

REGULAR MEETING
BOROUGH COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF RUMSON
March 11, 2025

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR DAN SESLAR.

Mayor Joseph K. Hemphill held a moment of silence for Borough of Rumson Harbor Master Dan Seslar.

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

Absent: 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 Pomphrey, the minutes of the previous meeting on February 11th were approved as written, copies having been forwarded to all Council members.

COMMUNICATIONS:

LETTER FROM CRANMER ENGINEERING NOTIFYING THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON OF AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DIVISION OF LAND USE REGULATION, FOR A FLOOD HAZARD AREA GENERAL PERMIT-BY-CERTIFICATION NO.6 FOR 13 OSPREY LANE ALSO KNOWN AS BLOCK 126, LOTS 11.02 AND 11.03.

The Municipal Clerk/Administrator received a letter from Cranmer Engineering notifying The Borough of Rumson of an application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Land Use regulation, for a Flood Hazard Area General Permit-By-Certification No. 6 for 13 Osprey Lane also known as Block 126, Lots 11.02 and 11.03.

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

LETTER FROM THE ENGLISH GROUP, LLC NOTIFYING THE

**BOROUGH OF RUMSON OF AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR A COASTAL
PERMIT APPLICATION (LURP-2) FOR 181 RUMSON ROAD ALSO
KNOWN AS BLOCK 108, LOT 2.**

The Municipal Clerk/Administrator received a letter from The English Group, LLC Notifying The Borough of Rumson of an application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for a Coastal Permit Application (LURP-2) for 181 Rumson Road also known as Block 108, Lot 2.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

**ORDINANCE #25-001 TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET
APPROPRIATIONS LIMITS AND ESTABLISH A CAP BANK.**

The Borough/Administrator Municipal Clerk stated that an Ordinance entitled:
**ORDINANCE 25-001 TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS
LIMITS AND ESTABLISH A CAP BANK**

was scheduled for a public hearing at this time following the introduction of the ordinance at the February 11, 2025 meeting.

Councilmember Kingsbery motioned for a public hearing of this Ordinance reading. Motion seconded by Councilmember Casazza. All in favor.

Public Hearing. No public comments were made at this time.

Councilmember Kingsbery moved for the adoption of this Ordinance in final reading. Motion seconded by Councilmember Lospinuso and carried on the following roll call vote:

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: Smith.

NEW BUSINESS:

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL
GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO REMOVE DEDICATED TRUST BY RIDERS**

2025-0304-42

Councilmember Kingsbery offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON
TEMPORARY CAPITAL BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson, New Jersey, desires to constitute the 2025 Temporary Capital Budget of said municipality by inserting therein:

Public Buildings and Improvements
Park and Recreation Improvements

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Members of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson of the County of Monmouth as follows:

Section 1. The 2025 Temporary Capital Budget of the Borough of Rumson is hereby constituted by the addition of a schedule to read as follows:

TEMPORARY CAPITAL BUDGET OF THE
BOROUGH OF RUMSON
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY

PROJECTS SCHEDULE FOR 2025
METHOD OF FINANCING

		Capital
Project	Estimated	Improvement
	Cost	Fund
Public Buildings and Improvements	\$100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
Park and Recreation Improvements	\$400,000.00	\$ 400,000.00
Total	\$500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00

Section 2. The Clerk be and is authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, within three days after the adoption of these projects for 2025 Temporary Capital Budget, to be included in the 2025 Permanent Capital Budget as adopted.

