

January 24, 2017 – AGENDA SESSION

President Steward called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and read the Open Public Meetings Statement:

The notice requirements provided for in the “Open Public Meetings Act” have been satisfied. Notice of this meeting was properly given in a notice which was transmitted to the Times of Trenton and the Trentonian, filed with the Clerk of the Township of Ewing and posted in the Ewing Township Municipal Complex, all on the 4th day of January, 2017.

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ROLL CALL

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| ▪ Mr. Baxter – Excused | Jim McManimon, Administrator |
| ▪ Ms. Keyes-Maloney – Present | Maeve Cannon, Attorney |
| ▪ Mr. Schroth – 6:34 p.m. | Kim Macellaro, Municipal Clerk |
| ▪ Ms. Wollert – Present | |
| ▪ President Steward – Present | |

The Clerk stated for the record that Councilman Baxter has an excused absence for this evening.

DISCUSSION

1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, AMENDING AND REVISING § 225-64, SCHEDULE XVII: BUS STOPS, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 39:4-8(e)

President Steward stated that this is per the request of the New Jersey Department of Transportation. No bus stops are being changed or added.

The Attorney explained that this Ordinance only changes the description as to where each bus stop is located.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney added that the Ordinance breaks it down by Municipal/private roadways and then there is a section for County roadways and so on and so forth.

The Attorney said that she believes that those distinctions were already in the Ordinance; the State just resorted it.

There were no additional questions or comments from Council. There were no questions or comments from the Public.

2. A RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE RESURFACING OF FEDERAL CITY ROAD (PHASE II) PROJECT

The Administrator explained that this is for Bull Run Road south to Ewingville Road. The lower half of Federal City was resurfaced almost three winters ago but will be included; assuming the Township gets the grant.

The Council President asked what is the timeline.

The Administrator replied that the Township probably will not be notified until Spring and then it will go out to bid with the other road projects that the Administration has not yet presented to Council. Resurfacing will happen late Summer or early Fall. The Administrator added that the Township is still completing some of the smaller 2016 approved projects, including putting in some speed humps. Council will be provided the list of the roads to be repaved when the Budget is presented.

There were no additional questions or comments from Council.

Peter Boughton (119 Florence Avenue) said that he realizes Federal City Road is narrow and then asked if it is possible to have side striping added on at least one side to allow pedestrians and cyclists some safety. Mr. Boughton added that some have said that the road might actually be wider than it is because of debris. Given that and the fact that telephone poles have recently been replaced, Mr. Boughton asked if there is an initiative to get some striping done along with some widening to what the road should legally be.

The Administrator responded that he will speak with the Township Engineer. Right now, Federal City Road is not wide enough to stripe and keep two lanes. The Administrator said that he is not aware of any debris and added that the Township does have an utility right-of-way. The Administrator added that he is not even sure if speed humps would work; the speed limit is thirty-five which means they are going forty-five. There have been many complaints about the speed on that road. The Administrator reiterated that he did not believe that bikes lanes could be safely added but said that he would speak with the Township Engineer.

Mr. Boughton said that he appreciates the Administration being open to the possibility as roads are being repaved.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Public.

3. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EWING TOWNSHIP TO ENTER INTO A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MERCER COUNTY FOR EMS DISPATCH SERVICES

The Administrator explained that the Township has had one year with them. The amount has been reduced by a couple hundred dollars over last year. It seems to have worked. The Township has not had any issues with the dispatching coming out of County Central. The issues are more with cell phone 911 calls which are a problem in any dispatching area. This is a renewal for another year. Capital Health used to provide this service. When they got out of the business, Towns had to go with County Central because no one else at the time was qualified. Now, there are two other groups that are qualified but not yet ready to accept a bid – a hospital and a private group from Monmouth County.

President Steward asked if this counts as a shared service.

The Administrator replied – yes, which is very important each year with the Department of Community Affairs.

There were no additional questions or comments from Council. There were no questions or comments from the Public.

4. A RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION TO CELLCO PARTNERSHIP D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS TO USE POLES ERECTED BY PARTIES THAT HAVE THE LAWFUL RIGHT TO MAINTAIN POLES WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

The Attorney said that any licensed telecommunications carrier is permitted to put their wires on existing poles in the municipal right-of-way assuming that there is space. But, they have to get consent from the municipal authority.

