

RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING
BOROUGH COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF RUMSON
JANUARY 7, 2025

The Re-Organization Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson was held on Tuesday, January 7, 2025 and was called to order by Mayor Joseph K. Hemphill at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Absent: Smith.

Thomas S. 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 the annual meeting notice in advance thereof 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).

INVOCATION:

Reverend Jeffrey Roy gave the Invocation.

Mayor Hemphill thanked Reverend Jeffery Roy.

ROLL CALL (OLD COUNCIL):

Present: Conklin, Casazza, Kingsbery, Pomphrey, and Lospinuso.

Absent: Smith.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

On motion by Councilmember Casazza, seconded by Councilmember Kingsbery, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written, copies having been forwarded to all Council members. All in favor.

CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION:

The Municipal Clerk read a statement of the results of an election held in the Borough of Rumson on the 5th day of November, in the year two thousand and twenty-four to elect Municipal Officials for said Rumson Borough made by the Board of County Canvassers of Monmouth County, as submitted by Christine G. Hanlon.

Names of Persons Voted for and
Offices Designated for Each:

BOROUGH COUNCIL (FULL-TERM)

JOHN J. CONKLIN III (R)

SARAH POMPHREY (R)

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION:

On motion by Councilmember Conklin, seconded by Councilmember Kingsbery, the Certificate of Elections was ordered accepted and that the Certificate of Elections be filed on the following roll call vote:

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: Smith.

ADMINISTER THE OATHS OF OFFICE:

Mayor Joseph K. Hemphill administered the oath of office to Councilmember Sarah Pomphrey as her three grandchildren held the life-long bible belonging to her husband Edwin.

Mayor Hemphill congratulated Councilmember Pomphrey.

Mayor Joseph K. Hemphill administered the oath of office to Councilmember John J. Conklin III as his wife, Jennifer, held the Bible.

Mayor Hemphill congratulated Councilmember Conklin.

ROLL CALL (NEW COUNCIL):

Present: Conklin, Casazza, Kingsbery, Pomphrey, Lospinuso.

Absent: Smith.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL:

Councilmember Casazza moved to proceed to the election of a President of the Council for 2023 and nominated Councilmember Conklin as President of the Council. Motion seconded by Councilmember Kingsbery. All in favor.

There being no further nominations, Councilman Conklin was elected President of the Council on the following roll call vote:

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: Smith.

MAYOR'S LETTER NAMING COMMITTEES:

January 7, 2025

To the Honorable Council of the
Borough of Rumson, New Jersey

Dear Members of the Council:

I take this means of naming the following Standing Committees of the Council, which I trust will meet your approval and sanction:

The Mayor and Council members serve on the following Council Committees:

	<u>First Name</u> —Chairman <u>Second Name</u> —Vice-Chairman
<u>Administration and Operations</u> (Finance, Admin, Insurance, HR, Cyber)	<u>Conklin</u> , Kingsbery, Smith
<u>Public Safety Committee</u> (Police, EMS, Fire, OEM)	<u>Hemphill</u> , Conklin, Casazza
<u>Communications</u> (PR, Website, SM)	<u>Pomphrey</u> , Conklin
<u>Public Works, Utilities & General Infrastructure</u> (DPW, Sewer, Public Buildings, Roads, Storm water, Bridges)	<u>Kingsbery</u> , Smith
<u>Construction and Engineering</u> (Construction Office, Zoning, Planning, Engineering)	<u>Casazza</u> , Hemphill
<u>Planning Board Representative</u>	Casazza
<u>Planning Board Mayor’s Alternate</u>	Kingsbery
<u>Historic Preservation Liaison</u>	Kingsbery
<u>Environmental Commission Liaison</u>	Pomphrey
<u>Shade Tree Commission Liaison</u>	Pomphrey
<u>Recreation Liaisons</u>	Conklin
<u>Affordable Housing Committee</u>	<u>Hemphill</u> , Conklin, Lospinuso
<u>Navesink River Municipal Community Group</u>	<u>Pomphrey</u>
<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Hemphill</u> , Kingsbery

Conklin moved that the Council, in acting upon the appointments submitted by the Mayor, concur in confirmation of all. 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.

RECOGNITION OF BOROUGH OF RUMSON STAFF:

Mayor Hemphill thanked the members of the Borough of Rumson staff, Rumson Police Department and Rumson Department of Public Works for all their efforts in 2024.

RECOGNITION OF RUMSON EMS:

Mayor Hemphill thanked 2024 EMS Doug Rossbach and his officers for their service and wished Captain Rossbach and his 2025 Line Officers all the best in the coming year.

SWEARING IN OF FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS:

Mayor Hemphill thanked 2024 Fire Chief Robert Eyerluss III for his service and presented him with ex-chiefs badge.

The Mayor administered the oath of office to Fire Chief Kevin McCarthy. Mayor Hemphill congratulated Chief McCarthy and wished him well in his position for 2025.

Mayor Hemphill invited new Assistant Fire Chief Nicholas Luiten for 2025 to come forward. The Mayor administered the oath of office to Assistant Fire Chief Nicholas Luiten. Mayor Hemphill congratulated Assistant Chief Luiten and wished him well in his position for 2025.

Chief McCarthy thanked his fellow officers for their service in 2024 and introduced the Rumson Fire Department Line Officers for 2025:

Mayor Hemphill thanked the volunteer members of the Rumson First Aid Squad and the Rumson Fire Department for their dedicated service to the community.

BENEDICTION:

Reverend Jeffrey Roy gave the Benediction.

RECOGNITION OF ASSEMBLYWOMAN VICTORIA A. FLYNN:

Mayor Hemphill took the opportunity to recognize Assemblywoman Victoria A. Flynn and thanked her for attending the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None.

ANNUAL BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MUNICIPAL PROFESSIONALS FOR 2025.

2025-0107-01

Councilmember Casazza offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MUNICIPAL PROFESSIONALS FOR 2025

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the services for the following professionals for the Borough of Rumson as authorized by R.S.40A:11-5:

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, and Consulting Engineers, Tax Appeal Attorney; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the annual audit for the calendar year 2025 as required by R.S.40A:5-4; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, R.S.40A:11-1, et. seq., requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for “Professional Services” without competitive bids must be published no more than ten (10) days following the adoption thereof:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson as follows:

1. The Mayor and the Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed, in behalf of the Borough, to:
 - a. retain Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs, LLC, Attorneys at Law of the State of New Jersey, to perform the services of Municipal Attorney for the year 2025, pursuant to R.S.40A:11-5; and
 - b. retain the Law Firm of McCarter & English, Attorneys at Law of the State of New Jersey, to perform the services of Bond Counsel and said law firm is hereby appointed to that position for the year 2025, pursuant to R.S.40A:11-5; and
 - c. retain the Law Firm of Surenian, Edwards, Buzak & Nolan LLC, an Attorney at Law of the State of New Jersey, to perform the services of Special Counsel and said Attorney is hereby appointed to that position for the year 2025, pursuant to R.S.40A:11-5; and
 - d. execute an agreement with Holman Frenia Allison, P.C. of Red Bank, N.J. to perform the Borough’s 2023 Annual Audit in accordance with R.S.40A:5-4 and said firm is appointed to perform that and all other accounting services necessary; and
 - e. retain Anthony J. Vecchio, Esq., an Attorney at Law of the State of New Jersey, to perform the services of Municipal Prosecutor for the year 2025, pursuant to R.S.40A:11-5; and
 - f. retain William McGuinn, Esq., an Attorney at Law of the State of New Jersey, to perform the services of Alternate Municipal Prosecutor for the year 2025, pursuant to R.S.40A:11-5; and
 - g. retain Kendra Lelie, PP, AICP, LLA of Kyle + McManus Associates, to perform the services of Borough Planner for the year 2025, pursuant to R.S.40A:11-5; and
 - h. retain Raymond Raya, Esq., an Attorney at Law of the State of New Jersey, to perform the services of Municipal Public Defender for the year 2025 pursuant to R.S.40A:11-5; and
 - i. retain the Law Firm of Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri and Jacobs, LLC, Attorneys at Law in the State of New Jersey, to perform the services of Labor Attorney for the year 2025, pursuant to R.S. 40A:11-5; and
 - j. retain Michael B. Steib, Esq., Attorney at Law in the State of New Jersey, to perform the services of Planning Board Attorney for the year 2025, pursuant to R.S.40A:11-5; and
 - k. retain Michael B. Steib, Esq., Attorney at Law in the State of New Jersey, to perform the services of Zoning Board of Adjustment Attorney for the year 2025, pursuant to R.S.40A:11-5; and
 - l. retain the engineering firms of Colliers Engineering & Design., T&M Associates, Cranmer Engineering, Stantec Engineering, and Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc, for the year 2025, pursuant to R.S. 40A:11-5; and
 - m. retain the firm Dilworth Paxson LLP for Rumson Tax Appeal Attorney for the year 2025, pursuant to R.S. 40A:11-5.

2. Said Municipal Attorney, Bond Counsel, Special Counsel, 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 Tax Appeal Attorney are retained and appointed to the above offices and said Auditor is awarded a contract pursuant to R.S. 40A:11-5 without competitive bidding as a “Professional Service” under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because the service rendered or performed is to be done by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and whose profession and practice is regulated by law and bids are not required per R.S.40A:5-11.
3. A copy of this resolution shall be published in the *Asbury Park Press* or *Two River Times* as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.

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 FIXING TIME AND PLACE AND ADOPTING THE ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL.

