

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL 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 July 2, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Present

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

Absent

Councilman Michael Cecere
Councilman John King

Also Present

Borough Administrator/Borough Clerk Francine T. Paserchia
Borough Attorney Chris Woods

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 June 25, 2024.

And was carried on call of the roll:

Ayes

BJ D'Avella
Greg Hindy
Maggie O'Connor
William Sullivan

Nays

None

Abstain

None

Absent

Michael Cecere
John King

2024 Municipal Budget

Councilman D'Avella moved, Councilman Hindy seconded, approval of the following resolution:

2024-105

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8 as amended provides that the Budget shall be read in full at the public hearing, or that it may be read by its title only if:

1. At least on week prior to the date of the hearing a complete copy of the approved Budget:

(a) shall be made available for public inspection, and

(b) shall be made available to each person upon request, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Essex Fells that it is hereby declared that the conditions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8, as amended set forth in subsections 1(a) and 1(b), have been met and therefore the Budget for 2024 shall be read by title only.

And was carried on call of the roll:

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

Councilman Hindy moved, Councilman Sullivan seconded, approval of the following resolution:

2024-106

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Essex Fells, County of Essex, that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations and authorization of the amount of \$ 6,874,381.75 for municipal purposes.

SUMMARY OF REVENUES

1. GENERAL REVENUES

Surplus Anticipated	\$ 800,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue Anticipated	1,250,180.38
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	155,000.00
2. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES	4,669,201.37
Total Revenues	\$ 6,874,381.75

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

5. GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

Within "CAPS"	
(a & b) Operations Including Contingent	\$ 4,268,108.67
(e) Deferred Charges & Statutory Expenditures-Municipal	697,822.00
Excluded from "CAPS"	
(a) Operations - Total Operations Excluded from "CAPS"	815,026.52
(c) Capital Improvements	50,000.00
(d) Municipal Debt Service	648,005.00
(e) Deferred Charges - Municipal	65,419.56
(m) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (Include Other Reserves, if any)	330,000.00
6. SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS - TYPE 1 SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY	<u>-0-</u>
Total Appropriations	\$ 6,874,381.75

And was carried on call of the roll:

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

The Clerk offered proof of publication of the ordinance, indicating that it was published in **The Progress** issue of **June 20, 2024**

The public hearing was held and BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$975,000 FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER UTILITY SYSTEM FOR AND BY THE BOROUGH OF ESSEX FELLS, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$975,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ESSEX FELLS, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1:

The improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance (the “Improvements”) are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of Essex Fells, New Jersey (the “Borough”) as general improvements. For the said Improvements there is hereby appropriated the amount of \$975,000. No down payment is required by the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended and supplemented (the “Local Bond Law”) as the purpose authorized herein is deemed self-liquidating and the obligations authorized herein are deductible from the gross debt of the Borough, as more fully explained in Section 6(e) of this ordinance.

SECTION 2:

In order to finance the cost of the Improvements, negotiable bonds of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$975,000 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the “Bonds”). In anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable bond anticipation notes of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount not exceeding \$975,000 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the “Bond Anticipation Notes” or “Notes”).

SECTION 3:

(a) The Improvements authorized and the purposes for which obligations are to be issued, the estimated cost of each Improvement and the appropriation therefor, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each Improvement and the period of usefulness of each Improvement are as follows:

<u>Improvements</u>	<u>Appropriation and Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes</u>	<u>Period of Useful Life</u>
Various improvements and acquisitions to the water utility system, including but not limited to acquisition of dump truck, improvements to buildings and grounds, improvements to main pump station, including but not limited to building, roof, windows and doors, garage, improvements and rehabilitation of equipment, redevelopment of Wells 7, 11, 13 and 15, hydrant replacement, inspection of high (two tanks) and low (one tank) service reservoirs, water main upgrades/replacements and Runnymede water main replacement, including all work, materials, equipment, labor and	\$975,000	\$975,000	26.68 Years

Improvements	Appropriation and Estimated Cost	Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes	Period of Useful Life
appurtenances necessary therefor or incidental thereto.			
TOTAL ALL PURPOSES	\$975,000	\$975,000	

(b) The estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes to be issued for the purpose of financing a portion of the cost of the Improvements is \$975,000.

(c) The estimated cost of the Improvements is \$975,000 which amount represents the initial appropriation made by the Borough.

SECTION 4:

All Bond Anticipation Notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough (the "Chief Financial Officer"); provided that no Note shall mature later than one year from its date. The Notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with Notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the Notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All Notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of Section 8(a) of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the Notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the Borough Council of the Borough at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the Notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the Notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 5:

The capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey is on file with the Borough Clerk and is available for public inspection.

