

REGULAR MEETING
BOROUGH COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF RUMSON
June 3, 2025

A regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson was held on Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Absent: None.

Tom Rogers, Municipal Clerk/Administrator, was present.

David Marks, Borough Engineer, was present.

Mitchell Jacobs, Borough Attorney, was present.

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

Mayor Hemphill declared a quorum present and announced that the Notice Requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been met for this meeting by:

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

On motion by Councilmember Casazza, seconded by Councilmember Pomphrey, the minutes of the previous meeting on May 13th were approved as written, copies having been forwarded to all Council members.

MOTION TO CHANGE ORDER OF BUSINESS

On a motion by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Conklin, the regular order of business was changed to swear in four, full-time Rumson Police Officers.

SWEARING IN OF NEW RUMSON POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICER LOGAN KEEFER.

Following an introduction from Rumson Police Chief Robert Boyer, The Mayor administered the oath of office to new Rumson Police Department Police Officer Logan Keefer with his mother holding the bible. Mayor Hemphill congratulated Keefer and wished him well in his position.

SWEARING IN OF NEW RUMSON POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICER HANNAH CERTO.

Following an introduction from Rumson Police Chief Robert Boyer, The Mayor administered the oath of office to new Rumson Police Department Police Officer Hannah Certo with her family members holding the bible. Mayor Hemphill congratulated Certo and wished her well in his position.

SWEARING IN OF NEW RUMSON POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICER JOSEPH PIGNATARO.

Following an introduction from Rumson Police Chief Robert Boyer, The Mayor administered the oath of office to new Rumson Police Department Police Officer Joseph Pignataro with his family members holding the bible. Mayor Hemphill congratulated Pignataro and wished him well in his position.

SWEARING IN OF NEW RUMSON POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICER KEVIN WALSH.

Following an introduction from Rumson Police Chief Robert Boyer, The Mayor administered the oath of office to new Rumson Police Department Police Officer Kevin Walsh with his family members holding the bible. Mayor Hemphill congratulated Walsh and wished him well in his position.

MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

On motion by Councilmember Conklin, seconded by Councilmember Casazza, the order of business was changed back to the regular order of business, following a brief recess.

COMMUNICATIONS:

LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM RUMSON ZONING BOARD CHAIRMAN BENEDICT J. TORCIVIA, JR.

The Municipal Clerk/Administrator received a copy of a letter of resignation from Rumson Zoning Board Chairman Benedict J. Torcivia, Jr.

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

LETTER FROM THE ENGLISH GROUP, LLC ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS NOTIFYING THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON OF AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO THE NJDEP FOR A COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATION (LURP-2) FOR 12 OYSTER BAY DRIVE ALSO KNOWN AS BLOCK 128, LOT 8.

The Municipal Clerk/Administrator received a letter from English Group, LLC notifying The Borough of Rumson of an application submitted to the NJDEP for a Coastal Permit Application (LURP-2) for 12 Oyster Bay Drive also known as Block 128, Lot 8.

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

LETTER FROM ENVIROTACTICS NOTIFYING THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON OF AN APPLICATION TO THE NJDEP FOR A COASTAL AREA FACILITY REVIEW ACT (CAFRA) PERMIT BY RULE LETTER (PBR) AND GENERAL PERMIT 5 (GP5) FOR 36 EAST RIVER ROAD ALSO KNOWN AS BLOCK 11, LOT 12.

The Municipal Clerk/Administrator received a letter from Envirotactics notifying The Borough of Rumson of an application to the NJDEP for a Coastal Area Facility Review Act (CAFRA) Permit by Rule Letter (PBR) and General Permit 5 (GP5) for 26 East River Road also known as Block 11, Lot 12.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Council President John J. Conklin III spoke at this time. Conklin, on behalf of the finance committee, shared his appreciation for Rumson CMFO Matthew Palmer,

highlighting his efforts and fresh insight on the 2025 municipal budget.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #25-003 A CAPITAL ORDINANCE
PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AND PURPOSES IN, BY AND
FOR THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON. PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR JULY 8,
2025**

The Municipal Clerk/Administrator read the following Ordinance by title only in first reading:
25-003

