

SPECIAL MEETING
BOROUGH COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF RUMSON
October 28, 2025

A special meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson was held on October 28, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Absent: Lospinuso.

Thomas S Rogers, Municipal Clerk/Administrator, was present.

David Marks, Municipal 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 notice of this special meeting notice to the Asbury Park Press and the Two River Times at least 48 hours in advance.
- The posting of the meeting agenda, on the Borough of Rumson Website (www.rumsonnj.gov).

COMMUNICATIONS:

LETTER FROM SUSTAINABLE JERSEY NOTIFYING THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON THAT IT HAS SUCCESSFULLY ACHIEVED SUSTAINABLE JERSEY BRONZE RECERTIFICATION.

The Municipal Clerk/Administrator received a letter from Sustainable Jersey notifying The Borough of Rumson that it has successfully achieved Sustainable Jersey Bronze Recertification.

On motion by Councilmember Casazza, seconded by Councilmember Pomphrey, after commending Betsy Ford's efforts, through the Rumson Environmental Commission, which led to the recertification, this communication was ordered received. All in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilmember Pomphrey spoke at this time. Pomphrey stated that the efforts of the RumsonAmerica250 committee continue to be strong and she is excited about the enthusiasm the community continues to show for the milestone celebration.

Council President Conklin spoke at this time. Conklin wished Rumson Recreation Director Charlie Hoffmann a quick and full recovery as he deals with health complications. Conklin stated Shane Fallon has jumped in and has done a great job, receiving nothing but positive feedback from the Rumson Recreation Community.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN APPROVED
STATE CONTRACT VENDORS FOR CONTRACTING UNITS PURSUANT TO
N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12A.**

2025-1028-160

Councilmember Casazza offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN APPROVED
STATE CONTRACT VENDORS FOR CONTRACTING UNITS PURSUANT TO
N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c), may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the Rumson Police Department has the need on a timely basis to purchase goods or services utilizing State contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Rumson Police Department intends to enter into contracts through this resolution and properly executed contracts and purchase orders, with Insight Public Sector, 2701 E. Insight Way, Chandler, AZ 85286, authorized reseller for Computer Square Inc., 330 Mac Lane, Keasbey, NJ 08832 who holds New Jersey State Purchase and Property State Contract T-3121, 20-TELE-01512; and

WHEREAS, Insight Public Sector has provided for quote for Police Info CAD Software, Products, Services and Warranty under the authority of State Contract T-3121, 20-TELE-01512 in the amount of \$124,135.83, and

WHEREAS, Matthew Palmer, Chief Financial Officer for the Borough of Rumson has certified that free and unencumbered funds in the amount of \$124,135.83 are available in the 2025 and 2026 budgets for this purpose in account/line item number 5/6-01- -039-275.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rumson Governing Body authorizes the Temporary Qualified Purchasing Agent to purchase certain goods or services from Insight Public Sector, authorized reseller for Computer Square Inc., pursuant to all conditions of the individual State contract T-3121, 20-TELE-01512, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c), and N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Rumson Governing Body of the Borough of Rumson pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), that the certification of available funds, shall either certify the full maximum amount against the budget at the time the contract is awarded, or no contract amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as the goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for prior to placing the order, and a certification of availability of funds is made by the Chief Finance Officer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the duration of the contracts between the Rumson Police Department and T-3121, 20-TELE-01512 shall coincide with the term of the New Jersey Division of Purchase and Property contract dates.

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 AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON TO JOIN THE NJ SOLUTIONS JOINT HEALTH INSURANCE FUND.

2025-1028-161

Councilmember Pomphrey offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON
TO JOIN THE NJ SOLUTIONS JOINT HEALTH INSURANCE
FUND.**

WHEREAS, a number of public entities in the State of New Jersey have joined together to form the NJ Solutions Joint Health Insurance Fund, hereafter referred to as the “Fund”, as permitted by N.J.A.C. 11:15-3.1 et. seq., N.J.S.A. 17:1-8.1 et. seq., and N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Fund was approved to become operational by the Department of Banking and Insurance and the Department of Community Affairs (collectively, the “Departments”) and has been operational since that date; and

