

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 December 5, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Present

Mayor Edward A. Davis  
Councilman BJ D’Avella  
Councilman John King  
Councilwoman Maggie O’Connor  
Councilman William Sullivan

Absent

Councilman Michael Cecere  
Councilman Greg Hindy

Also Present

Borough Administrator /Borough Clerk Francine T. Paserchia  
Borough Attorney Robert Oostdyk

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.

Presentation

- Soccer Champions Trophy Presentation – 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys

Appointments:

Councilman King moved, Councilman Sullivan seconded approval of an Essex Fells Volunteer Fire Department – Junior Member, Josephine Mia Dungo, 9 Beekman Hill Road

And was carried on call of the roll:

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

Councilman King moved, Councilman Sullivan seconded approval of the minutes of November 21, 2023

And was carried on call of the roll:

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

**Water**

- Risk & Resiliency Assessment

The Mayor gave a brief update on the Risk & Resiliency Assessment and advised he will inform the council as new information is received.

*All were in Agreement.*

- PFOA Main Facility – Landscape Committee Update

Residents on Oak Lane received notice that the committee was going to give an update to the council at this meeting.

Councilman Sullivan and Councilwoman O’Connor gave their committees recommendation on building material, fencing, and landscaping.

Mayor Davis opened the floor for public comment concerning the proposed plan. Three residents who were in attendance expressed their concerns with the adequacy of the landscaping elements of the plan

- Byron Elliot, 23 Oak Lane
- Kristin Pak, 21 Oak Lane
- Vincenzo Mannino, 27 Oak Lane

Discussion ensued by council as well as residents.

All council members in attendance were in agreement with the recommendations of the committee and noted that once the PFOS Facility is completed, if the council decides changes should be made to any of the above, they could be discussed at that time.

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

2023-165

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS  
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A 401:4-58**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with N.J.S.A 40A:4-58, transfers may be made between appropriation accounts in the General Budget in the last two months of the fiscal year; and

**WHERAS**, such transfers are made to cover expenses in accounts in excess of that anticipated and from accounts having expenses in less amounts than anticipated;

	<u>TRANSFER OUT</u>	<u>TRANSFER IN</u>
<b><u>CURRENT FUND</u></b>		
ADMINISTRATION & EXECUTIVE S&W	\$ 14,900.00	
ASSESSMENT OF TAXES O/E		\$ 200.00
LEGAL O/E		\$ 13,000.00
OTHER INSURANCE		\$ 1,100.00
NORTH CALDWELL - POLICE DISPATCH		\$ 600.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 14,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 14,900.00</b>
<b><u>WATER UTILITY</u></b>		
WATER UTILITY O/E	\$ 18,399.12	
INTEREST ON NOTES		\$ 18,399.12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 18,399.12</b>	<b>\$ 18,399.12</b>

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Essex Fells, County of Essex, New Jersey, in accordance with N.J.S.A 40A:4-58 that

transfers between budget appropriation accounts as listed above are authorized and that certified copy of this resolution adopted by not less than a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the full membership of the governing body shall be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer.

**2023-166**

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.

<b><u>Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Fund No.</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
Current	3-01	\$742,576.24
Borough Capital	C-04	\$28,720.00
Water	3-05	\$105.11
Grant	04	\$0
Water Capital	C-06	\$56,230.49
Animal Control	T-10	\$0
Trust	T-11	\$462.50
Payroll	T-13	\$81.33

**On motion made by Councilwoman O'Connor, seconded by Councilman Sullivan and approved unanimously by the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Francine T. Paserchia  
Municipal Clerk**