SECTION 6:

The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The Improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses, and are capital improvements or properties that the Borough may lawfully make or acquire as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of the Improvements, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, taking into consideration the respective amounts of all obligations authorized for the several purposes, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the Bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 26.68 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough, as defined in the Local Bond Law, is increased by the authorization of the Bonds and Notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$975,000 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$250,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost of the Improvements, as indicated herein.

(e) This bond ordinance authorizes obligations of the Borough solely for purposes described in N.J.S.A. 40A:2-7(h). The obligations authorized herein are to be issued for a purpose that is deemed to be self-liquidating pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-47(a) and are deductible from gross debt pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:2-44(c).

SECTION 7:

Any funds received from time to time by the Borough as contributions in aid of financing the purposes described in Section 3 of this Ordinance shall be used for financing said Improvements by application thereof either to direct payment of the cost of said Improvements or to the payment or reduction of the authorization of the obligations of the Borough authorized therefor by this Bond Ordinance. Any such funds received may, and all such funds so received which are not required for direct payment of the cost of said Improvements shall, be held and applied by the Borough as funds applicable only to the payment of obligations of the Borough authorized by this Bond Ordinance.

SECTION 8:

The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Borough for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

SECTION 9:

The Chief Financial Officer of the Borough is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Borough and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Borough. The Chief Financial Officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Borough pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Borough and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Borough fails to comply with its undertaking, the Borough shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

SECTION 10:

This Bond Ordinance constitutes a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2. The Borough reasonably expects to pay expenditures with respect to the Improvements prior to the date that Borough incurs debt obligations under this Bond Ordinance. The Borough reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditures with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the Borough under this Bond Ordinance. The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for payment of the costs of the Improvements is \$975,000.

SECTION 11:

This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

And was carried on call of the roll:

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

The Clerk offered proof of publication of the ordinance, indicating that it was published in The Progress issue of June 20, 2024

The public hearing was held and **BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,491,490 FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND PURPOSES FOR AND BY THE BOROUGH OF ESSEX FELLS, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,049,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION.**

BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ESSEX FELLS, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 12:

The improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance (the “Improvements”) are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of Essex Fells, New Jersey (the “Borough”) as general improvements. For the said Improvements there is hereby appropriated the amount of \$1,491,490, such sum includes the sum of \$398,390 expected to be received as a grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation in connection with the improvements in Section 3(a)(4) and \$44,100 as the down payment (the “Down Payment”) required by the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended and supplemented (the “Local Bond Law”). The Down Payment is now available by virtue of provision in one or more previously adopted budgets for down payments for capital purposes.

SECTION 13:

In order to finance the cost of the Improvements not covered by application of the Down Payment, negotiable bonds of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$1,049,000 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the “Bonds”). In anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable bond anticipation notes of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount not exceeding \$1,049,000 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the “Bond Anticipation Notes” or “Notes”).

SECTION 14:

(a) The Improvements authorized and the purposes for which obligations are to be issued, the estimated cost of each Improvement and the appropriation therefor, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each Improvement and the period of usefulness of each Improvement are as follows:

Improvements	Appropriation and Estimated Cost	Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes	Average Period of Usefulness
(1) Acquisition of vehicles, various equipment and various improvements for the Police Department, including but not limited to patrol vehicle, security cameras, server, storage facility, radar unit, installation of garage doors for Lombardy Building and fingerprinting computer.	\$251,000	\$238,300	8.62 Years
(2) Acquisition of various equipment for the Fire Department, including but not limited to radios/pagers, SCBA bottles, turnout gear, fire hose and adapters.	46,000	43,700	5 Years

Improvements	Appropriation and Estimated Cost	Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes	Average Period of Usefulness
(3) Various improvements for the Public Works Department, including but not limited to improvements to buildings and grounds, including renovations to Borough Hall, Post Office, Service Building, Rob Lombardy Field House, tree replacement program, acquisition of a truck, toro ground master and newstripe newrider, and improvements to roads and lots, including speed humps and street signs, including all work and materials, including all work and materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto.	483,500	459,200	13.44 Years
(4) Various road and infrastructure improvements throughout the Borough and a traffic study project (Dolan and Dean), including all work and materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto.	630,990	231,800	10 Years
(5) Sewer system improvements and storm management/drainage, including all work and materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto.	80,000	76,000	40 Years
TOTAL ALL PURPOSES	\$1,491,490	\$1,049,000	

(b) The estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes to be issued for the purpose of financing a portion of the cost of the Improvements is \$1,049,000.

(c) The estimated cost of the Improvements is \$1,491,490 which amount represents the initial appropriation made by the Borough.

SECTION 15:

All Bond Anticipation Notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough (the "Chief Financial Officer"); provided that no Note shall mature later than one year from its date. The Notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with Notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the Notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All Notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of Section 8(a) of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the Notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the Borough Council of the Borough at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the Notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the Notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 16:

The capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey is on file with the Borough Clerk and is available for public inspection.

