

REGULAR MEETING
BOROUGH COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF RUMSON
July 8, 2025

A regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson was held on Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR FORMER RUMSON POLICE CHIEF GERALD KELLY

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

Absent: None.

Tom Rogers, Municipal Clerk/Administrator, was present.

David Marks, Borough Engineer, was present.

Mitchell Jacobs, Borough Attorney, was present.

Eric Paone-Hurd, Deputy Municipal Clerk, was present.

Matthew Palmer, CMFO, 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 Lospinuso, seconded by Councilmember Pomphrey, the minutes of the previous meeting on June 3rd were approved as written, copies having been forwarded to all Council members.

COMMUNICATIONS:

LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM RUMSON ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT HEATHER FRKETICH

The Municipal Clerk/Administrator received a copy of a letter of resignation from Rumson Administrative Assistant Heather Frketich.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE #25-003 CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AND PURPOSES IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON. PUBLIC HEARING.

The Borough/Administrator Municipal Clerk stated that an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE #25-003 CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AND PURPOSES IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON.

PUBLIC HEARING

was scheduled for a public hearing at this time following the introduction of the ordinance at the June 3, 2025 meeting.

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

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

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: Casazza.

2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET.

The Borough/Administrator Municipal Clerk stated that:

2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET AS APPROVED

was scheduled for a public hearing at this time following the introduction of the budget at the June 3, 2025 meeting.

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

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

Councilmember Conklin moved to close the public hearing of the 2025 Municipal Budget. Motion seconded by Councilmember Pomphrey and carried on the following roll call vote:

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: Casazza.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

2025-0708-92

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Be It Resolved by the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson, County of Monmouth that the budget herein before set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of:

- (a) \$ 14,742,795.43 (Item 2 below) for municipal purposes, and
- (b) \$ 0.00 (Item 3 below) for school purposes in Type I School Districts only (N.J.S. 18A:9-2) to be raised by taxation and,
- (c) \$ 0.00 (Item 4 below) to be added to the certificate of amount to be raised by taxation

for local school purposes in Type II School Districts only (N.J.S. 18A:9-3)
and
certification to the County Board of Taxation of the following summary of
general revenues and appropriations.
(d) \$ 0.00 (Sheet 43) Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation
Trust
Fund Levy.

Year 2025

SUMMARY OF REVENUES

1. General Revenues	
Surplus Anticipated	\$ 2,800,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated	\$ 4,564,328.53
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	\$ 370,000.00
2. Amount to be Raised by Taxation for Municipal Purposes	\$14,742,795.43
3. Amount to be Raised by Taxation for <u>Schools in Type I</u> School Districts Only:	
Item 6, Sheet 42	\$ 0.00
Item 6(b), Sheet 11 (N.J.S. 40A:4-14)	\$ 0.00
Total Amount to be Raised by Taxation for Schools in Type I School Districts Only	\$ 0.00
4. To be Added to the Certificate for Amount to be Raised by Taxation for <u>Schools in Type II</u> School Districts Only:	
Item 6(b), Sheet 11 (N.J.S. 40A:4-14)	\$ 0.00
5. Amount to be Raised by Taxation Minimum Library Levy	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Total Revenues	\$22,477,123.96

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

5. General Appropriations	
Within "CAPS"	
(a & b) Operations Including Contingent	\$12,924,610.00
(e) Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures – Municipal	\$ 1,557,728.35
(g) Cash Deficit	\$ 0.00
Excluded from "CAPS"	
(a) Operations – Total Operations Excluded from "CAPS"	\$ 2,526,952.65
(c) Capital Improvements	\$ 2,812,419.85
(d) Municipal Debt Service	\$ 1,400,006.00
(e) Deferred Charges – Municipal	\$ 0.00
(f) Judgments	\$ 0.00
(n) Transferred to Board of Education for Use of Local Schools (N.J.S. 40:48-17.1 & 17.3)	\$ 0.00
(g) Cash Deficit	\$ 0.00
(k) For Local District School Purposes	\$ 0.00
(m) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (Include Other Reserves if Any)	\$ 1,255,407.11
6. School Appropriations – Type I School Districts Only (N.J.S. 40A:4-13)	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Total Appropriations	\$22,477,123.96

It is hereby certified that the within budget is a true copy of the budget finally adopted by resolution of the Governing Body on the 8th day of July 2025. It is further certified that each item of revenue and appropriation is set forth in the same amount and by the same title as appeared in the 2025 approved budget and all amendments thereto, if any, which have been previously approved by the Director of Local Government Services.

The above resolution was moved by Councilmember Conklin, seconded by Councilmember Smith and carried on the following roll call vote:

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: Casazza.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF A NEW 2025
INTERNATIONAL CV515 FOR THE RUMSON DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
WORKS.**

2025-0708-93

Councilmember Conklin offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF
A NEW 2025 INTERNATIONAL CV515
FOR THE RUMSON DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson has the need to purchase a new 2025 International CV515 for the Rumson Department of Public Works from an authorized vendor under the Sourcewell National Cooperative; and

WHEREAS, the Temporary Qualified Purchasing Agent has completed the requirements with a Notice of Intent to Award,

WHEREAS, Allegiance Trucks, 525 Linden Avenue West, Linden, NJ 07036 has been awarded a contract #032824-NVS for Class 4-8 Chassis with Related Equipment, for the period from July 16,2024 to July 9, 2028; and

WHEREAS, the actual cost for the purchase from Allegiance Trucks is \$76,699.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract, in capital appropriation: C-04- -191-202 & C-04- -192-202;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that Allegiance Trucks be awarded a contract for the purchase of a new 2025 International CV515 at a total cost of \$76,699.00; and

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: Casazza.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF ONE NEW DUMP BODY, SNOW
PLOW, AND SALT SPREADER FOR THE RUMSON DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
WORKS**

2025-0708-94

Councilmember Conklin offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF
ONE NEW DUMP BODY, SNOW PLOW, AND SALT SPREADER FOR
THE RUMSON DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