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: Smith.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #25-002 CAPITAL ORDINANCE
PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AND PURPOSES IN, BY AND
FOR THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW
JERSEY.**

The Municipal Clerk/Administrator read the following Ordinance by title only in first reading:
25-002

CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AND PURPOSES
IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH,
NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Borough Council (the “Council”) of the Borough of Rumson, in the County of Monmouth, New Jersey (the “Borough”) has adopted a budget for the expenditure of public funds for capital purposes to give effect to general improvement programs; and

WHEREAS, the capital improvement appropriations have not heretofore been earmarked for specific purposes; and

WHEREAS, there is money available for the Borough’s general improvement programs in the Capital Improvement Fund of the Borough (the “Capital Improvement Fund”).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Borough is hereby authorized to incur the following costs in connection with the following improvements and purposes: (a) public building improvements and equipment in the amount of \$100,000 and (b) various park improvements in the amount of \$400,000, including for each of the foregoing all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

Section 2. The Borough hereby appropriates the sum of \$500,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the purpose of financing the costs of the improvements and purposes set forth in Section 1 of this capital ordinance. Upon the Borough's receipt of the proceeds of any grants related to the improvements and purposes set forth in Section 1 of this capital ordinance, all grant proceeds received by the Borough will be deposited in the Capital Improvement Fund.

Section 3. The said improvements and purposes described in Section 1 of this capital ordinance are lawful capital purposes of the Borough, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be assessed against property specially benefited thereby. The period of usefulness of said improvements and purposes is 16 years.

Section 4. The capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this capital ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board of the Division showing all detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division, are on file with the Municipal Clerk and are available for public inspection.

Section 5. This capital ordinance shall take effect after final adoption and publication as required by applicable law.

Councilmember Kingsbery moved the adoption of this Ordinance in first reading and schedule the public hearing. Motion 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 AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PURCHASING ALLIANCE NUMBER CK04.

2025-0304-43

Councilmember Kingsbery offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (Number CK04) is a cooperative purchasing system that allows local government entities to purchase goods and services at competitive prices through cooperative contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), is authorized to enter into cooperative purchasing agreements for the procurement of goods and services that are more cost-effective and efficient for the municipality; and

WHEREAS, participation in the New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (Number CK04) will provide the Borough with access to competitively bid contracts, resulting in potential cost savings, increased efficiency, and improved purchasing opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of Rumson finds that it is in the best interest of the Borough and its residents to participate in this cooperative purchasing program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, as follows: The Borough of Rumson hereby authorizes participation in the New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (Number CK04).

1. The Borough Administrator, Borough Clerk, and any other necessary officials are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions required to facilitate participation in the cooperative purchasing program, including the execution of any necessary agreements or documents.
2. The Borough Clerk shall forward a certified copy of this resolution to the New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance and any other appropriate agencies or departments as necessary.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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 AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON TO ENTER INTO THE HUNTERDON COUNTY ESC COOPERATIVE PURCHASING.

2025-0304-44

Councilmember Kingsbery offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON
TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, the Hunterdon County ESC is a cooperative purchasing system that allows local government entities to purchase goods and services at competitive prices through cooperative contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), is authorized to enter into cooperative purchasing agreements for the procurement of goods and services that are more cost-effective and efficient for the municipality; and

WHEREAS, participation in the Hunterdon County ESC will provide the Borough with access to competitively bid contracts, resulting in potential cost savings, increased efficiency, and improved purchasing opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of Rumson finds that it is in the best interest of the Borough and its residents to participate in this cooperative purchasing program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, as follows: The Borough of Rumson hereby authorizes participation in the Hunterdon County ESC.

4. The Borough Administrator, Borough Clerk, and any other necessary officials are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions required to facilitate participation in the cooperative purchasing program, including the execution of any necessary agreements or documents.
5. The Borough Clerk shall forward a certified copy of this resolution to Hunterdon County ESC and any other appropriate agencies or departments as necessary.
6. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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 AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE RUMSON-FAIR HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON FOR THE USE OF BOROUGH RECREATION EQUIPMENT.

