

REGULAR MEETING
BOROUGH COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF RUMSON
February 11, 2025

A regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson was held on Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Hemphill, Councilmembers Conklin, Casazza, Kingsbery.

Absent: Pomphrey, Lospinuso, Smith.

Tom Rogers, Municipal Clerk/Administrator, was present.

David Marks, Borough Engineer, was present.

Eric Paone-Hurd, Deputy Municipal Clerk/Communication Coordinator, 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 posting and mailing of a schedule of all regular and work meetings of the Borough Council for the year 2025 to the Asbury Park Press and the Two River Times.
- The posting of the meeting agenda, on the Borough of Rumson Website (www.rumsonnj.gov).

On motion by Councilmember Casazza, seconded by Councilmember Kingbery, the minutes of the previous meeting on January 21st were approved as written, copies having been forwarded to all Council members.

COMMUNICATIONS:

LETTER FROM MAKOFKA ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING, LLC, NOTIFYING THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON OF AN APPLICATION TO THE NJDEP FOR A WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT AND SPGP 19 PERMIT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A BOAT LIFT AT 13 HARBOR DRIVE ALSO KNOWN AS BLOCK 111, LOT 25.

The Municipal Clerk/Administrator received a letter from Makofka Environmental Consulting, LLC notifying The Borough of Rumson of an application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for a Waterfront Development and SPGP 19 Permit for the installation off a boat life at 13 Harbor Drive also known as Block 111, Lot 25.

On motion by Councilmember Kingsbery, seconded by Councilmember Casazza, this communication was ordered received. All in favor.

LETTER FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NOTIFYING THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON OF AN APPLICATION TO THE NJDEP FOR AN INDIVIDUAL FRESHWATER WETLANDS PERMIT AND AN INDIVIDUAL WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT/COASTAL WETLANDS FOR REHABILITATION OF THE SHREWSBURY DREDGED MATERIAL MANAGEMENT FACILITY.

The Municipal Clerk/Administrator received a letter from the New Jersey

Department of Transportation notifying The Borough of Rumson of an application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for an individual freshwater wetlands permit and an Individual Freshwater Wetlands Permit and an Individual Waterfront Development/Coastal Wetlands for rehabilitation of the Shrewsbury Dredge Material Management Facility.

On motion by Councilmember Kingsbery, seconded by Councilmember Casazza, this communication was ordered received. All in favor.

**LETTER FROM ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT GROUP
NOTIFYING THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON OF AN APPLICATION TO
THE NJDEP, DIVISION OF LAND RESOURCE PROTECTION, FOR A
FLOOD HAZARD AREA CONTROL ACT VERIFICATION AND
INDIVIDUAL PERMIT FOR 33 SHREWSBURY DRIVE ALSO KNOWN AS
BLOCK 135, LOT 2.**

The Municipal Clerk/Administrator received a letter from Environmental Management Group notifying The Borough of Rumson of an application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Land Resource Protection, for a Flood Hazard Area Control Act Verification and Individual Permit for 33 Shrewsbury Drive also known as Block 135, Lot 2.

On motion by Councilmember Kingsbery, seconded by Councilmember Casazaa, this communication was ordered received. All in favor.

**LETTER FROM THE HOMEOWNER OF 58 BINGHAM AVE, RUMSON,
NJ ADDRESSED TO THE RUMSON POLICE DEPARTMENT THANKING
ITS OFFICERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN MONITORING AND
ENFORCING THE SPEED LIMIT ON BINGHAM AVENUE.**

The Municipal Clerk/Administrator received a letter from the homeowner of 58 Bingham Avenue addressed to the Rumson Police Department thanking its officers for the their support in monitoring and enforcing the speed limit on Bingham Avenue.

On motion by Councilmember Casazza, seconded by Councilmember Kingsbery, this communication was ordered received. All in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #25-001 TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL
BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS LIMITS AND ESTABLISH A CAP BANK.
PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR MARCH 4, 2025.**

The Municipal Clerk/Administrator read the following Ordinance by title only in first reading:
25-001

CALENDAR YEAR 2025
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND
TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Rumson in the County of Monmouth finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2025 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor & Council hereby determines that a 1% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$140,122.78 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the Mayor & Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Rumson, in the County of Monmouth, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2024 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Rumson shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$490,429.74, and that the CY 2024 municipal budget for the Borough of Rumson be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

In the affirmative: Conklin, Casazza, Kingsbery.