2025-0107-02

Councilmember Casazza offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION FIXING TIME AND PLACE AND ADOPTING THE ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson that the standard time and place for the regular meetings of the Borough Council in the year 2025 will be and the same are hereby fixed as the second Tuesday of each month at the hour of 7:30 o’clock p.m., at the Charles S. Callman Courtroom/Council Chamber of Borough Hall, 80 East River Road, Rumson, N.J. In addition, brief work sessions of the Council will be held after each regular meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that work sessions of the Borough Council be held on the first, third, fourth and fifth Tuesdays of each month at 4:00 p.m., when needed, at the Charles S. Callman Courtroom/Council Chamber of Borough Hall; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if there is a holiday or scheduling conflict on the regularly scheduled meeting dates, the meeting shall be scheduled to another date and/or time; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to publish notice thereof in the *Asbury Park Press* and the *Two River Times* for one publication.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that the following shall be the order of business to be observed in conducting the Borough meetings during the current year:

1. – Roll Call.
2. – Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting.
3. – Communications.

4. – Reports of Committees.
5. – Unfinished Business.
6. – Annual Business. (Re-organization meeting only).
7. – New Business.
8. – Consideration of Bills and Claims.
9. – Comments.
10. – Adjournment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rumson Borough Council and the Mayor welcome comments, suggestions and inquiries from residents of Rumson. To that end, provision is made for a public discussion period at each meeting. It is listed as: “Public Discussion” – near the end of the meeting where any topic may be addressed. Each comments session is limited to thirty (30) minutes; any one person may address the Council for a maximum of three (3) minutes; once a particular topic has been addressed by a member of the public, subsequent comments on that same topic by other people is limited to a maximum of two (2) minutes; citizens who have spoken once during the session will be recognized a second time only after all others have been heard a first time; and, for the record speakers are required to state their names and addresses; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event a Borough Council meeting needs to be held remotely, for any reason including but not limited to a state of emergency or a public health crisis, the Rumson Borough Council and the Mayor will hold meetings electrically, utilizing a widely recognized communication platform accessible by both audio and video connections, or an audio-only conferencing program. Program utilized will support the ability for Borough Council to mute all members of the public and members of the public to mute themselves; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event that a Borough Council meeting needs to be held remotely, the meetings of the Borough Council in the year 2025 will take place on the third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 4:30 o’clock p.m.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event that a Borough Council meeting needs to be held remotely, and there is a holiday or scheduling conflict on the remote scheduled meeting date, the meeting shall be scheduled for another date and/or time; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event that a Borough Council meeting needs to be held remotely, the Municipal Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to publish notice thereof in the *Asbury Park Press* and the *Two River times* for one publication. In addition, notice will also be published on the Borough of Rumson website at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting date and time, along with the meeting agenda; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all virtual meeting access details, meeting Agenda and instructions for public comment shall be posted on the Borough of Rumson website at www.rumsonnj.gov at least 48 hours prior to the meeting date; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson will observe the regularly scheduled order of business for any and all remote meetings during the calendar year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rumson Borough Council and the Mayor will conduct the “Public Discussion” during a remote meeting with the same guidelines as a regularly scheduled meeting. Based on the remote program being utilized for the meeting, instructions for public comment will be posted on the Borough of Rumson website and will be read by the Municipal Clerk at the start of the “Public Discussion” element(s) of the meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED should there be a disruptive member of the public during the “Public Comment” segment of said meeting, the Borough of Rumson official representative shall mute, or direct authorized personnel to mute, the disruptive member of the public. Should disruption from the same individual continue after warning, the individual will be prevented from speaking during the remainder of the meeting or be removed from the remote public meeting completely; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED disruptions are categorized as, but not limited to, shouting, interruption, and use of profanity.

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 ADOPTING CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN OF THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

2025-0107-03

Councilmember Conklin offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN OF THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON COUNTY OF MONMOUTH STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:5-14 of the Local Fiscal Affairs Law requires that every local unit shall adopt a “Cash Management Plan” and shall deposit in an interest bearing account, all available public funds pursuant to the plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Rumson, hereby adopts the following “Cash Management Plan” policy to be utilized by the Borough of Rumson for the year 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution shall be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, Borough Auditor, and Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Rumson (Monmouth County).

CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN OF THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This Cash Management Plan (the “Plan”) is prepared pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-14 in order to set forth the basis of deposits (“Deposits”) and investment (“Permitted Investments”) of certain public funds of the Borough of Rumson, pending the use of such funds for the intended purposes. The Plan is intended to assure that all public funds identified herein are deposited in interest bearing Deposits or otherwise invested in Permitted Investments herein after referred to. The intent of the plan is to provide that the decisions made with regard to the Deposits and the Permitted Investments will be done to insure the safety, the liquidity, (regarding its availability for the intended purposes), and the maximum investment return within such limits. The plan is intended to insure that any Deposit or Permitted Investment matures within the time period that approximates the prospective need for the funds deposited or invested so that there is not a risk to the market value of such Deposits or Permitted Investments.

II. DEFINITIONS

“*Arbitrage*” refers to the rules and regulations governing the issuance of bonds or notes and the reinvestment of the proceeds at higher yield. These regulations are promulgated by the Internal Revenue Service, Regulation 1.103.

“*Certificate of Eligibility*” is the certification issued by the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance, Division of Banking that a Public Depository is eligible to act as a depository for public funds and qualifies as a participant in the New Jersey Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act, GUDPA.

“GUDPA” requires a bank that accepts public funds to be a public depository. A “Public Depository” is defined as a state bank, a national bank, a savings bank or association which is located in the State of New Jersey, the deposits of which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and which received or holds public funds on deposit. A local unit may make deposits in, or purchase certificates of deposit from, banks which are located in New Jersey and which meet the requirements of the “GUDPA”.

“*The New Jersey Cash Management Fund.*” The New Jersey Division of Investment is authorized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52-18A-90.4 to establish, maintain and operate, with the approval of the State Investment Council and the State Treasurer, a common trust fund known as the State of New Jersey-New Jersey Cash Management Fund (the “Fund”). The Fund is authorized to accept deposits from all Local Units of government. The Fund is a “common trust” fund pursuant to the statute that created such funds within the jurisdiction of the Division of Investment. According to the enabling legislation, monies of Local Units deposited in the Fund must be invested in obligations and bonds that meet the investment requirements of the statute. These obligations include, among other things, evidences of indebtedness of U.S. corporations. These obligations are less secure than those permitted to Local Units under the Act. Thus, the Fund is riskier than direct investments in federal securities or GUDPA protected deposits by Local Units.

III. IDENTIFICATION OF FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS TO BE COVERED BY THE PLAN

- A) The Plan is intended to cover the deposit and/or investment of the following funds and accounts of the Borough of Rumson:
 - Current Fund
 - Grant Fund
 - All Trust Funds
 - Capital Funds
 - Bond & Interest Fund
 - Rumson Endowment Fund, Inc.
- B) The Plan is not intended to cover the deposit and/or investment of the following Funds and Accounts of the Borough of Rumson
 - 1. Petty Cash/Change Funds
 - 2. Cash drawn from a Federal Agency under a letter of credit which cash has to be paid out within 5 working days to a vendor.
 - 3. Deposit, retainage, or amounts posted by way of bond, held by the Borough for such things as faithful performance, if the Borough would be required by Jaw to pay back any interest earned to the provider of the deposit, except where the Borough is required by law or court decision to invest the fund.
 - 4. Amounts derived from the sale of bonds or notes, only to the extent that a specific written opinion of counsel states that the earning of (full) interest would result in the bonds or notes being classified as an arbitrage (not Federally Tax Exempt) issue pursuant to federal regulations. To the extent that some interest is allowable, it shall be deposited at the most favorable rate obtainable.

IV. DESIGNATION OF OFFICIALS OF THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON AUTHORIZED TO MAKE DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

The Chief Financial Officer, (The “Designated Official”) is hereby authorized and directed to deposit and/or invest the Funds referred to in the plan. Prior to making any such deposits or any Permitted Investments, such officials of the Borough of Rumson are directed to supply to all depositories or any other parties with whom the Deposits or Permitted Investments are made a written copy of this Plan which shall be acknowledged in writing by such parties and a copy of such acknowledgement kept on file with such officials.

V. STANDARDS OF CARE

1. The Designated Officials involved in the investment process shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with the proper execution and management of the investment program, or that could impair their ability to make impartial decisions.
2. The Designated Officials shall disclose any material interests in the financial institutions with which business is conducted and they shall refrain from undertaking personal investment transactions with the same individual with whom business is conducted on behalf of the Borough of Rumson.
3. The Chief Financial Officer, under the direction of the Borough Administrator, is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control. The controls should ensure that the assets of the Borough are protected from loss, theft, or misuse.

VI. PROCEDURES FOR THE RECEIPT OF MONIES

A) Department Procedures

1. A receipt shall be issued in duplicate for all transactions involving the receipt of cash. A copy of the receipt shall be given to the paying party and the duplicate shall be maintained by the receiving department. All payments and receipts must be recorded.
2. All monies collected or received from any source by or on behalf of the Borough shall be forwarded to the Finance Department to be deposited within forty eight (48) hours of receipt to the designated bank pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A : 5-15.
3. All monies received shall be placed in a secured place until forwarded for deposit.
4. No department, division or agency shall engage in the practice of cashing checks with public funds. Cashing of employee pay checks is prohibited.

B) Chief Financial Officer (Designated Official)

1. The Chief Financial Officer shall:
 - a. Deposit all monies collected or received from any source by or on behalf of the Borough within forty eight (48) hours of receipt to the designated bank pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-15.
 - b. Ensure that all monies deposited are in interest bearing accounts.
 - c. Make recommendations of legal public depositories to the Borough Council who shall by resolution designate said depositories at the first meeting of the calendar year.
 - d. Ensure that each of the various accounts for which there is a separate bank statement is reconciled with that bank statement by the end of the following month.
 - e. Verify that designated official depositories submit to the Chief Financial Officer a copy of the State of New Jersey, Department of Banking and Insurance, Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act notification of Certificate of Eligibility, which must be filed semi-annually in the Department of Banking as of June 30* and December 31st of each year.