2025-0304-45

Councilmember Pomphrey offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

2025 SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE RUMSON – FAIR HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON FOR THE USE OF BOROUGH RECREATION EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High school Board of Education (“Board”) and The Borough of Rumson (“Borough”) have worked in a cooperative spirit to meet the short and long term needs of each; and

WHEREAS, the Board and Borough have certain needs that are best served through shared services; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., authorizes and empowers the Board and Borough to enter into such Shared Services Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the purposes of the Board and Borough can be accomplished effectively through this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Board and Borough desire to enter into this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, each party to this Agreement have approved the execution of this Agreement by Resolutions adopted on March 4th, 2025 by the Borough and to be adopted by the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Scope of Services. Borough agrees to provide the Board with boats/shells, oars, and other agreed upon equipment for rowing for all practices, meets, competitions and regattas for the Spring Crew/Rowing Season. The Borough will also provide oversight and collect Fees for the Spring Program. The Board will provide the Coaching Staff and the insurance for the Spring Program.

2. Compensation. The Borough will reimburse the Board a lump sum of \$23,055.89 for the Costs of Hiring and Managing Coaching for the Spring Rowing Season. Payment will be made by the Borough to the Board at the end of the season on or about June 1st, 2025.

3. Maintenance and Inspections. Maintenance of equipment is the sole responsibility of the Borough. Equipment is to be provided in good working condition and returned in like condition, with normal and customary wear. It is the Board’s Employee’s responsibility to report any and all issues relating to Borough equipment in a timely fashion. The Board or its representatives may not authorize or make any repairs or adjustments to equipment without Borough approval.

4. Other Agreements Unaffected. All other Shared Services Agreements whether currently existing or not, shall remain in full force and effect and shall not be governed by the terms of this Agreement.

5. Standards. The services provided through the use of this Agreement, shall be governed by the reasonable satisfaction standard, unless a different standard is specified in such Services Resolution.

6. No Assignment. The rights and obligations under this Agreement cannot be assigned by either party without the written consent of the other.

7. Term of the Agreement. This Agreement shall be for a term of one (1) Spring session ending on or about June 1st, 2025. Each party may cancel this Agreement, with ninety (90) days' written notice to the other party.

8. Fees and Fee Shifting. Attorneys' fees and fee shifting are prohibited under this Agreement and neither party may recover fees from the other party in the event of litigation or any proceedings brought to enforce the obligations of any party under this Agreement.

9. Insurance. The Board will provide Borough with a Certificate of Insurance naming the Borough as additional insured for the Spring Program as it relates to the Borough Site and/or Borough owned Equipment. Said Certificate will be a minimum of *2 million for Each Occurrence and 4 million for the General Aggregate*, as well as Automobile Coverage for the use of the Borough's boat trailer.

10. Disputes. The parties agree that in the event a dispute arises as to the interpretation of this Agreement, the Borough Administrator and Superintendent of Schools shall be notified. The Superintendent of Schools and the Borough Administrator shall immediately confirm the disputed issue and attempt to reach an accord. If the dispute cannot be rectified, the matter shall be submitted to mediation. Mediation shall be conducted, with costs to be equally divided by the Board and Borough. The New Jersey law shall govern this Agreement passed pursuant to the same.

11. Efficiency and Public Benefit. The parties concur that this Agreement is undertaken for the benefit of the general public of the Boroughs of Rumson and Fair Haven, that the Agreement is economically beneficial to the constituencies of each municipality.

12. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this Agreement and shall be adjudged to be invalid in any Court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect, impair, invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined to the operation of the clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part thereof, directly involving the controversy in which such judgment shall be rendered.

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: Smith.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF 2025 BUDGET PROCESS DATES.

2025-0304-46

Councilmember Pomphrey offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF 2025 BUDGET PROCESS DATES

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has authorized revisions to the statutory budget deadlines as per Local Finance Notice LFN 2024-20 dated December 18, 2024; and

WHEREAS, these revisions permit municipalities to extend the deadlines for the submission of the Municipal Annual Financial Statement, as well as the introduction and adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, to avail itself of these revised dates should additional time be needed, the governing body of the Borough of Rumson (the “Borough”) must adopt a resolution no later than March 31, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that it hereby avails itself of the revised budget introduction and adoption dates for the calendar year 2025 budget as follows:

1. Submission of the Municipal Annual Financial Statement (AFS): Extended from February 10 to March 7, 2025; and
2. Budget Introduction Date: Extended to March 31, 2025 (or the date of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the governing body); and
3. Budget Adoption Date: Extended to April 30, 2025 (or the date of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the governing body).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the temporary budget appropriations are hereby extended as may be necessary to accommodate this extension of the budget introduction and adoption dates.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer is directed to submit a certified copy of this resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services using the Financial Automation Submission Tracking (“FAST”) system, as required by Local Finance Notice LFN 2024-20.

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: Smith.

RESOLUTION UPFITTING THE FORD UTILITY INTERCEPTOR FOR RUMSON EMS.

2025-0304-47

Councilmember Casazza offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE UPFITTING OF A FORD UTILITY INTERCEPTOR FOR THE RUMSON EMS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson has recently acquired a Ford Utility Interceptor for use by the Rumson EMS; and

WHEREAS, the vehicle requires upfitting to include the necessary equipment, accessories, and modifications to ensure it meets operational and safety requirements for municipal use; and
WHEREAS, the Borough intends to engage a qualified vendor to perform the necessary upfitting in accordance with applicable purchasing regulations, including state contract pricing or cooperative purchasing agreements, as permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the upfitting shall not exceed \$18,986.05 and funding for this purpose has been allocated from 501 -115-201 EMS Vehicle and Equipment Capital Improvement;

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

1. The Borough hereby approves the upfitting of the Ford Utility Interceptor for use by the Rumson EMS
2. The Borough Administrator, Municipal Clerk, or other authorized official is authorized and directed to take all necessary actions, including the execution of contracts or purchase orders, to facilitate the upfitting process.
3. The Borough reserves the right to utilize State Contract vendors, Cooperative Purchasing Agreements, or solicit competitive quotes as required by law to ensure cost-effective procurement.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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 AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION.

2025-0304-48

Councilmember Kingsbery offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

TEMPORARY EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the temporary appropriations previously adopted will be inadequate to the point when the 2025 Budget will be finally adopted; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 states that the Governing Body may, by resolution adopted by a 2/3 vote of full membership, make emergency temporary appropriations for any purposes for which appropriations may lawfully be made for the period between the beginning of the current fiscal year and the date of the adoption of the budget for said year;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that the following emergency temporary appropriations, in addition to the temporary appropriations already adopted, be adopted, and it is stated that these emergency temporary appropriations shall be included in the 2025 Budget when adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Borough Chief Financial Officer, and the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Municipal Clerk – Other Expenses - \$3,000.00
Tax Collector – Other Expenses \$2,500.00
Finance Audit – Other Expenses - \$20,000.00
Engineering – Other Expenses \$50,000.00
Police Department – Other Expenses \$ 35,000.00
Police Department – PD Cars Purchase \$70,000.00
Fire Department – Other Expenses - \$2,000.00
City of Asbury Park – Rescue Services \$550.00
Group Insurance – Other Expenses \$675,000
First Aid – Other Expenses - \$4,000.00
Sewer – Other Expenses \$ 60,000.00
Sanitation – Other Expenses \$200,000.00

Vehicle Maintenance – Other Expenses- \$20,000.00
Board of Health – Other Expenses \$25,000.00
PERS – Other Expenses -\$470,496.00
PFRS – Other Expenses - \$724,197.00
Total Increase before Capital / Debt Service: \$2,361,743.00.
EMS Vehicle & Equipment Capital Improve: \$62,014.85
Overall 2025 Temporary Budget From: \$7,091,206.00 TO \$9,514,963.85

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 REFUNDING OVERPAYMENTS FOR DOG LICENSE FEES.

