

SPECIAL MEETING
BOROUGH COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF RUMSON
August 25, 2026

A special meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson was held on August 25, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Joseph K. Hemphill, Council President Conklin, Casazza, Kingsbery, Pomphrey, Lospinuso.

Absent: Smith.

Thomas S. Rogers, Municipal Clerk/Administrator, was present.

David Marks, Municipal Engineer, was present.

Mitchell Jacobs, Borough Attorney, was present.

Mayor Hemphill declared a quorum present and announced that the Notice Requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been met for this meeting by:

- The notice of this special meeting notice to the Asbury Park Press and the Two River Times at least 48 hours in advance.
- The posting of the meeting agenda, on the Borough of Rumson Website (www.rumsonnj.gov).

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilmember Pomphrey spoke at this time. Pomphrey stated that RumsonAmerica250 merchandise is 20 percent off.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE BOROUGH'S 2026 ROAD PROGRAM – IMPROVEMENTS TO BUTTONWOOD LANE, BROADMOOR DRIVE & THORNTON WAY TO L&L PAVING COMPANY, INC.

2026-0825-130

Councilmember Kingsbery offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT
FOR THE BOROUGH'S 2026 ROAD PROGRAM – IMPROVEMENTS TO
BUTTONWOOD LANE, BROADMOOR DRIVE & THORNTON WAY
TO L&L PAVING COMPANY, INC.

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2026, six (6) sealed bids were received for the 2026 Road Program – Improvements to Buttonwood Lane, Broadmoor Drive & Thornton Way Project,

which consists of full width pavement resurfacing, drainage pipe replacement and miscellaneous other roadway improvements as necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has reviewed the bids and considered the recommendations of the Borough Engineer and Borough Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council finds that the lowest most responsive bid from a responsible bidder, L&L Paving Company Inc., of 89 Yellowbrook Road, Farmingdale, NJ 07727 for a total amount bid of \$1,051,002.72; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that it does hereby accept the bid of L&L Paving Company Inc., of 89 Yellowbrook Road, Farmingdale, NJ 07727 for a total amount bid of \$1,051,002.72 as recommended by the Borough Engineer by memorandum dated August 19, 2026, which is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are authorized to execute the contract documents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contract be awarded subject to approval by the New Jersey of Labor, Office of Wage and Hour Compliance and the review and approval of bid documents by the Borough Attorney; and

CERTIFICATION AS TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I, Amy Spera, Chief Finance Officer of the Borough of Rumson hereby certify that funds are available from the following accounts: Road, Curbing, Sidewalk, & Related Drainage: C-04-191-201; C-04-192-201; C-04-193-201 for \$1,051,002.72.

Resolution seconded by Councilmember Pomphrey and carried on the following roll call vote:

In the affirmative: Conklin, Casazza, Kingsbery, Pomphrey, Lospinuso.

In the negative: None.

Absent: Smith.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE BOROUGH'S WEST PARK/JUMPING POINT PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO PRECISE CONSTRUCTION INC.

2026-0825-131

Councilmember Casazza offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE BOROUGH'S WEST PARK/JUMPING POINT PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO PRECISE CONSTRUCTION INC.

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2026, six (6) sealed bids were received for the West Park/Jumping Point Park Improvement Project, which consists of installing irrigation systems, construction of new asphalt walkways, installation of supplemental landscaping, installation of various park amenities and other repairs as necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has reviewed the bids and considered the recommendations of the Borough Engineer and Borough Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the bid from TC Landscape Construction in the amount of \$377,940.00 was withdrawn by letter dated August 21, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council finds that the lowest most responsive bid from a responsible bidder, Precise Construction Inc., of 1016 Highway 33, Freehold, NJ 07728 for a total amount bid of \$497,349.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that it does hereby accept the bid of Precise Construction Inc., 1016 Highway 33, Freehold, NJ 07728 for a total amount bid of \$497,349.00 as recommended by the Borough Engineer by memorandum dated August 21, 2026, which is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are authorized to execute the contract documents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contract be awarded subject to approval by the New Jersey Department of Labor, Office of Wage and Hour Compliance and the review and approval of bid documents by the Borough Attorney; and

CERTIFICATION AS TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I, Amy Spera, Chief Finance Officer of the Borough of Rumson hereby certify that funds are available from the following accounts: Parks: C-04-193-204; C-04-193-206; C-04-194-204 for \$497,349.00.

Resolution seconded by Councilmember Pomphrey and carried on the following roll call vote:

In the affirmative: Conklin, Casazza, Kingsbery, Pomphrey, Lospinuso.

In the negative: None.

Absent: Smith.

CONSENT AGENDA:

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR:

None.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS AND CLAIMS (RESOLUTION):

None.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL:

Council President Conklin Spoke at this time. Conklin stated that it was important to have this special meeting to allow the professionals to begin scheduling this important work that will benefit the residents and the community prior to the end of the year.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Albert Conrad, 71 Ridge Road, spoke at this time. Conrad brought up his concerns about the lawn maintenance ordinance, specifically the use of gas-powered leaf blowers. Conrad spoke about the use of battery or electric-powered leaf blowers and suggested Rumson adopt an ordinance to require the use of such leaf blowers for both noise and environmental pollution. Pomphrey shared that the Rumson Environmental Commission is doing research into this topic from both a safety and environmental standpoint. Casazza added that there is research into the environmental impact that leaf blowers have and that it is shown to potentially be significant.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Kingsbery made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Councilmember Lospinuso. The meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas S. Rogers
Borough Administrator/Clerk