WHEREAS, the State Approved Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program (Cooperative 65MCESCCPS) has awarded a contract for the dump body, snow plow, and salt spreader under its contract number ESCNJ 23/24-04, from Cliffside Body of 130 Broad Ave., Fairview, NJ 07022 for the purchase as follows: (1) Dump Body, Snow Plow, Salt Spreader and related equipment (\$75,943.00); and

WHEREAS, it is required by law that any “purchasing cooperative contract” purchase which exceeds the bid threshold of the Borough (\$53,000.00) in aggregate, be authorized by the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Chief Finance Officer and Borough Administrator/Clerk have reviewed the proposals and found them to be correct, as per the Co-Op contract, and
WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, in Capital Budget Appropriation C-04- -191-202;

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

1. Authorizes the Borough Department of Public Works to purchase said vehicle from All American Ford using the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program contract 23/24-04; and
2. The Borough Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to issue a purchase order and pay invoices for said vehicle delivered by All American Ford of Paramus, respectively; and
3. The contracts are awarded through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program (Cooperative 65MCESCCPS) are considered fair and open contract in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, as well as being exempt from public bidding by the Borough.

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: Casazza.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON
ENDORING A FOURTH ROUND HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN.**

2025-0708-95

Councilmember Conklin offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF
RUMSON ENDORSING A FOURTH ROUND HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR
SHARE PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson (hereinafter the “Borough” or “Rumson”) has a demonstrated history of voluntary compliance as evidenced by its Third Round record; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to In re N.J.A.C. 5:96 and 5:97, 221 N.J. 1 (2015) (Mount Laurel IV), on July 2, 2015, the Borough of Rumson filed a Declaratory Judgment Complaint in Superior Court, Law Division seeking, among other things, a judicial declaration that its Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, to be amended as necessary, satisfied its “fair share” of the regional need for low and moderate income housing pursuant to the “Mount Laurel doctrine;” and

WHEREAS, that culminated in a Court-approved Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan and a Final Judgment of Compliance and Repose, which precludes all Mount Laurel lawsuits, including builder’s remedy lawsuits, until July 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Borough continues to actively implement its Court-approved Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2024, Governor Murphy signed into law P.L. 2024, c.2, which amended the 1985 New Jersey Fair Housing Act (hereinafter the “Amended FHA”); and

WHEREAS, the Borough adopted a “binding resolution” accepting the DCA-calculated Present Need and Prospective Need, as required by the Amended FHA, on January 21, 2025, establishing its Fourth Round Present Need of 0 and Prospective Need of 117; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Amended FHA and the Administrative Office of the Court’s Directive No. 14-24, the Borough filed a timely Fourth Round Declaratory Judgment complaint (“DJ Complaint”) with the Court and the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program (“the Program”), along with its binding resolution, on January 23, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the filing of the DJ Complaint gave the Borough automatic, continued immunity from all exclusionary zoning lawsuits, including builder’s remedy lawsuits, which is still in full force and effect; and

WHEREAS, the Borough did not receive any objections to its Present and Prospective Need Obligations by February 28, 2025, resulting in the statutory automatic acceptance of the Borough’s Fourth Round obligations on March 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2025, the Court entered an order establishing the Borough’s Fourth Round Present Need of 0 and Prospective Need of 117; and

WHEREAS, now that the Borough has its Fourth Round Obligations, the Amended FHA requires the municipality to adopt and file a Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan by June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Amended FHA, the Borough’s affordable housing planner drafted a Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board held a public hearing on the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan on June 17, 2025 and adopted the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan via a resolution on that same night; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council wishes to endorse the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan that was adopted by the Planning Board.

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

1. The Borough Council hereby endorses the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan attached hereto as Exhibit A, which was adopted by the Borough’s Planning Board on June 17, 2025.
2. The Borough Council hereby directs the Borough’s Affordable Housing Counsel to seek Program and Court approval of the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan via a Compliance Certification, and to take whatever actions are necessary to maintain the Borough’s immunity from all Mount Laurel exclusionary zoning lawsuits.
3. The Borough reserves the right to further amend the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, should that be necessary.

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: Casazza.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON
APPROVING A FOURTH ROUND AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND**

SPENDING PLAN AND REQUESTING PROGRAM AND COURT APPROVAL OF THE SPENDING PLAN.

2025-0708-96

Councilmember Conklin offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON
APPROVING A FOURTH ROUND AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND SPENDING
PLAN AND REQUESTING PROGRAM AND COURT APPROVAL OF THE SPENDING
PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson (hereinafter “Borough” or “Rumson”) has an approved Development Fee Ordinance that was adopted on September 15, 2020, which established standards for the collection, maintenance, and expenditure of development fees; and

WHEREAS, the Borough’s previous Affordable Housing Trust Fund Spending Plan was approved by the Court on February 24, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2024, Governor Murphy signed into law P.L. 2024, c.2, which amended the 1985 New Jersey Fair Housing Act (hereinafter the “Amended FHA”) which governs how municipalities will comply with their affordable housing obligations for the Fourth Round (2025-2035); and

WHEREAS, the Administrative Office of the Courts issued Directive #14-24 (“AOC Directive #14-24), governing how municipalities file their compliance documents with the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program (“the Program”); and

WHEREAS, the Borough has prepared a Fourth Round Spending Plan consistent with the Amended FHA, AOC Directive #14-24, and applicable regulations, which projects anticipated revenues to the Borough’s Affordable Housing Trust Fund and describes the anticipated expenditures of funds.

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

1. The Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson hereby approves the Fourth Round Spending Plan that is attached hereto as Exhibit A, and requests that the Program and the Court review and approve the Borough’s Fourth Round Spending Plan.
2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption, according to law.

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: Casazza.

RESOLUTION ASSESSING LIEN FOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE ON MULTIPLE PROPERTIES IN THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON.

