

REGULAR MEETING
BOROUGH COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF RUMSON
August 12, 2025

A regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson was held on Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Absent: Lospinuso.

Tom Rogers, Municipal Clerk/Administrator, 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 Kingsbery, seconded by Councilmember Pomphrey, the minutes of the previous meeting on July 8th were approved as written, copies having been forwarded to all Council members.

COMMUNICATIONS:

LETTER FROM THOMAS A ARNONE, MONMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONER DIRECTOR, NOTIFYING THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON THAT MONMOUTH COUNTY IS STARTING THE LOCAL PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING (LPE) PHASE FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE OCEANIC BRIDGE (S-31) AS OF SUMMER 2025

The Municipal Clerk/Administrator received a copy of a letter from Thomas A Arnone, Monmouth County Commissioner Director, Notifying The Borough of Rumson that Monmouth County is starting the Local Preliminary Engineering (LPE) phase for Replacement of the Oceanic Bridge (S-31).

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

LETTER FROM DONALD A DIMAZIO M.S., P.P. LAND USE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES NOTIFYING THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON OF AN APPLICATION TO THE NJDEP FOR A COASTAL GENERAL PERMIT AND A WETLANDS LETTER OF INTERPRETATION FOR 12 EDWARDS POINT ROAD ALSO KNOWN AS BLOCK 124, LOT 6

The Municipal Clerk/Administrator received a copy of an application to the NJDEP for a Coastal General Permit and a Wetlands letter of Interpretation for 12 Edwards Point Road also known as Block 124, Lot 6.

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

LETTER FROM DUBOIS & ASSOCIATES NOTIFYING THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON OF AN APPLICATION TO THE NJDEP FOR A FRESHWATER WETLANDS LETTER OF INTERPRETATION AND FLOOD HAZARD AREA VERIFICATION AND GENERAL PERMIT 6 FOR 17 HEATHCLIFF ROAD ALSO KNOWN AS BLOCK 119, LOT 5.

The Municipal Clerk/Administrator received a copy of an application to the NJDEP for a Freshwater Wetlands Letter of Interpretation and Flood Hazard Area Verification and General Permit 6 for 17 Heathcliff Road also known as Block 119, Lot 5.

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

LETTER FROM DOLPHIN ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, LLC NOTIFYING THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON OF AN APPLICATION TO THE NJDEP FOR A WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT INDIVIDUAL PERMIT FOR 45 WASHINGTON AVENUE ALSO KNOWN AS BLOCK 136, LOT 1.

The Municipal Clerk/Administrator received a copy of an application to the NJDEP for a Waterfront Development Individual Permit for 45 Washington Avenue also known as Block 136, Lot 1.

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

SUBMITTED APPLICATION FROM THE OCEANIC HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY NO. 1 FOR WYATT MULHERN TO BECOME A NEW REGULAR MEMBER.

The Municipal Clerk/Administrator received a copy an application and supporting documents from the Oceanic Hook and Ladder Company NO. 1 for Wyatt Mulhern to become a new regular member.

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

LETTER FROM OCEANIC HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY NO.1 THANKING MAYOR HEMPHILL AND MEMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL FOR ATTENDING THE ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES AT THE OCEANIC HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY NO. 1 FIREHOUSE.

The Municipal Clerk/Administrator received a copy of a letter addressed to Mayor Hemphill and Borough Council thanking them for attending the annual Memorial Day Services at the Oceanic Hook and Ladder Company NO. 1 Firehouse.

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

LETTER FROM THOMAS P. SANTRY, P.A. ENGINEERS & SURVEYORS NOTIFYING THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON OF AN APPLICATION TO THE NJDEP FOR A WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT/COASTAL

**WETLANDS INDIVIDUAL PERMIT FOR 10 AVENUE OF TWO RIVERS
SOUTH ALSO KNOWN AS BLOCK 127, LOT 5.01.**

The Municipal Clerk/Administrator received a copy of an application to the NJDEP for a Waterfront Development/Coastal Wetlands Individual Permit for 10 Avenue of Two Rivers South also known as Block 127, Lot 5.01.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Council President Conklin spoke at this time. Conklin, reflecting on public interactions, commended the efforts of Thomas S. Rogers and the Rumson Borough staff on their public communication efforts, specifically the monthly postcard and constant contact campaigns.

Councilmember Pomphrey spoke at this time. Pomphrey stated that the efforts of the RumsonAmerica250 committee are a full go and the first event will be the America250 Kickoff Event Sunday, September 14, 2025 at Salt Creek Grille. Those interested in attending can register on The Borough of Rumson website by visiting the RumsonAmerica250 webpage.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #25-004 TO RELEASE, VACATE, AND
EXTINGUISH ANY AND ALL PUBLIC RIGHTS IN AND TO PORTIONS OF
BROADMOOR DRIVE. PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR AUGUST 12, 2025.**

The Municipal Clerk/Administrator read the following Ordinance by title only in first reading:
25-004

**AN ORDINANCE TO RELEASE, VACATE, AND
EXTINGUISH ANY AND ALL PUBLIC RIGHTS
IN AND TO PORTIONS OF BROADMOOR DRIVE**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson, in the County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey is of the opinion that the public interest will best be served by abandoning, vacating, releasing and extinguishing any and all public rights which said Borough may have in and to the following described portions of Broadmoor Drive;

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

SECTION 1. The public rights and interest of Broadmoor Drive, particularly described as follows are hereby vacated, abandoned and released:

PARCEL "A"

BEGINNING at a point in the southerly right of way line of Broadmoor Drive where said point is also the terminus of the division line between Lot 10 in Block 119 on the west and Lot 1.01 in Block 121 on the east where they both meet, thence:

1. Through Broadmoor Drive and along the division line between Block 121 on the east and Blocks 119 and 120 on the west, North 20 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West a distance of 53.25 feet to the northerly right of way line of Broadmoor Drive, thence:

2. Along the aforementioned northerly right of way line, South 89 degrees 52 minutes 43 seconds East a distance of 0.53 feet to a point of curvature, thence:
3. Along a curve to the left, having a radius of 5.00 feet, through a central angle of 80 degrees 18 minutes 28 seconds, subtended by a chord bearing of North 49 degrees 58 minutes 03 seconds East and distance of 6.45 feet, having an arc distance of 7.01 feet to a point of reverse curvature, thence:
4. Along a curve to the right, having a radius of 65.00 feet, through a central angle of 306 degrees 46 minutes 25 seconds, subtended by a chord bearing of South 16 degrees 47 minutes 58 seconds East and distance of 58.24 feet, having an arc distance of 348.02 feet to a point of reverse curvature, thence:
5. Along a curve to the left, having a radius of 5.00 feet, through a central angle of 46 degrees 27 minutes 57 seconds, subtended by a chord bearing of North 66 degrees 38 minutes 44 seconds West and distance of 3.94 feet, having an arc distance of 4.05 feet to a point of tangency and the aforementioned southerly right of way line of Broadmoor Drive, thence:
6. Along the aforementioned right of way line, North 89 degrees 52 minutes 43 seconds West a distance of 0.47 feet to the point or place of BEGINNING.

Containing 13,271 more or less square feet or 0.305 more or less acres of land.

The above description is and is intended to be Parcel "A", known and designated as the cul-de-sac abutting proposed Lots 1.01, 1.02 & 1.03 as shown on a certain map entitled: "Final Major Subdivision Plat, Broadmoor Properties, Tax Map Sheet #41, Block 121 – Lots 1 & 2 – Broadmoor Drive, Borough of Rumson, Monmouth County, New Jersey", prepared by Schoor Depalma, dated August 11, 2003, revised December 7, 2005; said map was filed in the Monmouth County Clerk's Office on June 25, 2007 in Case No. 304-20. The entirety of Parcel "A" will be consolidated into existing Lot 1.01 in accordance with a certain map entitled: "Consolidation Plan, 18 Broadmoor Drive, Block 121 – Lot 1.01 and Broadmoor Drive Right-Of-Way, Tax Map Sheet #41", prepared by Partner Engineering and Science, Inc., dated May 6, 2025, revised July 21, 2025. It is further intended that all rights of the public which may exist are to be vacated within the right-of-way described, reserving thereout and therefrom all rights and privileges now possessed by public and private utilities to maintain, repair and replace their existing facilities in, adjacent to, over or under the roadway being vacated including but not limited to gas, water, cable, telephone, electric, sanitary sewers, storm sewers and any appurtenances and rights of ingress and egress relating thereto.

This description was prepared by Yorkanis & White, Inc., Professional Land Surveyors, 23 Village Court, Hazlet, New Jersey, 07730, in accordance a certain plat entitled: "Final Major Subdivision Plat, Broadmoor Properties, Tax Map Sheet #41, Block 121 – Lots 1 & 2 – Broadmoor Drive, Borough of Rumson, Monmouth County, New Jersey", prepared by Schoor Depalma, dated August 11, 2003, revised December 7, 2005; said map was filed in the Monmouth County Clerk's Office on June 25, 2007 in Case No. 304-20.

PARCEL "B"

BEGINNING at a point in the southerly right of way line of Broadmoor Drive on the cul-de-sac curve where said point is the following three (3) courses from the terminus of the division line between Lot 10 in Block 119 on the west and Lot 1.01 in Block 121 on the east where said line meets at the southerly right of way line of Broadmoor Drive, thence:

- a) Along the aforementioned southerly right of way line of Broadmoor Drive, South 89 degrees 52 minutes 43 seconds East a distance of 0.47 feet to a point of curvature, thence:
- b) Along a curve to the right, having a radius of 5.00 feet, through a central angle of 46 degrees 27 minutes 57 seconds, subtended by a chord bearing of South 66 degrees 38 minutes 44 seconds East and distance of 3.94 feet, having an arc distance of 4.05 feet to a point of reverse curvature, thence:

- c) Along a curve to the left, having a radius of 65.00 feet, through a central angle of 51 degrees 48 minutes 41 seconds, subtended by a chord bearing of South 69 degrees 19 minutes 06 seconds East and distance of 56.80 feet, having an arc distance of 58.78 feet the Point and Place of BEGINNING, and from said Point and Place of BEGINNING, thence RUNNING:
1. Still along the cul-de-sac, along a curve to the left, having a radius of 65.00 feet, through a central angle of 17 degrees 59 minutes 45 seconds, subtended by a chord bearing of North 75 degrees 46 minutes 41 seconds East and distance of 20.33 feet, having an arc distance of 20.42 feet to an easement corner, thence:
 2. Through Lot 1.01, the following seven (7) courses: South 24 degrees 35 minutes 13 seconds East a distance of 96.44 feet to an easement corner, thence:
 3. North 73 degrees 08 minutes 10 seconds East a distance of 210.13 feet to an easement corner, thence:
 4. North 46 degrees 18 minutes 31 seconds East a distance of 10.22 feet to an easement corner, thence:
 5. North 22 degrees 39 minutes 42 seconds East a distance of 21.35 feet to an easement corner, thence:
 6. North 19 degrees 40 minutes 14 seconds East a distance of 47.46 feet to an easement corner, thence:
 7. North 60 degrees 46 minutes 25 seconds East a distance of 26.38 feet to an easement corner, thence:
 8. North 74 degrees 17 minutes 04 seconds East a distance of 120.57 feet to the mean high water line as shown on Filed Map 304-20, aforesaid, thence:
 9. Along the aforementioned mean high water line, the following six (6) courses: South 14 degrees 34 minutes 40 seconds West a distance of 7.22 feet to an angle point, thence:
 10. South 10 degrees 39 minutes 47 seconds East a distance of 4.64 feet to an angle point, thence:
 11. South 50 degrees 39 minutes 24 seconds East a distance of 5.29 feet to an angle point, thence:
 12. South 83 degrees 30 minutes 35 seconds East a distance of 2.10 feet to an angle point, thence:
 13. North 88 degrees 46 minutes 02 seconds East a distance of 9.54 feet to an angle point, thence:
 14. South 72 degrees 38 minutes 02 seconds East a distance of 2.98 feet to an easement corner, thence:
 15. Through Lot 1.01 again, the following seven (7) courses: South 74 degrees 17 minutes 04 seconds West a distance of 130.85 feet to an easement corner, thence:
 16. South 60 degrees 46 minutes 25 seconds West a distance of 16.51 feet to an easement corner, thence:
 17. South 19 degrees 40 minutes 14 seconds West a distance of 40.49 feet to an easement corner, thence:
 18. South 22 degrees 39 minutes 42 seconds West a distance of 26.06 feet to an easement corner, thence:

19. South 46 degrees 18 minutes 31 seconds West a distance of 19.18 feet to an easement corner, thence:
20. South 73 degrees 08 minutes 10 seconds West a distance of 232.37 feet to an easement corner, thence:
21. North 24 degrees 35 minutes 13 seconds West a distance of 117.57 feet to the point or place of BEGINNING.

Containing 11,010 more or less square feet or 0.253 more or less acres of land.

The above description is and is intended to be Parcel “B”, The Easement is known and designated as the 20 foot wide Drainage Easement on proposed Lot 1.01 as shown on a certain map entitled: “Final Major Subdivision Plat, Broadmoor Properties, Tax Map Sheet #41, Block 121 – Lots 1 & 2 – Broadmoor Drive, Borough of Rumson, Monmouth County, New Jersey”, prepared by Schoor Depalma, dated August 11, 2003, revised December 7, 2005; said map was filed in the Monmouth County Clerk’s Office on June 25, 2007 in Case No. 304-20 vacated as described above. It is further intended that all rights of the public which may exist are to be vacated within the easement described.

This description was prepared by Yorkanis & White, Inc., Professional Land Surveyors, 23 Village Court, Hazlet, New Jersey, 07730, in accordance a certain plat entitled: “Final Major Subdivision Plat, Broadmoor Properties, Tax Map Sheet #41, Block 121 – Lots 1 & 2 – Broadmoor Drive, Borough of Rumson, Monmouth County, New Jersey”, prepared by Schoor Depalma, dated August 11, 2003, revised December 7, 2005; said map was filed in the Monmouth County Clerk’s Office on June 25, 2007 in Case No. 304-20.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon the passage and publication according to law.

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: Lospinuso.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE BOROUGH’S 2025 SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROGRAM TO NATIONAL WATER MAIN CLEANING COMPANY.

2025-0812-116

Councilmember Kingsbery offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT
FOR THE BOROUGH’S 2025 SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROGRAM
TO NATIONAL WATER MAIN CLEANING COMPANY**

WHEREAS, on July 29, 2025, two (2) sealed bids were received for the 2025 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Program, which consists of the cleaning, televised inspection, testing and sealing of pipe joints within approximately 21,000 linear feet of sanitary sewer infrastructure within the Navesink Avenue Pump Station Sewer Basin; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has reviewed the bids and considered the recommendations of the Borough Engineer and Borough Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council finds the lowest responsible bidder, National Water Main Cleaning Company, of 1806 Newark Turnpike, Kearny, NJ 07032 in the amount of \$462,250.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that it does hereby accept the bid of National Water Main Cleaning Company, 1806 Newark Turnpike, Kearny, New Jersey 07032 in the amount of \$462,250.00 as recommended by the Borough Engineer by memorandum dated July 29, 2025, which is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are authorized to execute the contract documents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contract be awarded subject to approval by the, the New Jersey of Labor, Office of Wage and Hour Compliance and the review and approval of bid documents by the Borough Attorney.

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 \$462,250.00.

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: Lospinuso.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING THE SUPPORT FOR CHAPTER 159 – ALCOHOL, EDUCATION, REHABILITATION GRANT.

2025-0812-117

Councilmember Casazza offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION PROVIDING THE SUPPORT FOR CHAPTER 159 – ALCOHOL, EDUCATION, REHABILITATION GRANT (\$412.66)

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:40-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Finance may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue and appropriation in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Rumson hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Finance to approve the insertion of an item of revenue and appropriation in the budget for the year 2025 in the amount of (\$412.66 for the Alcohol, Education, Rehabilitation Grant which item is now available pursuant to the provision of statute; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like amount of (\$412.66) be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of: ALCOHOL, EDUCATION, REHABILITATION GRANT

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above is the result of monies received from the State of New Jersey and was deposited into the proper account.

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: Lospinuso.

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON AND THE RUMSON BOARD OF
EDUCATION.**

2025-0812-118

Councilmember Pomphrey offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON AND THE RUMSON BOARD OF EDUCATION**

WHEREAS, the Rumson Board of Education and the Administration of the Rumson School System have inquired about extending a Shared Service for Police services for the September 2025- June 2026 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson has the personnel and existing professional expertise to provide this type of service to the Rumson Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the Administrators of the Borough of Rumson and the Rumson School District have reached an agreement for said services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk/Administrator be authorized to enter into an Agreement with the Rumson Board of Education; and

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

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: Lospinuso.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON AND THE RUMSON FAIR HAVEN
REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION.**

2025-0812-119

Councilmember Pomphrey offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON AND THE RUMSON FAIR HAVEN REGIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION**

WHEREAS, the Rumson Fair Haven Regional High School Board of Education (RFHRHS) and the Administration of the RFHRHS have inquired about extending a Shared Service for Police services for the July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson has the personnel and existing professional expertise to provide this type of service to RFHRHS; and

WHEREAS, the Administrators of the Borough of Rumson and the RFHRHS have reached an agreement for said services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk/Administrator be authorized to enter into an Agreement with the Rumson Fair Haven Regional High School; and

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

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: Lospinuso.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING BRIAN ALLISON AS PART-TIME DISPATCHER FOR THE RUMSON POLICE DEPARTMENT.

