SEWER SERVICES CALDWELL	\$ 312,120.00	\$ 81,931.50
GASOLINE	\$ 32,252.40	\$ 8,466.26
LIBRARY	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 918.75
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 656.25
SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM (OASI)	\$ 77,000.00	\$ 20,212.50
PERS	\$ 56,397.50	\$ 14,804.34
PFRS	\$ 500,415.00	\$ 131,358.94
CHAPTER 159s	\$ -	\$ -
BUDGET GRANTS	\$ -	\$ -
NORTH CALDWELL - MUNICIPAL COURT	\$ 97,797.60	\$ 25,671.87
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 20,000.00	
BOND PRINCIPAL	\$ 145,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
BAN PRINCIPAL	\$ 236,500.00	
BOND INTEREST	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
BAN INTEREST	\$ 30,000.00	
UNFUNDED ORDINANCE	\$ 200,700.00	
RESERVE FOR TAX APPEALS	\$ -	\$ -
RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES	\$ 420,000.00	\$ 110,250.00
NORTH CALDWELL - POLICE DISPATCHERS	\$ 87,393.60	\$ 22,940.82
WEST ORANGE - ANIMAL CONTROL	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,575.00
WEST ORANGE - HEALTH SERVICES	\$ 12,100.00	\$ 3,176.25
CALDWELL - DEPUTY REGISTRAR	\$ -	\$ -
CONTINGENT	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,312.50
TOTAL	\$ 5,983,969.07	\$ 1,564,589.41

WATER S/W	\$ 556,442.00	\$ 146,066.03
WATER O/E	\$ 2,116,660.50	\$ 555,623.38
CAPITAL - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ -	\$ -
DEBT SERVICE - PAYMENT OF NOTES	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 5,250.00
UTILITY INTEREST ON NOTES	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 6,300.00
UNEMPLOYMENT FUND	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 656.25
UTILITY PERS	\$ 56,397.50	\$ 14,804.34
SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 12,600.00
EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION	\$ -	
DEF CHG - UNFUNDED ORD.	\$ -	
UTILITY BOND PRINCIPAL	\$ 155,000.00	\$ 156,000.00
UTILITY BOND INTEREST	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,999,000.00	\$ 912,300.00

2022-04

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Essex Fells that the interest rate on delinquent Taxes and Sewer be fixed as follows:

8% per annum up to \$1,500.00 delinquency

18% per annum over \$1,500.00 delinquency

6% additional penalty for a delinquency over \$10,000.00
if not paid prior to the end of the calendar year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any taxes not paid when due shall be called delinquent taxes ten days after due date.

2022-05

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Essex Fells that the following banks and/or savings and loan associations and/or their branch offices be designated depositories of the accounts and funds of the Borough of Essex Fells:

TD Bank, West Caldwell, NJ

Valley National Bank, Caldwell, NJ

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the custodian of each of said several funds and accounts shall be Christopher Battaglia, Chief Financial Officer, and in his absence Francine T. Paserchia, Administrator/Borough Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be and he is hereby authorized to certify the authority granted by these resolutions to the several banks and/or savings and loan associations in the form required by the several banks and/or savings and loan associations and to furnish said several banks and/or savings and loan associations with certified copies of these resolutions.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the above resolution be sent to the surety company.

2022-06

**AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL CERTAIN BALANCES OF
\$10.00 OVER/UNDER**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-17 allows for the cancellation of property tax refunds or delinquent amounts in the amounts of less than \$10.00; and

WHEREAS, the enactment of P.L. 2013, c.54 has expanded the scope of this statute to encompass any delinquent charges or fees imposed by the municipality, so long as the delinquency is less than \$10.00.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body may authorize the Tax Collector to process, without further action on their part, any cancellation of property tax refunds or delinquencies, or any charges and fees imposed by the municipality of Less than \$10.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough of Essex Fells, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, hereby authorize the Tax Collector to cancel said tax amounts and charges and fees as deemed necessary for current year.