2025-0708-97

Councilmember Conklin offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION ASSESSING LIEN
FOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE
ON MULTIPLE PROPERTIES IN**

THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson adopted a property maintenance code for the purpose of protecting the Borough and its residents from the increasing burden of costs incurred by the Borough in maintaining neglected and/or abandoned properties which have become dangerous and detrimental to the life, health, property and safety of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Code Enforcement Officer notified the Administrator that properties at 39 Rumson Road (Block 134, Lot 8), 93 Rumson Road (Block 124, Lot 34), 6 North Ward Ave (Block 76, Lot 5), and 44 Lennox Avenue (Block 37, Lot 20) were found to be in violation of Borough Property Maintenance Codes; and

WHEREAS, the Code Enforcement Officer and Administrator made several attempts to reach the responsible parties to clean up the properties; and

WHEREAS, the Administrator has determined that it may be necessary to have the Borough hire a contractor to complete the required work; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the property maintenance code, the costs associated with this work shall be certified to the Tax Collector to be assessed as a lien against the properties, such costs to be assessed and levied against the properties, the same to bear interest at the same rate as taxes, and shall be collected by the Tax Collector in the same manner as taxes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson that the Administrator and Tax Collector have the right to place a lien on the properties located at 39 Rumson Road (Block 134, Lot 8), 93 Rumson Road (Block 124, Lot 34), 6 North Ward Ave (Block 76, Lot 5), and 44 Lennox Avenue (Block 37, Lot 20) to recoup the costs associated with the required work; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administrator and Code Enforcement Officer notify the homeowners that they have ten (10) days to complete the work required, and, if the work is not completed in that period of time, the Administrator has the authority to hire a firm to clean up the properties and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administrator is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Chief Financial Officer and Tax Collector; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administrator shall send a certified copy of this resolution via certified mail to the owners of record of the affected properties.

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: Casazza.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING REAGAN NIELSEN AS PART-TIME DISPATCHER FOR THE RUMSON POLICE DEPARTMENT.

2025-0709-98

Councilmember Conklin offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING REAGAN NIELSEN AS
PART-TIME DISPATCHER FOR THE RUMSON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

WHEREAS, Reagan Nielsen has the proper training and experience for the position of a Part-Time Dispatcher; and

WHEREAS, the Rumson Police Department Captain has recommended Reagan Nielsen for the position of Part-Time Dispatcher;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that Reagan Nielsen be appointed as a Part-Time Dispatcher effective May 26, 2025 at an hourly rate of \$17.25 per individual.

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: Casazza.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FUNDING TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, NEW JERSEY AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND PROGRAM FOR AFFORDABLE SENIOR HOUSING.

2025-0708-99

Councilmember Conklin offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FUNDING TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, NEW JERSEY AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND PROGRAM FOR AFFORDABLE SENIOR HOUSING

WHEREAS, the BCUW/Madeline Housing Partners, LLC (“United Way”) desires to apply for and obtain funds from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, New Jersey Affordable Housing Trust Fund Program, for an amount not to exceed the maximum amount allowed in accordance with N.J.A.C 5:43-1.1 et seq. for the purpose of developing approximately 12 units of affordable senior housing at 62 Carton Street;

WHEREAS, the Municipality has determined that the housing project referenced above, will meet all or part of the Municipality’s low and moderate housing obligation in its Housing Element and Fair Share Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Rumson does hereby support this application for such funds to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, New Jersey Affordable Housing Trust Fund Program and acknowledge that the Project is located in an eligible municipality in accordance with N.J.A.C 5:43-1.3(a). The municipality also asks that the Bergen County United Way/Madeline Housing Partners, LLC (“United Way”), as permitted under N.J.A.C 5:43-1.3(a), contract only for this project, directly with the Department of Community Affairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk shall keep a copy of this Resolution on file and available for inspection in the office of the Municipal Clerk and shall forward a copy of this Resolution to the Business Administrator; CFO; Assistant to the Business Administrator, Borough Attorney, Mr. Tom Toronto, Co-manager, BCUW/Madeline Housing Partners, LLC, 6 Forest Avenue, Suite 220, Paramus, NJ. 07652.

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: Casazza.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FUNDING TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, NEW JERSEY AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND PROGRAM FOR AFFORDABLE FAMILY HOUSING.

2025-0708-100

Councilmember Conklin offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FUNDING TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, NEW JERSEY AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND PROGRAM FOR AFFORDABLE FAMILY HOUSING

WHEREAS, the BCUW/Madeline Housing Partners, LLC (“United Way”) desires to apply for and obtain funds from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, New Jersey Affordable Housing Trust Fund Program, for an amount not to exceed the maximum amount allowed in accordance with N.J.A.C 5:43-1.1 et seq. for the purpose of developing approximately 12 units of affordable family housing at 49 West River Road;

WHEREAS, the Municipality has determined that the housing project referenced above, will meet all or part of the Municipality’s low and moderate housing obligation in its Housing Element and Fair Share Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Rumson does hereby support this application for such funds to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, New Jersey Affordable Housing Trust Fund Program and acknowledge that the Project is located in an eligible municipality in accordance with N.J.A.C 5:43-1.3(a). The municipality also asks that the Bergen County United Way/Madeline Housing Partners, LLC (“United Way”), as permitted under N.J.A.C 5:43-1.3(a), contract only for this project, directly with the Department of Community Affairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk shall keep a copy of this Resolution on file and available for inspection in the office of the Municipal Clerk and shall forward a copy of this Resolution to the Business Administrator; CFO; Assistant to the Business Administrator, Borough Attorney, Mr. Tom Toronto, Co-manager, BCUW/Madeline Housing Partners, LLC, 6 Forest Avenue, Suite 220, Paramus, NJ. 07652.

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: Casazza.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MEGHAN WEILER AS SLEO I OFFICER.

2025-0708-101

Councilmember Conklin offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MEGHAN WEILER AS SLEO I OFFICER

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson, through the Police Department, has the need for a Part-Time Class 1 Special Law Enforcement Officer.

WHEREAS, Dispatcher Meghan Weiler has the experience for the position of Part-Time Class 1 Special Law Enforcement Officer.

WHEREAS, Dispatcher Meghan Weiler has been a certified Class 1 Special Law Enforcement Officer since June 17, 2022.

