

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

Held at the Essex Fells Elementary School in said Borough on June 25, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Present

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

Absent

Councilman BJ D'Avella
Councilman John King

Also Present

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

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

2024-99

Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the 2025 Roadway Improvements Project, consisting of sections of Beechtree Lane and Arden Lane.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Essex Fells formally approves the grant application for the above-referenced project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application, identified as MA-2025, Beechtree Lane and Arden Lane – 00195 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation, on behalf of the Borough of Essex Fells.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Essex Fells and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

2024-100

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

WHEREAS, currently the Mayor and three Councilmembers (Sullivan/King/Hindy) are also members of the Essex Fells Country Club, and

WHEREAS, the Essex Fells Country Club will apply to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control for the renewal of its Plenary Retail Consumption License (Number 0706-33-001-002) for 2024-2025, and

WHEREAS, the Council is not aware of any circumstances or provisions of law or local ordinance which prohibit the issuance of such license.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Essex Fells that they have no objections to the renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption License Number 0706-33-001-002 to the Essex Fells Country Club by the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex, CN 087, Trenton, New Jersey, and consents to such an issuance of license by the Division.

2024-101

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:
Paulo Gomes	Police Captain	\$158,000.00	June 25, 2024

**No additional compensation for longevity or holiday pay as these items have been incorporated into his base salary*

2024-102

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Essex Fells hereby approves a Memorandum of Agreement for the Essex Fells Police Department's Captain's Position with Paul Gomes; and

WHEREAS, this agreement shall be commencing on June 25, 2024 to December 31, 2024 and for 2025, January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Essex Fells that a contract with Paul Gomes, in the position of Police Captain of the Borough of Essex Fells is hereby approved.

2024-103

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

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:
Kevan Murphy	Sergeant	\$118,163.56	June 25, 2024

2024-104

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

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:
Scott Cohen	Sergeant	\$118,163.56	June 25, 2024

And was carried on call of the roll:

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

• **Oath of Office – *Oath Administered by Mayor Davis***

- *Paulo Gomes – Captain*
- *Kevan Murphy – Sergeant*
- *Scott Cohen – Sergeant*
- *Thomas Rigas – Officer*
- *Michael Marta – Officer*
- *Gannon Chiuchiolo – Officer*

On motion made by Councilman Hindy, seconded by Councilman Sullivan and approved unanimously by the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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