2025-0304-49

Councilmember Pomphrey offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION REFUNDING
OVERPAYMENTS FOR 2025 DOG LICENSE FEES**

WHEREAS, the following residents have remitted overpayments listed below for their 2025 dog licenses:

- Man Lee, 1 Edwards Point Road, Rumson, NJ 07760,
License #611, \$3.00

WHEREAS, Administrative Assistant, Heather Frketich, has recommended refunds of the overpayments; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Palmer, Chief Financial Officer, has confirmed the overpayments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that the individuals listed above be refunded any overpayment of their 2025 dog licenses; and

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

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: Smith.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE BONDS
POSTED IN ASSOCIATION WITH SITE IMPROVEMENTS AT BLOCK 94, LOT 5.**

2025-0304-50

Councilmember Casazza offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE BONDS POSTED
IN ASSOCIATION WITH SITE IMPROVEMENTS AT BLOCK 94 LOT 5**

WHEREAS, RMH@Bingham LLC, more commonly known as Roger Mumford Homes has posted a Performance Guarantee Bond No.52870 for site improvements, in the amount of \$135,195.30 in accordance with the Engineer's letter dated January 24, 2022; and

WHEREAS, RMH@Bingham LLC, more commonly known as Roger Mumford Homes has posted the 10% Cash Performance Guarantee for site improvements, in the amount of \$15,021.70 in accordance with the Engineer's letter dated January 24, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer in his memorandum dated February 27, 2025 advised that a majority the work has been satisfactorily completed in accordance with the approved Site Plan and recommends the performance bonds posted may be reduced to the statutory minimum 30% which corresponds to the Performance Guarantee Bond No.52870 being reduced to \$40,588.59 and Cash Performance Guarantee being reduced to \$4,506.51; and

WHEREAS, the balance of work to be completed and associated punchlist items are weather sensitive and will be completed as conditions permit allowing a future bond release; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson hereby approves the reduction of the Performance Guarantee Bond No.52870 to \$40,588.59, and 10% Cash Performance Guarantee to \$4,506.51, in accordance with the Engineer's February 27, 2025 Letter.

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: Smith.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH TO ENTER INTO THE CRANFORD POLICE COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM.

2025-0304-51

Councilmember Kingsbery offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System is a cooperative purchasing system that allows local government entities to purchase goods and services at competitive prices through cooperative contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), is authorized to enter into cooperative purchasing agreements for the procurement of goods and services that are more cost-effective and efficient for the municipality; and

WHEREAS, participation in the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System will provide the Borough with access to competitively bid contracts, resulting in potential cost savings, increased efficiency, and improved purchasing opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of Rumson finds that it is in the best interest of the Borough and its residents to participate in this cooperative purchasing program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, as follows: The Borough of Rumson hereby authorizes participation in the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System.

7. The Borough Administrator, Borough Clerk, and any other necessary officials are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions required to facilitate participation in the

cooperative purchasing program, including the execution of any necessary agreements or documents.

- 8. The Borough Clerk shall forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System and any other appropriate agencies or departments as necessary.
- 9. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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 APPOINTING MEGAN WEILER AS A PART-TIME POLICE DISPATCHER.

2025-0304-52

Councilmember Pomphrey offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEGAN WEILER 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, Megan Weiler have the proper training and experience for the position of Part-Time Dispatchers; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that Megan Weiler be appointed as Part-Time Dispatchers effective March 4, 2025 at an hourly rate of \$17.00 per hour.

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

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION RESERVES TRANSFER.

2025-0304-53

Councilmember Casazza offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

2024 APPROPRIATION RESERVES TRANSFER RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 certain transfers are permitted between budget appropriations during the first three months of the calendar year; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson (by 2/3 vote) that the following transfers between 2024 Budget appropriations be and the same are hereby approved:

FROM:		
Fire Dept-Other Expenses		\$ 1,000.00
	Total:	\$ 1,000.00
TO:		
LOSAP-Other Expenses		<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
	Total:	\$ 1,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby authorized and directed to debit and credit said accounts for 2024 accordingly.