WHEREAS, The Rumson Police Chief has recommended Meghan Weiler for the position of Class 1 Special Law Enforcement Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that Meghan Weiler be appointed as Part-Time Class 1 Special Officers effective July 1, 2025

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the hourly base salary will remain unchanged; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Monmouth County Police Academy, the Chief Financial Officer and the Payroll Clerk.

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: Casazza.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING KAYLA LOVGREN AS PART-TIME DISPATCHER FOR THE RUMSON POLICE DEPARTMENT.

2025-0708-102

Councilmember Conklin offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING KAYLA LOVGREN 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, Kayla Lovgren have the proper training and experience for the position of Part-Time Dispatchers; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that Kayla Lovgren be appointed as Part-Time Dispatchers effective June 26, 2025 at an hourly rate of \$17.25 per hour.

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: Casazza.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE UPFITTING OF A FORD UTILITY INTERCEPTOR FOR THE RUMSON POLICE DEPT.

2025-0708-103

Councilmember Conklin offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE UPFITTING OF A FORD UTILITY INTERCEPTOR FOR THE RUMSON POLICE DEPT.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson has recently ordered a Ford Utility Interceptor for use by the Rumson Police Department; 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 \$23,236.38 and funding for this purpose has been allocated from 5-01 -039-301 PD Cars-Purchase;

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 Police Department.
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, 17-FLEET-00761, 17-FLEET-00768, 17-FLEET-00719, and
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: Casazza.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING 2025 RFH SUMMER ROWING STAFF.

2025-0708-104

Councilmember Conklin offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING 2025 RFH SUMMER ROWING STAFF

WHEREAS, Rumson Recreation is in need of five (5) Coaches for the Recreation Crew Program; and

WHEREAS, it is the Recommendation of the Recreation Director to hire Joseph Murphy, Elsa Patten, Aric Loicano, Sabina Murray, Charles Theodore, John Suozzo as Coaches for the Recreation Crew Program; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Commission has approved these appointments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson hereby approves the appointments of Joseph Murphy, Elsa Patten, Aric Loicano, Sabina Murray, Charles Theodore, John Suozzo as Crew Coaches for the Recreation Crew Program effective July 7, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Crew Coaches be paid for the Recreation Crew Program as follows:

Head Coach	Joseph Murphy	\$24.00 PER HOUR
Instructor	Elsa Patten	\$22.00 PER HOUR
Instructor	Aric Loicano	\$16.00 PER HOUR
Instructor	Sabina Murray	\$16.00 PER HOUR
Instructor	Charles Theodore	\$16.00 PER HOUR
Instructor	John Suozzo	\$16.00 PER HOUR

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

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

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

COUNCILMEMBER GARY CASAZZA ARRIVED TO THE MEETING.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING SEASONAL PART-TIME LABORERS.

2025-0708-105

Councilmember Conklin offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING SEASONAL PART-TIME LABORERS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson through its Department of Public Works has the need for two (2) Part-Time Seasonal Laborer; and

WHEREAS, it is believed to be in the best interest of the Borough to employ said Part-Time Seasonal Laborers for the Department of Public Works on an hourly basis; and

WHEREAS, Michael Cassidy and John Leslie has interviewed and agreed to fill the position of Department of Public Works Part-Time Seasonal Laborers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that Michael Cassidy and John Leslie be hired as Department of Public Works Part-Time Seasonal Laborers effective July 1, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Michael Cassidy and John Leslie be paid at an hourly rate of \$19.00, with no benefits; and

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

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: None.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING PART-TIME
RESOLUTION APPOINTING PART-TIME ASSITANT MUNICIPAL COURT
ADMININISTRATOR.**

2025-0708-106

Councilmember Conklin offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING PART-TIME
ASSITANT MUNICIPAL COURT ADMININISTRATOR**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson is in need of part-time Assistants to the Municipal Court Administrator for the Rumson and Fair Haven Courts; and

WHEREAS Sonia Fernandez is a Court Administrator for the Boroughs of Millstone and Roosevelt; and

WHEREAS, Rumson Municipal Court Administrator Michele Smallze recommended Sonia Fernandez to fill a part-time position; and

WHEREAS, the part-time Assistants to the Municipal Court Administrator are paid at a rate of \$75.00 per court session plus \$25.00 per hour over 3 hours;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that Sonia Fernandez be appointed as part-time Assistant to the Municipal Court Administrator at a rate of \$75.00 per court session and \$25.00 per hour over 3 hours effective June 11, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Municipal Court Administrator, the Payroll Clerk, and the CMFO.

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: None.

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 3
FOR THE BOROUGH’S MEADOW RIDGE PARK IMPROVEMENTS.**

2025-0708-107

Councilmember Conklin offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 3
FOR THE BOROUGH’S MEADOW RIDGE PARK IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, Precise Construction Inc., 1016 Highway 33, Freehold, New Jersey 07728, was awarded a contract with the Borough of Rumson for the Borough’s Meadow Ridge Park Improvements on September 10, 2024 in the amount of \$529,492.50; and

WHEREAS, the project consists of constructing a new extended parking lot on the west side of the park, installation of parking lot lights, walkways, a bus loop, and playground areas, as well as pavement resurfacing and various other related improvements; 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 Orders Number 1 and 2 previously adjusted the total contract resulting in a revised total contract amount of \$549,327.50;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson hereby approves Change Order Number 3 of the Borough's contract with Precise Construction for the Meadow Ridge Park Improvements, which change order will reflect the reduction of certain items in the amount of \$53,054.20.00 and the addition of certain requested supplemental and extra work resulting in an increase in the amount of \$135,000.00 for a net increase in contract of \$81,945.80 resulting in a total contract amount of \$631,273.30. Said Change Order was recommended by the Borough Engineer in a letter dated July 3, 2025, a copy of which is on file in the Municipal Clerk's office; and

CERTIFICATION AS TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I, Matthew Palmer, Chief Finance Officer of the Borough of Rumson hereby certify that funds are available from the following accounts: Park Improvements: C-04-193-204 for \$81,945.80.