The Administrator explained that this is slightly different than just another cell carrier. Verizon has contracted out with another company. They propose to put up small items on existing poles, if possible, or put up their own poles, if necessary, in order to fill “gaps”. This will improve communications in Ewing. The Administrator stated that he and the Mayor support the idea, but they also put a requirement on

them. The Administrator explained that recently PSE&G put up taller poles and transferred their wires. Half of the smaller poles have not yet been removed. The Township has identified about 220 of these poles. The Township is asking that as part of the “deal” Verizon remove these poles once all equipment is off.

President Steward introduced Kathryn Windsor from Tilson Technology.

Kathryn Windsor (Tilson Technology representing Verizon Wireless) said that Verizon prides itself on having a reliable network for their customers. They have been reviewing data and customer complaints and have identified areas within New Jersey called “sector exhaust” which put a drain on the network. Verizon is looking to put up small pieces of equipment called “small network nodes” on utility poles in the Township’s right of way. It is a very targeted solution; a very specific “line of sight” piece of equipment meant to address these gaps in coverage. Verizon’s engineers are working on identifying the specific locations where these “small network nodes” should be. These “nodes” will not be put up on every utility pole. Verizon is asking for Council’s consent to operate in the “right of way.” Ms. Windsor explained that this is a two step process with consent being the first step. Consent does not allow them to install anything; it just allows them to continue to gather information. After they have the site specific information, then they work with the Township’s Engineer and Building Department to apply for permits, pay fees and provide insurance.

President Steward commented that these are smaller profiles.

Ms. Windsor said that this equipment is twenty inches by fifty-five inches; fairly small compared to the macro equipment. The equipment can be painted to blend in with the poles.

Councilwoman Wollert asked how high up on the poles will they be.

Ms. Windsor replied that they are placed eight to twelve feet above the ground; meant to address the “street level” gap in coverage.

Councilwoman Wollert then asked how is the twenty by fifty-five inches situated.

The Administrator replied that it is opposite of solar panels.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney asked what is the weight of the actual unit.

Ms. Windsor replied that she did not know but the units are not heavy as they have been brought in to other Council meetings.

At the request of Councilman Schroth, Ms. Windsor showed a picture of one of these units.

Councilwoman Wollert then asked if this equipment is going on selected poles or is it going to be a universal application.

Ms. Windsor responded that they will go poles where engineers say they need to be. The preference is to use existing poles first.

There were no additional questions or comments from Council.

Ron Prykanowski (16 Thurston Avenue) said that there is one on Route 31 in front of Kenny’s Cleaners if Council wishes to see one.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Public.

5. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LIMITED LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH NELSON TREE SERVICE, INC. PERMITTING THE TEMPORARY STORAGE OF CERTAIN TREE REMOVAL VEHICLES AT THE REAR OF THE PARKING LOT AT THE CARLTON AVENUE PARK

The Attorney explained that Nelson will be doing work in the Township for approximately three months and need a place to store and stage six trucks. If Council approves this license agreement, the Township will allow them to park their vehicles overnight in Carlton Avenue Park. This agreement is limited and specific in terms of both the timeframe and the location. As with all licenses, it is revocable by the Township at any time. There is a provision which allows the agreement to be extended, if necessary.

The Administrator said that they will try to have this completed before the Park opens for softball in the spring. The Administrator added that Nelson, in the past, parked vehicles without permission and he had them removed.

Now, they have to provide liability coverage to the Town and will help us with emergency situations while they are here.

There were no questions or comments from Council.

Peter Boughton (119 Florence Avenue) said that he noticed Nelson has done a lot of work on County and State roads and seem to be doing some Municipal roads right now and then said that it appeared, on one street, that Nelson anticipated the raising of the poles, which had not occurred yet, because they had carved out space above the existing wires. Mr. Boughton asked who oversees their work performance on the municipal level.

The Administrator replied that it is not up to the Township. In this case, Nelson is working for Verizon and Verizon oversees their work. The Township did reach out to Verizon regarding complaints the Township received about some of their tree cutting along Olden Avenue and right out here. Verizon said that part of it was that they were planning for things that the Township was not completely aware of as well making sure that the next Hurricane Sandy does not take down as many wires.

Mr. Boughton said that, although he is not an expert, he does question some of the tree trimming that has happened.

The Administrator responded that we have all questioned it for good reason and added that the Township is in the process of getting ready to plant those six hundred trees. The Bridge Commission reached out to them today.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Public.