In the negative: None.

Absent: Pomphrey, Lospinuso, Smith.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF A VEHICLE TO THE
BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT AS A SHARED SERVICE**

2025-0211-31

Councilmember Kingsbery offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF VEHICLES TO
THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT AS A SHARED SERVICE

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson has a vehicle that is no longer be needed by the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oceanport has requested that they be allowed to purchase said vehicle from the Borough of Rumson; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oceanport has offered to purchase the following:

- 2002 International 4900 with 31 yard leach packer, last 4 digits of VIN#8856140,867 miles

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson has agreed to accept the offer made to The Borough of Rumson; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson hereby agree to sell the vehicle to the Borough of Oceanport for a total of \$27,500; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Borough of Oceanport with an invoice in the amount of \$27,500 for payment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer.

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

In the affirmative: Conklin, Casazza, Kingsbery.

In the negative: None.

Absent: Pomphrey, Lospinuso, Smith.

AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF STALE DATED CHECKS

2025-0211-32

Councilmember Casazza offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF STALE DATED CHECKS

WHEREAS, checks are considered stale dated after a period of six months; and,

WHEREAS, the following checks have remained outstanding according to the Chief Financial Officer’s Clearing and/or Payroll Accounts Reconciliation of the Borough of Rumson.

#60010 Clearing 5/9/23	Betty Bedoya	\$3.00
#61019 Clearing 12/12/23	Kerry & Zachary Fritz	\$1,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that the following checks be considered void and the cumulative total in the amount of \$1,003.00 be added back to the appropriate balances of the Current Fund or Payroll Fund or Appropriate Trust Account of the Borough of Rumson and reissue where necessary.

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

In the affirmative: Conklin, Casazza, Kingsbery.

In the negative: None.

Absent: Pomphrey, Lospinuso, Smith.

TEMPORARY EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION

2025-0211-33

Resolution Pulled.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF CASH PERFORMANCE BOND
POSTED FOR 49 EAST RIVER ROAD (BLOCK 39 LOT 12)**

2025-0211-34

Councilmember Kingsbery offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
THE RELEASE OF CASH PERFORMANCE BOND POSTED
FOR 49 EAST RIVER ROAD (BLOCK 39 LOT 12)**

WHEREAS, Steven Lapitski has posted a cash performance bond for the completion of final improvements on their property at 49 East River Road, in the amount of \$1,500.00 in accordance with the Engineer’s letter dated December 19, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer in his memorandum dated January 31, 2025 advised the improvements were completed in accordance with the approved plans and recommends the cash performance bond in the amount of \$1,500.00 be released; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson hereby approves the release of the cash performance bond in the amount of \$1,500.00, in accordance with the Borough Engineer’s January 31, 2025 memorandum.

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

In the affirmative: Conklin, Casazza, Kingsbery.

In the negative: None.

Absent: Pomphrey, Lospinuso, Smith.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING JACK HARVEY AS PART-TIME
DISPATCHER FOR THE RUMSON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

2025-0211-35

Councilmember Kingsbery offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING JACK HARVEY AS
PART-TIME DISPATCHER FOR THE RUMSON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson, through its Police Department, has the need for Part-Time Dispatchers; and

WHEREAS, Jack Harvey have the proper training and experience for the position of Part-Time Dispatchers; and

WHEREAS, the Rumson Police Department Chief has recommended Jack Harvey for the position of Part-Time Dispatchers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that Jack Harvey be appointed as Part-Time Dispatchers effective February 7, 2025 at an hourly rate of \$17.00 per hour.

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

In the affirmative: Conklin, Casazza, Kingsbery.

In the negative: None.

Absent: Pomphrey, Lospinuso, Smith.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INCREASE OF CHANGE FUND AMOUNT

2025-0211-36

Councilmember Kingsbery offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
INCREASE OF CHANGE FUND AMOUNT**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson currently maintains a change fund in the amount of \$100.00 to facilitate small, routine expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the governing body has determined that an increase in the change fund is necessary to meet the needs of borough operations and improve efficiency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21, the governing body is authorized to establish and increase change fund as deemed necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has reviewed the current expenditures and recommends increasing the change fund from \$100.00 to \$200.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rumson Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The change fund for the Borough of Rumson is hereby increased from \$100.00 to \$200.00.
2. The Chief Financial Officer is authorized to take all necessary actions to implement this increase in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

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

In the affirmative: Conklin, Casazza, Kingsbery.

