

**Youth Services Commission**  
**Minutes**  
Regular Meeting  
**September 24, 2024**

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**Call to Order**

**Roll Call:**

C. Dahl, Council Member ( P )	D. Fichner, Vice-Chair Principal of Bayberry ( P )
<i>M. Dolinski, Police Officer ( A )</i>	N. DiTota, Director of Special Needs ( P )
K. Kidd, Chair, Principal of Valley View ( P )	C. Lange, Secretary ( P )

M. Sprague, Somerset County Rep., was also present.

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**Treasurer Report:**

**Remaining Funds:**

**Annual Grant:**

2020/21 -	\$1,048.88
2021/22 -	\$4,057.09
2022/23 -	\$5,000
2023/24 -	$\$6,000 (- \$3560.50) = \$2449.50$
<b>Total Amount Available:</b>	\$12,555.47

**Discussion:** Chair Kidd and C. Lange are collaborating with D. Chiu to receive all outstanding invoices from the Board of Education. Lange noted she received the invoices for 2023/24 TREPS and Pursuit of Excellence. Chair Kidd confirmed with M. Sprague that no further paperwork was needed for the expenditure of funds after the Revised Program Budget Sheets have been submitted.

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**Input/Discussions:** C. Lange noted that a new member has been appointed to the Commission, Officer Dolinski. She proceeded to explain there is a current vacancy since the Youth Service Commission has a minimum of seven members and ideally a new volunteer would be a part of the PTO.

C. Lange discussed the newly adopted Ordinance 24-14 that further established the Watchung Youth Services Commission. Lange noted that the current By-Laws will need to be updated in order to be in line with the ordinance. The Commission discussed that a special meeting will most likely need to be scheduled before the November 26<sup>th</sup> meeting in order to adopt the updated By-Laws by the end of the year.

Chair Kidd updated the Commission on the school's ongoing construction process. Kidd also announced and shared her excitement that the TREPS program will have two new instructors this year.

**Announcements:** C. Lange announced the following upcoming events:

Recreation Commission will be hosting the Fishing Derby on September 28, 2024 and Harvest Festival on October 5, 2024.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Scarecrow Stroll and Contest is here! Packets are available online and in Borough Hall.

Library will be hosting a 'Drones 101' program on Thursday, October 10 for Grades 5-12, pre-registration is required.

**County Report:** M. Sprague announced Community Connections on October 25 from 10am to 12pm. She spoke on the New Jersey Youth Justice Conference, October 10 to 11. She continued to speak on how Somerset County is a leader in prevention programming and her hopes that other counties will join in the cause.

**Next Meeting Schedule: November 26, 2024**

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned by Chair Kidd at 4:20pm.