2022-07

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Essex Fells that the Chief Financial Officer, or in his or her absence, the Assistant Financial Officer, is hereby authorized to invest such funds of the Borough of Essex Fells as may be temporarily in excess of the funds needed to meet the Borough's obligations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at the meeting of the Council of the Borough of Essex Fells next succeeding the investment of the said temporarily excess funds of the Borough, the Chief Financial Officer, or in his or her absence, the Assistant Financial Officer, shall report to the Council of the Borough of Essex Fells:

1. *The date of the investment.*
2. *The amount of funds invested.*
3. *Where invested.*
4. *The interest rate.*
5. *The date of maturity.*

2022-08

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Essex Fells;

WHEREAS, from time to time the Borough Office is required to make change for cash payments received for Tax, Water, Dog and Sewer Payments; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need to maintain such a fund for use of operation of the Tax/Administrative Offices and the custodian shall be Terry King and the amount shall be \$100.00;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the listed custodian be responsible for the maintenance of corresponding Change Fund.

2022-09

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Essex Fells, that;

WHEREAS, the Borough of Essex Fells 2022 Paid Holiday Schedule is as follows:

Paid Holiday Policy:

All **Full Time Employees** of the Borough are entitled to fourteen (14) paid holidays. The holiday schedule for all unionized employees may be found in the respective labor agreements between the Borough and said labor unions. The holiday schedule for all Full-Time Non-Unionized employees is as follows:

- ◆ *New Year's Day*
- ◆ *Dr. M.L. King's Birthday*
- ◆ *Lincoln's Birthday*
(For 2022 – February 12th Exchange for April 18th)
- ◆ *Washington's Birthday*
(For 2022 – February 21st - President's Day)
- *Good Friday*
- *Memorial Day*
- *Juneteenth*
- *Independence Day*
- *Labor Day*
- *Columbus Day*
- *Veteran's Day*
- *Thanksgiving Day*
- *Day after Thanksgiving*

- *Christmas Day*

Should any of these holidays fall on a Saturday, it shall be celebrated on the preceding Friday. If a holiday falls on a Sunday, it shall be celebrated on the following Monday. Under such circumstances, the Friday or the Monday shall be considered the holiday and paid accordingly.

2022-10

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Essex Fells, that;

WHEREAS, the Borough of Essex Fells has filed a Recycling Tonnage Report with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) for 2021, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Essex Fells desires to make application to the NJDEP for a municipal recycling tonnage grant for 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Essex Fells that the Public Works Superintendent is hereby authorized to file an application for said recycling grant.

2022-11

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Essex Fells that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to keep an adequate balance in the postage account and secure postage as necessary to meet the day to day needs of the operation of the Borough of Essex Fells.

2022-12

WHEREAS, the Borough of Essex Fells has a need to obtain legal services and has determined to award this contract as a Professional Service without obtaining competitive bids or quotes as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5*; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined and will certify in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is *one year*; and

WHEREAS, *Robert H. Oostdyk, Jr. and Murphy McKeon, PC* have submitted a proposal indicating he will provide the legal services for the annual fee of \$48,000.00 per year plus \$145.00 per hour for all matters for which the Borough has collected escrow accounts; and

WHEREAS, *Robert H. Oostdyk, Jr. and Murphy McKeon, PC* have completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that *Robert H. Oostdyk, Jr. and Murphy McKeon, PC* have not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the *Borough of Essex Fells* in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit *Robert H. Oostdyk, Jr. and Murphy McKeon, PC* from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (*N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.*) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified in writing to the Governing Body that there are adequate funds in the amount of \$48,000.00 which are specifically designated as Legal, Operating Expenses, in the local budget to complete this contract.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Essex Fells, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, authorizes the entry of a contract with *Robert H. Oostdyk, Jr. and Murphy McKeon, PC* as described herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution.

2022-13

WHEREAS, the Borough of Essex Fells has a need to acquire a Registered Municipal Accountant as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4*; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is *one year*; and

WHEREAS, Joseph J. Faccone of the firm of Samuel Klein and Company, holding a license as a Registered Municipal Accountant has submitted a proposal indicating they will provide *Municipal Accountant Services for January 1, 2022 thru December 31, 2022*; and

WHEREAS, Joseph J. Faccone has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Samuel Klein and Company has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the *Borough of Essex Fells* in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Samuel Klein and Company from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, the Chief financial Officer will certify in writing to the Governing Body that there are adequate funds in the amount of \$21, 985.00 which are specifically designated as Auditing in the local budget to complete this contract and \$20, 350.00 for the Municipal Utility. Additional auditing services to be performed in place of the preparation and mailing of the Verification Notices in the amount of \$1,085.00.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Essex Fells, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, authorizes the entry of a contract with Samuel Klein and Company, as described herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution.