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: None.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR THE BOROUGH'S 2024 PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

2025-0708-108

Councilmember Conklin offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR THE BOROUGH'S 2024 PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, Precise Construction Inc., 1016 Highway 33, Freehold, New Jersey 07728, was awarded a contract with the Borough of Rumson for the Borough's 2024 Park Improvements on April 8, 2025 in the amount of \$641,300.00; and

WHEREAS, the project consists of the resurfacing of tennis courts and basketball courts along with chain link fence replacement and other repairs as necessary at Victory Park, Piping Rock Memorial Park and Rogers Park; 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson hereby approves Change Order Number 1 of the Borough's contract with Precise Construction for the 2024 Park Improvements, which change order will reflect the reduction of

certain items in the amount of \$3,400 and the addition of certain requested supplemental and extra work resulting in an increase in the amount of \$10,120.00 for a net increase in contract of \$6,720.00 resulting in a total contract amount of \$648,020.00. Said Change Order was recommended by the Borough Engineer in a letter dated July 3, 2025, a copy of which is on file in the Municipal Clerk's office; and

CERTIFICATION AS TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I, Matthew Palmer, Chief Finance Officer of the Borough of Rumson hereby certify that funds are available from the following accounts: Park Improvements: C-04-193-204 for \$6,720.00.

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: None.

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 2
FOR THE BOROUGH'S 2024 SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROGRAM.**

2025-0708-109

Councilmember Conklin offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 2
FOR THE BOROUGH'S 2024 SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, National Water Main Cleaning Company, 1806 Newark Turnpike, Kearny, NJ 07032, was awarded a contract with the Borough of Rumson for the Borough's 2024 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Program on November 12, 2024 in the amount of \$696,275.00; and

WHEREAS, the project consists the cleaning, televised inspection, testing and sealing of pipe joints within approximately 34,000 linear feet of sanitary sewer infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, certain field conditions warranted heavy cleaning of the sanitary sewer pipe infrastructure beyond what was originally anticipated in the contract; 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 Number 1 adjusted the total contract amount by \$1,122.00 resulting in a revised total contract amount of \$697,397.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson hereby approves Change Order Number 2 of the Borough's contract with National Water Main Cleaning Company for the 2024 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Program, which change order will reflect the addition of certain extra work in the amount of \$14,208.63 resulting in a revised total contract amount of \$711,605.63. Said Change Order was recommended by the Borough Engineer in a letter dated July 1, 2025, a copy of which is on file in the Municipal Clerk's office; and

CERTIFICATION AS TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I, Matthew Palmer, Chief Finance Officer of the Borough of Rumson hereby certify that funds are available from the following accounts: Sanitary Sewer Repairs, Replacements and Upgrades: C-04-192-205 for \$14,208.63.

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

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: None.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE BOROUGH’S BELLEVUE AVENUE RESURFACING – PHASES I & II TO L&L PAVING COMPANY, INC.

2025-0708-110

Councilmember Conklin offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE BOROUGH’S BELLEVUE AVENUE RESURFACING – PHASES I & II TO L&L PAVING COMPANY, INC.

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2025, three (3) sealed bids were received for the Bellevue Avenue Resurfacing – Phases I & II project, which consists of full width pavement resurfacing, drainage pipe replacement and miscellaneous other roadway improvements as necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Borough was awarded two New Jersey Department of Transportation Local Aid Grants totaling \$426,984.00 (FY24 \$209,528.00 and FY25 \$217,456.00) to partially offset the project’s construction costs; 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 Proposal A in the amount of \$473,801.05, Proposal B in the amount of \$455,488.45, and Proposal C in the amount of \$181,810.50 for a total amount bid for Proposals A, B, and C of \$1,111,100.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that it does hereby accept the bid of L&L Paving Company Inc., of 89 Yellowbrook Road, Farmingdale, NJ 07727 for Proposal A in the amount of \$473,801.05, Proposal B in the amount of \$455,488.45, and Proposal C in the amount of \$181,810.50 for a total amount bid for Proposals A, B, and C of \$1,111,100.00 as recommended by the Borough Engineer by memorandum dated July 3, 2025, 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 Transportation, the New Jersey of Labor, Office of Wage and Hour Compliance and the review and approval of bid documents by the Borough Attorney; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contract be awarded subject to a favorable determination from the New Jersey Department of Transportation Office of Local Aid.

CERTIFICATION AS TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS
I, Matthew Palmer, Chief Finance Officer of the Borough of Rumson hereby certify that funds are available from the following accounts: Road, Curbing, Sidewalk, & Related Drainage: C-04-192-201 for \$1,111,100.00.

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: None.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION TO THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH FOR OPEN SPACE TRUST FUNDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT WEST PARK/JUMPING POINT PARK.

2025-0708-111

Councilmember Conklin offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION TO THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH FOR OPEN SPACE TRUST FUNDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT WEST PARK/JUMPING POINT PARK

WHEREAS, the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners has approved an Open Space Trust Fund and established a Municipal Open Space Program to provide Program Grant funds in connection with municipal acquisition of lands for County Park, recreation, conservation and farmland preservation purposes, as well as for County recreation and conservation development and maintenance purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Rumson desires to obtain County Open Space Trust Funds in the amount of \$500,000.00 to fund the West Park/Jumping Point Park Improvement Project at 3 Rumson Road, Rumson, NJ 07760, also known as Block 80, Lot 1 and Block 143, Lots 1 & 2; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the project including all matching funds is \$1,014,242.50; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson is the owner of and controls the project site.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY The Borough of Rumson THAT:

Thomas S. Rogers, Municipal Administrator/Clerk or his/her successor is authorized to (a) make an application to the County of Monmouth for Open Space Trust Funds, (b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required for the Municipal Open Space Grants Program and (c) act as the municipal contact person and correspondent of the above named municipality; and

The Borough of Rumson is committed to this project and will provide the balance of funding necessary to complete the project as described in the grant application in the form of non-county matching funds as required in the Policy and Procedures Manual for the Program; and

If the County of Monmouth determines that the application is complete and in conformance with the Monmouth County Municipal Open Space Program and the Policy and Procedures Manual for the Municipal Grants Program adopted thereto, the municipality is willing to use the approved Open Space Trust Funds in accordance with such policies and procedures, and applicable federal, state, and local government rules, regulations and statutes thereto; and

Thomas S. Rogers, Municipal Administrator/Clerk or his/her successor is hereby authorized to sign and execute any required documents, agreements, and amendments thereto with the County of Monmouth for the approved Open Space Trust Funds; and

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

I, Thomas S. Rogers do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Governing Body of The Borough of Rumson at a meeting held on the 8th day of July 2025.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunder set my hand and official seal of the municipality this 9th day of July 2025.