In the negative: None.

Absent: Pomphrey, Lospinuso, Smith.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF ONE NEW 2025 FORD UTILITY
POLICE INTERCEPTOR FOR THE RUMSON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

2025-0211-37

Councilmember Kingsbery offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF
ONE NEW 2025 FORD UTILITY POLICE INTERCEPTOR
FOR THE RUMSON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson has the need to purchase a new vehicle for the Rumson Police Department from an authorized vendor under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program 1-NJCP; and

WHEREAS, CHAS S WINNER INC, DBA Winner Ford, 250 Berlin Road, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 15146, has been awarded New Jersey State Contract No. 20-FLEET-01189 for Police Vehicles, Sedans and Sport Utility Vehicles, originally awarded 6/18/20, now extended to 6/17/25; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer Matthew Palmer has certified that funds are available in 5-01-039-301 to encumber \$43,304.00 from the Police Vehicle line item of the 2025 Temporary Borough Budget in order to replace a vehicle;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that, upon confirmation of NJ State Contract pricing, Matthew Palmer, Chief Financial Officer, be authorized to issue Purchase Order(s) for the acquisition of a new Police Vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$43,304.00;

Seconded by Councilmember Conklin and carried upon the following roll call vote:

In the affirmative: Conklin, Casazza, Kingsbery.

In the negative: None.

Absent: Pomphrey, Lospinuso, Smith.

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 3 & FINAL
FOR THE 2023 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – PHASE 1**

2025-0211-38

Councilmember Kingsbery offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 3 & FINAL
FOR THE 2023 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – Phase 1**

WHEREAS, Lancha Construction Corp., 3090 Englishtown Road, Jamesburg, New Jersey 08831, was awarded a contract with the Borough of Rumson for the Borough's 2023 Road Improvement Program – Phase 1 on April 11, 2023 in the amount of \$1,423,122.29; and

WHEREAS, the project consists of the installation of concrete curbs, select sidewalk replacement, driveway apron replacement, installation of ADA accessible curb ramps, drainage pipe replacement, and pavement resurfacing on Wardell Avenue, Riverside Drive and Ivins Place; and

WHEREAS, certain field changes and supplemental work was deemed necessary during the project, and;

WHEREAS, quantities of certain items in the original contract have been adjusted to reflect as-built quantities and actual field conditions; and

WHEREAS, Change Order Numbers 1 and 2 previously increased the total contract amount by \$134,799.92 resulting in a revised total contract amount of \$1,557,922.21;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson hereby approves Change Order Number 3 & Final of the Borough's contract with Lancha Construction for the 2023 Road Improvement Program – Phase 1, which change order will reflect certain quantity reductions resulting in a decrease in the amount of \$129.30 resulting in a net decrease to the contract of \$129.30 for a total revised contract amount of \$1,557,792.91. Said Change Order was recommended by the Borough Engineer in a letter dated February 7, 2025, a copy of which is on file in the Municipal Clerk's office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer.

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

In the affirmative: Conklin, Casazza, Kingsbery.

In the negative: None.

Absent: Pomphrey, Lospinuso, Smith.

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 4 & FINAL
FOR THE 2023 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – PHASE 2**

2025-0211-39

Councilmember Kingsbery offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 4 & FINAL
FOR THE 2023 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – Phase 2**

WHEREAS, Lancha Construction Corp., 3090 Englishtown Road, Jamesburg, New Jersey 08831, was awarded a contract with the Borough of Rumson for the Borough's 2023 Road Improvement Program – Phase 2 on April 11, 2023 in the amount of \$813,902.45; and

WHEREAS, the project consists of the installation of concrete curbs, driveway apron replacement, drainage pipe replacement, and limited pavement resurfacing on Allencrest Road, Azalea Lane, Briarwood Road, North Rohallion Drive, South Rohallion Drive, Van Circle, and Forrestdale School; and

WHEREAS, The Borough of Rumson has entered into a shared service agreement with the Rumson School District in which the Board of Education will reimburse the Borough for all costs associated with the proposed parking lot improvements at Forrestdale School; and

WHEREAS, certain field changes and supplemental work was deemed necessary during the improvements to various streets within the program, and;

WHEREAS, quantities of certain items in the original contract have been adjusted to reflect as-built quantities and actual field conditions, and;

WHEREAS, Change Order Numbers 1 through 3 previously increased the total contract amount by \$53,285.41 resulting in a revised total contract amount of \$867,187.86;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson hereby approves Change Order Number 4 & Final of the Borough's contract with Lancha Construction for the 2023 Road Improvement Program – Phase 2, which change order will reflect certain quantity reductions resulting in a decrease in the amount of \$124,568.00 resulting in a revised total contract amount of \$742,619.86. Said Change Order was recommended by the Borough Engineer in a letter dated February 7, 2025, a copy of which is on file in the Municipal Clerk's office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer.

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

In the affirmative: Conklin, Casazza, Kingsbery.

In the negative: None.

Absent: Pomphrey, Lospinuso, Smith.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF ONE NEW 2025 FORD UTILITY INTERCEPTOR FOR THE RUMSON EMS

2025-0211-40

Councilmember Kingsbery offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF
ONE NEW 2025 FORD UTILITY INTERCEPTOR
FOR THE RUMSON EMS**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson has the need to purchase a new vehicle for the Rumson EMS from an authorized vendor under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program 1-NJCP; and

WHEREAS, CHAS S WINNER INC, DBA Winner Ford, 250 Berlin Road, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 15146, has been awarded New Jersey State Contract No. 20-FLEET-01189 for Police Vehicles, Sedans and Sport Utility Vehicles, originally awarded 6/18/20, now extended to 6/17/25; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer Matthew Palmer has certified that funds are available in 5-01-115-201 to encumber \$43,028 .00 from the First Aid line item of the 2025 Temporary Borough Budget in order to replace a vehicle;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that, upon confirmation of NJ State Contract pricing, Matthew Palmer, Chief Financial Officer, be authorized to issue Purchase Order(s) for the acquisition of a new Police Vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$43,028.00;

Seconded by Councilmember Conklin and carried upon the following roll call vote:

In the affirmative: Conklin, Casazza, Kingsbery.

In the negative: None.

Absent: Pomphrey, Lospinuso, Smith.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MARLON VASQUEZMOZA AS A FULL-TIME LABORER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

2025-0211-41

Councilmember Kingsbery offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING MARLON VASQUEZMOZA AS A FULL-TIME LABORER
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson through its Department of Public Works has the need for a full-time Laborer; and

WHEREAS, Marlon Vasquezmoza applied and successfully interviewed for the full-time Public Works Laborer positions; and

WHEREAS, it has been recommended to hire Mr. Vasquezmoza to the position of Public Works Laborer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that Marlon Vasquezmoza be hired to the position of Public Works Laborer, each effective February 16, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Vasquezmoza be paid an annual salary of

\$41,000 effective February 16, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer and the Payroll Clerk.

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

In the affirmative: Conklin, Casazza, Kingsbery.

In the negative: None.

Absent: Pomphrey, Lospinuso, Smith.

MOTION AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL CLERK TO SOLICIT SEALED BIDS FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF THE BOROUGH'S SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING

Councilmember Kingsbery motioned that the Municipal Clerk/ be authorized to solicit bids for the collection and disposal of The Borough's Solid Waste and Recycling.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Casazza and carried on the following roll call vote:

In the affirmative: Conklin, Casazza, Kingsbery.

In the negative: None.

Absent: Pomphrey, Lospinuso, Smith.

CONSENT AGENDA:

None.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR:

James McManus as alternate member #2 of the Rumson Planning, filling an open, unexpired term.

Charles Jones III as a member of the Endowment Committee to fill an open, unexpired term.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR:

Borough Hall will be closed on Monday, February 17th in observance of Presidents' Day. However, there will be garbage collection on February 17th.

The Annual Rumson St. Patrick's Day Parade is back this year on Sunday, March 9th starting at 1:00 p.m. This event is organized by a committee of volunteers and will be held to honor our Irish/American residents.

The parade promises bands, floats, active military and veteran's groups, Irish Step Dancers, antique cars, scouting organizations, non-profit clubs and organizations, novelty acts, and area business and civic groups and a few great surprises.

We hope that you will join us for a fun time for all members of the family.

The next Regular Meeting of the Rumson Borough Council will be on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting agenda will be posted to the Borough of Rumson website at www.rumsonnj.gov at least 48 hours prior to the start of the meeting.