2025-0812-120

Councilmember Pomphrey offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING BRIAN ALLISON AS
PART-TIME DISPATCHER FOR THE RUMSON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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

WHEREAS, Brian Allison have the proper training and experience for the position of Part-Time Dispatchers; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that Brian Allison be appointed as Part-Time Dispatchers effective July 30, 2025 at an hourly rate of \$17.25 per hour.

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: Lospinuso.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AGREEMENT TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP IN THE MONMOUTH MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND.

2025-0812-121

Councilmember Kingsbery offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

AGREEMENT TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP IN THE
MONMOUTH MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

WHEREAS, the Monmouth Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (hereinafter the Fund) is a duly chartered Municipal Insurance Fund as authorized by NJSA 40A:10-36 et seq., and;

WHEREAS, Rumson Borough is currently a member of said Fund, and;

WHEREAS, effective December 31, 2025, said membership will expire unless earlier renewed, and;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of Rumson Borough has resolved to renew said membership;

NOW THEREFORE, it is agreed as follows:

1. Rumson Borough hereby renews its membership in the Monmouth Municipal Joint Insurance Fund for a three (3) year period, beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2028*. *12:01 am
2. Rumson Borough hereby ratifies and reaffirms the Indemnity and Trust Agreement, Bylaws and other organizational and operational documents of the Monmouth Municipal Joint Insurance Fund as from time to time amended and altered by the Department of Insurance in accordance with the Applicable Statutes and administrative regulations as if each and every one of said documents were re-executed contemporaneously herewith.
3. Rumson Borough agrees to be a participating member of the Fund for the period herein provided for and to comply with all of the rules and regulations and obligations associated with said membership.
4. In consideration of the continuing membership of Rumson Borough in the Monmouth Municipal Joint Insurance Fund, the Fund agrees, subject to the continuing approval of the Commissioner of Insurance, to accept the renewal application of Rumson Borough.
5. Executed the 12 day of August, 2025 as the lawful and binding act and deed of Rumson Borough, which execution has been duly authorized by public vote of the governing body.

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: Lospinuso.

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING WILLIAM TRANSCO'S NORTHEASTERN SUPPLY
ENHANCEMENT PROJECT.**

2025-0812-122

Councilmember Conklin offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION OPPOSING WILLIAM TRANSCO'S
NORTHEASTERN SUPPLY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, Williams is proposing the Northeast Supply Enhancement Project (NESE) to build a 23.4 mile methane natural gas pipeline through Raritan Bay and Lower New York Bay, from Old Bridge, New Jersey to Rockaway, New York; and construct a new Compressor Station for the Connection to the Transco Pipeline by Williams on the Proposed Route 27 Location owned by Trap Rock in Franklin Township, Somerset"; and

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2019, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation denied Transco's application for a Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification citing "significant water quality impacts from the resuspension of sediments and other contaminants, including mercury and copper"; and

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2019, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection denied a second set of permits for failing to meet surface water quality requirements, disturbing wetlands, endangering species and without a compelling public need; and

WHEREAS, in April of 2020, the Synapse Economic Energy Report¹ found there is no demonstrable supply-and-demand-gap that could justify NESE or any other large-scale gas infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, in April of 2020, the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis report found that there is no public need for the NESE pipeline and that the National Grid utility's contract for the pipeline would have required ratepayers in Long Island, Brooklyn, Staten Island and most of Queens to pay \$193 million a year for 15 years; and

WHEREAS, in April of 2020, National Grid identified in its "Long-term Capacity Report" an alternative for natural gas services, including a clean energy, no-infrastructure alternative, that did not require construction of a new pipeline; and

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2020, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation denied another of Transco's application for a Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification "with prejudice"; and

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2020, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection denied Williams the Wetland and 401 Water Quality permits for 23 miles of submarine pipeline off the Raritan Bay cutting under Sayreville and Old Bridge and requiring a new compressor station in Franklin; and

WHEREAS, in May of 2024, the Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company LLC (Transco), a subsidiary of Williams, notified the Federal Energy Regulatory Authority it would not seek an extension to build the NESE project abandoning it altogether by letting the expiration of a previously granted extension by FERC on May 3, 2024 occur; and

WHEREAS, on May 29, 2025, Williams Transco petitioned FERC for "Expedited Reissuance of Certification Authority Northeast Supply Enhancement Project"; and

WHEREAS, Williams Transco has made no changes to the project and failed to update cost estimates; and

WHEREAS, Williams Transco is proposing to construct a 32,000 hp compressor station to accelerate flow through its existing pipeline, constructed in the 1950s, from Pennsylvania through many towns in New Jersey including Old Bridge, Sayreville, and Franklin Township in Middlesex and Somerset counties, to reach its destination in Queens, New York; and

WHEREAS, the construction and operation of the proposed compressor station will release toxins to the air, ground water and nearby streams, as well as noise above and beyond accepted regulatory levels, all of which will impact the quality of life of local residents, children attending schools, businesses, places of worship, farmers and their farms which produce crops for local and regional consumption, and area and migratory wildlife for many years; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the proposed project is to transport 400 million cubic feet of methane natural gas, extracted through the environmentally destructive process of hydraulic fracturing, from the Marcellus Shale to New York; and,

WHEREAS, the State of New York has banned hydraulic fracking, however this pipeline will impose environmental and economic costs upon the State of New Jersey by the disruption of the current stable Raritan Bay ecosystem and the adverse impact on the Raritan Bay along with the Shrewsbury and Navesink Rivers which surround the Rumson peninsula.

Furthermore, the State of New York will receive substantially all of the benefit of the pipeline while the State of New Jersey will bear substantial environmental, economic and societal risks with little benefit; and,

WHEREAS, the project will not serve the interests of the State of New Jersey, or its residents, and will only supply methane natural gas to Brooklyn, Queens and Long Island New York; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed pipeline part of the NESE project will have severe negative impacts to the Raritan and Lower New York Bays along with the Navesink and Shrewsbury Rivers which surround the Borough of Rumson, such as disturbing roughly 14,165 acres of the seabed of the Raritan Bay, discharging 690,000 gallons of drilling fluid and chemicals into the bay, re-suspending over 1,090,000 tons of toxic muck contaminated by PCBs, dioxin, lead, mercury, and arsenic, and destroying over 1,000 acres of benthic habitat that houses marine fish, shellfish, and larva; and,

WHEREAS, the project poses serious concerns related to environmental harm to marine and coastal ecosystems, as well as negative impacts to the safety, health and wellbeing of Bayshore coastal communities, resulting in well-documented public opposition; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed pipeline will endanger marine life and fisheries through decreased water quality from re-suspended toxins, sieving of over 3.5 million gallons of seawater destroying any living thing that is caught in the process, and creating loud sounds and powerful vibrations that accompany pipeline development which will impact migration patterns, communication systems and other important biological processes; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed pipeline will adversely impact industries important to the New Jersey Bayshore communities, leading to the addition of toxic sediments into the Navesink and Shrewsbury Rivers, and the Atlantic Ocean ecosystem, through tidal flow, disturbing commercial and recreational fishing and shell fishing activities, and potentially damage the tourism industry.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on this date, August 12, 2025, The Borough of Rumson hereby opposes the construction and installation of a 23.4 mile pipeline.

Be It Further Resolved, that the Borough of Rumson urges the company Williams Transco to eliminate any further consideration for a pipeline.

Be It Further Resolved, that The Borough of Rumson urges the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to deny any permit application for the project and any other pipeline, and urges its representatives of the New Jersey Legislature, United States Congress and United States Senate, as well as the Governor of New Jersey to oppose this pipeline application.

Be It Further Resolved, that this resolution be certified and forwarded to New Jersey Governor Philip D. Murphy, Matthew Resnick of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Division of Land Use Regulation, Senator Declan O'Scanlon, and Assembly Members Gerry Scharfenberger and Victoria A. Flynn.

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: Lospinuso.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 3 FOR THE
BOROUGH'S 2024 SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROGRAM.**

2025-0812-123

Councilmember Kingsbery offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 3
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, due to optimal dry-weather conditions and realized efficiencies within the project it became desirable to include additional sanitary sewer infrastructure beyond what was originally anticipated in the contract; and

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

WHEREAS, Change Order Numbers 1 and 2 adjusted the total contract amount by \$15,330.63.00 resulting in a revised total contract amount of \$711,605.63.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson hereby approves Change Order Number 3 of the Borough’s contract with National Water Main Cleaning Company for the 2024 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Program, which change order will reflect the reduction of certain items resulting in a decrease of \$59,425.00 and the addition of certain extra work in the amount of \$91,880.75 resulting in a net increase to the contract of \$32,455.75 for a revised total contract amount of \$744,061.38. Said Change Order was recommended by the Borough Engineer in a letter dated August 5, 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 \$32,455.75.

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

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: Lospinuso.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 4 FOR THE
BOROUGH’S MEADOW RIDGE PARK IMPROVEMENTS.**

2025-0812-124

Councilmember Casazza offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 4
FOR THE BOROUGH’S MEADOW RIDGE PARK IMPROVEMENTS

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

WHEREAS, the project consists of constructing a new extended parking lot on the west side of the park, installation of parking lot lights, walkways, a bus loop, and playground areas, as well

as pavement resurfacing and various other related improvements; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Change Orders Number 1, 2 and 3 previously adjusted the total contract resulting in a revised total contract amount of \$631,273.30;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson hereby approves Change Order Number 4 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 \$11,229.90 and the addition of certain requested supplemental and extra work resulting in an increase in the amount of \$8,892.50 for a net decrease in contract of \$2,337.40 resulting in a total contract amount of \$628,935.90. Said Change Order was recommended by the Borough Engineer in a letter dated August 5, 2025, a copy of which is on file in the Municipal Clerk's office;

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: Lospinuso.

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

2025-0812-125

Councilmember Pomphrey offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

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

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

WHEREAS, the Code Enforcement Officer notified the Administrator that properties at 33 Rumson Road (Block 134, Lot 10), 50 Rumson Road (Block 103, Lot 1), 54 Rumson Road (Block 103, Lot 2), and 93 Rumson Road (Block 124, Lot 34) were found to be in violation of Borough Property Maintenance Codes; and

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson that the Administrator and Tax Collector have the right to place a lien on the properties located at 33 Rumson Road (Block 134, Lot 10), 50 Rumson Road (Block 103, Lot 1), 54

Rumson Road (Block 103, Lot 2), and 93 Rumson Road (Block 124, Lot 34) to recoup the costs associated with the required work; and

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

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

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

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: Lospinuso.

**RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE GRACE PERIOD FOR PAYMENT OF THIRD
QUARTER 2025 TAXES.**

2025-0812-126

Councilmember Casazza offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE GRACE PERIOD FOR PAYMENT OF THIRD
QUARTER 2025 TAXES**

WHEREAS, the statutory due date for third quarter property taxes is August 1, 2025, with a ten-day grace period ending August 10, 2025, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-67; and

WHEREAS, the delay in mailing the 2025/2026 final tax bills has caused a hardship for taxpayers in meeting the August 10, 2025 grace period; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 permits the governing body, by resolution, to extend the grace period;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson. County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that the grace period for payment of third quarter 2025 property taxes is hereby extended to September 2, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that interest shall be charged back to August 1, 2025 on any third quarter payment received after September 2, 2025.

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: Lospinuso.