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: None.

RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT ADDENDUM WTH THE JERSEY SHORE REGIONAL HEALTH COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGING THE COMMISSION’S NAME CHANGE.

2025-0708-112

Councilmember Conklin offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT ADDENDUM WTH THE JERSEY SHORE REGIONAL HEALTH COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGING THE COMMISSION’S NAME CHANGE

WHEREAS, the municipality is a participating member of the “Jersey Shore Regional Health Commission” f/k/a “Monmouth County Regional Health Commission No. 1” (“Commission”) pursuant to an existing shared services agreement between it and the Commission; and

WHEREAS, Monmouth County Regional Health Commission No. 1 has formally changed its name to the Jersey Shore Regional Health Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality and the Commission desire to amend their existing membership agreement to reflect the new name without altering any other substantive term or obligation under the existing agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body that the municipality hereby approves the contract addendum, incorporated herein by reference, between it and the Jersey Shore Regional Health Commission to reflect the Commission’s name change.

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: None.

RESOLUTION SETTING REVISED BID THRESHOLD AND QUOTE THRESHOLD.

2025-0708-113

Councilmember Conklin offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION SETTING REVISED BID THRESHOLD AND QUOTE THRESHOLD

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3(a)* authorizes local contracting units to set a higher bid threshold if they have appointed a Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA), as defined in *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-9*; and

WHEREAS, the State Treasurer, effective July 1, 2025, formally increased the public bidding threshold for contracting units with a QPA to \$53,000.00; and

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6.1(a)* permits the establishment of a quotation threshold at 15% of the bid threshold, now \$7,950.00; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4* and *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3*, “window contracts” are defined as those with an anticipated value between \$17,500.00 and the bid threshold, now \$53,000.00, and may be awarded by a QPA in compliance with applicable Pay-to-Play requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson previously adopted Resolution #2025-0107-10 on January 7, 2025, which referenced and confirmed the then-current bid and quote thresholds; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to amend those resolutions to conform with the updated thresholds established by the State Treasurer.

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 amends Resolution #2025-0107-10 to reflect that the public bid threshold is increased to \$53,000.00 and that the Temporary Borough’s Qualified Purchasing Agent is authorized and empowered to award window contracts between \$17,500.00 and \$53,000.00 in accordance with applicable law.
2. The Borough hereby amends Resolution #2025-0107-10 to reflect the updated public bid threshold of \$53,000.00, and that the quote threshold is \$7,950.00, representing 15% of the bid threshold, as permitted under *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6.1*.
3. All purchasing policies, practices, and manuals shall be deemed modified accordingly to align with the updated bid, quote, and window contract thresholds.
4. All other provisions of Resolutions #2025-0107-10 not inconsistent with this Resolution shall remain in full force and effect.

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: None.

TEMPORARY EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION.

2025-0708-114

Councilmember Conklin 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE-S&W	\$500.00
ASSESSOR-S&W	\$500.00
MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR-OE	\$1,000.00
ENGINEERING-S&W	\$500.00
LAND USE & DEVELOPMENT-S&W	\$500.00
FIRE DEPT-S&W	\$100.00
FIRE DEPT-OE	\$2,000.00
PD DISPATCH-S&W	\$750.00
FIRST AID-S&W	\$100.00
Fire Protection-S&W	\$100.00
Street Dept F/T-S&W	\$12,000.00
GROUP INSURANCE-OE	\$365,000.00
PUBLIC DEFENDER-OE	\$500.00
Fair Haven Fire Prevention S&W	\$100.00
Middletown Animal Control-OE	\$1,000.00
Capital Improvement Fund-OE	\$750,405.00
TOTAL INCREASE TO BUDGET	\$1,135,055.00

Overall 2025 Temporary Budget From: \$12,733,788.85 TO \$13,868,843.85.

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

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

**RESOLUTION FIXING SALARIES OF CERTAIN BOROUGH OFFICERS,
EMPLOYEES AND APPOINTEES.**

2025-0708-115

Councilmember Conklin offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION FIXING SALARIES OF CERTAIN
BOROUGH OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND APPOINTEES

WHEREAS, an ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE FIXING COMPENSATION OF BOROUGH OFFICERS AND CERTAIN BOROUGH EMPLOYEES IN THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON, NEW JERSEY” has been adopted following public hearing; and

WHEREAS, said ordinance provides for salary ranges of various job titles and positions; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Mayor and Council to fix the salaries of those individuals who hold such positions; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson through its Recreation Commission has decided to hire part-time employees for the Borough’s summer recreation program;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough to pay said employees on an hourly basis;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that the hourly rate for the 2025 part-time Summer Recreation Program employees be fixed as follows:

\$ 14.53 per hour

Jack Grumbach

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

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR:

The next Regular Meeting of the Rumson Borough Council will be on Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting agenda will be posted on 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 June 30, 2025:

BOROUGH OF RUMSON				
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL				
Analysis of Cash for the Month Ending:		June 30, 2025		
FUNDS	Beginning Balance	Cash Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Balance
1. CURRENT FUND				
Current Fund Checking	26,406,326.77	644,969.08	(992,790.69)	26,058,505.16
Change Funds	400.00	0.00	0.00	400.00
Investments Rumson BAN	5,080,952.00	0.00	0.00	5,080,952.00
Total Current Fund	31,487,678.77	644,969.08	(992,790.69)	31,139,857.16
2. CAPITAL FUND				-
Capital Fund Checking	9,275,158.43	0.00	(249,299.08)	9,025,859.35
Total Capital Fund	9,275,158.43	0.00	(249,299.08)	9,025,859.35
3. PAYROLL & PAYROLL AGENCY				