VII. DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES

The following Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUDPA) approved banks and financial institutions are hereby designated as official depositories for the deposit of all public funds referred to in the Plan, including any certificates of deposits which are not otherwise invested in permitted investments as provided for in this Plan”.

PROVIDENT BANK
 OCEANFIRST BANK
 BANK OF AMERICA
 CITIZENS BANK
 PNC BANK
 TD BANK
 VALLEY NATIONAL BANK

WELLS FARGO

All such depositories shall acknowledge in writing receipt of this Plan by sending a copy of such acknowledgement, as well as, GUDPA certificates to the Designated Official(s) referred to in Section III above.

VIII. AUTHORIZED ACCOUNT SIGNERS

- A) All checks, warrants, notes and other financial papers for the *Borough of Rumson Municipal Court and Municipal Court Bail* be signed by Municipal Court Judge Nicole Sonnenblick or Municipal Court Administrator Michele R. Smallze or Deputy Municipal Court Administrator Colleen Schulster or Deputy Municipal Court Administrator Janice Swaggerty.
- B) All checks warrants, notes and other financial papers for the *Borough of Rumson Payroll Account* be signed by two of the following officials: Mayor Joseph K. Hemphill, or in his absence by the President of the Council John J. Conklin, III, Chief Financial Officer Matthew J. Palmer, or in his absence Tax Collector Michele Carnesi or Finance Assistant Melissa T. McGuire, Municipal Clerk Thomas S. Rogers or in his absence Deputy Municipal Clerk Eric Paone-Hurd.
- C) All checks, warrants, notes and other financial papers for Borough of Rumson bank accounts not listed above be signed by the Mayor, Joseph K. Hemphill, or in his absence by the President of the Council John J. Conklin, III, countersigned by Chief Financial Officer Matthew J. Palmer, or in his absence Tax Collector Michele Carnesi or Finance Assistant Melissa T. McGuire and countersigned by Municipal Clerk Thomas S. Rogers, or in his absence, Deputy Municipal Clerk Eric Paone-Hurd.
- D) All checks, warrants, notes and other financial papers for the Rumson Endowment Fund, Inc. be signed by two of the following officials: Chairman Joseph K Hemphill, Director J. Clayton Kingsbery, Administrator Thomas S Rogers, Financial Officer Matthew J. Palmer.
- E) All transfer of funds between Borough of Rumson Accounts be authorized by Chief Financial Officer Matthew J. Palmer, or in his absence Tax Collector Michele Carnesi or Finance Assistant Melissa T. McGuire, or by Municipal Clerk Thomas S. Rogers, or in his absence, Deputy Municipal Clerk Eric Paone-Hurd.
- F) All Domestic Wire transfers and ACH transactions be prepared and authorized for release on their individual authority to the bank, by Chief Financial Officer Matthew J. Palmer, or in his absence Tax Collector Michele Carnesi or Finance Assistant Melissa T. McGuire, or by Municipal Clerk Thomas S. Rogers, or in his absence, Deputy Municipal Clerk Eric Paone-Hurd; however, no such Domestic Wire transfer or ACH transaction shall be initiated for release until it has been internally verified, verbally, by one of the officials designated above to authorize the transaction; however, the official verifying the transaction must be someone other than the official who prepared it and authorized its release.

IX. AUTHORIZED INVESTMENTS

Except as otherwise specifically provided for herein, the Designated Official is hereby authorized to invest the public funds covered by this Plan, to the extent not otherwise held in Deposits, in the following Permitted Investments

- A) When authorized by a cash management plan approved pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14, any local unit may use moneys which may be in hand for the purchase of the following types of securities which, if suitable for registry, may be registered in the name of the local unit:
 - a. Bonds or other obligations of the United States of America or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America

- b. Government Money Market Mutual Funds
 - c. Any Obligations that a Federal Agency or a Federal Instrumentality has issued in accordance with an Act of Congress, which security has a maturity date not greater than 397 days from the date of purchase, provided that such obligation bears a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or other external factor.
 - d. Bonds or other obligations of the Local Unit or bonds or other obligations of school districts of which the Local Unit is a part or within which the school district is located.
 - e. Bonds or other obligations, having a maturity date not more than 397 days from the date of purchase, approved by the Division of Investment of the Department of the Treasury for investment by Local Units.
 - f. Local Government Investment pools.
 - g. Deposits with the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund established pursuant to section 1 of P.L. 1977, c. 281 (C.52:18A-90.4) or
 - (i) The underlying securities are permitted investments pursuant to paragraphs 1” and “3” of this subsection a;
 - (ii) The custody of collateral is transferred to a third party;
 - (iii) The maturity of the agreement is not more than 30 days;
 - (iv) The underlying securities are purchased through a public depository as defined in section 1 of P.L. 1970, c.236 (c. 17:9-41); and
 - (v) A master repurchase agreement providing for the custody and security of collateral is executed.
- B) Any investment instruments in which the security is not physically held by the local unit shall be covered by a third-party custodial agreement which shall provide for the designation of such investments in the name of the local unit and prevent unauthorized use of such investments.
- C) Purchase of investment securities shall be executed by the "delivery versus payment" method to ensure that securities are either received by the local unit or a third-party custodian prior to or upon the release of the local unit's funds
- D) Any investments not purchased and redeemed directly from the issuer, government money market mutual fund, local government investment pool, or the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund, shall be purchased and redeemed through the use of a national or State bank located within this State or through a broker-dealer which, at the time of the purchase or redemption, has been registered continuously for a period of at least two years pursuant to section 9 of P.L.1967, c93. (C.49:3- 56) and has at least \$25 million in capital stock (or equivalent capitalization if not a corporation), surplus reserves for contingencies and undivided profits, or through a securities dealer who makes primary markets in U.S. Government securities and reports daily to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York its position in borrowing on such U.S. Government Securities.
- E) For purposes of this section:

A “government money market mutual fund” means an investment company or investment trust:

- a. Which is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the “Investment Company Act of 1940,” 15 U.S.C. Sec. 80a-1 et seq., and operated in accordance with 17 C.F.R. sec, 270. 2a-7, except that a government money market mutual fund may not impose liquidity fees or redemption gates regardless of whether permitted to do so under 17 C.F.R. s.270.2a-7;
- b. The portfolio of which is limited to U.S. Government securities that meet the definition of any eligible security pursuant to 17 C.F.R. sec. 270. 2a-7, securities that have been issued by New Jersey school districts, municipalities, counties, and entities subject to the “Local Authorities Fiscal Control Law,” P.L. 1983, C.313 (c.40A:5A-1 et seq.) that meet the definition of an eligible security pursuant to 17 C.F.R. s.270.2a-7, and repurchase agreements that are collateralized by such securities in which direct investment may be made pursuant to paragraphs (a), (c), and (e) of subsection A of this section;
- c. Which is rated by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization.

A “Local Government Investment Pool” means an investment pool:

- a. Which is managed in accordance with generally accepted accounting and financial reporting principles for local government investment pools established by the Government Accounting Standards Board;
- b. Which is rated in the highest category by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization;
- c. Which is limited to U.S. Government securities that meet the definition of eligible security pursuant to 17 C.F.R. sec. 270.2a-7, securities that have been issued by New Jersey school districts, municipalities, counties, and entities subject to the “Local Authorities Fiscal Control Law,” P.L. 1983, C.313 (C.40A:5A-1 et seq.) that meet the definition of an eligible security pursuant to 17 C.F.R. sec. 270.2a-7 and repurchase agreements that collateralized by such securities in which direct investment may be made pursuant to paragraphs (a), (c), and (e) of subsection A of this section;.
- d. Which is in compliance with rules adopted pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L. 1968, c.410 (c.52:14B-1 et seq.) by the Local Finance Board of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, which may promulgate rules providing for disclosure and reporting requirements, and other provisions deemed necessary by the board to provide for the safety, liquidity and yield of the investments.
- e. Which does not permit investments in instruments that: are subject to high price volatility with changing market conditions; cannot reasonably be expected, at the time of interest rate adjustment, to have a market value that approximates their par value; or utilize an index that does not support a stable net asset value; and
- f. Which purchases and redeems investments directly from the issuer, government money market mutual fund, or the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund, or through the use of a National or State bank located within this State, or through a broker-dealer which, at the time of purchase or redemption, has been registered continuously for a period of at least two years pursuant to section 9 of P.L. 1967 c.9 (C.49:3-56) and has at least \$25 million in capital stock (or equivalent capitalization if not a corporation), surplus reserves for contingencies and undivided profits, or through a securities dealer who makes primary markets in U.S. Government securities and reports daily to the Federal Reserve Bank of

New York its position in an borrowing on such U.S. Government securities.

- g. Which does not impose liquidity fees or redemption gates.

X. SAFEKEEPING CUSTODY PAYMENT

To the extent that any Deposit or Permitted Investment involves a document or security which is not physically held by the Borough of Rumson, then such instrument or security shall be covered by all custodial agreements with an independent third party. Such institution shall provide for the designation of such investments in the name of the Borough of Rumson to assure that there is no unauthorized use of the funds or the permitted investments or deposits. Purchase of any Permitted Investments that involve securities shall be executed by a “delivery versus payment” method to insure that such Permitted Investments are either received by the Borough of Rumson or by a third party custodian prior to or upon the release of the Borough of Rumson’s funds.

To assure that all parties with whom the Borough of Rumson deals either by way of deposits or permitted Investments are aware of the authority and the limits set forth in this plan, all such parties shall be supplied with a copy of this plan in writing and all such parties shall acknowledge the receipt of that plan in writing, a copy of which shall be on file with the designated official(s).