**RESOLUTION CANCELLING 2025 PROPERTY TAXES FOR BLOCK 18, LOT 20
100% DISABLED VETERAN.**

2025-0812-127

Councilmember Kingsbery offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION CANCELLING
2025 PROPERTY TAXES
FOR BLOCK 18, LOT 20
100% DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2024 the United States of America, Department of Veterans Affairs notified Joshua Welle of his 100% Disabled status; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2025. Mr. Welle submitted a claim for Property Tax Exemption on Dwelling House of Disabled Veteran for his property located at 9 Bellevue Avenue, also known as Block 18 Lot 20; and

WHEREAS, the Rumson Tax Assessor, Erick Aguiar, approved Mr. Welle’s Claim for Property Tax Exemption on Dwelling House of Disabled Veteran effective March 14, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson Tax Assessor, Erick Aguiar, will change the property class to 15F, which is Tax Exempt as of 2025; and

WHEREAS, Michele Carnesi, Borough Tax Collector, has confirmed taxes have been paid through second quarter 2025; and

WHEREAS, Michele Carnesi recommends canceling \$24,001.08 of 2025 property taxes for the period March 14, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Michele Carnesi further recommends refunding \$8,777.58 to Joshua W. Welle for the overpayment of taxes resulting from the cancellation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that \$24,001.08 of the 2025 property taxes for Block 18, Lot 20 be cancelled; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that \$8777.58 overpayment as a result of the cancellation be refunded to Joshua W. Welle and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Borough Chief Financial Officer and the Monmouth County Tax Board Administrator.

Seconded by Councilmember Pomphrey_and carried upon the following roll call vote:

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: Lospinuso.

**RESOLUTION CANCELLING 2025 PROPERTY TAXES FOR BLOCK 42, LOT 18
100% DISABLED VETERAN.**

2025-0812-128

Councilmember Kingsbery offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION CANCELLING
2025 PROPERTY TAXES
FOR BLOCK 42, LOT 18
100% DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS, on December 19, 2024 the United States of America, Department of Veterans Affairs notified Robert Keane of his 100% Disabled status; and

WHEREAS, on April 4, 2025 Mr. Keane submitted a claim for Property Tax Exemption on Dwelling House of Disabled Veteran for his property located at 47 Lennox Avenue, also known as Block 42 Lot 18; and

WHEREAS, the Rumson Tax Assessor, Erick Aguiar, approved Mr. Keane's Claim for Property Tax Exemption on Dwelling House of Disabled Veteran effective April 4, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson Tax Assessor, Erick Aguiar, will change the property class to 15F, which is Tax Exempt as of 2025; and

WHEREAS, Michele Carnesi, Borough Tax Collector, has confirmed taxes have been paid through second quarter 2025; and

WHEREAS, Michele Carnesi recommends canceling \$7,324.30 of 2025 property taxes for the period April 4, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Michele Carnesi further recommends refunding \$2,425.42 to Robert Keane for the overpayment of taxes resulting from the cancellation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that \$7,324.30 of the 2025 property taxes for Block 42, Lot 18 be cancelled; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that \$8777.58 overpayment as a result of the cancellation be refunded to Robert Keane and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Borough Chief Financial Officer and the Monmouth County Tax Board Administrator.

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: Lospinuso.

CONSENT AGENDA:

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR:

Borough Hall will be closed on Monday, September 1st in observance of the Labor Day holiday. There will be no garbage collection in the Borough on Labor Day. Have a safe and enjoyable Labor Day holiday.

The next Regular Meeting of the Rumson Borough Council will be on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting agenda will be posted on the Borough of Rumson website at www.rumsonnj.gov at least 48 hours prior to the start of the meeting.

FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Financial Officer's Report disclosed the following as of July 31, 2025:

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

FUNDS	Beginning Balance	Cash Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Balance
1. CURRENT FUND				
Current Fund Checking	26,056,505.16	1,825,548.26	(12,825,627.71)	15,056,425.71
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>31,137,857.16</i>	<i>1,825,548.26</i>	<i>(12,825,627.71)</i>	<i>20,137,777.71</i>
2. CAPITAL FUND				-
Capital Fund Checking	9,025,859.35	2,250,405.00	(376,744.92)	10,899,519.43
<i>Total Capital Fund</i>	<i>9,025,859.35</i>	<i>2,250,405.00</i>	<i>(376,744.92)</i>	<i>10,899,519.43</i>
3. PAYROLL & PAYROLL AGENCY				
Payroll	0.01	350,379.88	(350,379.88)	0.01
Payroll Agency	0.01	211,570.78	(211,570.78)	0.01
<i>Total Payroll & Payroll Agency</i>	<i>0.02</i>	<i>561,950.66</i>	<i>(561,950.66)</i>	<i>0.02</i>
4. TRUST FUNDS				
Trust Fund Checking	585,537.32	49,567.33	(30,644.34)	604,460.31
Unemployment Trust	33,826.37	97.00	(107.68)	33,815.69
Recreation Trust	674,036.04	58,233.65	(151,724.20)	580,545.49
C.O.A.H. Trust	3,646,166.86	64,227.23	(407,892.20)	3,302,501.89
Law Enforcement Trust Fund	499.88	1.43	0.00	501.31
LEAD (formerly DARE)	17,170.22	49.67	0.00	17,219.89
Cafeteria Plan	3,976.67	0.00	(2,099.63)	1,877.04
Animal Control Trust Fund	28,542.52	51.00	(12.60)	28,580.92
<i>Total Trust Funds</i>	<i>4,989,755.88</i>	<i>172,227.31</i>	<i>(592,480.65)</i>	<i>4,569,502.54</i>
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	45,153,472.41	4,810,131.23	(14,356,803.94)	35,606,799.70

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, Smith.

In the negative: None.