Payroll	0.01	337,103.18	(337,103.18)	0.01
Payroll Agency	0.01	205,039.46	(205,039.46)	0.01
<i>Total Payroll & Payroll Agency</i>	<i>0.02</i>	<i>542,142.64</i>	<i>(542,142.64)</i>	<i>0.02</i>

4. TRUST FUNDS

Trust Fund Checking	580,472.06	18,002.00	(14,936.74)	583,537.32
Unemployment Trust	55,528.28	98.14	(21,800.05)	33,826.37
Recreation Trust	715,575.53	39,370.00	(80,909.49)	674,036.04
C.O.A.H. Trust	3,527,118.16	124,288.48	(5,239.78)	3,646,166.86
Law Enforcement Trust Fund	498.50	1.38	0.00	499.88
LEAD (formerly DARE)	20,245.26	63.97	(3,139.01)	17,170.22
Cafeteria Plan	5,828.97	0.00	(1,852.30)	3,976.67
Animal Control Trust Fund	30,467.50	1,543.00	(3,467.98)	28,542.52
<i>Total Trust Funds</i>	<i>4,935,734.26</i>	<i>183,366.97</i>	<i>(131,345.35)</i>	<i>4,987,755.88</i>

TOTAL ALL FUNDS	45,698,571.48	1,370,478.69	(1,915,577.76)	45,153,472.41
------------------------	----------------------	---------------------	-----------------------	----------------------

Respectfully submitted by:

*Matthew J.
Palmer*

Matthew J. Palmer, Chief Financial Officer

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: None.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS AND CLAIMS (RESOLUTION):

Councilmember Casazza offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

Vendor Name	Amount
HOLMAN FRENIA ALLISON, PC	2,350.00
POSTMASTER	551.88
US POSTAL SERVICE FULFILLMENT	3,547.60
ACTION DATA SERVICES,INC	1,844.02
ACTION UNIFORM CO,LLC	153.40
ALL IN ONE SERVICES	350.00
AMAZON.COM SERVICES LLC	464.56
AMAZON.COM SERVICES LLC	193.65
AMAZON.COM SERVICES LLC	977.95
GANNETT NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY	194.82
BOXWOOD GARDENS	985.00
CENTRAL TOWING	620.00
CENTRAL JERSEY STARTER &	685.00
CERTIFIED SPEEDOMETER SERVICE	88.00
CGP&H,LLC	1,879.50

CLEARY, GIACOBBE, ALFIERI	997.50
CLEARY, GIACOBBE, ALFIERI	402.50
DELTA DENTAL OF NEW JERSEY INC	3,793.09
DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS	6,145.84
ELECTRONIC MEASUREMENT LABS	315.66
FEDEX TECHCONNECT REVENUE SERV	25.87
GLOBE PETROLEUM INC	1,693.95
GARRETT GOLDEN ELECTRIC	1,382.00
HUGHES ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	13,500.00
ISLAND TECH SERVICES	33,588.00
JCP&L	5,006.31
JCP&L	4,033.61
JCP&L	4,949.33
JERSEY SHORE APPAREL	2,310.00
JESCO, INC.	3,446.42
KENCOR INC.	636.18
KINTECH,INC	2,162.34
KINTECH,INC	720.78
DARYL J KOCHER	432.44
KYLE MCMANUS ASSOCIATES LLC	975.00
LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES,INC	73.31
LAWES OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT	148.91
LORCO PETROLEUM SERVICES	150.00
MICHELE A MACPHERSON	260.00
MAZZA RECYCLING SERVICES, LTD	4,162.26
MAZZA MULCH,INC	11,616.00
MCCARTER & ENGLISH, LLP	510.00
TREASURER, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH	997.24
MONMOUTH COUNTY TREASURER	100.00
UNITED SITE SERVICES	927.80
MUNICIPAL RECORD SERVICE	1,201.00
NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER	13,926.99
NJ DEPT HEALTH/SR SERVICES	6.00
NEXVORTEX LLC	439.30
NJ DEPARTMENT OF LABOR	203.62
NJ NATURAL GAS CO.	1,015.51
NEW JERSEY MOTOR TRUCK ASSO.	434.50
STATE OF NJ PENSIONS/ACTIVE	126,289.82
STATE OF NJ PENSIONS/RETIREE	86,168.51
ONE CALL CONCEPTS	285.30
ERIC PAONE-HURD	198.00
SOPHIA PASSALAQUA	800.00
POWERHOUSE SIGNWORKS	20.00
PRECISE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	17,720.00
PRECISE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	24,800.00
PRECISE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	17,966.00
PREMIER GRAPHICS,INC	60.00
THOMAS S ROGERS	575.76
RFH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL	23,354.67
SEABOARD WELDING SUPPLY, INC	75.55
SIP'S PAINT & HARDWARE	976.00
SITEONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY	49.64
SNAP-ON EQUIPMENT INC	551.26
S & S WORLDWIDE, INC	342.69
STAVOLA ASPHALT CO. INC.	226.38
STORR TRACTOR CO	819.00
STRATEGIC SAFETY DYNAMICS,LLC	11,727.80