2022-14

WHEREAS, the Borough of Essex Fells has a need to acquire a Consulting Engineer as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4*; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined and will certify in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is *one year*; and

WHEREAS, William Ryden of the firm Anderson & Denzler Associates, Inc., has submitted a proposal indicating they will provide *Engineering Services and Licensed Wastewater Sewer Operator Services as the Water System Consultant for January 1, 2022 thru December 31, 2022*; and

WHEREAS, William Ryden has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Anderson & Denzler Associates, Inc., has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the *Borough of Essex Fells* in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Anderson & Denzler Associates, Inc., from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer will certify in writing to the Governing Body that there are adequate funds in the amount of \$40,000.00.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Essex Fells, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, authorizes the entry of a contract with Anderson & Denzler Associates, Inc., as described herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution.

2022-15

WHEREAS, the Borough of Essex Fells has a need to Bond Counsel Services and has determined to award this contract as a Professional Service without obtaining competitive bids or quotes as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5*; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is *one year*; and

WHEREAS, this contract shall not exceed \$30,000.00; and

WHEREAS, John D. Draikiwicz has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that John D. Draikiwicz has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the *Borough of Essex Fells* in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit John D. Draikiwicz from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, THE Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for “Professional Services” without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Essex Fells, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, authorizes the entry of a contract with John D. Draikiwicz of Gibbons P.C., as described herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution.

2022-16

WHEREAS, the Borough of Essex Fells has a need to acquire financial management services as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5 as appropriate; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one (1) year; and

WHEREAS, the initial term of this contract is from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

WHEREAS, Battaglia Associates, LLC has submitted a proposal indicating they will provide financial management services to the Borough of Essex Fells for a fee of \$93,600.00; and

WHEREAS, Battaglia Associates, LLC has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Battaglia Associates, LLC has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the County of Essex and Borough of Essex Fells in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the Battaglia Associates, LLC from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Essex Fells 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Essex Fells authorizes a contract with Battaglia Associates, LLC as described herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution.

2022-17

***BE IT RESOLVED* by the Council of the Borough of Essex Fells that;**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Essex Fells has determined that it is in the public interest to join with other municipalities to jointly provide insurance coverage; and

WHEREAS, effective May 1, 1987 the Borough became a member of the Morris County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (JIF) and the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund (MEL); and

WHEREAS, each fund requires that participating municipalities appoint an Insurance Fund Commissioner who must be either a member of the Governing Body or an employee of the municipality.

WHEREAS, the Risk Manager shall attend all Meetings of the JIF and MEL as required, on behalf of the Fund Commissioner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Essex Fells that Borough Administrator Francine T. Paserchia is hereby appointed as the Borough's Insurance Fund Commissioner for 2022 and Roger Kerr as the Borough's Alternate Fund Commissioner and they also shall serve as the Essex Fells representatives to these two joint insurance funds.

2022-18

WHEREAS, the recent changes to the Local Public Contracts Law gave local contracting units the ability to increase their bid threshold up to \$40,000.00; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3a, permits an increase in the bid threshold if a **Qualified Purchasing Agent** is appointed as well as granted the authorization to negotiate and award such contracts below the bid threshold; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et seq. establishes the criteria for qualifying as a Qualified Purchasing Agent; and

WHEREAS, Francine T. Paserchia possesses the designation of Qualified Purchasing Agent as issued by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Essex Fells desires to take advantage of the increased bid threshold;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Borough of Essex Fells, in the County of Essex, in the State of New Jersey hereby increases its bid threshold to \$40,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing body hereby appoints Francine T. Paserchia as the Qualified Purchasing Agent to exercise the duties of a purchasing agent pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(30), with specific relevance to the authority, responsibility, and accountability of the purchasing activity of the contracting unit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.2 the Municipal Clerk, is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution and a copy of Francine T. Paserchia's, Qualified Purchasing Agent certification to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

2022-19

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Essex Fells that the following Personnel action is hereby authorized;

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Department of Treasury, Division of Contract Compliance & Equal Employment Opportunity in Public Contracts requires that every year each municipality designates a Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.); and

WHEREAS, the Borough hereby names Brittany L. Thunell as the Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.).