XI. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

On the fifteenth day of each month during which this Plan is in effect, the Designated Officials referred to in Section IV hereof shall supply to the governing body of the Borough of Rumson a written report of any Deposits of Permitted Investments made pursuant to this Plan, which shall include, at a minimum, the following information:

- a. All investments made or redeemed over the past month;
- b. Each organization holding local unit funds;
- c. The amount of securities purchased or sold, class or type of securities purchased, book value, earned income, fees incurred and market value of all investments to date; and
- d. Such other information as may be required by the governing body.
- e. Any official involved with the selection of depositories, investments, broker/dealers shall disclose any material business or personal relationship to the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Rumson and to the Local Finance Board or Local Ethics Board as applicable.
- f. Any official who, in the course of his or her duties, deposits, or invests in accordance with this plan shall be relieved of any liability or loss.

XII. IMPORTANT NOTES ON CASH MANAGEMTN PLANS:

Investment in notes issued by New Jersey municipalities, counties, fire districts and boards of education, as well as the other permitted municipal debt obligations referenced above, must be authorized by a cash management plan adopted or amended by the governing body. Local Finance Notice CFO-1997-14 further discusses cash management plans and local government investment; however, since the issuance of that Notice, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 was amended by P.L. 2018, c. 40 to authorize the deposit of finds in deposit accounts (including certificates of deposit) subject to the following conditions:

- The funds are initially invested through a public depository participating in the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act (“GUDPA”);

- The designated public depository arranges for the deposit of funds in deposit accounts in one or more federally insured financial institutions, for the account of the local unit;
- 100% of the principal and accrued interest of each deposit is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund;
- The designated public depository acts as custodian for the local unit with respect to those deposits; and
- On the same date that the local unit's funds are deposited in one or more federally insured institutions, the designated public depository receives an amount of deposits from other customers of other financial institutions, wherever located, equal to the amount of funds initially invested by the local unit through the designated public depository.

XIII. DIVERSIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

The Chief Financial Officer shall closely examine investments to guard against the effects of a financial institution going into default. This may be accomplished through the practice of spreading the investments among the various designated official depositories when feasible.

XIV. INVESTMENT PROCEDURES:

Bids for Certificates of Deposit and Repurchase Agreements will be solicited of at least three (3) designated depositories only if the amount is \$100,000 or greater. Telephone bids will be solicited of designated depositories by the Chief Financial Officer or designated staff member.

The depository shall specify the principal amount of the investment bid on, interest rate and number of days used to calculate the interest to be paid upon maturity.

Interest paid shall be from the date the bid was awarded to the day of maturity.

All bidders may request the results of the bid after the bid is formally awarded.

A check or wire transfer of funds will be made available to the winning bidder on the same business day the bid is awarded.

Each quotation shall be documented to record the date and time of quote, the parties in the discussion, the instrument(s), maturities and rates. A bid form of the Borough may be used.

XV. CONTROLS:

When possible, the internal controls should provide for separation of the investment placement functions and the accounting activity. Controls must be designated for telephone orders, wire transfers and securities safekeeping. Only specifically designated personnel shall be allowed to conduct this part of the transactions, and all activity should be subject to immediate written confirmation by the designated depository.

XVI. BOROUGH AUDITOR

The Borough Investment practices (including compliance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14) and the agreement for banking services and compensation thereof shall be reviewed by the Borough Auditor as part of the annual audit, as required by N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4. Where a conflict exists between this Cash Management Plan and State Statute, the applicable State Statute shall apply.

XVII. SURETY BONDS

- a. The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer shall be covered by surety bonds. During the annual audit, the Borough Auditor shall examine said bonds to determine that proper coverage has been obtained.
- b. Staff members of the Chief Financial Officer's office, other than the Treasurer (See a. above), shall be covered by a public employee's faithful performances bond in the minimum amount of \$10,000.

XVIII. TERM OF PLAN

This Plan shall be in effect from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025. The Plan may be amended from time to time. To the extent that any amendment is adopted by the Council, the Designated Official is directed to supply copies of the amendments to all of the parties who otherwise have received the copy of the originally approved Plan, which amendment shall be acknowledged in writing in the same manner as the original Plan was so acknowledged.

XIX. CONFLICT

Where a conflict exists between this Cash Management Plan and State statute, this applicable State statute shall apply.

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 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.

2025-0107-4

Councilmember Casazza offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**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.**

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services has promulgated regulation, N.J.A.C. 5:30-9.1 et seq., authorizing municipalities to accept credit card or electronic transfer payments in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Code; and

WHEREAS, in order for a municipality to accept credit card or electronic transfer payments, a resolution must be adopted by the governing body authorizing the same and stating the type of obligations which can be paid by electronic receipt and the types of electronic receipt that will be permitted; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Borough Council to authorize the payment of municipal fees, taxes, utility payments and other charges to the full extent permitted by law; and

WHEREAS, the utilization of credit cards for payments of these fees, costs or charges must be in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 5:30-9.1 et seq.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson, as follows:

- 1. That the Borough of Rumson authorizes any Municipal office or agency to accept credit card or electronic payments of municipal fees, taxes, utility payments and other charges that may be due to any municipal agency to the full extent authorized by law.
- 2. That the use of credit cards for payment is subject to the provisions of N.J.A.C. 5:30-9.1 et seq.

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

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: Smith.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING TEMPORARY BOROUGH BUDGET

2025-0107-5

Councilmember Conklin offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING TEMPORARY BOROUGH BUDGET

WHEREAS, N.J.S.40A:4-19 provides that where any contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2025 budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is within the first thirty days of 2025; and

WHEREAS, 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2025 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for debt service, capital improvement fund and public assistance in said 2024 budget, is the sum of \$4,514,382.82;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following temporary appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for her records:

GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS:

(A) Operations

1. General Government

ADMINISTRATIVE and EXECUTIVE

Salaries and Wages	\$ 69,500.00
Other Expenses	\$ 48,000.00

MUNICIPAL CLERK

Salaries and Wages	\$ 39,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 10,000.00
Elections	\$ 500.00

FINANCE

Salaries and Wages	\$ 54,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 15,000.00

AUDIT SERVICES	
Other Expenses	\$ 35,000.00
TAX COLLECTION	
Salaries and Wages	\$ 31,500.00
Other Expenses	\$ 10,000.00
TAX ASSESSMENT	
Salaries and Wages	\$ 17,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 3,000.00
RECORDS	
Other Expenses	\$ 1,000.00
LEGAL	
Other Expenses	\$ 45,000.00
ENGINEERING	
Salaries & Wages	\$ 80,500.00
Other Expenses	\$ 10,000.00
2. Land Use Administration	
LAND USE & DEVELOPMENT OFFICE	
Salaries and Wages	\$ 30,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 5,000.00
3. Code Enforcement and Administration	
FIRE PROTECTION OFFICIAL	
Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,500.00
CONSTRUCTION CODE OFFICIAL	
Salaries and Wages	\$ 66,500.00
Other Expenses	\$ 8,000.00
UNIFORM FIRE SAFETY	\$ 2,500.00
4. Public Safety	
POLICE DEPARTMENT	
Salaries and Wages	\$ 600,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 75,000.00
Purchase of Police Vehicles	\$ 5,000.00
POLICE DISPATCH /911	
Salaries and Wages	\$ 75,000.00
911 Annual Contract	\$ 6,000.00
AID TO FIRST AID ORGANIZATION AID	\$ 25.00
Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,600.00
Other Expenses	\$ 4,000.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT AID	\$ 25.00
Salaries and Wages	\$ 3,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 15,000.00
MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR	
Other Expenses	\$ 4,000.00
5. Public Works	
STREETS and ROADS	
Salaries and Wages	\$ 350,000.00

Other Expenses	\$ 55,000.00
SEWER SYSTEM	
Salaries and Wages	\$ 60,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 25,000.00
SHADE TREE COMMISSION	
Other Expenses	\$ 10,000.00
SOLID WASTE COLLECTION	
Contractual	\$ 155,000.00
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS	
Other Expenses	\$ 30,000.00
Property Lease	\$ 2,000.00
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	
Other Expenses	\$ 40,000.00
6. Health and Human Services	
BOARD OF HEALTH	
Contracted Services	\$ 25,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 500.00
Hepatitis B Vaccine Costs	\$ 125.00
7. Parks and Recreation	
RECREATION	
Salaries and Wages	\$ 35,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 50.00
8. MUNICIPAL COURT	
Salaries and Wages	\$ 17,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 2,000.00
9. PUBLIC DEFENDER	
Other Expenses	\$ 750.00
10. Utility and Bulk Purchases	
STREET LIGHTING	\$ 20,000.00
FIRE HYDRANTS	\$ 40,000.00
TELEPHONE	\$ 12,500.00
ELECTRICITY	\$ 37,000.00
GAS (NATURAL OR PROPANE)	\$ 15,000.00
WATER	\$ 15,000.00
GASOLINE	\$ 50,000.00
LANDFILL/SOLID WASTE	\$ 175,000.00
CONTINGENT	\$ 1,000.00
Statutory Expenditures:	
P.E.R.S.	\$ 100.00
SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 100,000.00
P.F.R.S.	\$ 100.00
D.C.R.P	\$ 100.00
INSURANCE	
General Liability	\$ 275,000.00
Employee Group Health	\$ 570,000.00
SEWER AUTHORITY SHARE OF COSTS	\$ 475,000.00

Aid to Oceanic Library	\$ 100.00
Homeland Security OEM Other Expenses	\$ 1,000.00
Shared Service Agreement	
Fair Haven Construction Salaries and Wages	\$ 35,000.00
Fair Haven Construction Other Expenses	\$ 5,000.00
Fair Haven Court Salaries and Wages	\$ 11,500.00
Fair Haven Court Other Expenses	\$ 2,000.00
Fair Haven Fire Prevention Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,500.00
Little Silver Construction Salaries and Wages	\$ 37,000.00
Little Silver Construction Other Expenses	\$ 5,500.00
City of Asbury Park – Rescue Services	\$ 21,225.00
Holmdel: Other Expenses	\$ 5,000.00
Middletown: Other Expenses	\$ 2,000.00

SUBTOTAL \$4,091,200.00

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$2,000,000.00
PRINCIPAL ON BONDS	\$ 540,000.00
PRINCIPAL ON NOTES	\$ 300,000.00
INTEREST ON BONDS	\$ 109,000.00
GREEN TRUST	<u>\$ 51,006.00</u>
TOTAL	\$7,091,206.00

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.

MOTION TO REFER 2025 TENTATIVE BOROUGH BUDGET OF APPROPRIATIONS TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND MAYOR & AUTHORIZE THE ANNUAL BOROUGH AUDIT FOR 2024:

Councilmember Conklin moved that the matter of submitting a Tentative Budget of Appropriations for 2025 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 and moved the Finance Committee be authorized to have the books of accounts of the departments of The Borough Government audited, pursuant to the law governing such matters.

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.

**RESOLUTION FIXING THE RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED ON
DELINQUENT TAXES, ASSESSMENTS AND MUNICIPAL SEWER CHARGES**

2025-0107-6

Councilmember Pomphrey offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION FIXING THE RATE OF INTEREST
TO BE CHARGED ON DELINQUENT TAXES,
ASSESSMENTS AND MUNICIPAL SEWER CHARGES**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 permits the governing body of each municipality to fix the rate of interest to be charged for non-payment of taxes or assessments subject to any abatement or discount for the late payment of taxes as provided by law;

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 Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to charge 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of taxes becoming delinquent after due date and 18% per annum on any amount of taxes in excess of \$1,500.00 becoming delinquent after due date and if a delinquency is in excess of \$10,000.00 and remains in arrears beyond December 31st, an additional penalty of 6% shall be charged against the delinquency.
2. Effective January 1, 2025, there will be a ten (10) day grace period of quarterly tax payments made by cash, check or money order.
3. Any payments not made in accordance with paragraph two of this resolution shall be charged interest as set forth in paragraph one of this resolution from the due date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to charge 18% per annum on any delinquent municipal sewer charges; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution shall be provided by the Municipal Clerk to the Tax Collector, the Borough Attorney and the Borough Auditor for the Borough of Rumson.

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 TO AUTHORIZE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO HOLD A TAX SALE OF
DELINQUENT TAXES AND TO CHARGE FEES INCURRED IN TAX SALE NOTICE.**

2025-0107-7

Councilmember Lospinuso offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO
HOLD A TAX SALE OF DELINQUENT TAXES AND TO
CHARGE FEES INCURRED IN TAX SALE NOTICE**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provision of R.S. 54:5-9 et seq., the Tax Collector is allowed to conduct a Tax Sale for the purpose of enforcing the collection of delinquent taxes in the Borough against which such delinquent taxes are in arrears for the prior fiscal year, in the manner and form prescribed in said Statute, on or before the 31st day of December 2025; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-26 provides for direct mailing of the Tax Sale Notice in lieu of up to two legal advertisements, not exceeding a cost of \$25.00 for each mailing; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector recommends two direct mailings so that the cost of the Tax Sale process is borne by the delinquent property owners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson, that pursuant to the provision of R.S. 54:5-9 et seq., the Tax Collector be authorized and directed to conduct a Tax Sale in the manner and form prescribed in said Statute on or before the 31st day of December 2025 for the purpose of enforcing the collection of delinquent taxes in the Borough against which such delinquent taxes are in arrears as of November 11, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tax Collector is authorized to send two direct mailings and collect a charge of \$25.00 each in compliance with N.J.S.A. 54:5-26; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tax Collector be and hereby is authorized to include in said sale any and all unpaid sewer taxes as of November 11, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Borough Tax Collector.

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.

**A 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 2025**

2025-0107-8

Councilmember Kingsbery offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**A 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 2025**

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor is knowledgeable regarding the valuation and assessment of properties in the Borough of Rumson; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has the statutory responsibility, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4- 23 to 36 to set assessments for properties in the Borough of Rumson under the Local Property Tax, N.J.S.A. 54:4-1 et seq; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Taxing District deems the Tax Assessor to be responsible and acting in the best interests of the municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Rumson, that the Tax Assessor is hereby authorized to act as agent for the Taxing District without further governing body approval to:

(a) determine when tax appeals, cross appeals, complaints and counterclaims should be filed on behalf of the Taxing District with regarding to any property located in the Borough of Rumson and accordingly direct the attorney for the Taxing District to file such documents with either the County Tax Board or Tax Court of New Jersey as deemed appropriate.

(b) resolve and settle tax appeals pending before the County Tax Board, Tax Court or Appellate Courts for any tax year and authorize the attorney for the Taxing District to formalize such settlement in the appropriate Courts and/or County Tax Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Matthew Clark, Monmouth County Board of Taxation, Mitchell Jacobs, Borough Attorney and Erick Aguiar.

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 TO AUTHORIZE PRE-PAYMENT OF CERTAIN BILLS AND CLAIMS

2025-0107-9

Councilmember Casazza offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PRE-PAYMENT OF CERTAIN BILLS AND CLAIMS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson has budgeted funds for payment of utilities, payroll, debt service, governmental fees, insurance, contractual obligations and mailing costs of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the payment of these items frequently arrives out of time for placement on the next available list of bills and claims, thereby inadvertently placing these bills and mailings in arrears because of the schedule of meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer, Matt Palmer, has advised that the Governing Body may provide for the pre-payment of these items, so that they may be paid in a timely manner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson that the Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby authorized to make pre-payment of the following fixed items prior to the same appearing on the next meeting’s list of bills and claims:

1. Utilities (electric, gas, water, and telephone).
2. Payroll
3. Debt service as evidenced by pre-existing bonds and notes.
4. Health, dental and other insurance premiums.
5. Federal, state and county fees.
6. Postage for tax bills, newsletter, and other Borough mailings.

- 7. School taxes.
- 8. Third party fees collected through Recreation registrations.
- 9. Recreation credit card refunds.
- 10. Contractual obligations for Shared Services.
- 11. Tax Overpayment Refunds
- 12. Contractual obligations for awarded contracts.
- 13. Items deemed necessary for Pre-Payment by the Chief Financial Officer
conditioned upon consent of the Administrator or his designee, and the Finance
Committee Chair or his designee.
- 14. Pre-Paid Police Services eligible for refunds.
- 15. Eligible refunds from the Rumson Trust Fund.

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 SETTING BID THRESHOLD AND APPOINTING A TEMPORARY
QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT**

2025-0107-10

Councilmember Casazza offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION SETTING BID THRESHOLD AND
APPOINTING A TEMPORARY QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A11-3a permits an increase in the bid and quote thresholds, up to \$44,000.00 and \$6,600.00 respectively, if a Qualified Purchasing Agent is appointed as well as granted the authorization to negotiate and award such contracts below the bid threshold; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et seq., established criteria for qualifying as a Qualified Purchasing Agent; and

WHEREAS, Matthew J. Palmer is in the process of earning the designation Qualified Purchasing Agent as issued by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et seq.; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Rumson that Matthew J. Palmer be appointed as the Temporary Qualified Purchasing Agent; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that the Borough of Rumson bid and quote thresholds are \$44,000.00 and \$6,600.00 respectively.

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 TO APPOINT MUNICIPAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR

2025-0107-11

Councilmember Casazza offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT MUNICIPAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR

WHEREAS, the Municipal Court requires the position of Municipal Court Administrator;
and

WHEREAS, Michele R. Smallze, whose one-year term as Municipal Court Administrator expired as of December 31, 2024;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson that Michele R. Smallze be appointed to a one-year term as Municipal Court Administrator effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

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 APPOINTING STEPHANIE LEHNERAS POLICE DETECTIVE FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM

2025-0107-12

Councilmember Casazza offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING STEPHANIE LEHNER
AS POLICE DETECTIVE FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson, based on the recommendation of the Police Committee, through its Police Department, has the need for a Police Detective; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council Police Committee has recommended that Senior Patrol member Stephanie Lehner be appointed to the position of Police Detective for a 1-year term; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council agrees with the Police Committee's recommendation;
and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that Senior Patrolman Stephanie Lehner be appointed to the position of Police Detective effective January 1, 2025 with an annual stipend of \$750.00 as specified in the current P.B.A. contract.

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 ESTABLISHING RATES OF COMPENSATION FOR OUTSIDE
EMPLOYMENT OF RUMSON POLICE PERSONNEL**

2025-0107-13

Councilmember Conklin offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RATES OF COMPENSATION
FOR OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT OF
RUMSON POLICE PERSONNEL**

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled Chapter II, Administration, has been adopted following public hearing; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-11.17 of said Ordinance provides that a Resolution be adopted to establish the rates of compensation for outside employment of off-duty Rumson Police personnel; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Mayor and Council to fix the rates of compensation for outside employment of off-duty Rumson Police personnel; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Mayor and Council to set the Administrative Fee for 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that the rates of compensation of off-duty Rumson Police personnel for outside employment are hereby fixed for calendar year 2025 as follows:

All functions, including traffic control services, that are determined to be police-related and are to be billed through the Borough will be at a rate of One Hundred Dollars and 44 Cents (\$100.44) per hour per officer. The minimum charge payable for Public Schools for such services shall be equal to a minimum of two (2) hours for each officer contracted for with the Borough. The minimum charge payable for all other services shall be equal to a minimum of four (4) hours for each officer contracted for with the Borough. A cancellation fee equal to such minimum charge per officer shall be due and payable to the Borough where the request for such service is cancelled less than one (1) hour in advance of the scheduled services. Police Officers shall receive time and one-half pay on the holidays recognized in the contract with the Association. Special Police Officers shall receive time and one-half pay on the holidays established by the Borough of Rumson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following rates are hereby fixed for the administrative fee for calendar year 2025:

The Borough shall charge the public school, contractor or third party an additional Nineteen Dollars and Sixty Six Cents (\$19.56) per hour per officer in order to cover expenses incurred by the Borough resulting from off-duty employment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the total cost for all off-duty work for the calendar year 2025 shall be One Hundred and Twenty Dollars (\$120.00):

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above rates shall be effective January 1, 2025; and

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

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: Smith.

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING TWO OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR BOROUGH USE

2025-0107-14

Councilmember Pomphrey offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING TWO OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR BOROUGH USE

WHEREAS, Section 3d of the Open Public Meetings act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 requires that certain notices of meetings be submitted to two (2) newspapers, one of which shall be the official newspaper; and

WHEREAS, the second newspaper designated by this body must be one which has the greatest likelihood of informing the public within the jurisdictional boundaries of this body of such meeting.

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

1. The *Asbury Park Press* of Tinton Falls, N.J. (#1) and the *Two River Times* of Red Bank, N.J. (#2) are hereby designated to receive all notices of meetings as required under the Open Public Meetings Act.
2. It is the opinion of this body that the *Asbury Park Press*, and the *Two River Times* have the greatest likelihood of informing the public within the jurisdictional area of this body of such meetings.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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 SETTING FORTH PHOTOCOPY FEES

2025-0107-15

Councilmember Pomphrey offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH PHOTOCOPY FEES

BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson hereby sets the fees for copies requested under the State Open Public Records Act for 2025 as follows:

Fees

\$.05 per page for letter size pages and smaller

\$.07 per page for legal size pages and larger

If the actual cost to produce a copy of a record exceeds the above fees, then the cost can be calculated by the formula set forth by the Government Records Council.

Electronic Copy Requests

No fee will be charged for requests delivered electronically (via fax or e-mail).

Police Motor Vehicle Accident Reports Requested Via Mail

A \$5.00 fee to cover the administrative cost of mailing the report will be added to the total cost of the page copies according to the above fees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the aforementioned fees are effective January 1, 2025 and in conformance with State requirements.

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 ESTABLISHING THE HOURLY BILLING RATE FOR THE BOROUGH ENGINEER

2025-0107-16

Councilmember Pomphrey offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE HOURLY BILLING RATE FOR THE BOROUGH ENGINEER

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer, from time to time, will be responsible to review various development applications and permits on behalf of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body shall establish the hourly rate for reimbursing the Borough for direct fees, costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Borough Engineer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson hereby establishes the annual hourly billing rate of the Borough Engineer at One Hundred Fifty Dollars per Hour (\$150.00/hour) in accordance with Ordinance Chapter 2-26.3; and

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

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 APPOINTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE

2025-0107-17

Councilmember Pomphrey offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE

BE IT RESOLVED that Thomas S. Rogers, Municipal Clerk/Administrator, is hereby appointed as Borough Community Development Representative for the Monmouth County Community Development Program and David Marks, Borough Engineer as the Alternate Community Development Representative for the Borough of Rumson for 2024.

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 APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVE FOR AMERICANS WITH
DISABILITIES, AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, AND JOINT INSURANCE FUND AND
ALTERNATE**

2025-0107-18

Councilmember Pomphrey offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVE FOR AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES,
AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, AND JOINT INSURANCE FUND AND ALTERNATE.

BE IT RESOLVED that Thomas S. Rogers, Municipal Clerk/Administrator, is hereby appointed as Affirmative Action Officer, Borough representative for the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Borough representative to the Monmouth County Joint Insurance Fund and Municipal Excess Liability Fund and Safety Officer for the Borough of Rumson for 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Eric Paone-Hurd, Deputy Municipal Clerk/Communication Coordinator, is hereby appointed as the Borough's Alternate representative to the Monmouth County Joint Insurance Fund and Municipal Excess Liability Fund and Safety Officer for the Borough of Rumson in 2025.

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 APPOINTING ASSESSMENT SEARCH OFFICER

2025-0107-19

Councilmember Pomphrey offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING ASSESSMENT SEARCH OFFICER

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-18.1 requires the Governing Body to provide, by resolution, for the making of official certificates of searches as to municipal improvements authorized by ordinance of the municipality, but not assessed, affecting any parcel or tract of land in said municipality in that a future assessment will be made thereon pursuant to such ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, hereby authorize and appoint Michele Carnesi to serve in the position of Assessment Search Officer, or in his absence Matt Palmer, providing the necessary documentation and certification as per N.J.S.A. 54:5-18.1, until such time a resolution stating otherwise is adopted; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Assessment Search Officer.

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 APPOINTING TAX SEARCH OFFICER

2025-0107-20

Councilmember Pomphrey offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING TAX SEARCH OFFICER

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-11 requires the Governing Body to designate, by resolution, a bonded official of the municipality to make examinations of its records as to unpaid municipal liens and to certify the result thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, hereby appoint Michele Carnesi to the position of Tax Search Officer and Matt Palmer to the position of Deputy Tax Search Officer until such time a resolution stating otherwise is adopted; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Tax Search Officer.

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 APPOINTING A MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIAISON FOR THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON, MONMOUTH COUNTY

2025-0107-21

Councilmember Pomphrey offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIAISON FOR THE
BOROUGH OF RUMSON, MONMOUTH COUNTY

WHEREAS, The Borough of Rumson’s Housing Element and Fair Share Plan promotes an affordable housing program pursuant to the Fair Housing Act (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301, et. seq.), applicable Council on Affordable Housing (“COAH”) regulations and Uniform Housing Affordability Controls (“UHAC”) regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is required to appoint a Municipal Housing Liaison (“MHL”) to assist the Borough’s affordable housing professionals with the administration of Rumson’s affordable housing program, and to help enforce the requirements of applicable COAH and UHAC regulations, the Borough’s Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, and the Borough’s affordable housing ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of Rumson Borough in the County of Rumson, and the State of New Jersey that Thomas S. Rogers, Borough Administrator, is hereby appointed by the Governing Body of Rumson Borough as the Municipal Housing Liaison for the administration of the affordable housing program, pursuant to and in accordance with Chapter 23-17 of Rumson Borough’s Code.

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.

NEW BUSINESS:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON THROUGH THE
RUMSON POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEFENSE
LOGISTICS AGENCY, LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE, 1033
PROGRAM TO ENABLE THE RUMSON POLICE DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST AND
ACQUIRE EXCESS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT**

2025-0107-22

Councilmember Casazza offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

BOROUGH OF RUMSON
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON THROUGH
THE RUMSON POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEFENSE
LOGISTICS AGENCY, LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE, 1033 PROGRAM
TO ENABLE THE RUMSON POLICE DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST AND
ACQUIRE EXCESS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT.

WHEREAS, the United States Congress authorized the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) 1033 Program to make use of excess Department of Defense personal property by making that personal property available to municipal, county and State law enforcement agencies (LEAS); and

WHEREAS, DLA rules mandate that all equipment acquired through the 1033 Program remain under the control of the requesting LEA; and

WHEREAS, participation in the 1033 Program allows municipal and county LEAs to obtain property they might not otherwise be able to afford in order to enhance community preparedness, response, and resiliency; and

WHEREAS, although property is provided through the 1033 Program at no cost to municipal and county LEAs, these entities are responsible for the costs associated with delivery, maintenance, fueling, and upkeep of the property, and for specialized training on the operation of any acquired property; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-30.2 requires that the governing body of the municipality or county approve, by a majority of the full membership, both enrollment in, and the acquisition of any property through, the 1033 Program; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson that the Rumson Police Department is hereby authorized to enroll in the 1033 Program for no more than a one-year period, with authorization to participate terminating on December 31st of the current calendar year from January 1, 2025 until December 31, 2025.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Rumson Police Department is hereby authorized to acquire items of non-controlled property designated “DEMIL A,” which may include office supplies, office furniture, computers, electronic equipment, generators, field packs, non-military vehicles, clothing, traffic and transit signal systems, exercise equipment, farming and moving equipment, storage devices, and containers, tools, medical and first aid equipment and supplies, personal protection equipment and supplies, construction materials, lighting supplies, beds and sleeping mats, wet and cold weather equipment and supplies, respirators, binoculars, and any other supplies or equipment of a non-military nature identified by the LEA, if it shall become available in the period of time for which this Resolution authorizes, based on the needs of the Rumson Police Department, without restriction; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rumson Police Department is hereby authorized to acquire the following “DEMIL B through Q” property, if it shall become available in the period of time for which this Resolution authorizes: (SEE ATTACHED LIST); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rumson Police Chief shall develop and implement a full training plan and policy for the maintenance and use of the acquired property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rumson Police Department shall provide a quarterly accounting of all property obtained through the 1033 Program which shall be available to the public upon request; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately and shall be valid to authorize requests to acquire “DEMIL A” property and “DEMIL B through Q” property that may be made available through the 1033 Program during the period of time for which this Resolution authorizes; with Program participation and all property request authorization terminating on December 31st of the current calendar year from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025

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 REJECTION OF PROPOSED BIDS FOR THE RUMSON PARKS TENNIS AND BASKETBALL COURTS RENOVATION PROJECT

2025-0107-23

Councilmember Conklin offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REJECTION OF PROPOSED BIDS FOR THE RUMSON
PARKS TENNIS AND BASKETBALL COURTS RENOVATION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson received sealed bids for Rumson Parks Tennis and Basketball Courts Renovation Project; and

WHEREAS, According to New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law and Regulation, section 13.2, there are specific reasons in which The Borough can reject all proposed bids; and

WHEREAS, two of said reasons include the lowest bid substantially exceed the cost estimates for the goods or services and the lowest bid substantially exceeds the appropriation for the goods or services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that The Borough formally rejects the proposed sealed bids for the Rumson Parks Tennis and Basketball Courts Renovation Project as the bids received fall in the above category; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The Borough have the ability to establish a motion to re-bid for the project.