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.

MOTION AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL CLERK TO PROCEED WITH A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND MAINTENANCE OF SEWER SYSTEM.

Councilmember Kingsbery motioned that the Municipal Clerk be authorized to proceed with a Request for Proposal for Professional Servicing and Maintenance of Sewer System.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Lospinuso 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:

As a reminder, 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, April 8, 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 February 28, 2025:

BOROUGH OF RUMSON				
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL				
Analysis of Cash for the Month Ending:		February 28, 2025		
FUNDS	Beginning Balance	Cash Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Balance
1. CURRENT FUND				
Current Fund Checking	15,322,452.94	12,200,075.62	(4,103,022.33)	23,419,506.23
Change Funds	300.00	100.00	0.00	400.00
Investments Rumson BAN	2,380,952.00	0.00	0.00	2,380,952.00
Total Current Fund	17,703,704.94	12,200,175.62	(4,103,022.33)	25,800,858.23
2. CAPITAL FUND				-
Capital Fund Checking	9,936,766.19	0.00	(73,087.44)	9,863,678.75
Total Capital Fund	9,936,766.19	0.00	(73,087.44)	9,863,678.75
3. PAYROLL & PAYROLL AGENCY				
Payroll	2,981.86	320,279.93	(320,279.93)	2,981.86
Payroll Agency	10,981.57	205,843.34	(205,843.34)	10,981.57
Total Payroll & Payroll Agency	13,963.43	526,123.27	(526,123.27)	13,963.43
4. TRUST FUNDS				
Trust Fund Checking	640,619.39	11,432.00	(12,666.72)	639,384.67
Unemployment Trust	77,656.50	815.87	(8,847.39)	69,624.98
Recreation Trust	716,670.41	12,815.00	(15,323.97)	714,161.44
C.O.A.H. Trust	3,668,007.57	43,439.52	(10,229.13)	3,701,217.96
Law Enforcement Trust Fund	490.01	1.28	0.00	491.29
LEAD (formerly DARE)	19,915.55	51.90	0.00	19,967.45
Cafeteria Plan	13,264.22	0.00	(753.97)	12,510.25
Animal Control Trust Fund	37,827.80	1,896.00	(771.60)	38,952.20
Total Trust Funds	5,174,451.45	70,451.57	(48,592.78)	5,196,310.24
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	32,828,886.01	12,796,750.46	(4,750,825.82)	40,874,810.65

Respectfully submitted by:

Matthew J. Palmer
Matthew J. Palmer, Chief Financial Officer

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: Smith.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS AND CLAIMS (RESOLUTION):

Councilmember Casazza offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

Vendor Name	Net Amount
GREAT LAKES RECREATION CO,LLC	1,563.51
LEGALIZED GAMES OF CHANCE	100.00
CONNER STRONG & BUCKELEW	7,200.00
CROSS OVER NETWORKS	3,881.82
DELTA DENTAL OF NEW JERSEY INC	3,864.96
JCP&L	3,769.98
MICHELE A MACPHERSON	130.00
NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER	1,644.48
NJ DEPARTMENT OF LABOR	8,847.39
POSTMASTER	1,200.00
STAPLES,INC	291.24
STAPLES,INC	263.78
STAPLES,INC	815.86
STAPLES,INC	853.09
TARGETED TECHNOLOGIES LLC	5,376.39
VERIZON	77.78
VERIZON	531.28
VERIZON	86.45
VERIZON WIRELESS	544.13
VERIZON WIRELESS	102.70
VERIZON BUSINESS FIOS	144.99
ABSOLUTE FIRE PROTECTION CO.	181.32
ACTION DATA SERVICES,INC	3,678.50
ACTION DATA SERVICES,INC	2,026.79
ALLIED OIL, LLC	6,767.88
ALLIED OIL, LLC	5,781.67
GANNETT NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY	135.12
ATLANTIC PLUMBING SUPPLY CORP	76.76
AT NORTHERN NEW JERSEY,LLC	4,267.68
BAIN'S OUTDOOR LIVING	142.00
BANISCH ASSOCIATES, INC.	150.00
BRADY BECKER	450.00
BUTCH'S AUTO. CAR WASH, INC.	156.00
CGP&H,LLC	750.00
CGP&H,LLC	997.50
CLEARY, GIACOBBE, ALFIERI	32.00
CLEARY, GIACOBBE, ALFIERI	1,461.25
CLEARY, GIACOBBE, ALFIERI	210.00
COMCAST	2,297.43
CROWN TIRE	534.95
DILWORTH PAXSON LLP	1,587.94
EIGHTEEN GLASS COMPANY,INC	3,300.00
FASTENAL CO	94.95
FBI - LEEDA INC	795.00
WW GRAINGER INC	740.24
WW GRAINGER INC	605.97
GREENWAY INDUSTRIES OF NJ,LLC	350.62
HUGHES ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	13,500.00