NOW FOR BE IT RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Division of Contract Compliance & Equal Opportunity Office as required by law.

2022-20

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Essex Fells, that;

WHEREAS, the Borough Council authorized Essex Fells' participation in the Essex County Community Development Block Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, each participating municipality is expected to appoint two representatives to the CDBG Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Essex Fells that the following named persons shall serve as the Borough's Community Development Block Grant representatives for 2022:

*Michael Cecere
Councilman*

*Francine T. Paserchia
Borough Administrator*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Essex County Division of Housing and Community Development.

2022-21

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Essex Fells, that;

WHEREAS, the Borough Council authorized Essex Fells' participation in the Essex County Solid Waste Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, each participating municipality is expected to appoint one representative to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Essex Fells that the following named persons shall serve as the Borough's Solid Waste Advisory Member and Alternate (Voting Member) for 2022:

*Roger Kerr - Member
Department of Public Works Superintendent*

*Anthony Sorisi - Alternate Member
Department of Public Works*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Essex County Planning Board.

2022-22

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Essex Fells, that;

WHEREAS, the Borough Council authorized Essex Fells' participation in the Essex County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Committee; and

WHEREAS, each participating municipality is expected to appoint one representative to the Essex County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Essex Fells that the following named person shall serve as the Borough's Essex County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Committee Member:

*Roger Kerr - Member
Department of Public Works Superintendent*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Essex County Office of Emergency Management.

2022-23

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Essex Fells, that;

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby authorizes Essex Fells' participation in the Essex County Recycling Committee; and

WHEREAS, Roger Kerr the Department of Public Works Superintendent has served as the Essex Fells Recycling Coordinator since 1996.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Essex Fells that Roger Kerr is hereby authorized to serve as the Borough's representative on the Essex County Recycling Committee and the Borough Clerk is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Essex County Planning Board.

2022-24

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Essex Fells, that;

WHEREAS, the labor agreement between the Borough and the Public Works Association of the Borough of Essex Fells entitles all employees covered by this agreement to a \$200.00 annual allowance for the purchase of safety shoes of a type determined by the Superintendent of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, these employees are required to submit documented evidence that these safety shoes have been purchased.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Essex Fells that the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to draw checks for \$200.00 each payable to all eligible employees covered by this agreement.

2022-25

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Essex Fells that the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized to advertise for the receipt of bids on January 25, 2022 at 10:00 am for the following:

Regular Unleaded Gasoline & Diesel Fuel

2022-26

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Essex Fells, that;

WHEREAS, the Essex Fells Borough Code, Chapter 5, Article III, Section 5-9 Appointment of Board and Director, states that the mayor may, in his discretion and with the advice and consent of the Borough Council, annually appoint not less than three nor more than 12 persons, employees or citizens and residents of the Borough as members of the Board of Recreation. He may also, in his discretion, annually appoint a Director of Recreation; and

WHEREAS, the following list has been submitted to the Borough Clerk by the Mayor:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Full Term</u>	<u>Term Expires 12/31</u>
Mike Desiderio	1 year	2022
Tricia MacEvoy	1 year	2022
John Toth	1 year	2022
BJ D'Avella	1 year	2022
Chris Nowak	1 year	2022
Chris Boeckel	1 year	2022
Rick Coughlin	1 year	2022
Gary Buccino	1 year	2022
Jeffrey Hug	1 year	2022
Eiler Marcher	1 year	2022
Debra Tedesco	1 year	2022

Vacancy

Lauren Lombardy, Director 1 year 2022

Greg Hindy - Council Appointment

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Essex Fells that the Essex Fells Board of Recreation Appointments are hereby confirmed for 2022 pending the submission of their Citizen Leadership Form for any new members.