SECTION 17:

The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The Improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses, and are capital improvements or properties that the Borough may

lawfully make or acquire as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of the Improvements, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, taking into consideration the respective amounts of all obligations authorized for the several purposes, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the Bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 13.15 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough, as defined in the Local Bond Law, is increased by the authorization of the Bonds and Notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$1,049,000 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$250,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost of the Improvements, as indicated herein.

SECTION 18:

Any funds received from time to time by the Borough as contributions in aid of financing the purposes described in Section 3 of this Ordinance shall be used for financing said Improvements by application thereof either to direct payment of the cost of said Improvements or to the payment or reduction of the authorization of the obligations of the Borough authorized therefor by this Bond Ordinance. Any such funds received may, and all such funds so received which are not required for direct payment of the cost of said Improvements shall, be held and applied by the Borough as funds applicable only to the payment of obligations of the Borough authorized by this Bond Ordinance.

SECTION 19:

The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Borough for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

SECTION 9:

The Chief Financial Officer of the Borough is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Borough and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Borough. The Chief Financial Officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Borough pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Borough and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Borough fails to comply with its undertaking, the Borough shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

SECTION 20:

This Bond Ordinance constitutes a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2. The Borough reasonably expects to pay expenditures with respect to the Improvements prior to the date that Borough incurs debt obligations under this Bond Ordinance. The Borough reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditures with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the Borough under this Bond Ordinance. The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for payment of the costs of the Improvements is \$1,049,000.

SECTION 21:

This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

And was carried on call of the roll:

Ayes
BJ D’Avella
Greg Hindy
Maggie O’Connor
William Sullivan

Nays
None

Abstain
None

Absent
Michael Cecere
John King

Mayor Davis announced a public hearing on second reading of Ordinance 2024-1102

The Clerk offered proof of publication of the ordinance, indicating that it was published in The Progress issue of June 20, 2024

The public hearing was held and **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 286 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF ESSEX FELS AND ESTABLISHING A RATE FOR WHOLESALE WATER CONSUMPTION**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Essex Fells, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 286, Section 286-34, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Essex Fells entitled “Per-gallon rate” shall be amended by the following amendment to subsection B which shall read in its entirety as follows:

B. The rate for contractual wholesale customers shall be \$3.375 for each thousand gallons of water purchased. This rate shall be effective beginning in the first quarter of 2024.

Section 2. If any section or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid in any Court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the other sections or provisions of this Ordinance, except so far as the section or provision so declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remainder or any portion thereof.

Section 3. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage and publication in the manner provided by law.

And was carried on call of the roll:

Ayes
BJ D’Avella
Greg Hindy
Maggie O’Connor
William Sullivan

Nays
None

Abstain
None

Absent
Michael Cecere
John King

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

2024-107

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 for the following:

New Jersey Department of Transportation 2024 Municipal Road Aid Project

2024-108

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
John Haydu	81 Avon Drive	Buttonwood Road - Black	\$100.00
Eiler Marcher	4 Wootton Road	Wootton Road - Brown	\$125.00

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.

2024-109

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ABATEMENT OF OVERGROWN GRASS AND WEEDS AND DISCARDED TRASH AND DEBRIS (326 RUNNYMEDE ROAD)

WHEREAS, the property maintenance enforcement officer has ordered the maintenance and cleanup of property located at 326 Runnymede Road (Block 10.02, Lot 1), Essex Fells, New Jersey, as a result of a lack of lawn care, weeds, accumulated construction debris, overgrown vegetation, and garbage on the site ; and

WHEREAS, the owner of these premises has failed to comply with said order or appeal the order within the period permitted by law; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is authorized to maintain the property and place the cost of same as a lien upon the land; and

WHEREAS, the cost of completing the necessary maintenance has been certified to the Council as up to \$2,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Essex Fells, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, that the appropriate Borough officials are hereby authorized to effectuate the cleanup of

the premises located at 326 Runnymede Road (Block 10.02, Lot 1), Essex Fells, New Jersey, as a result of a lack of lawn care, weeds, accumulated construction debris, overgrown vegetation, and garbage on the site and an amount of \$2,000.00 is hereby certified as the costs of same; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk shall present this Resolution to the Tax Collector who shall proceed to collect the foregoing as provided by law.

2024-110

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	\$0
Current	4-01	\$1,003,447.73
Borough Capital	C-04	\$52,307.25
Water	3-05	\$32,225.00
Water	4-05	\$88,611.30
Grant	04	\$0
Water Capital	C-06	\$1,096,415.67
Animal Control	T-10	\$0
Trust	T-11	\$565.29
Payroll	T-13	\$99,656.51

And was carried on call of the roll:

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Absent</u>
BJ D'Avella	None	Michael Cecere
Greg Hindy		John King
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 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Francine T. Paserchia
Municipal Clerk