FINANCIAL OFFICER’S REPORT:

The Financial Officer’s Report disclosed the following as of January 31, 2025:

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL				
Analysis of Cash for the Month Ending:			January 31, 2025	
FUNDS	Beginning Balance	Cash Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Balance
1. CURRENT FUND				
Current Fund Checking	17,600,221.90	3,472,093.79	(5,749,862.75)	15,322,452.94
Change Funds	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
Investments Rumson BAN	2,380,952.00	0.00	0.00	2,380,952.00
Total Current Fund	19,981,473.90	3,472,093.79	(5,749,862.75)	17,703,704.94
2. CAPITAL FUND				-
Capital Fund Checking	9,938,397.69	0.00	(1,631.50)	9,936,766.19
Total Capital Fund	9,938,397.69	0.00	(1,631.50)	9,936,766.19
3. PAYROLL & PAYROLL AGENCY				
Payroll	2,981.86	314,949.53	(314,949.53)	2,981.86
Payroll Agency	10,981.57	199,521.03	(199,521.03)	10,981.57
Total Payroll & Payroll Agency	13,963.43	514,470.56	(514,470.56)	13,963.43
4. TRUST FUNDS				
Trust Fund Checking	639,074.47	11,097.00	(9,552.08)	640,619.39
Unemployment Trust	77,472.32	0.00	0.00	77,472.32
Recreation Trust	702,920.53	34,009.00	(20,259.12)	716,670.41
C.O.A.H. Trust	3,627,231.13	42,871.19	(2,094.75)	3,668,007.57
Law Enforcement Trust Fund	488.60	1.41	0.00	490.01
LEAD (formerly DARE)	17,401.73	2,513.82	0.00	19,915.55
Cafeteria Plan	4,875.03	8,780.00	(390.81)	13,264.22
Animal Control Trust Fund	31,245.80	6,582.00	0.00	37,827.80
Total Trust Funds	5,100,709.61	105,854.42	(32,296.76)	5,174,267.27
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	35,034,544.63	4,092,418.77	(6,298,261.57)	32,828,701.83

Respectfully submitted by:

Matthew J. Palmer

Matthew J. Palmer, Chief Financial Officer

On motion by Councilmember Casazza, seconded by Councilmember Kingsbery, the Financial Officer’s Report was ordered received and carried on the following roll call vote:

- In the affirmative:Conklin, Casazza, Kingsbery.
- In the negative:None.
- Absent:Pomphrey, Lospinuso, Smith.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS AND CLAIMS (RESOLUTION):

Councilmember Casazza offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

Vendor Name	Net Amount
JCP&L	4,971.27
ABSOLUTE FIRE PROTECTION CO.	254.26
AIR & GAS TECHNOLOGIES	1,273.00
ALLIED OIL, LLC	6,685.63
AMERICANWEAR INDUST UNIFORMS	1,069.45
AMERICANWEAR INDUST UNIFORMS	45.00
CITY OF ASBURY PARK	21,754.60
ATLANTIC TACTICAL OF NJ, INC	17,836.00
AT NORTHERN NEW JERSEY,LLC	498.11
BANISCH ASSOCIATES, INC.	6,025.00
BECKER TREE SERVICE	5,000.00
B&H PHOTO & ELECTRONICS CORP	913.20
ROBERT BOYER	325.83
BUILDERS GENERAL SUPPLY CO	166.20
BUTCH'S AUTO. CAR WASH, INC.	39.00
COASTAL PEST CONTROL	98.55
COASTAL LACROSSE LEAGUE	125.00
COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN	3,346.20
COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN	4,290.81
COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN	295.00
COMCAST	2,238.83
CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL	400.00
MONMOUTH COUNTY TREASURER	2,478,036.40
MONMOUTH COUNTY TREASURER	168,658.00
MONMOUTH COUNTY TREASURER	364,838.97
CROWN TIRE	99.90
CROWN TIRE	534.95
DELL INC.	474.97
DILWORTH PAXSON LLP	349.29
DRAEGER,INC	200.00
EDMUNDS AND ASSOCIATES, INC	3,500.00
EDMUNDS AND ASSOCIATES, INC	933.67
EIGHTEEN GLASS COMPANY,INC	5,600.00
FAIR HAVEN HARDWARE INC	117.23
JOSEPH FAZZIO WALL, LLC	234.56
FEDEX TECHCONNECT REVENUE SERV	9.08
GILL ID SYSTEMS	5,830.00
WW GRAINGER INC	131.04
HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP	45,573.72
HUGHES ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	13,500.00
HYDRAIR POWER CRIMP LLC	29.94
JASPAN HARDWARE	8.97
JASPAN HARDWARE	148.32
JERSEY SHORE REGIONAL HEALTH	280.00
JERSEY SHORE REGIONAL HEALTH	22,574.28
JESCO, INC.	5,630.00
DARYL J KOCHER	65.18
DARYL J KOCHER	252.41
KYLE MCMANUS ASSOCIATES LLC	1,837.50
LANCHA CONSTRUCTION CORP	31,155.86
LANCHA CONSTRUCTION CORP	14,852.40