2022-27

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Essex Fells, that;

WHEREAS, the Essex Fells Borough Code, Chapter 5, Boards, Committees and Commissions, Article 1, Board of Health, Section 5-2 Membership; appointment; term of office; vacancy; and

WHEREAS, the section reads “the Board of Health shall consist of five members. All members of the Board shall be appointed by the council and shall hold office for the term of three years except in the case of vacancies; vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term.

WHEREAS, the following appointment is being made to the existing board:

Jessica L. Spellman 3 years 2024

The Board of Health now consists of:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Full Term</u>	<u>Term Expires 12/31</u>
Stephen Smith – Pending	3 years	2022
Elizabeth Boggier	3 years	2023
Philip Fiore	3 years	2023
Jessica L. Spellman	3 years	2024
Vacancy	3 years	2022

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Essex Fells that the Essex Fells Health Committee Appointments are hereby confirmed pending the Borough Clerk receiving their Citizen Leadership Form.

2022-28

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Essex Fells that:

WHEREAS, New Jersey Statutes Annotated, Appendix A:9-41, requires that the Mayor of every Municipality appoint an Emergency Management Council (EMC) to coordinate all disaster control activities on behalf of the citizens and government of the Municipality; and

WHEREAS, the EMC is to be chaired by the Emergency Management Coordinator and is to be comprised of no fewer than 15 members representing five specific groups; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough of Essex Fells that such a functional group be formalized and updated; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has recommended a list of appointees to serve in the various capacities required by the Statute.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Essex Fells that the Mayor’s nominations to serve on the Emergency Management Council of this Municipality are hereby confirmed and shall be as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>WORKING TITLE</u>	<u>GROUP REPRESENTED</u>
James M. Egan	EM Coordinator	Emergency Management

Scott Jones	Deputy EM Coordinator	Emergency Management
Scott Cohen	Communications	Emergency Management
Edward Davis	Mayor	Elected Official
Francine T. Paserchia	Borough Administrator	Emergency Management
Darren Volker	Chief of Police	Police
Ken Monroe	Fire Chief	Fire
William Ryden	Licensed Water/Sewer Operator	Water Department
Roger Kerr	Public Works Superintendent	Public Works Department
Michelle Gadeletta	Superintendent of Schools	Elementary School
Theresa DeNova	Health Officer	Health/Environment
Jocelyn Gilman	Disaster Coordinator	Red Cross
David Black	First Aid Squad Captain	First Aid
Brett Friedensohn	Newspaper Reporter	NJ Hills Media
Greg James	Assistant to OEM Coordinator	Resident

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this list of members of the Essex Fells Emergency Management Council be transmitted to the NJ Department of Law and Public Safety, Emergency Management Section, and to the Essex County Office of Emergency Management along with an explanation that James M. Egan also will serve as the Borough's SARA Title-III alternate representative since no SARA facilities exist in Essex Fells.

2022-29

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Essex Fells that the following Personnel action is hereby authorized;

1. The following named person/employee of the Borough of Essex Fells, in the title, at the rate of pay, on the effective date set forth opposite his/her name:

Name:	Title:	Rate of Pay:	Effective Date:
Terry King	Administrative Assistant	\$50,183.64	November 28, 2020
Brittany L. Thunell	Tax Collector/Technical Assistant	\$65,233.28	January 1, 2021
Roger Kerr	DPW Superintendent	\$105,741.05	January 1, 2021
Francine T. Paserchia	Administrator/Municipal Clerk	\$118,560.49	January 1, 2021
Darren Volker	Police Chief	\$175,827.60	January 1, 2021

2022-32

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Essex Fells, that;

WHEREAS, various street signs are being replaced throughout the Borough in order to be in compliance with State and Federal Standards; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has asked that the signs be auctioned off in an effort to offset the cost to the borough; and

NAME	ADDRESS	STREET SIGN	BID
Anne Smith	153 Rensselaer Road	Rensselaer Road - Brown	\$250.00
Anne Smith	153 Rensselaer Road	Old Chester Road - Brown	\$250.00
Anne Smith	153 Rensselaer Road	Beechtree Lane - Brown	\$150.00
Anne Smith	153 Rensselaer Road	Rensselaer Road - Black	\$150.00
Vivienne Decker	186 Devon Road	Oval Road - Black	\$50.00
Amanda Borrelli	32 Wootton Road	Wootton Road	\$100.00
Kate Farrell	233 Roseland Avenue	Roseland Avenue	\$50.00

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the borough of Essex Fells that the above-mentioned street signs be auctioned off to the residents with the amounts listed opposite their name.