WHEREAS, the statutes and regulations governing the creation and operation of a joint insurance fund in the State of New Jersey contain certain restrictions and safeguards in connection with the administration of the public interest entrusted to such a Fund; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of The Borough of Rumson, hereinafter may be referred to as “Local Unit” has studied the feasibility of joining the Fund and has determined that membership in the Fund is in the best interest of the Borough of Rumson.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of the Borough of Rumson hereby agrees and authorizes the following:

- i. Execution of the application for membership to the Fund, including any and all documents and/or certifications as may be necessary, in order for the Borough of Rumson to complete the application process and join the Fund.
- ii. The Local Unit shall become a member of the Fund for an initial period outlined in the Borough of Rumson’s Indemnity and Trust Agreement, subject to the approval of the Fund Commissioners, which in no event shall exceed three (3) years as prescribed in N.J.A.C. 11:15-3.3(a).
- iii. The Borough of Rumson shall participate in the following type(s) of coverage(s) offered by the Fund: Health Insurance and/or Prescription Insurance and/or Dental Insurance and/or Medicare Advantage/Employer Group Waiver Program as defined pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17B:17-4, the Fund’s Bylaws, and Plan of Risk Management.
- iv. Adoption and approval of the Fund’s Bylaws, a true and correct copy of which is annexed hereto as Attachment A, which has been approved by the Departments.
- v. Execution of the Borough of Rumson’s Indemnity and Trust Agreement, a true and correct copy of which is annexed hereto as Attachment B, which has been approved by the Departments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body of the Borough of Rumson certifies, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 11:15-3.3(a), that the Borough of Rumson has never defaulted on claims under a self-insured plan and that it has not had its insurance canceled for nonpayment of premium for a period of at least two (2) years prior to this application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body of the Borough of Rumson is authorized and directed to execute the Indemnity and Trust Agreement and such other documents signifying membership in the Fund as required by the Fund’s Bylaws, and to deliver these documents to the Fund’s Executive Director with the express reservation that these documents

shall become effective only upon on acceptance of the Fund’s By-laws as prescribed in N.J.A.C. 11:15-3.3(a).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

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 AMENDING THE CURRENT PBA CONTRACT.

2025-1028-162

Councilmember Casazza offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CURRENT PBA CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson Borough Council’s Police Committee and the Rumson Police Officers’ Union P.B.A. Local 345 have reached an agreement to amend the current contract to reflect mutually agreed upon changes to the Borough’s Health Benefits Program beginning on January 1st, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Police Committee has supported the proposed changes to the same contract;

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 execute the amended contract documents between the Borough of Rumson and the Rumson P.B.A. Local 345.

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 AMENDING THE CURRENT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT WITH IFPTE LOCAL 196.

2025-1028-163

Councilmember Casazza offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CURRENT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT WITH IFPTE LOCAL 196

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson Borough Council’s Public Works Committee and the Rumson Department of Public Works Labor Union IFPTE Local 196 have reached an agreement to amend the current contract to reflect mutually agreed upon changes to the Borough’s Health Benefits Program beginning on January 1st, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Committee has supported the proposed changes to the same contract;

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 execute the amended contract documents between the Borough of Rumson and the Rumson Department of Public Works Labor Union IFPTE Local 196.

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

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

2025 APPROPRIATION TRANSFER RESOLUTION.

2025-1028-164

Councilmember Casazza offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

2025 APPROPRIATION TRANSFER RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to expend for certain purposes specified in the budget an amount in excess of the respective amounts appropriated therefore, and there shall be an excess in one or more appropriations; and

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson (by 2/3 vote) that the following transfers between appropriations be and the same are hereby approved:

TO:	
Police Other Expenses	\$ 30,000.00
Total:	\$ 30,000.00
FROM:	
Police Cars Other Expenses	\$ 30,000.00
Total:	\$ 30,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby authorized and directed on November 1, 2025 to debit and credit said accounts for 2025 accordingly.

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.