STRONG ROOTS TURF MANAGEMENT	2,750.00
STRONG ROOTS TURF MANAGEMENT	1,700.00
SUBURBAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS	2,393.10
SUBURBAN DISPOSAL INC.,	30,332.77
SUBURBAN DISPOSAL INC.,	49,500.00
UGI ENERGY SERVICES,LLC	122.67
U-LINE INC.	1,063.22
JOSEPH VAN MATER 3RD	158.50
VERIZON	77.85
VERIZON	532.16
VERIZON	86.52
VERIZON WIRELESS	544.13
VERIZON WIRELESS	96.36
VERIZON BUSINESS FIOS	144.99
THOMSON REUTERS - WEST	798.00
ACTION DATA SERVICES,INC	1,245.00
ALLIED OIL, LLC	11,013.31
AMAZON.COM SERVICES LLC	1,059.62
AMAZON.COM SERVICES LLC	122.75
AMERICANWEAR INDUST UNIFORMS	1,082.75
AMERICANWEAR INDUST UNIFORMS	45.00
DEBORAH ANDERSON	555.00
BARTLETT TREE EXPERTS	65.00
BRADY BECKER	300.00
BIS DIGITAL,INC	1,097.25
PATRICIA L BOUTHILLIER	555.00
FREDERIC S BRADLEY	555.00
DZINTRA L. BRUSH	555.00
RICHARD & LINDA CAMPANELLA	1,110.00
CAMPBELL SUPPLY CO INC	2,523.65
MICHELE CARNESI	180.07
LORETTA & HARRY CHEBOOKJIAN	1,110.00
COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN	1,701.25
COMCAST	2,292.53
MARK CONLEY	555.00
CROSS OVER NETWORKS	1,273.85
DOUGLAS & JUDITH CUJE	1,110.00
PATRICK D'AMELIO	518.00
REGINA DAVIDSON	555.00
DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY	594,294.38
WILLIAM & CAROL ANN DICE	1,110.00
DILWORTH PAXSON LLP	1,528.50
LYNDA D. DOYLE	777.00
EDMUNDS AND ASSOCIATES, INC	37.00
ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS	3,920.00
FAIR HAVEN HARDWARE INC	18.87
HARDEN W. FOWLER	1,110.00
JAMES F & LINDA L GALLAGHER	1,110.00
GENERAL CODE,LLC	1,195.00
WW GRAINGER INC	1,641.88
JOHN & MARGARET HENDRICKS	1,110.00
JANE HOFFMAN	1,110.00
HOOVER TRUCK CENTERS INC	673.11
HUGHES ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	13,500.00
HYDRAIR POWER CRIMP LLC	471.98
KENCOR INC.	717.60
KEPWEL NATURAL SPRING WATER	343.00

PHILIP KUHLETHAU	555.00
LAWES OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT	185.34
NORMAN & JOANNE B. LONG	1,110.00
MICHELE A MACPHERSON	130.00
MASIMO AMERICAS,INC	5,206.00
MAZZA RECYCLING SERVICES, LTD	4,739.03
MAZZA MULCH,INC	14,988.00
MCKESSON MEDICAL-SURGICAL	1,372.09
JAMES MELLISH	555.00
MONMOUTH COUNTY TREASURER	400.00
ROYAL E. & VIRGINIA MOSS	1,110.00
UNITED SITE SERVICES	648.80
JOSEPH MURPHY	555.00
NATIONAL WATER MAIN CLEANING	132,879.07
NEARMAP US,INC	7,194.00
NJ DEPT HEALTH/SR SERVICES	9.60
NEXVORTEX LLC	445.89
NJ NATURAL GAS CO.	1,054.30
STATE OF NJ PENSIONS/ACTIVE	131,374.01
STATE OF NJ PENSIONS/RETIREE	86,168.51
SABINE O'CONNOR	468.00
ONE CALL CONCEPTS	346.60
JAMES & SHERRY PELUSO	1,110.00
RICHARD PETRUCCELLI	555.00
PMC ASSOCIATES	1,159.11
PRECISE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	140,390.33
PRECISE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	173,185.60
PREMIER GRAPHICS,INC	360.00
RAYMOND A RAYA	233.33
THOMAS S ROGERS	139.44
R & R RADAR, INC.	140.00
RUMSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DIST	5,542,661.83
RUMSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DIST	2,017.47
RFH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL	3,317,309.50
EDWARD RUMOLO	777.00
SANITATION EQUIPMENT CORP	266.88
JAMES SCALZO	555.00
SERVICE TIRE TRUCK CENTER,INC	981.40
FREDERICK G & JOY SHEA	1,110.00
SITEONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY	133.84
JOANN SORRENTINO	555.00
SPATIAL DATA LOGIC INC	15,540.00
S & S WORLDWIDE, INC	1,714.22
STAPLES,INC	583.82
STAPLES,INC	828.47
STAPLES,INC	299.15
STAVOLA ASPHALT CO. INC.	462.80
MICHAEL B STEIB, PA	1,232.00
MICHAEL B STEIB, PA	4,576.00
STEWARTS PLUMBING & HEATING	193.77
STRYKER SALES CORP	519.25
STRYKER SALES CORP	2,687.00
SURENIAN EDWARDS BUZAK & NOLAN	1,219.50
JAMES TANNER	555.00
TARGETED TECHNOLOGIES LLC	5,369.89
TARGETED TECHNOLOGIES LLC	75.00
TOWNSQUARE MEDIA MON/OCEAN	75.00

TREASURER, STATE OF NJ	9,312.00
U-LINE INC.	403.10
U-LINE INC.	4,867.76
ANTHONY J. VECCHIO	1,082.50
VERIZON WIRELESS	96.41
VISUAL COMPUTER SOLUTIONS, INC	4,477.00
DOUG & ROMY WEINE	10,000.00
WHITE CAP,LP	203.79
DONALD & KAREN YORK	1,110.00
	10,839,348.04

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: None.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL:

Councilmember Conklin spoke at this time. Conklin thanked Chief Municipal Finance Officer Matthew Palmer for his insight and the way he looked at the budget process for 2025. Conklin said Palmer brought a new perspective for the Finance Committee to consider.

Conklin stated that he and his fellow residents are very lucky for the Rumson Police Department and the individuals we have here supporting and protecting the borough. Conklin thanked Chief Boyer for his leadership, inspired productivity and for all he and his department do, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

Councilmember Pomphrey spoke at this time. Pomphrey Thanked Heather Frketich for all she did for the borough during her time here both as the Administrator’s Assistant and Special Events Coordinator.

Councilmember Casazza spoke at this time. Casazza, highlighting that the Rumson Police Department responded to more than 190 calls for service during the 4th of July holiday weekend, thanked the officers for all they do. Casazza confirmed for Councilmember Smith that the calls that come into the Rumson Police Department are categorized based on the type of service call.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Lospinuso made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Councilmember Conklin. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas S. Rogers
Municipal Clerk/Administrator