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

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

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

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

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

Section 1. The Borough is hereby authorized to incur the following costs in connection with the following improvements and purposes: (a) the construction, reconstruction, paving and/or improvement of various roads in the Borough, including curbing, sidewalks and related drainage improvements in the amount of \$1,000,000, (b) the acquisition of various vehicles and equipment for the Public Works Department in the amount of \$250,000, (c) the acquisition and/or upgrade of various emergency services equipment in the amount of \$250,000, (d) various park improvements in the amount of \$500,000, and (e) sanitary sewer repairs/replacements and upgrades in the amount of \$750,000, including for each of the foregoing all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

Section 2. The Borough hereby appropriates the sum of \$2,750,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the purpose of financing the costs of the improvements and purposes set forth in Section 1 of this capital ordinance. Upon the Borough’s receipt of the proceeds of any grants related to the improvements and purposes set forth in Section 1 of this capital ordinance, all grant proceeds received by the Borough will be deposited in the Capital Improvement Fund.

Section 3. The said improvements and purposes described in Section 1 of this capital ordinance are lawful capital purposes of the Borough, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be assessed against property specially benefited thereby. The period of usefulness of said improvements and purposes is 20 years.

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

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

Councilmember Conklin moved the adoption of this Ordinance in first reading and schedule the public hearing. Motion seconded by Councilmember Pomphrey and carried on the following roll call vote:

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: None.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SELF-EXAMINATION OF THE BOROUGH BUDGET

2025-0603-78

Councilmember Conklin offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SELF EXAMINATION OF BUDGET

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 through 5:30-7.5 the Borough of Rumson has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the Borough of Rumson meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2025 budget year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification, the Governing Body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:
 - a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
 - b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
 - c. Cash deficit of preceding year
 - d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
 - e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
 - f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes
2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at 40A:4-45.3 et seq. are fully met (complies with the "CAP" law).

3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.
4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
 - a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate, and correctly stated.
 - b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth
 - c. In itemization, form, arrangement, and content the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.
5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced, publicly advertised, and in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.
6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: None.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF THE 2025 BOROUGH BUDGET AS INTRODUCED. PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025.

2025-06-79

Councilmember Conklin offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

MUNICIPAL BUDGET NOTICE

Section 1.

Municipal Budget of the Borough of Rumson, County of Monmouth for the Fiscal Year 2025;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2025;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Budget be published in the Asbury Park Press in the issue of June 10, 2025.

The Governing Body of the Borough of Rumson does hereby approve the following as the Budget for the year 2025.

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

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

In the negative: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO READ 2025 BUDGET BY TITLE

2025-0603-80

Councilmember Conklin offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO READ 2025 BUDGET BY TITLE

WHEREAS, the Rumson Borough Municipal Budget for 2025 was introduced and approved by the Governing Body at its meeting on June 3, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the budget will be advertised at least 10 days prior to the hearing date of July 8, 2025; and

WHEREAS, at least one week prior to the hearing date a complete copy of the approved budget shall be made available for public inspections in the Oceanic Free Library and the Monmouth County Library Eastern Branch; and

WHEREAS, Thomas S. Rogers, Municipal Clerk, will attest delivery of the 2025 Rumson Municipal Budget to both the Oceanic Free Library and Monmouth County Library Eastern Branch; and

WHEREAS, at least one week prior to the hearing date a complete copy will be made available to each person requesting the same, during said week and during the public hearing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8, the 2025 Municipal Budget shall be read by its title, the conditions of publication referred to earlier in this resolution having been met.

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

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF GENERAL CAPITAL ORDINANCE

2025-0608-81

Councilmember Conklin offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF GENERAL CAPITAL ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, General Capital Improvement appropriation balance remains dedicated for projects now completed; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said capital and or debt authorization; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances so that the unexpended balances may be credited to Surplus or cancel Grants Receivable, as appropriate, and unused debt authorizations may be canceled;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson, County of Monmouth, New Jersey, that the following ordinance appropriation balances in the General Capital Fund be cancelled of record.