Absent: Lospinuso.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS AND CLAIMS (RESOLUTION):

Councilmember Casazza offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

Vendor Name	Amount
THOMAS S ROGERS	33.00
TEAL CRUISES	1,000.00
BEACON AWARDS	1,260.00
RICOH USA, INC.	529.03
OHD,LLLP	1,010.00
ACTION DATA SERVICES,INC	921.56
ALLIED FIRE & SAFETY EQUIPMENT	380.00
AMAZON.COM SERVICES LLC	217.10
AMAZON.COM SERVICES LLC	7.59
AMAZON.COM SERVICES LLC	279.87
AMERICANWEAR INDUST UNIFORMS	866.20
AMERICANWEAR INDUST UNIFORMS	36.00
GANNETT NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY	529.82
ATHLETE'S ALLEY	660.00
BAYSHORE FIRE & SAFETY LLC	563.00
BETTY BEDOYA	3.00
BOROUGH OF EATONTOWN	1,000.00
BUTCH'S AUTO. CAR WASH, INC.	26.00
CIRCLE CHEVROLET INC	78.06
CROWN TIRE	113.25
DELTA DENTAL OF NEW JERSEY INC	3,638.27
F & C AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLY INC	3,636.12
KERRY & ZACHARY FRITZ	1,000.00
INDEPENDENCE CONSTRUCTORS, INC	8,935.00
INFORMATION DESIGN, INC.	1,505.70
JB POWER EQUIPMENT SALES	59.98
JCP&L	3,813.37
JESCO, INC.	1,103.95
KEPWEL NATURAL SPRING WATER	134.00
KYLE MCMANUS ASSOCIATES LLC	6,597.70
LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES,INC	79.22
LAWES OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT	125.68
MICHELE A MACPHERSON	315.00
TREASURER, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH	1,472.22
MONMOUTH COUNTY TREASURER	666.91
MONMOUTH COUNTY CLERK	3,102.00
UNITED SITE SERVICES	318.00
NATIONAL CENTER FOR SAFETY	164.00
NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER	13,926.99
NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER	7,815.70
NJ DIVISION OF A.B.C.	33.00
NJ DEPARTMENT OF LABOR	107.68
NJ NATURAL GAS CO.	362.70
ONCOURT OFFCOURT LTD	3,284.67
MATTHEW J PALMER	139.27
PRECISE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	33,932.00
QUALITY ELECTRICAL CONST CO.	1,883.00
QUALITY ELECTRICAL CONST CO.	1,675.00
QUALITY ELECTRICAL CONST CO.	16,112.00
QUALITY ELECTRICAL CONST CO.	4,622.00
QUALITY ELECTRICAL CONST CO.	425.00
QUALITY ELECTRICAL CONST CO.	1,243.00

QUADIENT LEASING USA,INC	362.34
THOMAS S ROGERS	102.75
SEABOARD WELDING SUPPLY, INC	477.18
SHORE AUTO SUPPLY,INC	1,707.53
RONALD JOHN STARK	888.75
MICHAEL B STEIB, PA	1,360.00
MICHAEL B STEIB, PA	3,520.00
JOSEPH STROHMENGER	114.89
SUBURBAN DISPOSAL INC.,	32,395.56
SUBURBAN DISPOSAL INC.,	49,500.00
TARGETED TECHNOLOGIES LLC	2,590.00
T & M ASSOCIATES	951.00
TREASURER, STATE OF NJ	75.00
TREAS.,STATE OF NJ DCA	60.00
UGI ENERGY SERVICES,LLC	153.42
VERIZON	77.38
VERIZON	86.52
VERIZON WIRELESS	544.13
VERIZON BUSINESS FIOS	144.99
VIRAGOMUSIC,LLC	500.00
WINNER FORD	43,104.00
FIRSTENERGY HQ	660.00
POSTMASTER	609.84
ACE AUTO TOPS & SEAT COVERS	110.00
ACTION DATA SERVICES,INC	1,440.54
ACTION UNIFORM CO,LLC	3,318.00
AGGRESSIVE ENERGY LLC	36.46
ALLIED OIL, LLC	4,565.70
AMAZON.COM SERVICES LLC	744.67
AMAZON.COM SERVICES LLC	31.70
ATHLETE'S ALLEY	791.00
ATHLETE'S ALLEY	2,005.30
BARTLETT TREE EXPERTS	644.00
JESSICA M BELLAVANCE	1,460.00
BUTCH'S AUTO. CAR WASH, INC.	156.00
LAUREN BUTLER	900.00
MONMOUTH MEDICAL CENTER FDN	1,200.00
COLLIN CAMPION	100.00
CHRISTOPHER J. CHAMPEAU	17,475.00
CLEARY, GIACOBBE, ALFIERI	1,330.00
CLEARY, GIACOBBE, ALFIERI	297.50
COASTAL LACROSSE LEAGUE	125.00
COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN	1,517.50
COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN	4,003.75
COMCAST	2,288.32
MONMOUTH COUNTY TREASURER	2,783,061.52
MONMOUTH COUNTY TREASURER	166,880.87
MONMOUTH COUNTY TREASURER	429,376.71
CRANEY'S INTERPRETING SERVICES	175.00
CROSS OVER NETWORKS	1,963.10
ANDREW DAVANZO	100.00
DETCO	187.88
DILWORTH PAXSON LLP	996.00
EDMUNDS AND ASSOCIATES, INC	761.25
EMERGENCY ACCESSORIES &	21,119.99
JOSEPH FAZZIO WALL, LLC	119.88
GLOBE PETROLEUM INC	1,660.46