STEVEN LAPITSKI	1,500.00
LEXIPOL,LLC	3,775.84
LINCOLN NAT'L LIFE INSURANCE	1,377.11
MICHELE A MACPHERSON	260.00
DAVID MARKS	380.38
DAVID MARKS	215.31
MAX-R	19,255.20
MAZZA RECYCLING SERVICES, LTD	4,049.66
MAZZA MULCH,INC	8,064.00
MCKESSON MEDICAL-SURGICAL	834.76
MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPT.	2,850.00
M O C I B	75.00
TREASURER, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH	1,348.20
MORTON SALT	2,013.47
MR JOHN INC	755.85
NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER	13,926.99
NJ DEPT HEALTH/SR SERVICES	771.60
NEXVORTEX LLC	439.96
NJ NATURAL GAS CO.	3,834.27
NEW JERSEY RECREATION &	425.00
NJ STATE ASSN CHIEFS OF POLICE	275.00
STATE OF NJ PENSIONS/ACTIVE	131,805.27
STATE OF NJ PENSIONS/RETIREE	88,080.68
NJ WOMEN IN LAW ENFORCEMENT	250.00
ONE CALL CONCEPTS	129.73
MATTHEW J PALMER	3,573.10
ERIC PAONE-HURD	105.56
PREMIER GRAPHICS,INC	180.00
PREMIER GRAPHICS,INC	60.00
PUMPING SERVICES INC	1,922.00
PUMPING SERVICES INC	923.40
RAYMOND A RAYA	233.33
THOMAS S ROGERS	139.44
THOMAS S ROGERS	30.00
THOMAS S ROGERS	545.80
THOMAS S ROGERS	100.00
THOMAS S ROGERS	298.54
RONALD TRINIDAD LAND SURVEYOR	150.00
R & R RADAR, INC.	1,163.50
RUMSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DIST	400.00
RUMSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DIST	1,170.95
MICHAEL RUSSOMANNO	375.00
RYSER'S LANDSCAPE SUPPLY YARD	213.75
SEABOARD WELDING SUPPLY, INC	458.59
SHORE AUTO SUPPLY,INC	1,655.65
SIP'S PAINT & HARDWARE	874.60
MICHELE SMALLZE	80.26
MICHAEL B STEIB, PA	0
MICHAEL B STEIB, PA	0
MICHAEL B STEIB, PA	0
MICHAEL B STEIB, PA	0
STEWART'S PLUMBING	2,396.40
SUBURBAN DISPOSAL INC.,	51,750.00
SUBURBAN DISPOSAL INC.,	27,043.89
TARGETED TECHNOLOGIES LLC	5,376.39
T & M ASSOCIATES	8,829.78
T & M ASSOCIATES	2,379.25

TOM'S FORD	482.27
TREASURER, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH	2,500.00
UGI ENERGY SERVICES,LLC	1,955.27
U-LINE INC.	3,130.46
U-LINE INC.	345.00
ANTHONY J. VECCHIO	1,082.50
WAGEWORKS	100.00
GEORGE WALL LINCOLN	123.55
JOHN WERNER JR	2,100.00
WOODWARD CONSTRUCTION CO.	522.56
WOOD GRAIN DESIGNS LLC	2,950.00
Y-PERS, INC.	297.63
KINTECH,INC	720.78
MICHAEL B STEIB, PA	1,185.00
MICHAEL B STEIB, PA	1,200.00
MICHAEL B STEIB, PA	735.00
	3,661,660.06

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

In the affirmative: Conklin, Casazza, Kingsbery.

In the negative: None.