6. **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A ONE-YEAR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO STEPHEN J. VETRANO, DO, FACOEP, FACEP, EMT, A BOARD CERTIFIED EMERGENCY PHYSICIAN, FOR THE PROVISION OF GENERAL MEDICAL DIRECTION SERVICES TO EWING EMS FOR A FEE OF \$2,000.**

The Attorney said that EMS requires a Medical Director. This is his contract. He will do some limited training and provide oversight. His fee is very reasonable.

President Steward asked if this is a renewal.

The Administrator explained that we currently do not have one because of our contract with Robert Wood Johnson. We had a doctor there, but he cannot continue to provide the service as required. This doctor is available and he does it for other towns. It allows our EMS to give out medications.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney commented that this is the only way that the Township can have items such as an epi-pen aboard a truck. The doctor writes the actual prescription; it is a standing order that EMS can draw down from if they need to.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public.

7. **A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE EWING TOWNSHIP BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR, JAMES P. MCMANIMON, TO SERVE AS THE EWING TOWNSHIP PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER FOR THE 2017 CALENDAR YEAR**

The Attorney explained that every Township public contract has to have a compliance program in place. Forms for this are included in every bid packet and are filled out by the contractor. The Town is required to ensure that those are actually filled out. The Town is also required to designate someone to be the Public Agency Compliance Officer. This Resolution designates the Business Administrator. His name has been sent to the State; they are awaiting the Resolution.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public.

8. **RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF DONALD COX TO THE SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMISSION**

The Council President said the Mr. Cox has been an active member.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public.

9. A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF W. LEIGH GORDON TO THE BOARD OF CONDEMNATION

President Steward said that the Board of Condemnation had a vacancy.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public.

10. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO ATLANTIC AQUATIC ENGINEERING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38,525.00 FOR THE PROVISION OF ENGINEERING AND POOL-DESIGN SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE TOWNSHIP'S PROPOSED POOL RENOVATIONS AT THE HOLLOWBROOK COMMUNITY CENTER

The Attorney explained that this was competitive contracting which is a twenty day advertising process and done by evaluation. This vendor also happened to be the low bidder at \$38,525.00. The high bid came in at \$99,900.00. This is for design and engineering services to design a water park. There were four bids.

President Steward asked if this is just for Hollowbrook.

The Administrator responded that it is for Hollowbrook and the ESCC. This is just for the design. Once this is done, we will bid out for the actual work.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney commented that the Purchasing Agent did a great job of articulating the process in terms of the "weights" that were used.

The Attorney added that that report is prepared in advance and then released to the Public, if requested, at least twenty-four hours in advance. It was released on Friday afternoon well in advance of the Council meeting.

There were no additional questions or comments from Council. There were no questions or comments from the Public.

The Council President read Items Eleven, Twelve and Thirteen and then asked the Attorney to comment.

11. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE RELEASE FOR CHRISTINA SEIX ACADEMY PHASE 1, BLOCK 320 LOT 130; BLOCK 321 LOT 1; BLOCK 322 LOTS 6.01 & 6.02, EWING TOWNSHIP FOR PROJECT NUMBER RV&A#1102 I 006 SUBJECT TO THEIR COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFICATIONS OUTLINED BY EWING TOWNSHIP ENGINEERS REMINGTON, VERNICK & ARANGO

12. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE RELEASE FOR IHOP RESTAURANT SITE PLAN, BLOCK 320, LOT 48, 811 PARKWAY AVENUE EWING TOWNSHIP FOR PROJECT NUMBER RV&A #1102-I-049 SUBJECT TO THEIR COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFICATIONS OUTLINED BY EWING TOWNSHIP ENGINEERS REMINGTON, VERNICK & ARANGO

13. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE RELEASE FOR MKJK LLC SITE PLAN, BLOCK 40.01, LOT 9, 1571 SIXTH STREET, EWING TOWNSHIP, FOR PROJECT NUMBER RV&A #1102-I-038 SUBJECT TO THEIR COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFICATIONS OUTLINED BY EWING TOWNSHIP ENGINEERS REMINGTON, VERNICK & ARANGO

The Attorney explained that all three items are the release of the maintenance guarantee which is the two year guarantee that is posted after the performance bond is released. The Attorney added that Items Fourteen and Fifteen are performance bond releases and so those will contingent on the posting of a two year maintenance bond.

President Steward then read Items Fourteen and Fifteen for the record.

14. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING TO REDUCE THE PERFORMANCE BOND(S) OF THE CHRISTINA SEIX ACADEMY PHASE 2 (BLOCK 320, LOT 130; BLOCK 321, LOT 1; BLOCK 322, LOTS 6.01 & 6.02) – EWING ENGINEER REMINGTON, VERNICK & ARANGO ENGINEERS RV&A #1102 I 063

15. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE RELEASE FOR ON SITE IMPROVEMENTS PARKSIDE VILLAGE AMENDED PRELIMINARY MAJOR SITE PLAN BLOCK 186, LOTS 1 THRU 9; BLOCK 193.06, LOTS 2 & 9, EWING TOWNSHIP ENGINEERS REMINGTON & VERNICK AND AFFILIATES #1102-I-058

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public on Items Eleven, Twelve, Thirteen, Fourteen or Fifteen.

All Discussion Items were approved for action.

BILLS LIST

1. A Resolution Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Pay Supplemental Bills per Resolution #17R-14 in the Amount of \$134,921.67

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council President Steward presented the Consent Agenda for review.

1. A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Township Construction Official in the amount of \$606.00 to Craig Anderson, 526 Washington Ave., Ewing, NJ 08628 for a permit at 526 Washington Ave., Ewing, NJ 08628. The homeowner decided not to have the work completed due to a Zoning issue.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public.

ORDINANCE(S) FOR FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION

(None for this Meeting)

ORDINANCE(S) FOR SECOND READING, PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION

1. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING UNDER THE LONG TERM TAX EXEMPTION LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1, ET SEQ., TO ENTER INTO A PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES (“PILOT”) AGREEMENT WITH PARKWAY TOWN CENTER URBAN RENEWAL, LLC IN WHICH PARKWAY WILL PAY THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING, IN LIEU OF CONVENTIONAL REAL PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS, AN ANNUAL MONETARY PAYMENT COMPUTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:20-12(B)(1).

The Attorney said that Kevin McManimon, Counsel for the Redevelopment Agency (McManimon, Scotland & Baumann) is here tonight to answer any questions. The Attorney stated that earlier today minor edits were negotiated to the actual Financial Agreement and have been sent to Council. These “edits” are “wording” changes and are not significant to effect the adoption of the Ordinance.

Kevin McManimon (McManimon, Scotland & Baumann) said that in connection with the project at the Racer site on Parkway Avenue, the Redeveloper received site plan approval last fall. Mr. McManimon briefly explained the project. The next step was their application to the Township for the on-site improvements to be exempt from taxation. This PILOT Agreement is before Council tonight. Mr. McManimon briefly discussed the minor changes that were made to the Financial Agreement since Council’s last review of the document.

There were no questions or comments from Council.

Peter Boughton (119 Florence Avenue) said that he serves on the Planning Board. We approved the first phase of the development. Mr. Boughton asked Mr. McManimon to explain the length of this PILOT Agreement and how it is phased-in. Mr. McManimon thanked Mr. Boughton for his service on the Planning Board and then said, by Statute, the duration of the tax exemption can last no longer than thirty years from the date that the applicable improvements are completed or thirty-five years from the execution of the Financial Agreement. The Financial Agreement will be executed in relatively short order assuming the Ordinance is approved by the Governing Body tonight. The Developer will undertake the Project in phases. The tax exemption will commence with respect to each phase when that phase is completed.

Mr. Boughton asked if it will be a fixed amount over thirty years, inflation adjusted or something else.....

Mr. McManimon replied that the amount they will pay is a function of the Redeveloper's annual gross revenue. They are going to operate these improvements as rental projects. Their revenues will be the rent revenues they take in from their tenants. For the first fifteen years, their service charge will be calculated as ten percent of their annual gross revenue. Five percent of the amount that is paid to the Town, the Town has to pay the County. For the sixteenth through the thirtieth year, the annual service charge will be twelve percent of their annual gross revenue with five percent of that going to the County. When the project is completed and stabilized, we estimate that the amount of revenue to the Township will be in multiple millions of dollars.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Public.

2. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE EWING TOWNSHIP SALARY ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING

President Steward said that this establishes the compensation of the Municipal Clerk and the Township Administrator. It must be set separately by Ordinance every year. They track the IBEW contract.

The Attorney said that that is correct. They are not in the Union so their salary has to be set specifically by Ordinance each year. All the other union contracts are approved by Council and adopted by reference in the Salary Ordinance.

There were no questions or comments from Council.

Peter Boughton (119 Florence Avenue) asked what is the percentage amount involved and for what term.