2022-33

Authorization for Payment of Bills

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Essex Fells that;

WHEREAS, the bill list as attached has been presented by the Chief Finance Officer for payment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Essex Fells that the bill list as presented is approved.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Current	01	\$116,118.70
Borough Capital	03	\$0
Water	05	\$16,655.00
Grant	04	\$0
Water Capital	06	\$0
Animal Control	10	\$0
Trust	11	\$6,274.08
Payroll	13	\$120,597.88

And was carried on call of the roll:

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Michael Cecere	None	None
BJ D’Avella		
Greg Hindy		
John King		
Maggie O’Connor	<u>Abstain</u>	
William Sullivan	None	

Councilman Hindy moved, Councilman Sullivan seconded, approval of the following resolutions on consent:

2022-30

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Essex Fells, that;

WHEREAS, the Essex Fells Borough Code, Chapter 29, Article 2, Section 29-2 Members, states that a maximum of 50 *volunteer firemen*, shall only become effective when confirmed by resolution of the Borough Council; and

WHEREAS, the following list has been submitted to the Borough Clerk by the Essex Fells Volunteer Fire Department:

Regular Firefighters	(D) = Driver
1. Adams, Matt	22. Lopez, Brian
2. Anchak, Noelle	23. Monroe, Ken (D)
3. Aronson, Lance	24. Moskowitz, Cliff
4. Autret, Lionel	25. O’Connor, Mark (D)
5. Belai, Jamal	26. Parisi, Brett
6. Bertoli, Bob (D)	27. Plunkett, Brendan (D)
7. Boeckel, Chris (D)	28. Roppatte, Jason
8. Cesar, George	29. Rothschild, Gary (D)
9. Cusack, Dennis	30. Shearin, Chris
10. D’Avella, BJ (D)	

11. Davis, Ed (D) 12. Donnefeld, Neil 13. Dykema, Erik 14. Egan, Jim (D) 15. Farrell, John (D) 16. Gerson, Nate 17. Horvath, Graham 18. Kearney, Jim (D) 19. Kerr, Roger 20. King, John 21. Lavezzo, Ed	31. Shih, Ming 32. Sorsi, Anthony 33. Steiner, Ben 34. Strathearn, Glen (D) 35. Taylor, Tim (D) 36. Torter, Tom 37. Vega, Santiago 38. Ward, Steve (D) 39. Woods, Greg
Junior Firefighters	
1. Hindy, James 2. Shih, Andrew	

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*, by the Council of the Borough of Essex Fells that the Fire Department Members are hereby confirmed for 2022.**

2022-31

***BE IT RESOLVED* by the Council of the Borough of Essex Fells, that;
WHEREAS, the Essex Fells Borough Code, Chapter 29, Article 3, Section 29-3 Chief of Fire Department and Chapter 29, Article 4, Section 29-4 Powers and duties, requires the appointing of a Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief, Captain and Lieutenants; and**

***WHEREAS*, the following list has been submitted to the Borough Clerk by the Essex Fells Volunteer Fire Department:**

Chief:	Ken Monroe
Assistant Chief:	Jim Egan
Captain:	BJ D'Avella
1st Lieutenant:	Chris Boeckel
2nd Lieutenant:	Tim Taylor
3rd Lieutenant:	Mark O'Connor

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*, by the Council of the Borough of Essex Fells that the Essex Fells Fire Department Chief, Assistant Fire Chief, Captain and Lieutenant appointments are hereby confirmed pending the Oath of Office being administered and signing off on the Personnel and Polices Handbook for 2022.**

And was carried on call of the roll:

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Michael Cecere	None	BJ D'Avella
Greg Hindy		John King
Maggie O'Connor	<u>Abstain</u>	
William Sullivan	None	

On motion made by Councilman Hindy, seconded by Councilman D'Avella and approved unanimously by the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Francine T. Paserchia
Municipal Clerk**