<u>Improvement Authorizations</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Cancel to Capital Surplus</u>
2001 Various Improvements	\$18,440	\$18,440

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: None.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR NAVESINK AVENUE RESURFACING

2025-0603-82

Councilmember Conklin offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**BOROUGH OF RUMSON
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION
AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR
NAVESINK AVENUE RESURFACING**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson has applied for funding to complete the resurfacing of Navesink Avenue from Rumson Road (County Route 520) to the Northern Terminus; and

WHEREAS, this project will continue improvements to Navesink Avenue which were previously improved through projects partially funded by the NJDOT Municipal Aid Program in FY2022; and

WHEREAS, the project will include drainage improvements to Navesink Avenue south of Black Point Road which floods periodically due to coastal storms and severe weather events; and

WHEREAS, the project will significantly improve the quality of life and safety of residents and the community; and

WHEREAS, the project will help to continue and improve the local roadway network for vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian modes of travel using the Borough's Complete Streets Policy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Rumson formally approves the grant application for the above stated project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk/Administrator are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as **MA-2026-Navesink Avenue Resurfacing & Drainage Improvements – 00144** to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Rumson; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk/Administrator are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Rumson and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: None.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APOINTMENT OF LOGAN KEEFER AS A
FULL-TIME RUMSON POLICE OFFICER**

2025-0603-83

Councilmember Casazza offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT
OF LOGAN KEEFER AS A FULL-TIME
RUMSON POLICE OFFICER**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson has the need for a Police Officer and the Police Committee looked within the existing Borough staff for the next Police Officer of the Rumson Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Logan Keefer has been a Special Law Enforcement Officer II/Dispatcher since May 16, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Logan Keefer met the Committee's requirements and will bring a number of excellent characteristics to the Rumson Police Department; and

WHEREAS, it was recommended by the Committee to the Borough Council that Logan Keefer be appointed as a Full-Time Rumson Police Officer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that the appointment of Special Officer Logan Keefer be authorized as Rumson Police Full-Time Rumson Police Officer effective June 1, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the base salary for the Police Officer position be set as per the current Policemen's Benevolent Association Contract; and

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

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: None.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APOINTMENT OF HANNAH CERTO AS A
FULL-TIME RUMSON POLICE OFFICER**

2025-0603-84

Councilmember Casazza offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT
OF HANNAH CERTO AS A FULL-TIME
RUMSON POLICE OFFICER**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson has the need for a Full-Time Police Officer and the Police Committee looked within the existing Borough staff and at external candidates for the next Full-Time Police Officer of the Rumson Police Department; and

Hannah Certo has been a Point Pleasant Beach Special Law Enforcement Officer I/II since April 2023; and

WHEREAS, Hannah Certo met the Committee’s requirements and will bring a number of excellent characteristics to the Rumson Police Department; and

WHEREAS, it was recommended by the Committee to the Borough Council that Hannah Certo be appointed as a Full-Time Police Officer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that the appointment of Special Officer Hannah Certo be authorized as Full-Time Rumson Police Officer effective June 1, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the base salary for the Police Officer position be set as per the current Policemen’s Benevolent Association Contract; and

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

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: None.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APOINTMENT OF JOSEPH PIGNATARO AS A FULL-TIME RUMSON POLICE OFFICER

2025-0603-85

Councilmember Pomphrey offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT
OF JOSEPH PIGNATARO AS A FULL-TIME
RUMSON POLICE OFFICER**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson has the need for a Full-Time Police Officer and the Police Committee looked within the existing Borough staff for the next Police Officer of the Full-Time Rumson Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Pignataro has been a Special Law Enforcement Officer II/Dispatcher since May 16, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Pignataro met the Committee’s requirements and will bring a number of excellent characteristics to the Rumson Police Department; and

WHEREAS, it was recommended by the Committee to the Borough Council that Joseph Pignataro be appointed as a Full-Time Rumson Police Officer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that the appointment of Special Officer Joseph Pignataro be authorized as Full-Time Rumson Police Officer effective June 1, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the base salary for the Police Officer position be set as per the current Policemen’s Benevolent Association Contract; and

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

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: None.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APOINTMENT OF KEVIN WALSH AS A FULL-TIME RUMSON POLICE OFFICER

2025-0603-86

Councilmember Casazza offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT
OF KEVIN WALSH AS A FULL-TIME
RUMSON POLICE OFFICER**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson has the need for a Police Officer and the Police Committee looked within the existing Borough staff and at external candidates for the next Full-Time Police Officer of the Rumson Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Walsh has been a Full-Time Rutgers University Police Officer since January 2024; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Walsh met the Committee's requirements and will bring a number of excellent characteristics to the Full-Time Rumson Police Department; and

WHEREAS, it was recommended by the Committee to the Borough Council that Kevin Walsh be appointed as a Full-Time Rumson Police Officer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that the appointment of Special Officer Kevin Walsh be authorized as Full-Time Rumson Police Officer effective June 1, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the base salary for the Police Officer position be set as per the current Policemen's Benevolent Association Contract; and

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

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: None.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TEMPORARY EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION

2025-0603-87

Councilmember Casazza offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

TEMPORARY EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>INCREASE TO BUDGET</u>
1. Public Safety	
POLICE DEPARTMENT	
Other Expenses	\$20,000
SANITATION – CONTRACUAL	
Other Expenses	\$250,000
Total Increase to Temp Budget	\$270,000

Overall 2025 Temporary Budget From: 12,463,788.85 TO 12,722,800.85

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

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

RESOLUTION APPROVING EIGHT (8) PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSES FOR YEAR 2025-2026

2025-0608-88

Councilmember Lospinuso offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPROVING EIGHT
PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSES
FOR YEAR 2025-2026

BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson hereby approves the renewal of the following Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor Licenses for the year 2025-2026:

1. Sing Song, Inc., T/A Barnacle Bill’s Restaurant, 1 First Street, Rumson, N.J.
(State Assigned License #1342-33-004-003);
2. Victory Park Tavern, LLC, T/A Victory Park Tavern, 21-23 West River Road, Rumson, N.J.
(State Assigned License #1342-33-013-006);
3. Two River Partners, LLC, T/A Undici, 11 West River Road, Rumson, N.J.
(State Assigned License #1342-33-006-006);

4. Mach Rest, LLC, T/A Red Horse by David Burke, 26 Ridge Road, Rumson, N.J.
(State Assigned License #1342-33-009-004);
5. Trained Monkeys, LLC, T/A Murphy’s Tavern, 17 Ward Lane, Rumson, N.J.
(State Assigned License #1342-33-007-005);
6. Salt Creek, L.L.C., T/A Salt Creek Grille, 4 Bingham Avenue, Rumson, N.J.
(State Assigned License #1342-33-010-005);
7. Round Lake Partners, LLC, T/A Val’s Tavern, 123 East River Road, Rumson, N.J.
(State Assigned License #1342-33-003-005);
8. Surf BBQ License, LLC, T/A River Pointe Inn, 132 East River Road, Rumson, N.J.
(State Assigned License #1342-32-002-009).

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: None.

RESOLUTION APPROVING TWO (2) PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LIQUOR LICENSES FOR YEAR 2025-2026

2025-0608-89

Councilmember Lospinuso offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPROVING TWO PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LIQUOR LICENSES FOR YEAR 2025-2026

BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson hereby approves the renewal of the following Plenary Retail Distribution Liquor Licenses for the year 2025-2026:

1. Rumson Wine & Spirit Shop, Inc., T/A Rumson Buy-Rite, 5 West River Road, Units 3, 4, and 5, Rumson, N.J.
(State Assigned License #1342-44-011-007);
2. Brennan’s Delicatessen at Rumson LLC, T/A Brennan’s Delicatessen, L.L.C. 38 West River Road, Rumson, N.J.
(State Assigned License #1342-44-001-006).

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: None.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 2 FOR THE BOROUGH’S MEADOW RIDGE PARK IMPROVEMENTS

2025-0603-90

Councilmember Casazza offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 2
FOR THE BOROUGH’S MEADOW RIDGE PARK IMPROVEMENTS**

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

WHEREAS, the project consists of constructing a new extended parking lot on the west side of the park, installation of parking lot lights, walkways, a bus loop, and playground areas, as well as pavement resurfacing and various other related improvements; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Change Order Number 1 adjusted the total contract amount by \$12,095.00 resulting in a revised total contract amount of 541,587.50;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson hereby approves Change Order Number 2 of the Borough’s contract with Precise Construction for the Meadow Ridge Park Improvements, which change order will reflect the reduction of certain items in the amount of \$44,960.00 and the addition of certain requested supplemental and extra work resulting in an increase in the amount of \$52,700.00 for a net increase in contract of \$7,740.00 resulting in a total contract amount of \$549,327.50. Said Change Order was recommended by the Borough Engineer in a letter dated May 27, 2025, a copy of which is on file in the Municipal Clerk’s office; and

CERTIFICATION AS TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I, Matthew Palmer, Chief Finance Officer of the Borough of Rumson hereby certify that funds are available from the following accounts: Park Improvements: C-04-193-204 for \$7,740.00.