The Attorney replied that this is just for two salaries – the Administrator and the Clerk. Their benefits are tied to those afforded under the IBEW contract. Union contracts are all already incorporated by reference into this Ordinance as they are negotiated and then adopted.

The Administrator explained that the IBEW contract is a four year contract at 2 %, 2.25%, 2.25% and 2.25% as voted on a couple of months ago. But it was effective January 1, 2016 so we are going into the second year. Each year, because the Clerk and the Administrator are not in those contracts, they are to get those raises. The Clerk has to by law. The Administrator does not and could be separated out but it has to be voted on by Ordinance.

President Steward said that these are for 2.25% for this year.

Larry Gustin (634 Latona Avenue) said that, not including compounding, he is hearing a nine percent increase in salary.

The Administrator replied that it is 2.25% for 2017; we are not guaranteed 2018 or 2019 until it comes before Council.

The Administrator and Mr. Gustin then further discussed the pay rates over the length of the contract.

Mr. Gustin said that he does not see anything out of the ordinary about this but said that he knows many people have not seen an increase for many years.

The Administrator stated that under the prior Administration, it was a four year contract at a much higher rate. This Administration has tried to work within the yearly across the board two percent State cap which for the Township Budget is about \$440,000.00.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney added that just like school, state, and county employees, municipal employees are required to pay for their health benefits. Just like state employees saw a step back because of health costs, municipal employees are effected as well. This does have an impact on negotiations. The Administration is very good about working through the negotiation process. 2.25% is consistent with what school employees are seeing as potential increases.

There were no additional questions or comments from members of the Public.

Both Items were approved for action.

COMMISSION & COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney announced that the student art show is this Sunday at the Elks from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The art work will then be displayed at the Municipal Building in early February. In addition, the head of the EDAA, Patty Heenan, will be honored tomorrow night as Mercer's Volunteer of the Year. She does a great job working with the School District, in addition to the Municipality, on drug prevention strategies.

There were no additional Commission and Committee Reports from members of Council.

NEW BUSINESS

(None for this Meeting)

STATEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Andrea Belardo (10 State Police Drive) said that she and a couple of her neighbors are here tonight representing the residents of State Police Drive. Ms. Belardo said that their anxiety level about this situation has not been eased. They are still extremely concerned and, in that regard, they would like to know if there has been any progress made in resolving this.

President Steward said that she saw Senator Turner last Wednesday. Senator Turner is working with the State Police through the Attorney General's Office to push them to renumber their buildings. They are awaiting a response from the State Police but the Senator is advocating on our behalf and we are hoping that that will be successful.

The Administrator said that that is the same conversation that he had with Senator Turner's Chief of Staff.

Ms. Belardo asked if the Township is hoping that this will resolve the issue.

President Steward responded that she has no sense of the State Police's willingness to accept this request. It is a great credit for Senator Turner to be advocating for us. The Senator will get a response but the Council President says that she does not know if that response will be favorable to the Township and to the residents of State Police Drive.

Ms. Belardo then asked if it is not favorable, where do we go from here.

President Steward responded that we then look to see what other options are available to us. The Council President said that her commitment is to exhaust all possible options before any street name is changed in the Township.

Ms. Belardo said that it is her understanding, after the last meeting, that the Township owns State Police Drive and then asked if that is correct.

The Administrator replied – correct.

Ms. Belardo said that she was also under the impression that Council intended to pass an Ordinance whereby only Council can change the name of a street and then asked if that is going to happen.

The Council President replied that Council is currently in discussions and hopes to have something on the next Agenda that clarifies the process. It is apparent, based on this experience, that an opportunity for Public comment is necessary and that the decision making process be transparent.

Ms. Belardo then asked if this Ordinance should help the residents of State Police Drive if the other avenue being pursued does not give them a favorable outcome.

President Steward replied that Council bears the responsibility for public safety. If there is no other option, Council is going to have to look at that, even if it may not be what Council wants to do.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney added that as President Steward has indicated, it will be Council's responsibility to review and hear from the residents. There is a commitment to exhaust all other options before homes are renumbered or street names are changed.

President Steward said that she will reach out to Ms. Belardo if the Township hears anything from Senator Turner or the State Police.

There were no additional questions or comments from members of the Public.

CLOSED SESSION

(None for this Meeting)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Steward asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Keyes-Maloney so moved seconded by Ms. Wollert. It was agreed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Sarah Steward, President

Kim J. Macellaro, Municipal Clerk