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 REFUND OF THE BALANCE OF ESCROW FEES TO
ELISA WALLING**

2025-0107-24

Councilmember Conklin offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF THE
BALANCE OF ESCROW FEES TO ELISA WALLING**

WHEREAS, Elisa Walling posted Escrow for a Zoning Application of Block 141, Lot 10, also known as 12 Washington Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Elisa Walling appeared before the Zoning Board of the Borough of Rumson, on June 27, 2024; and

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2024, the Zoning Board of the Borough of Rumson adopted a Resolution Approving her application with Variances; and

WHEREAS, the appeal period was complete as of October 4, 2024,

WHEREAS, Elisa Walling has requested a refund of the balance of the Escrow posted for this project; and

WHEREAS, Maria DeSoucey, Zoning Agent has confirmed there are no outstanding invoices for this project;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson hereby approves the refund of the balance of the escrow fee in the amount of \$835.00 to Elisa Walling, 12 Washington Street, Rumson, NJ 07760.

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.

MOTION FOR BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR AND BOROUGH ENGINEER TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE BOROUGH’S TENNIS AND BASKETBALL COURTS

Councilmember Kingsbery made a motion for the Borough Administrator and Borough Engineer to solicit bids for the renovation of The Borough’s tennis and basketball courts.

Motion was seconded by Councilmember Pomphrey.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

None.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS AND CLAIMS (RESOLUTION):

Councilmember Casazza offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

Vendor Name	Net Amount
MICHELE MCGLYN	3,667.68
PA TURNPIKE	15.20
WHISTLING ONION CATERING	2,971.00
MATTHEW J PALMER	40.00
ERIC PAONE-HURD	400.00
ACTION DATA SERVICES,INC	601.43
ALLIED OIL, LLC	12,976.08
GANNETT NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY	180.88
GANNETT NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY	1,179.15
ATHLETE'S ALLEY	718.00
ANDREW BANCHI	50.00
BEACHSIDE PRODUCTIONS	1,945.00
ROBERT BOYER	60.76
ROBERT BOYER	84.82
BUTCH'S AUTO. CAR WASH, INC.	234.00
MIA CAREY	50.00
DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS	5,587.29
DYNAMIC TESTING SERVICE	190.00
FAIR HAVEN HARDWARE INC	28.27
JOSEPH FAZZIO WALL, LLC	52.11
GLOBE PETROLEUM INC	216.15
HYDRAIR POWER CRIMP LLC	3,882.62
HYDRAIR POWER CRIMP LLC	170.34
INSTITUTE FOR PROFESSIONAL DEV	50.00

JCP&L	2,275.09
JERSEY SHORE REGIONAL HEALTH	21,499.31
KEPWEL NATURAL SPRING WATER	140.00
DARYL J KOCHER	51.17
LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES,INC	47.60
LAWYERS DIARY AND MANUAL	138.75
STEPHANIE LEHNER	104.49
LOKDOC LOCKSMITH	280.00
MICHELE A MACPHERSON	130.00
MAZZA RECYCLING SERVICES, LTD	1,516.74
MCLOONE MANAGEMENT	4,000.00
MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPT.	500.00
MIDDLETOWN TWP HEALTH DEPT	5,578.45
TREASURER, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH	80.37
MR JOHN INC	850.85
NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER	13,926.99
NJ NATURAL GAS CO.	342.39
ERIC PAONE-HURD	551.88
PENGUIN MANAGEMENT,INC	2,172.00
PMC ASSOCIATES	2,198.68
PREMIER GRAPHICS,INC	50.00
RICOH USA, INC.	529.03
DONALD SCHNEIDER	322.50
SEABOARD WELDING SUPPLY, INC	69.25
SHORE REPORTING SERVICES	300.00
SIRCHIE FINGERPRINT LABORATORY	335.48
SUBURBAN DISPOSAL INC.,	51,750.00
SUBURBAN DISPOSAL INC.,	26,571.52
SUCCESSORIES,INC	174.13
SURENIAN EDWARDS BUZAK & NOLAN	2,370.00
VERIZON	77.62
VERIZON	528.84
VERIZON WIRELESS	544.13
VERIZON BUSINESS FIOS	144.99
WEATHERWORKS LLC	2,095.00
CALVIN J WILLIAMS	675.00
ACTION DATA SERVICES,INC	473.90
ALDO DESIGN GROUP	10,391.88
ALLIED OIL, LLC	5,822.36
ALL-PHASE HEATING & COOLING	131.00
DEBORAH ANDERSON	524.10
RICHARD & JOANN APRIL	1,048.20
AT NORTHERN NEW JERSEY,LLC	515.55
BAYSHORE FIRE & SAFETY LLC	45.00
B&H PHOTO & ELECTRONICS CORP	3,585.28
PATRICIA L BOUTHILLIER	524.10
FREDERIC S BRADLEY	524.10
DZINTRA L. BRUSH	524.10
BUTCH'S AUTO. CAR WASH, INC.	117.00
RICHARD & LINDA CAMPANELLA	1,048.20
CENTRAL BOILER REPAIR CO INC	2,040.00
CGP&H,LLC	1,543.86
LORETTA & HARRY CHEBOOKJIAN	1,048.20
CLEARY, GIACOBBE, ALFIERI	1,032.50
COMCAST	2,232.72
MARK CONLEY	524.10
CROSS OVER NETWORKS	1,243.93
DOUGLAS & JUDITH CUJE	1,048.20
REGINA DAVIDSON	524.10
WILLIAM & CAROL ANN DICE	1,048.20

DILWORTH PAXSON LLP	2,580.00
LYNDA D. DOYLE	733.80
FAIR HAVEN HARDWARE INC	93.83
JOSEPH FAZZIO WALL, LLC	130.88
F & C AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLY INC	445.10
HARDEN W. FOWLER	1,048.20
JAMES F & LINDA L GALLAGHER	1,048.20
WW GRAINGER INC	386.36
BRIAN J. HAND	102.30
JOHN & MARGARET HENDRICKS	1,048.20
JANE HOFFMAN	1,048.20
HUGHES ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	6,750.00
JASPAN HARDWARE	71.54
JCP&L	5,139.21
GERALD P & HELEN M KELLY	937.20
DARYL J KOCHER	415.14
PHILIP KUHLETHAU	524.10
NORMAN & JOANNE B. LONG	1,048.20
MAZZA RECYCLING SERVICES, LTD	419.57
MAZZA MULCH,INC	5,904.00
JAMES MELLISH	524.10
MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS	1,859.00
ROYAL E. & VIRGINIA MOSS	1,048.20
JOSEPH MURPHY	524.10
NATIONAL CENTER FOR SAFETY	164.00
NEPTUNE DOOR COMPANY	290.00
NEXVORTEX LLC	302.64
NJ ADVANCE MEDIA	1,182.04
NJ DEPARTMENT OF LABOR	7,567.10
NJ NATURAL GAS CO.	2,649.76
ONE CALL CONCEPTS	122.96
JAMES & SHERRY PELUSO	1,048.20
RICHARD PETRUCELLI	524.10
PMC ASSOCIATES	3,750.00
PUMPING SERVICES INC	4,057.13
QUALITY ELECTRICAL CONST CO.	15,887.00
QUALITY ELECTRICAL CONST CO.	14,166.00
QUALITY ELECTRICAL CONST CO.	957.00
QUALITY ELECTRICAL CONST CO.	4,689.50
QUALITY ELECTRICAL CONST CO.	4,643.00
THOMAS S ROGERS	139.44
THOMAS S ROGERS	85.57
EDWARD RUMOLO	772.50
JAMES SCALZO	524.10
SEABOARD WELDING SUPPLY, INC	69.25
FREDERICK G & JOY SHEA	1,048.20
SHORE AUTO SUPPLY,INC	565.32
JOANN SORRENTINO	524.10
STAPLES,INC	161.79
STAPLES,INC	723.51
STAPLES,INC	1,155.19
STAPLES,INC	1,475.69
MICHAEL B STEIB, PA	795.00
MICHAEL B STEIB, PA	1,560.00
MICHAEL B STEIB, PA	2,235.00
MICHAEL B STEIB, PA	750.00
MICHAEL B STEIB, PA	150.00
JAMES TANNER	524.10
T & M ASSOCIATES	3,423.70
T & M ASSOCIATES	8,488.00

T & M ASSOCIATES	4,900.75
T & M ASSOCIATES	1,435.50
T & M ASSOCIATES	2,298.25
TREASURER, STATE OF NJ	9,002.00
TREASURER, STATE OF NJ	100.00
JOSEPH E. TUZIK SR.	524.10
VERIZON	86.27
VERIZON WIRELESS	107.38
WAGEWORKS	100.00
GEORGE WALL LINCOLN	1,356.44
JEFFREY & ELISA WALLING	835.00
DONALD & KAREN YORK	1,048.20
	358,627.82

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.

MAYOR’S ADDRESS:

Mayor Hemphill read his 2025 Mayor’s Address, which will be on file at Rumson Borough Hall.

Mayor Hemphill read his 2025 Mayor’s Address, which will be on file at Rumson Borough Hall.

Mayor’s Address – Jan 7, 2025

Happy New Year! As 2025 begins, I again want to thank EVERY Volunteer and EVERY Employee, all of whom have worked so hard to make Rumson the special community it is. I especially want to thank the Rumson Police Department, the Rumson Fire Department, the Rumson First Aid Squad and the Rumson Department of Public Works for their hard work, untiring dedication, and, most importantly, for the risks they take every day to protect the quality of life we cherish in Rumson. I am sincerely hopeful that 2025 will be a great year, starting with peace and good health for everyone.

And now, the following is a report of The Borough events and activities of 2024 and a brief look forward to the New Year and 2025.

The Borough Council

The Borough Council Members have met the year’s challenges with diplomacy and with the dignity that would be expected from such an experienced group. I applaud each of you for the contributions you have made on behalf of all the residents of Rumson, and I extend my heartfelt thanks for your support and assistance throughout the past year.

