

AGENDA  
REORGANIZATION MEETING  
BOROUGH COUNCIL  
JANUARY 6, 2026  
7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-STAND.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:30 P.M.

THE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

- Posting and Mailing of a Schedule of All Regular and Work Meetings of The Borough Council for the 2026 Year to The Asbury Park Press and The Two River Times.

INVOCATION

ROLL CALL (Old Council). Conklin, Casazza, Kingsbery, Pomphrey, Lospinuso and Smith.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

READ CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION.

MOTION TO ACCEPT AND FILE THE CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION.

MAYOR ADMINISTERS OATH OF OFFICE TO COUNCILMEMBER J. CLAYTON KINGSBERY AND COUNCILMEMBER DR. MICHAEL LOSPINUSO.

ROLL CALL (New Council). Conklin, Casazza, Kingsbery, Pomphrey, Lospinuso and Smith.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO THE ELECTION OF THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT.

MOTION TO CONCUR THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS OF COMMITTEES.

RECOGNITION TO SWEAR IN RUMSON MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE.

RECOGNITION TO SWEAR IN RABBI DAVID AMAR AS POLICE CHAPLIN.

RECOGNITION OF FIRE and EMS.

BENEDICTION

MOTION FOR A BRIEF RECESS.

COMMUNICATIONS.

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

None.

ANNUAL BUSINESS.

Resolution Appointing Municipal Professionals:  
Municipal Attorney, Bond Counsel, Special Counsels, Municipal Auditor, Municipal Prosecutor, Alternate Municipal Prosecutors, Borough Planner, Municipal Public Defender, Labor Attorney, Planning Board Attorney, Zoning Board of Adjustment Attorney, Consulting Engineers, and Broker of Record for Employee Benefits

Resolution Fixing Time and Place and Adopting the Order of Business for the Regular Meetings of the Borough Council.

Resolution Adopting Cash Management Plan of the Borough of Rumson, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey.

Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Credit Card and Electronic Check Payments for Municipal Fees in Accordance with the Provisions of N.J.A.C. 5:30-9.1 ET. SEQ.

Resolution Adopting Temporary Borough Budget.

MOTION TO SUBMIT A TENTATIVE BOROUGH BUDGET OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2026 AND BE REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE MAYOR IN ORDER THAT SAME MAY BE PREPARED FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL BY THE COUNCIL AT A LATER DATE, WHILE THE FINANCE COMMITTEE BE AUTHORIZED TO HAVE THE BOOKS OF ACCOUNTS OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF THE BOROUGH GOVERNMENT AUDITED AND STATED PURSUANT TO THE LAW GOVERNING SUCH MATTERS.

Resolution Setting Forth the Tax Interest Rate.

Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Hold a Tax Sale of Delinquent Taxes and to Charge Fees Incurred in Tax Sale Notice.

Resolution Authorizing the Tax Assessor to Act as Agent for the Borough of Rumson for the Purpose of Filing and Settling Tax Appeals on Behalf of the Taxing District for the Tax Year 2026.

Resolution to Authorize Pre-Payment of Certain Bills and Claims.

Resolution Setting Bid Threshold and Appointing a Qualified Purchasing Agent.

Resolution Appointing Michele R. Smallze as Municipal Court Administrator for a 1-Year Term.

Resolution Appointing Stephanie Lehner as Police Detective for a 1-Yr. Term.

Resolution Establishing Compensation for Outside Employment of Rumson Police Personnel.

ANNUAL BUSINESS CONSENT AGENDA.

Resolution Designating Two Official Newspapers for Borough Use.

Resolution Setting Forth Photocopy Fees.

Resolution Establishing Engineering Fees for 2026.

Resolution Appointing Community Development Representative and Alternate.

Resolution Appointing Representative for Americans with Disabilities, Affirmative Action and Joint Insurance Fund (JIF) and Alternate.

Resolution Appointing Assessment Search Officer.

Resolution Appointing Tax Search Officer.

Resolution Appointing Thomas S. Rogers as The Municipal Housing Liaison for The Borough of Rumson.

NEW BUSINESS.

1. Introduction of Ordinance #26-001 Fixing Compensation of Borough Officers and Certain Borough Employees in The Borough of Rumson. Public Hearing set for Tuesday, February 13, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

2. Resolution authorizing the Borough of Rumson through the Borough of Rumson Police Department to Participate in the Defense Logistics Agency, Law Enforcement Support Office, 1033 Program to Enable the Borough of Rumson Police Department to Request and Acquire Excess Department of Defense Equipment.
3. Resolution Appointing Nicole Sonnenblick as Rumson Municipal Court Judge for a full three-year term effective January 1, 2026.
4. Resolution Authorizing Shared Service Agreement with Sea Girt for CMFO services.
5. Resolution Authorizing Shared Service Agreement with Monmouth County for the period 2019-2028.
6. Resolution Authorizing Mayor and Municipal Administrator/Clerk to sign Settlement Agreement for Round Four of the Rumson Affordable Housing Agreement with Fair Share Housing Center.
7. Resolution Appointing Helen Graves as CMFO on a Part-Time, Hourly Basis Effective January 1.
8. Resolution Fixing Salaries of Certain Borough Officers, Employees and Appointees.
9. Resolution Authorizing the Award of a State Contract to MRC, Inc. for the Playground Redevelopment for the Victory Park Playground and Recreation Area Improvements Project.
10. Resolution Authorizing Appropriation Transfer for the 2025 budget.
11. Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Robert Boyer as Rumson Chief of Police.

CONSENT AGENDA.

None.

~~CONSIDERATION OF BILLS & CLAIMS (RESOLUTION).~~

MAYOR'S ADDRESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC.

MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING. SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR.