

TOWN OF NUTLEY
NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND FINANCE
NUTLEY, NEW JERSEY 07110

May 24, 1978

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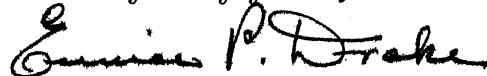
Mr. Arnold C. Ramsland
Secretary-Business Administrator
Board of Education
149 Chestnut Street
Nutley, New Jersey - 07110

Dear Mr. Ramsland:

From all the attendant publicity, I am sure that you and the members of the Board of Education are well aware that, at the meeting of the Board of Commissioners held May 16, 1978, a resolution was adopted indicating the Commissioners' interest in properties for which the Board of Education may have no further use.

For the record, and for your complete information, I enclose an excerpt from the minutes of that particular meeting, including not only the resolution but also the comments made by the Mayor and other members of the Board at that time.

Very truly yours,



Eunice P. Drake
Town Clerk

d/s
ENCL.

CC: Hon. Harry W. Chenoweth

EXCERPT FROM MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF NUTLEY HELD MAY 16, 1978

Mayor Chenoweth said, "I am introducing the next resolution on behalf of the whole Board. I hope it reflects our concern for the future of our municipality, and the proper use of public land, whether owned by the schools or the municipality."

The Mayor read the resolution as follows; and he moved, seconded by Commissioner Lucy, that it be adopted:

"WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Board of Commissioners that the Board of Education is considering adjusting their program and use of school buildings; and

"WHEREAS, it has been indicated that the property on Washington Avenue used for the Special Educational Program will be abandoned; and

"WHEREAS, there is a possibility indicated that the Administration Building on Chestnut Street may be abandoned by reason of the ultimate transfer of the offices to other school buildings:

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Nutley suggests that the above mentioned properties be transferred to the Town of Nutley for some appropriate uses such as a possible Library site or Health Clinic or some other project that would be in need of available land."

The Mayor said, "I might indicate that those items that I mentioned are just a few of many that possibly will come up for consideration from all the commissioners. Those are just mentioned to identify items that would at the moment seem a possibility. But away down the line I am sure that the Town is going to be in need of additional lands throughout the community, as it grows and expands its services and its population."

At this point the Mayor called for a vote.

YEA: Mayor Chenoweth

NAY: Commissioner Jernick, who said, "Mayor, I think we are having difficulty in providing the wherewithal to take care of the property that we already have, and I therefore vote No."

YEA: Commissioner Cocchiola

YEA: Commissioner Lucy

YEA: Commissioner Orechio, who said:

"Before I vote, Mr. Mayor, I would like to indicate my position. I think the effort here to acquire property for public use that is owned by the Board of Education and is considered no longer useful by them is a step in the right direction for us to pursue. However, there is one particular building that I have a special interest in, and that is the building on Washington Avenue that presently accommodates the Special Education Program of the Board of Education. A number of years ago, when this building was purchased, it was by a referendum vote by the taxpayers; and at that time they overwhelmingly approved the purchase of this building for this specific purpose, to accommodate the requirements of the children who had special needs... primarily, the retarded children who were going to be accommodated through this special program.

"We have an organization in town that has been functioning now for four or five years, known as the Special Young Adults. That group is comprised of young adults who under state law can no longer be accommodated for educational purposes in our school system, because they have achieved the age of 20. This particular group now is in their fifth home within the last

(Excerpt from Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Nutley Held May 16, 1978 -- continued)

four years, and are presently running their program at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Chestnut Street. That building will no longer be available for their use after June at the closing of their session.

"As I understand it, that organization is willing to pour some of the money that they would get from contributions and special events that they have staged over the years to assist in the renovation of the building on Washington Avenue to accommodate their needs. The State has also been in there-- basically the Division of Mental Retardation--to look at it for a pilot program that might take in another county, to make it feasible to operate the building for that purpose.

"Therefore my vote in the affirmative would be predicated on the idea that that particular building be given first consideration for the use of the special young adults. There is a population of 13-15 that we know of who are local residents, and I think that building could probably be embellished to accommodate the needs of other retardants that could certainly utilize that building, I think, to great advantage. It certainly would enable us to respond to a need for young people in that particular category who have weak voices and are seldom responded to....I would like to make it known that my vote is predicated on that particular consideration."

Mayor Chenoweth said, "Thank you, Commissioner."

I, Eunice P. Drake, Town Clerk of the Town of Nutley, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of that portion of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on May 16, 1978, relating to Resolution No. 78-121, as above quoted.

Eunice P. Drake
Town Clerk

Dated: May 23, 1978

TOWN OF NUTLEY
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June 8, 1978

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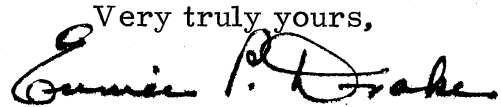
Dear Mr. Ramsland:

At the meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on Wednesday, June 7, 1978, the possible disposition of the building which has been used as a special education center again came up for discussion, and at that time I was directed to send you another copy of the resolution which was adopted on May 16, 1978, together with a copy of my letter of transmittal on May 24, 1978, and the pertinent excerpt from the minutes of May 16 which was also enclosed.

In addition to this material, you will also find attached a copy of the letter which I addressed to you on December 13, 1976, when it first appeared that the Board of Education might be considering the abandonment of the building on Washington Avenue. Accompanying this is a copy of your letter of response dated December 23, 1976, the last paragraph of which reads:

"Be assured that if and when the Board should ever determine that the subject property would no longer be needed for school purposes, the Board of Commissioners will be promptly notified."

Very truly yours,



Eunice P. Drake
Town Clerk

d/s
ENCL.

June 23, 1978

Mrs. Eunice Drake, Town Clerk
Town Hall
Chestnut Street
Nutley, New Jersey 07110

Re: Special Education Center

Dear Mrs. Drake:

In my letter of June 12, 1978, I indicated to you that a decision regarding the disposition of the Special Education Building on Washington Avenue would be made after receipt of a formal appraisal of the property.

However, in view of the fact that much speculation is taking place, and contradictory rumors are being circulated as facts, the Board thought it best to make a decision at this time.

At its meeting on Monday night, the Board felt that since the public's approval of the purchase of the building was based on its being used for a specific educational purpose, and that the need for this purpose no longer exists, it has an obligation to the taxpayers to sell the building and return the proceeds of the sale to the taxpayers who paid for it. Additionally, if the purchaser is in the private sector, the town will be the beneficiary of the addition of this property to the tax rolls.

Accordingly, the Board decided to offer the property for sale at the appropriate time, said sale to be made to the highest responsible bidder. If the Town is still interested in acquiring the property, I shall be happy to send you a copy of the Notice of Sale when the time comes.

Very truly yours,

Arnold C. Ramsland
Secretary-Business Administrator

ACR:ls
cc: Mr. Williams
Mr. Kramer