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: None.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR THE 2024
SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT**

2025-0603-91

Councilmember Casazza offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1
FOR THE BOROUGH’S 2024 SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROGRAM**

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

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

WHEREAS, certain field conditions warranted heavy cleaning of the sanitary sewer pipe infrastructure beyond what was originally anticipated in the contract; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson hereby approves Change Order Number 1 of the Borough’s contract with National Water Main Cleaning Company for the 2024 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Program, which change order will increase the total original contract by \$1,122.00 resulting in a revised total contract amount of \$697,397.00. Said Change Order was recommended by the Borough Engineer in a letter dated May 28, 2025, a copy of which is on file in the Municipal Clerk’s office; and

CERTIFICATION AS TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS
I, Matthew Palmer, Chief Finance Officer of the Borough of Rumson hereby certify that funds are available from the following accounts: Sanitary Sewer Repairs, Replacements and Upgrades: C-04-192-205 for \$1,122.00.

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

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

None.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR:

Tonight, I would like to appoint Alison Mayo as a Regular Member of The Rumson Zoning Board. In addition, I would like to appoint Andrew Ward as alternate member, number one, for the Rumson Zoning Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR:

Borough Hall will be closed on Friday, July 4th and in observance of Independence Day. There will not be garbage collection on Friday, July 4th. Thank you for your cooperation.

The next Regular Meeting of the Rumson Borough Council will be on Tuesday, July 10, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting agenda will be posted on the Borough of Rumson website at www.rumsonnj.gov at least 48 hours prior to the start of the meeting.

FINANCIAL OFFICER’S REPORT:

The Financial Officer’s Report disclosed the following as of June 30, 2025:

BOROUGH OF RUMSON
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
Analysis of Cash for the Month Ending: May 31, 2025

FUNDS	Beginning Balance	Cash Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Balance
1. CURRENT FUND				
Current Fund Checking	22,101,391.23	12,505,546.57	(8,190,849.26)	26,416,088.54

Change Funds	400.00	0.00	0.00	400.00
Investments Rumson BAN	5,080,952.00	0.00	0.00	5,080,952.00
<i>Total Current Fund</i>	<i>27,182,743.23</i>	<i>12,505,546.57</i>	<i>(8,190,849.26)</i>	<i>31,497,440.54</i>
2. CAPITAL FUND				-
Capital Fund Checking	9,740,741.63	0.00	(465,583.20)	9,275,158.43
<i>Total Capital Fund</i>	<i>9,740,741.63</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>(465,583.20)</i>	<i>9,275,158.43</i>
3. PAYROLL & PAYROLL AGENCY				
Payroll	0.01	316,800.97	(316,800.97)	0.01
Payroll Agency	0.01	200,280.23	(200,280.23)	0.01
<i>Total Payroll & Payroll Agency</i>	<i>0.02</i>	<i>517,081.20</i>	<i>(517,081.20)</i>	<i>0.02</i>
4. TRUST FUNDS				
Trust Fund Checking	565,153.24	28,734.00	(13,415.18)	580,472.06
Unemployment Trust	51,070.75	4,548.44	(90.91)	55,528.28
Recreation Trust	671,907.78	48,435.00	(4,767.25)	715,575.53
C.O.A.H. Trust	3,652,353.99	42,237.86	(167,473.69)	3,527,118.16
Law Enforcement Trust Fund	497.07	1.43	0.00	498.50
LEAD (formerly DARE)	20,187.31	57.95	0.00	20,245.26
Cafeteria Plan	6,960.88	0.00	(1,131.91)	5,828.97
Animal Control Trust Fund	28,840.50	160.00	(33.00)	28,967.50
<i>Total Trust Funds</i>	<i>4,996,971.52</i>	<i>124,174.68</i>	<i>(186,911.94)</i>	<i>4,934,234.26</i>
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	41,920,456.40	13,146,802.45	(9,360,425.60)	45,706,833.25

Respectfully submitted by:

Matthew J. Palmer

Matthew J. Palmer, Chief Financial Officer

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: None.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS AND CLAIMS (RESOLUTION):

Councilmember Casazza offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

Vendor Name	Amount
DAVID BROSLAW	202.59
STEVE GEFFEN	65.00
JCP&L	5,001.14
JCP&L	3,948.41
JERSEY SHORE REGIONAL HEALTH	22,574.28
JOHN GUIRE SUPPLY,LLC	308.82
JOHN GUIRE SUPPLY,LLC	334.42
KYLE MCMANUS ASSOCIATES LLC	2,925.00
MITCHELL 1	2,820.00