In November, returning Councilmembers John J. Conklin III and Sarah Pomphrey were each elected to a three-year Council term. On behalf of all Council members, it is our honor and privilege to serve our community as your volunteer elected representatives.

Major Community Events

Rumson is a small, close-knit town with a lot of pride and spirit. Each year, there are numerous community events that bring our residents together for fun and, often, to benefit a good cause. Some are sponsored by The Borough and others by independent entities, but all add to the feeling of community and togetherness long enjoyed by our residents. The partnership with our local

school district grows stronger each year and we enjoy including our students in Borough events. If you have never attended, or if it has been a while since you came out to a community event, we encourage you to join us in 2025.

Rumson EMS

The Rumson First Aid Squad has dozens of volunteer members, many of whom have completed the rigorous 250-hour Emergency Medical Technician course. In 2024, the Squad responded to hundreds of calls in Rumson and assisted in many calls in our neighboring communities. The residents of Rumson should take pride and comfort in knowing their First Aid Squad is ready, 24-hours per day, to respond to every type of medical emergency. We want to thank Captain Doug Rossbach for his service to our residents. We also wish to thank all of the volunteer officers and membership that continue to support our Volunteer First Aid Squad.

Rumson Fire Department

The Rumson Fire Department members participate in more than 250 hours of training, in addition to annual training every year.

The Rumson Fire Department responds to hundreds of fire calls in The Borough and in surrounding towns each year. The Department is staffed solely by trained volunteer members. The Department was led by Fire Chief Robert Eyerluss and Assistant Fire Chief Kevin McCarthy. We also wish to thank all of the volunteer officers and members that continue to support our Volunteer Fire Department.

Volunteers are always needed for both EMS and the Fire Department and Borough residents are encouraged to apply and learn about how they can assist with the Borough's First Aid and Fire Protection.

Rumson Police Department

The Rumson Police Department is available 24 hours a day 365 days a year to serve the residents of the Borough of Rumson. All officers of the Rumson Police Department each complete approximately 100 hours of training, annually, to sharpen their skills and stay up-to-date on the latest law enforcement tactics.

I want to begin by thanking Chief Robert Boyer. Bob took over as Rumson Police Chief in March 2024 and has done an incredible job. On behalf of the Rumson Borough Council, to the officers of the Rumson police Department: Thank You. In a year that has presented new challenges and dangers, you answered each and every call with professionalism. To support the efforts of our police department we wish to again remind our residents to remove your car keys and to lock your cars.

Department of Public Works

The Department of Public Works does a fantastic job keeping our streets clear, our sewers flowing and our parks looking their best. They handle all kinds of work in all sorts of weather conditions. The team works hard year-round to address all different types of issues helping to keep Rumson looking its best.

The Borough's often forgotten, but vital sanitary sewer system, requires around the clock care, service and maintenance. The Borough has approximately 75 miles of sewer pipe that sends household sewage to one of the eleven pumping stations in the Borough and then eventually to Monmouth Beach, where approximately 550 million gallons of Rumson sewage is processed annually.

The work of the Department of Public Works was on full display this spring with frequent and intense rains. Due to the record setting rainfall, wastewater system operators throughout the State of New Jersey experienced sewer flows significantly higher than anything recorded in the past. During this period, The Borough of Rumson was experiencing three times its normal daily flow of sewage. Despite this trying time, The Department of Public Works worked tirelessly, in

collaboration with the NJDEP, to overcome the challenges brought about by the excessive wet weather.

The Department of Public Works Toy Drive in early December was a great success. The Toy Drive brought in 600 toys, which were distributed to Family and Children's Services and the Salvation Army in Red Bank and will benefit many local children in need. Thanks to everyone for your generous gifts, and to our Public Works employees who donated their time each year for this worthy cause.

Department of Public Work Superintendent Daryl Kochel has done an incredible job leading the department and navigating the challenges faced throughout the year. Thank you Daryl for all you and your department do!

Parks & Recreation

Rumson Recreation, led by Charlie Hoffman, offers over 35 programs annually enjoyed by more than 3,500 residents of all ages. Activities include a variety of recreational youth sports and non-sports programming, summer camps, as well as featured family events and holiday parades. We continue to look for new programming and for ways to improve our recreational processes.

Rumson Rec utilizes over 300 volunteer coaches each year and provides volunteer opportunities for local teens and seniors. The Council and I would like to thank all our devoted volunteer Recreation Commission Members for their time and devotion to the benefit of our children and our community. We would also like to thank our parents and participants for their support.

Maintaining the highest quality parks and recreational spaces is a high priority for the Borough. As such, grass playing fields are periodically closed for rest and maintenance and The Department of Public Works is regularly checking our facilities to ensure maximum safety.

Affordable Housing

In 2024, the Borough continued to meet its Affordable Housing Round 3 obligation. The addition of the property at 49 W River Road was approved by the Court and construction drawings are now underway for a new project, with construction starting late this year. Other Affordable Housing projects are already underway and affirmative marketing is taking place to fill those units.

We are now focused on planning for Round 4 and the Borough's required development obligation.

We will be sharing information about the Borough's Round 4 Plan with you in the coming months and have every intention to meet the State's timeline to continue the Borough's full compliance with the State's regulations.

Construction & Engineering

The Borough of Rumson's Construction and Engineering Offices are two of the best in Monmouth County. With the skilled full and part time staff, the Construction Office, led by Nick Fabiano, oversees all the building projects within our Borough as well as in Little Silver and Fair Haven through a multi-town shared service agreement.

The Borough's Engineering Office, led by Engineer David Marks, designs and manages infrastructure projects such as roadway improvements, sidewalk and curb improvements, sanitary sewer and drainage upgrades and park projects. He is also the Borough's representative for many Monmouth County projects, including but not limited to, the Rumson – Sea Bright Bridge currently under construction and the future Oceanic Bridge Replacement.

Brett Hunger is our Project Manager to oversee borough construction projects and support our engineering initiatives and fulfil the roles of Code Enforcement Officer and Tree Conservation Officer. Having the Engineering Office as part of the Borough staff has significantly reduced the cost and reliance on outside consulting firms.

The DPW and The Borough Engineer continue to outline key steps the Borough is taking to address groundwater infiltration, the importance of eliminating illicit connections and rehabilitating the entire Rumson sanitary sewer system. Through subsequent discussions and inspections with the NJDEP following the record breaking wet weather this past spring, our local NJDEP agents expressed satisfaction with the Borough's proactive approach to operating our system.

Residents are once again reminded that sump pumps, yard drains and roof leaders are illegal connections into sanitary sewer lines. These types of illicit connections must be disconnected to reduce wastewater flow as they significantly contributed to the high flows that the Borough experienced in April.

The Borough is in the process overseeing a major parking and playground and exercise equipment replacement project at Meadow Ridge Park. This project will expand the existing western parking lot to nearly double the available parking and greatly improve vehicular circulation and pedestrian safety. The existing play and fitness equipment will also be replaced along with new and supplemental landscaping to update the park. We appreciate everyone's patience as we work to make this incredible space even better for our residents.

Infrastructure Improvements

The Borough will seek to continue the robust Infrastructure Improvement Program in 2025 with a primary focus on street paving, park upgrades and sanitary sewer system rehabilitation and upgrades. As always, we strive to leverage outside agency grant funds to offset our local tax dollar contribution. In recent years, the Borough has secured over \$2,000,000.00 in competitive grant awards for various road, park, drainage, and sewer projects throughout the town. The reinvestment in the Borough's aging infrastructure promotes system reliability and maintains the community's value for generations after us.

Borough Staff & Commission Volunteer Updates

We appreciate our Borough's municipal staff, including the Borough Hall Staff, Department of Public Works and Police Department, which all continue to provide the best and most courteous service to our residents. Our Borough employees provide the high level of services our residents expect, as they work within the budget and regulatory constraints set forth by the State of New Jersey.

Personally, I would like to extend a special thank you to the Chairs and Members of all the various Committees, Commissions and Boards. Each of these volunteers gives a considerable amount of time to reviewing issues that are important to our community. Their personal commitment and volunteerism is one of Rumson's most valuable assets and is greatly appreciated. Any resident interested in volunteering to help run our wonderful community should reach out at any time. We welcome your involvement.

Once again, our Police Department, Department of Public Works and our volunteer Fire Department and First Aid Squad are to be commended for their unconditional commitment to the safety and welfare of our residents, addressing every emergency with courtesy and respect. We appreciate your service, thank you all.

On behalf of all our Council Members and myself, I want to wish everyone a Happy, Healthy, and Peaceful New Year. May God Bless us all and God Bless America.

Sincerely, Joseph K. Hemphill Mayor

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL:

Borough Attorney Mitchell Jacobs took the time to thank The Mayor, Borough Council and the members of The Borough staff for the opportunity to work with The Borough of Rumson.

Councilmember Kingsbery, on behalf of the residents of Rumson, thanked Mayor Hemphill for all his work.

Councilmember Casazza shared that he and Mayor Hemphill attended the Monmouth County reorganization meeting. Casazza shared that there will be an informative meeting on February 11, 2025 on what Monmouth County is currently working on heading into 2025.

Councilmember Pomphrey thanked The Borough Council for the opportunity to be a liaison for The Rumson Environmental and Shade Tree Commissions. Pomphrey also thanked the public for their support and efforts during the election.

Councilmember Conklin, addressing Assemblywoman Victoria Flynn, asked if there is anything specific The Borough of Rumson should be focusing on. Flynn responded by stating that school district funding is an important topic and area of focus. Flynn concluded by stating that the opportunities for funding support for capital projects is now and that the offices in Trenton provide public tours of the New Jersey statehouse should anyone be interested.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Lospinuso made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Councilmember Casazza. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas S. Rogers, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk/Administrator