



NJLM President Mayor
Paul Tomasko, Alpine

President's Note:

By the end of this month, the State is expected to finalize its budget. Throughout the spring, Mayors from around the state have used their voices in Trenton and have locally passed resolutions urging ongoing self-determination for local governments as well as restoration of the funding due to us in Energy Tax Receipts. And that work is

not done.

I encourage you all, if you haven't already, adopt the resolutions mentioned below and share them with your representatives and the League. Our voices are stronger when united.

This month, also encourage your professionals and others who would benefit to attend the Leagues' One Day Mini-Conference on June 18. The event is sold out every year with good reason: the ideas shared and the CEUs offered provide a high value learning experience for all.

Action List: June

1. **Apply for Disaster Relief.** The Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program is still available to small businesses and private nonprofit organizations for working capital needs caused by the sinkhole disaster on Route 80. EIDLs are available regardless of whether the organization suffered any physical property damage and may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable, and other bills not paid due to the disaster. For more information, call 800-659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. The filing deadline is January 2, 2026.
2. **Adopt a Resolution Urging Restoration of Energy Tax Receipts.** The League is once again calling on the Governor and Legislature to fully fund the Energy Tax Receipts Property Tax Relief Act. Now is the time to consider adopting the sample [resolution calling for the full restoration of Energy Tax Receipts](#).
3. **Adopt a Resolution Supporting Local Land Use Authority.** Please consider adopting the sample [resolution affirming support for local land use decisions](#) and opposing the conversion of certain stranded assets including office parks and retail centers to mixed-use developments without local approval.
4. **Adopt a Resolution Opposing ADU Bills.** Assembly Committee Substitute (ACS) for A-2792, A-4370, and A-2489 would preempt local planning and permit Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) on property zoned for single or two-family residential uses. Act now to prevent the erosion of local autonomy.

Learning Opportunities

2025 NJLM Mini Conference June 18

Limited spaces for the [NJLM Mini Conference \[https://www.njlm.org/836/NJLM-Mini-Conference\]](https://www.njlm.org/836/NJLM-Mini-Conference) are still available! This annual event for professional and elected officials will be held June 18 at the Conference Center at Mercer. Educational sessions featuring topics such as ethics, using your budget as a tool, procurement updates, records retention, tax sales, IT, clean energy, elections, and more. Certain Licensees can earn up to 8 CEU credits in one day. Space is limited, so register today.

Grants

SAFER Grants Available

The Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grants (SAFER) was created to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations to help them increase or maintain the number of trained, "front line" firefighters available in their communities.

The goal of SAFER is to enhance the local fire departments' abilities to comply with staffing, response and operational standards established by the NFPA (NFPA 1710 and/or NFPA 1720). For details, review the [National Fire Protection Association's codes and standards \[https://www.nfpa.org/freeaccess\]](https://www.nfpa.org/freeaccess).

Due Date

The deadline to submit a SAFER grant application is July 3 at 5 p.m.

To Apply

The FY 2024 SAFER Notice of Funding Opportunity and technical assistance documents are available at [Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response \(SAFER\) Documents \[https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters/safer/documents\]](https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters/safer/documents).

Meet Your Executive Board: Mayor Jaclyn Veasy

Mayor Jaclyn (Jackie) Veasy is a lifelong resident of Evesham Township. Veasy is the second woman to ever be elected Mayor of Evesham Township (2018) and the first woman to ever be re-elected as Mayor (2022).



Mayor Jadyn Veasy,
Evesham

In addition to her currently serving in her second term as Mayor of Evesham Township, Mayor Veasy also works in a sales position in the insurance industry in her professional life. She is a graduate of St. Joan of Arc School and Holy Cross High School, and she attended Rutgers University, where she received her Bachelor of Arts in American Studies. She has been a long-time volunteer in Evesham Township, promoting her love for giving back to her community.

For more than a decade, she has served as a committee member for the Relay for Life of Marlton to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. Mayor Veasy also remains an active member of the St. Joan of Arc Parish family, serving as a Lector at Sunday Mass. With her mother, Joan, she coordinates St. Joan of

Arc's Sunday-morning children's liturgy program. Veasy also organizes and volunteers at St. Joan of Arc's annual summer carnival.

She is an avid traveler and yoga practitioner. Her family and friends are incredibly important to her, as is her desire to give back to the community in the Evesham community where she and her sister were born and raised.

As a proponent of citizen involvement, Mayor Veasy has used her time serving as Mayor to oversee the creation of the township's Disability and Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee, Farmers Market Committee, Evesham Economic Advisory Committee, Human Rights Advisory Council and Community Celebrations Committee, as well as the revitalization of the Historic Preservation Committee, Youth Advisory Committee, and the Senior Citizen Advisory Board.

During her service, the township also purchased and permanently preserved 176 acres of open space for passive recreation and outlined new, long-term compressive management plans for the township's roads, parks and facilities/fleet to ensure Evesham's public spaces and services were prepared for the future.

In 2020, Governor Phil Murphy appointed Mayor Veasy to his Restart and Recovery Advisory Council to advise the state's leadership on economic matters impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic.



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