

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 February 20, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Present

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

Absent

Councilman John King

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.

Councilman Hindy moved, Councilman Sullivan seconded approval of the minutes of February 6, 2024.

And was carried on call of the roll:

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

The Mayor provided two Legislative Updates, one regarding Public Safety and the other on Affordable Housing. He will be monitoring the legislation and will keep the council updated on any developments regarding either matter.

No formal action taken information purposes.

Mayor Davis asked the Clerk to report on written communications.

The Clerk reported receipt of the following:

January 2024 Department Reports:

- Construction Department Cash Receipt & Permit Fee Log Report
- Police Department and Municipal Court Report
- Comcast – Use of Municipal Right of Way 2023 - \$10,221.74
- New Jersey American Water – BPU Docket No. WR23110791
- Elected Officials Risk Management Seminar – *Reminder*
- Thank you note, Petry Family

Mayor Davis said if there were no objections to the above, they will be placed on file. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

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

2024-50

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2024 APPROPRIATION RESERVE TRANSFERS

WHEREAS, various 2023 bills have been presented for payment this year, which bills represent obligations of the prior fiscal year and were not covered by order number and/or recorded at the time of transfers between the 2023 Budget in the last two months of 2023; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-59 provides that all unexpended balances carried forward after the close of the fiscal year are available, until lapsed at the closed of the succeeding year, to meet specific claims, commitments or contracts incurred during the preceding fiscal year, and allow transfers to be made from unexpended balances to those which are expected to be insufficient during the first three months of the succeeding year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Essex Fells, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, (2/3 of the majority of the full membership concurring herein) that the transfers in the amount of \$6,548.00 be made between the 2023 Budget Appropriation Reserves as follows:

<u>CURRENT FUND</u>	<u>TRANSFER IN</u>	<u>TRANSFER OUT</u>
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - O/E	\$ 329.22	
LEGAL - O/E	\$ 3,688.31	
PLANNING BOARD O/E	\$ 169.13	
POLICE - O/E	\$ 813.86	
PHONES	\$ 6.73	
WEST ORANGE - HEALTH SERVICES	\$ 1,540.75	
STREETS AND ROADS - S&W		\$ (6,548.00)
TOTAL	\$ 6,548.00	\$ (6,548.00)

2024-51

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	3-01	\$13,707.53
Current	4-01	\$1,745,529.88
Borough Capital	C-04	\$36,401.27
Water	3-05	\$4,022.80
Water	4-05	\$20,946.66
Grant	04	\$0
Water Capital	C-06	\$496,314.80
Animal Control	T-10	\$117.00
Trust	T-11	\$2,247.50
Payroll	T-13	\$2,110.91

And was carried on call of the roll:

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

**On motion made by Councilman Hindy, seconded by Councilman Sullivan
and approved unanimously by the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

**Francine T. Paserchia
*Municipal Clerk***