CONSENT AGENDA:

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR:

None.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS AND CLAIMS (RESOLUTION):

Councilmember Pomphrey offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

Vendor Name	Amount
ACTION DATA SERVICES,INC	1,735.62
ACTION UNIFORM CO,LLC	1,668.00
ALLIED OIL, LLC	6,166.31
ALLIED OIL, LLC	7,027.90
AMAZON.COM SERVICES LLC	161.51
AMERICANWEAR INDUST UNIFORMS	811.45
AMERICANWEAR INDUST UNIFORMS	36.00
ATHENA GTX,INC	249.19
ATLANTIC PLUMBING SUPPLY CORP	428.64
IDSAUTOSHRED NJ	970.00
BAYSHORE FIRE & SAFETY LLC	111.00
BEACON AWARDS	25.50
BUTCH'S AUTO. CAR WASH, INC.	105.00
CERTIFIED SPEEDOMETER SERVICE	88.00
CGP&H,LLC	832.50
CLEARY, GIACOBBE, ALFIERI	1,890.00
CLEARY, GIACOBBE, ALFIERI	245.00
COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN	77.50
COMCAST	2,309.96
CONNER STRONG & BUCKELEW	16,304.00
CRANEY'S INTERPRETING SERVICES	140.00
CROSS OVER NETWORKS	2,804.11
CROSS OVER NETWORKS	2,400.00
CROWN TIRE	123.60
DILWORTH PAXSON LLP	426.00
EAGLE POINT GUN	1,025.00
EDMUNDS AND ASSOCIATES, INC	290.00
EMERGENCY ACCESSORIES &	18,986.05
EMERGENCY ACCESSORIES &	23,236.38
FAIR HAVEN HARDWARE INC	131.66
WW GRAINGER INC	62.14
HOFFMAN SERVICES INC	400.00
CHARLES HOFFMANN	816.70
HUGHES ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	13,500.00
JASPAN HARDWARE	134.14
JCP&L	8,836.06
JCP&L	6,634.53
JESCO, INC.	1,043.95
KENCOR INC.	768.60
KEPWEL NATURAL SPRING WATER	119.00
KYLE MCMANUS ASSOCIATES LLC	1,275.00
LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES,INC	100.58
LAWES OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT	212.65
LEXINGTON INSURANCE COMPANY	256.00
MICHELE A MACPHERSON	130.00
MCKESSON MEDICAL-SURGICAL	560.60
MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS	703.00
MIDDLETOWN TWP HEALTH DEPT	5,208.96
UNITED SITE SERVICES	501.80
NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER	6,335.19
NEXVORTEX LLC	438.55
ONE CALL CONCEPTS	277.30
POWERHOUSE SIGNWORKS	775.00

PROVANTAGE,LLC	735.00
PUMPING SERVICES INC	13,080.36
QUADIENT LEASING USA,INC	362.34
RICOH USA, INC.	529.03
ROCK BROOK CONSULTING GROUP	5,082.50
SEABOARD WELDING SUPPLY, INC	75.55
SERVICE TIRE TRUCK CENTER,INC	648.00
SERVICE TIRE TRUCK CENTER,INC	190.00
MICHELE SMALLZE	25.00
MICHELE SMALLZE	15.00
S & S WORLDWIDE, INC	61.68
STAPLES,INC	555.39
STAPLES,INC	383.97
MICHAEL B STEIB, PA	784.00
MICHAEL B STEIB, PA	5,376.00
MICHAEL B STEIB, PA	672.00
MICHAEL B STEIB, PA	176.00
SURENIAN EDWARDS BUZAK & NOLAN	1,093.90
TARGETED TECHNOLOGIES LLC	9,630.14
T & M ASSOCIATES	8,931.00
TOM'S FORD	169.95
TREAS.,STATE OF NJ DCA	100.00
TWO RIVERS WATER	374,184.09
VERIZON	79.55
VERIZON	542.82
VERIZON	86.06
VERIZON WIRELESS	689.93
VERIZON BUSINESS FIOS	144.99
VERMEER NORTH ATLANTIC	65.44
VESPOLI, USA	131.61
WAGEWORKS	100.00
GEORGE WALL LINCOLN	806.26
WARSHAUER ELECTRIC SUPPLY	325.00
WINNER FORD	43,304.00
	609,032.19

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.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL:

Councilmember Pomphrey encouraged the public to get out and vote in the 2025 General Election.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Stuart Sendell of 7D Lafayette Street spoke at this time. Sendell summarized his thoughts on the current state of Affordable Housing in Rumson and asked about the cleanup efforts The Borough has made on certain properties throughout the municipality.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Kingsbery made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Councilmember Casazza. The meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Paone-Hurd
Deputy Municipal Clerk