

BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL  
DATE: MARCH 13, 2024  
TIME: 6:30 PM

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark was called to order at approximately 6:30 P.M., by Borough Clerk Dr. Cosmo A. Cirillo.

**MEETING NOTICE STATEMENT** - As presiding officer of this Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark, held on March 13, 2024 at 6:30 P.M., I do hereby publicly announce, and I direct that this announcement shall be placed in the minutes of this meeting, and that the Notice requirements provided for in the "Open Public Meetings Act" have been satisfied. Notice of this meeting was properly given to the Borough Council by Resolution. Said notice was transmitted by the Borough Clerk to the Jersey Journal and Star Ledger and publicly posted on the Borough Website, Municipal Bulletin Board and filed with the office of the Borough Clerk.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilwoman Diaz  
Councilman Graham  
Councilwoman Evaristo  
Councilman Reis  
Councilman Sheehan  
Councilwoman Zincavage  
Mayor Grilo

Absent: None

Also in attendance: Dr. Cosmo A. Cirillo, Borough Clerk  
Mr. Fred Confessore, Borough Administrator  
Mr. Michael Cifelli, Borough Attorney  
Mr. Albert Bringa, Police Director  
Sgt. Robert Tomasko, Officer in Charge

**PROCLAMATION**

- A. Recognizing May 2024 as Lupus Awareness Month
  - a. At the request of Mayor Grilo, this proclamation was tabled to the April Council Meeting

## CAUCUS DISCUSSION

- A. Discussion on East Newark Town Center
  - a. HGA Report dated March 12, 2024 provided to Council regarding Amended Site Plan Application
  - b. Michael Olivero, Esq. of CSG Law, accompanied by Mr. Ruben Gomez, representing East Newark Town Center, gave an overview of the proposed amended application
  - c. Robert Beckelman, Esq. of Wilentz, Goldman, & Spitzer, Redevelopment Counsel for the Borough of East Newark, updated the Council on the amended application and process.
- B. Police Department Update – *Dir. Bringa and Sgt. Tomasko*
- C. Monthly Senior Meeting Update – *Councilwoman Evaristo*
- D. COVID Update – *Mayor Grilo*
- E. Combined Sewer/PVSC Update – *Mayor Grilo*
- F. Upcoming Events Update – *Mayor Grilo*
- G. Passaic Avenue Traffic Study Update – *Mr. Confessore*
- H. Park Mobile Update – *Mr. Confessore*
- I. NJDCA Financial Disclosure Statement Update – *Dr. Cirillo*

## CONSENT AGENDA - RESOLUTIONS

The consent agenda consisted of Resolutions 30-24, 31-24, 32-24, 33-24, and 34-24.

**A motion was made by Councilman Graham, second by Councilman Reis, to adopt the consent agenda as established. The motion was adopted by the following votes.**

Ayes: Diaz; Evaristo; Graham; Reis; Sheehan; Zincavage  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

- A. Resolution 30-24 – Resolution approving the minutes of the February 14, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark

Resolution # 30-24  
3-13-2024

BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK  
COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 14, 2024, REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK

WHEREAS, copies of the minutes of the following meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark have been provided to the members of Council and reviewed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark, in the County of Hudson, State of New Jersey that the minutes of the February 14, 2024, Regular Meeting be and are hereby approved.

- B. Resolution 31-24 – Approving the payment of bills and issuance of checks for the period through March 13, 2024, in the amount of \$285,853.10

Resolution # 31-24  
3-13-2024

BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK  
COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS  
FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH MARCH 13, 2024, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF  
\$285,853.10

WHEREAS, certain bills which are contained on the bills list which is annexed hereto and incorporated herein have been submitted to the Borough of East Newark for payment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-16, it has been certified to the governing body that the goods and services for which said bills were submitted have been received by or rendered to the Borough of East Newark; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of East Newark has certified to the governing body that there are funds legally appropriated and available in the budget for the payment of said bills and that the said payment will not result in the disbursement of public monies or in the encumbering of same in excess of the 2023 and/or 2024 appropriation for said purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark, in the County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that it hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer and the designated signatories to sign checks in payment of the bills set forth in the annexed schedule.

C. Resolution 32-24 – Authorizing the Submission of Grant Application to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for New Athletic Equipment and Wall Mats at the East Newark Recreation Center

Resolution # 32-24  
3-13-2024

**BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK**  
**COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION TO THE  
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR NEW ATHLETIC  
EQUIPMENT AND WALL MATS AT THE EAST NEWARK RECREATION CENTER**

WHEREAS, the Borough of East Newark desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for up to approximately \$100,000 to carry out a project to provide new athletic equipment and wall mats at the East Newark Recreation Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council for the Borough of East Newark, in the County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark do hereby authorize the application for such a grant
2. that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark recognize and accept that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Borough of East Newark and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith:

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**(signature)**  
Dina M. Grilo

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**(type or print name)**  
Mayor

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**(title)**

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**(signature)**  
Fred Confessore

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**(type or print name)**  
Business Administrator

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**(title)**

D. 33-24 – Authorizing Submission for Additional Grant Funding From the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2020 – June 2025

Resolution # 33-24  
3-13-2024

BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK  
COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION FOR ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDING  
FROM THE GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE  
FISCAL GRANT CYCLE JULY 2020 – JUNE 2025

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Council on Substance Use Disorder established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Substance Use Disorder in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent substance use disorder in communities throughout New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of East Newark, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey recognizes that substance use disorder is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent substance use disorder in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Substance Use Disorder through the County of Hudson;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council for the Borough of East Newark, in the County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Borough Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the East Newark Municipal Alliance grant year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 in the amount of:

GCADA GRANT FUNDED \$ 5,065.00

Cash Match \$ 1,266.25

In-Kind \$ 3,798.75

2. The Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Dina M.Grilo, Mayor

E. Resolution 34-24 – Authorizing Redemption of Tax Title Lien #23-1

Resolution # 34-24  
3-13-2024

**BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK**  
**COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF TAX TITLE LIEN #23-1**

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2023 the Borough of East Newark held the 2023 Tax Sale for delinquent taxes for the year 2022; and

WHEREAS, the taxes on block 8 Lot 9 in the amount of \$ 3,602.77 were sold to Farley D. Katz with a premium of \$ 3,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the property owner has redeemed the tax sale certificate # 23-1 for Block 8 Lot 9; and

WHEREAS, Farley D. Katz is entitled to receive the tax payment and premium to be returned.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council for the Borough of East Newark, in the County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, hereby authorize a check to be drawn and payable to Farley D. Katz in the amount of \$7,102.77 and mailed to 21 Audrey Road, Montclair N.J. 07043.

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

Borough Clerk Dr. Cosmo A. Cirillo indicated that the following reports were on file with the Office of the Borough Clerk and provided in the Council's Meeting packet.

- A. Fire Department – February 2024
- B. Health Department – January/February 2024
- C. Planning Board – Annual Report 2023
- D. Police Department – February 2024
- E. Senior Center – February 2024

**NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

**PUBLIC PORTION**

No one wished to be heard.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Councilman Graham, second by Councilwoman Zincavage, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion was adopted by the following votes.**

Ayes: Diaz; Evaristo; Graham; Reis; Sheehan; Zincavage  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Cosmo A. Cirillo, RMC  
Borough Clerk

Dated: April 10, 2024  
Accepted and approved by Council: Resolution #35-2024