Absent: Pomphrey, Lospinuso, Smith.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL:

Councilmember Conklin spoke at this time. Conklin provided an update on The Rumson Affordable Housing committee, stating that a presentation was shared with the public to provide information on Rounds 3 and 4 of Rumson’s Affordable Housing Program. Conklin shared that the informative presentation includes changes in the Affordable Housing process from Round 3 to Round 4. Conklin encouraged everyone who has the opportunity to review the presentation to learn more about the Affordable Housing program.

Councilmember Kingsbery read the following letters into the record:

Gentlemen, just a short note regarding a job extremely well done by Cody Burbank.

Twice within a week my plumber snaked my sewer line from my house to the street but I still had a clogged line. Over the weekend we were unable to run any water or use the toilets. Monday morning I called the number listed on our town's website and explained my situation to Cody and asked for advice on how to proceed. He was at my house in 10 Minutes! We could not find my cleanout near the street but he confirmed that we were in the right area. Cody said he had a couple other stops and that he would return between noon and 1 pm. While Cody was gone, I found the cleanout. Cody arrived about 12:30 with his equipment and cleared 3 root clogs. After testing to confirm the line was clear we were back to full service by 2;30 pm!

Most importantly, Cody was extremely professional, hardworking, knowledgeable, patient in solving the problem, friendly, understanding, and a pleasure to be around. And, as promised, he came back this morning to put root killer in my line.

I think Cody is an example of what makes our Public Works group so great! Thank you.

*Bill Beattie
38 Center Street (since 1956)*

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Good Morning Daryl and Tom,

We want to thank Cody from your sewer team. Our family had a backup on Sunday, 12/29. Cody responded to a message we left on Borough's line within an hour and came out to meet us and talk through our responsibilities and how the Borough could help. He followed up twice more in person to assist and check the water flow at the clean out.

In each instance he was straightforward and thoughtful about how to proceed. Our family appreciates his time, professionalism, and responsiveness.

Best,

*Dave and Kelly Walz
19 Cedar Ave.*

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Councilmember Casazza spoke at this time. Casazza, reflecting the change orders that were approved during the new business portion of the meeting, commended Borough Engineer David Marks on his work with both projects and his ability to keep both projects fiscally responsible for The Borough.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Katie Chanana of 2 Heathcliff Road spoke at this time. Chanana, a resident since September 2024, inquired about the different ways she can be involved in The Borough and shared that she had been working with Borough Engineer David Marks regarding a water access possibility at the end of Heathcliff Road. Chanana stated that she is looking forward to supporting the potential project and offered to assist in any way she can. Councilmember Kingsbery shared the different projects The Rumson Historical Preservation Commission is working on, such as the updated history book that is being written, and stated he will be in touch with opportunities to work with the commission. Mayor Joseph K. Hemphill encouraged Chanana to visit the George Moss History Room located in Rumson Borough Hall. Rakesh Chanana, also of 2 Heathcliff Road, asked if the topic of water access has been brought to these sitting members of borough council, to which Conklin replied that it may have been brought to the attention of former members of Borough Council, but not this group. Mitchell Jacobs, Borough Attorney, stated that he has been in touch with Marks about the topic and they are continuing to research it and will respond once more information is available. Rogers encouraged Chanana to visit the Monmouth County website to learn more about The Borough Council members. Casazza summarized the efforts of the council by stating that they do the work for the love of the town.

Alexandra Smith of 35 Allen Street spoke at this time. Smith asked how the temporary emergency appropriations work in The Borough of Rumson. Rogers explained that The Borough operates on a temporary budget until it receives all the tax levy information needed from the county and schools. Rogers stated that as this information is finalized by the borough, prior to adopting an official budget, the temporary appropriations allows the borough to operate as needed. Mayor Hemphill and Councilmember Conklin reiterated this statement, stating that once the budget is formalized for the year, the temporary appropriations are no longer required. Rogers, responding to Smith's request for more information on the resolutions approved during the meeting, stated that preparation for official meetings where action is taken, takes place during council workshops, which are open to public attendance. Rogers added that while there is no public comment session of the workshops, it is open for the public to listen in on the discussion. Conklin reiterated this process, stating that the workshops allow members of Borough Council to review the topics up for consideration and ask questions if needed prior to the formal voting process.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Kingsbery made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Councilmember Casazza. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas S. Rogers
Municipal Clerk/Administrator