JASPAN HARDWARE	151.14
JCP&L	5,001.14
JOHN GUIRE SUPPLY,LLC	936.59
JOHN GUIRE SUPPLY,LLC	542.70
KEPWEL NATURAL SPRING WATER	134.00
THOMAS KEYES	450.00
KINTECH,INC	720.78
DARYL J KOCHER	85.20
LANCHA CONSTRUCTION CORP	18,082.22
LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES,INC	82.00
MCCARTER & ENGLISH, LLP	240.00
MICHELE MCGLYN	3,657.78
MCKESSON MEDICAL-SURGICAL	887.16
MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS	166.00
MIDDLETOWN TWP HEALTH DEPT	2,199.50
MID-ATLANTIC,INC	13,000.00
MORTON SALT	4,322.12
NATIONAL CENTER FOR SAFETY	61.50
NEXVORTEX LLC	442.82
STATE OF NJ PENSIONS/ACTIVE	126,289.82
STATE OF NJ PENSIONS/RETIREE	88,080.68
BRADLEY & ABIGAIL OSWALD	4,863.38
PROPERTY TRANSFER SERVICES	2,966.98
PUMPING SERVICES INC	413.00
RAYMOND A RAYA	233.33
RICOH USA, INC.	529.03
THOMAS S ROGERS	414.89
THOMAS S ROGERS	40.58
RUTGERS/YOUTH SPORTS COUNCIL	805.00
RYSER'S LANDSCAPE SUPPLY YARD	186.75
SEABOARD WELDING SUPPLY, INC	77.55
SEABOARD WELDING SUPPLY, INC	156.75
SELECTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY	2,926.00
SERVICE TIRE TRUCK CENTER,INC	2,199.00
SERVICE TIRE TRUCK CENTER,INC	260.00
MICHAEL B STEIB, PA	1,936.00
MICHAEL B STEIB, PA	48.00
MICHAEL B STEIB, PA	2,144.00
STEWARTS PLUMBING & HEATING	382.91
STORR TRACTOR CO	539.29
SURENIAN EDWARDS BUZAK & NOLAN	1,243.90
SURENIAN EDWARDS BUZAK & NOLAN	2,705.10
T & M ASSOCIATES	2,203.00
T & M ASSOCIATES	3,551.00
SAMUEL TOOLE	4,113.72
TRIDENT LAND TRANSFER CO	4,505.60
U-LINE INC.	128.45
ANTHONY J. VECCHIO	1,082.50
VERIZON WIRELESS	106.82
WAGEWORKS	100.00
JASPAN HARDWARE	430.47
	399,187.55

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.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL:

Council President John J. Conklin III took a moment to reflect on Dan Seslar stating that he was a great guy, member of the Rumson community, and he will be missed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Pomphrey made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Councilmember Conklin. The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas S. Rogers
Municipal Clerk/Administrator