TREASURER, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH	2,953.53
MW SUPPLY INC	1,140.00
NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER	13,926.99
JOHN O'BRIEN	65.00
RYSER'S LANDSCAPE SUPPLY YARD	1,176.00
TARGETED TECHNOLOGIES LLC	8,569.89
TREASURER - STATE OF NJ	2,000.00
UGI ENERGY SERVICES,LLC	753.59
VERIZON	77.85
VERIZON	530.75
VERIZON WIRELESS	544.13
THERESE WOLLMAN	186.00
POSTMASTER	551.88
ACTION DATA SERVICES,INC	1,052.92
AIR & GAS TECHNOLOGIES	510.00
AMAZON.COM SERVICES LLC	843.75
AMAZON.COM SERVICES LLC	144.52
AMAZON.COM SERVICES LLC	187.95
AMERICANWEAR INDUST UNIFORMS	866.20
AMERICANWEAR INDUST UNIFORMS	36.00
BOUND TREE MEDICAL	891.98
BUTCH'S AUTO. CAR WASH, INC.	156.00
CANNON & MCGUINN,LLC	600.00
CERTIFIED SPEEDOMETER SERVICE	176.00
JAYNE KERRY CHANDLER	260.00
CLEARY, GIACOBBE, ALFIERI	560.00
COASTAL PEST CONTROL	425.00
COMCAST	2,292.53
CROSS OVER NETWORKS	1,558.10
CROWN TIRE	35.00
CROWN TIRE	20.00
DILWORTH PAXSON LLP	3,915.13
DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS	6,445.21
BRYAN DOUGHERTY	829.01
DYNAMIC TESTING SERVICE	240.00
SCOTT ELSAS	637.00
FAIR HAVEN HARDWARE INC	50.13
GLOBAL INDUSTRIAL	1,022.78
HYDRAIR POWER CRIMP LLC	1,443.54
HYDRAIR POWER CRIMP LLC	196.99
INDEPENDENCE CONSTRUCTORS, INC	964.00
JASPAN HARDWARE	364.67
JESCO, INC.	414.80
J.N.M. HOLDINGS, INC.	1,867.25
LAWES OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT	104.55
MCKESSON MEDICAL-SURGICAL	156.69
MIDDLETOWN TWP HEALTH DEPT	3,461.98
MONMOUTH COUNTY TAX ADMIN.	1,266.65
MR JOHN INC	159.00
NATIONAL CENTER FOR SAFETY	61.50
NATIONAL WATER MAIN CLEANING	110,589.32
NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER	4,479.68
NJ DEPARTMENT OF LABOR	21,596.43
NJ GRAVEL & SAND CO.	145.70
POWERHOUSE SIGNWORKS	97.50
PRECISE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	85,759.80
RAYMOND A RAYA	233.33

RICOH USA, INC.	529.03
THOMAS S ROGERS	139.44
RUMSON COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL	660.00
RUTGERS UNIVERSITY	795.00
RYSER'S LANDSCAPE SUPPLY YARD	1,176.00
CHRISTOPHER SESLAR	2,557.91
SHORE AUTO SUPPLY,INC	970.97
SITEONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY	18.46
SITEONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY	81.81
STAPLES,INC	323.79
STAPLES,INC	781.17
MICHAEL B STEIB, PA	2,720.00
STEVE'S MOBILE MARINE LLC	512.48
SUBURBAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS	1,424.53
SUBURBAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS	3,510.00
SURENIAN EDWARDS BUZAK & NOLAN	1,664.50
SwingSetMall.Com	823.30
TIMMERMAN EQUIPMENT COMPANY	791.87
TIMMERMAN EQUIPMENT COMPANY	420.53
TRANE	4,642.00
ANTHONY J. VECCHIO	1,082.50
WAGEWORKS	100.00
GEORGE WALL LINCOLN	628.32
ELISA WALLING	732.00
WEST MARINE PRODUCTS, INC	229.02
MICHAEL B STEIB, PA	1,044.50
	356,132.99

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: None.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL:

Councilmember Pomphrey spoke at this time. Pomphrey reminded the community that the 2025 Environmental Eco-Fest is being held June 7, 2025. Pomphrey also shared that Fair Haven officially formed a committee to work with Rumson in preparation of America 250 celebration.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Pomphrey made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Councilmember Kingsbery. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas S. Rogers
Municipal Clerk/Administrator