JOE HADFIELD	60.00
CHARLES HOFFMANN	684.12
HOLMAN FRENIA ALLISON, PC	6,500.00
HUGHES ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	13,500.00
JASPAN HARDWARE	428.78
JCP&L	4,909.30
JERSEY SHORE REGIONAL HEALTH	280.00
JVS TRAINING LLC	8,380.00
MARY A KARLO	637.50
PAUL J KEANY	2,050.00
ROBERT KEANE	2,425.42
KEMPTON FLAG	714.24
KINTECH,INC	720.78
KRISTEN LANFRANK	3,510.00
LAWES OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT	134.13
LAWES OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT	168.78
LAWES OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT	42.51
LEXINGTON INSURANCE COMPANY	1,632.00
LH MOBILE,LLC	1,040.00
MICHELE A MACPHERSON	130.00
MAZZA RECYCLING SERVICES, LTD	4,933.10
MAZZA MULCH,INC	15,888.00
MAZZA MULCH,INC	392.00
MCAA OF MONMOUTH COUNTY	95.00
MCKESSON MEDICAL-SURGICAL	218.79
MONMOUTH COUNTY TREASURER	100.00
UNITED SITE SERVICES	501.80
NATIONAL CENTER FOR SAFETY	266.50
NATIONAL WATER MAIN CLEANING	144,071.51
NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER	13,926.99
NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER	7,854.12
NEXVORTEX LLC	438.55
NJ FIRE EQUIPMENT CO	9,491.90
NJ NATURAL GAS CO.	899.06
NJ LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES	180.00
STATE OF NJ PENSIONS/ACTIVE	124,385.67
STATE OF NJ PENSIONS/RETIREE	84,982.55
ODIN INTERNATIONAL INC	2,436.42
ONE CALL CONCEPTS	272.70
POSTER COMPLIANCE CENTER	491.70
POWERHOUSE SIGNWORKS	1,350.00
POWERHOUSE SIGNWORKS	925.00
PRECISE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	166,222.80
PRECISE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	151,958.80
PREMIER GRAPHICS,INC	1,382.50
QUALITY GLASS	1,390.65
RAYMOND A RAYA	233.33
REALTY DATA SYSTEMS LLC	7,655.00
RICOH USA, INC.	529.03
THOMAS S ROGERS	215.00
RYSER'S LANDSCAPE SUPPLY YARD	56.00
SERVICE TIRE TRUCK CENTER,INC	1,004.00
SHEA COMMUNICATIONS INC	195.00
SITEONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY	239.88
S & S WORLDWIDE, INC	191.66
STAPLES,INC	481.80
STAPLES,INC	557.27

ALEX STEIN	1,600.00
JOSEPH STROHMENGER	60.00
STRONG ROOTS TURF MANAGEMENT	2,750.00
SUBURBAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS	1,047.50
SUBURBAN DISPOSAL INC.,	32,014.25
SUBURBAN DISPOSAL INC.,	49,500.00
TARGETED TECHNOLOGIES LLC	6,068.89
TARGETED TECHNOLOGIES LLC	1,332.00
TARGETED TECHNOLOGIES LLC	11,470.00
TARGETED TECHNOLOGIES LLC	349.00
TLP CLIMATE CONTROL SYSTEMS,IN	2,797.00
T & M ASSOCIATES	288.00
T & M ASSOCIATES	20,067.86
T & M ASSOCIATES	13,293.00
JOSEPH VAN MATER 3RD	392.00
ANTHONY J. VECCHIO	1,082.50
VERIZON	528.13
VERIZON	85.89
WAGEWORKS	200.00
WARSHAUER ELECTRIC SUPPLY	882.00
JOSHUA WELLE	8,777.58
JOHN WERNER JR	1,200.00
ZACHARY WILSON	3,510.00
WITMER PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP	3,742.00
Y-PERS, INC.	158.74
	4,680,228.97

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: Lospinuso.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL:

Councilmember Conklin spoke at this time. Conklin, reflecting on Resolution 2025-0812-122, which had been passed earlier in the meeting, shared his thoughts on why it was important for the governing body to oppose the project. Conklin provided a brief history of the project dating back to 2019 and how the pipeline is planned to run through the Raritan Bay in New Jersey and will only provide gas to New York State. Conklin states there is no benefit from this project for New Jersey and yet the state would be the one taking all the economic and environmental risk. Conklin also spoke on the dangers of the superfund sites and the toxic dumping that has occurred throughout the Raritan Bay watershed for decades. Based on his GE PCB contamination case research he found that the PCBs were discovered about 150 miles from the original site and that the cleanup effort was very concerned about releasing entombed contaminants during the clean-up effort. Conklin believes that the GE example is a road map for which might occur if this NESE pipeline is allowed--that contaminants in the Raritan Bay would be released. Conklin shared that he felt if this project were to go forward, it would affect not just the Raritan Bay, but the Sandy Hook Bay, Navesink River and Shrewsbury Rivers since there is no assurances that the Raritan Bay seabed is not filled with contaminants after decades of pollution. Conklin encourages everyone to share what is happening throughout the community to raise awareness about the potential danger the NESE presents to our surrounding rivers. Councilmember Pomphrey stated a plan to link information back to The Borough website about the project to raise awareness.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Representatives of Clean Ocean Action spoke at this time and provided the following statement:

Hello everyone,

My name is McDonagh Kuntz, and I am here on behalf of Clean Ocean Action. COA is a broad-based coalition of organizations dedicated to the improvement of water quality and defending the marine ecosystem in the region from Montauk, NY to Cape May, NJ. I am also a resident of Rumson, and I live on circle drive.

We wanted to thank you for bringing this resolution to a vote. As you know, the Northeast Supply Enhancement pipeline (NESE) project is a natural gas pipeline that will rip through the state of New Jersey to bring fossil fuels to power Long Island, New York.

As stated in the resolution, there are so many reasons, too many for me to say here, that this pipeline should not be built. However, I do want to highlight two issues that will impact citizens in Rumson.

In the short term, the construction will heavily impact people who depend on clean water and access to the Raritan Bay for their livelihoods. Fishermen, recreational boaters, and others would be negatively impacted since construction of the Raritan Bay Loop will go through seven separate recreational & commercial fishing grounds and hinder travel of boaters.

In the long term there will be significant impacts to water quality in the Raritan Bay. Laying a 26-inch diameter pipeline in a 26-mile-long trench below the seafloor is a very disruptive construction project that will result in a significant decline in the quality of the water in the Raritan Bay and threaten the large variety of marine wildlife that call it home. This activity will resuspend 1,091,734 cubic yards of toxin-laced sediments. Additionally, a total of approximately 689,000 gallons of drilling fluid would be deposited in the entry and exit pits. The NESE Project will increase the toxic substances in the waters in which we swim and fish.

For these reasons and those listed in the resolution, thank the council for passing this resolution. In passing this resolution, Rumson make it clear that increasing reliance on fossil fuels and disrupting our valuable environmental resources is not something we stand for.

Thank you

The representatives also add that according to their research, the project details and impacts to the community are still the same as they were when the project initial began in 2019.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Pomphrey made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Councilmember Casazza. The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas S. Rogers
Municipal Clerk/Administrator