

**Pennington Borough Council
Regular Meeting – April 6, 2026**

Mayor Davy called the Regular Meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:02 pm. The meeting was held via Zoom. Borough Clerk Betty Sterling called the roll.

Council Members Angarone, Chandler, Kassler-Taub, Rubenstein, Stern and Valenza in attendance.

Also present were Borough Clerk Betty Sterling, Borough Attorney Walter Bliss, Borough Administrator GP Caminiti, CFO/Tax Collector Sandra Webb, Public Works Superintendent Rick Smith and Lieutenant Daryl Burroughs.

Mayor Davy announced that notice of this meeting has been given to the Hopewell Valley News, Trenton Times, Trentonian and was posted on the bulletin board at Borough Hall and on the Borough web-site according to the regulations of the Open Public Meetings Act.

Open to the Public

Mayor Davy read the following statement.

The meeting is now open to the public for comments. In an effort to provide everyone interested an opportunity to address his or her comments to the Governing Body, a public comment time limit has been instituted for each speaker. **Please raise your hand and when the Borough Clerk acknowledges you state your name and address for the record. Please limit comments to the Governing Body to a maximum of 2 minutes.**

There were no comments from the public.

**MAYOR'S BUSINESS
Proclamation - Arbor Day**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was the first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife, and

WHEREAS, trees are renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal, and

WHEREAS, Pennington, N.J. has been recognized as Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting ways,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James Davy, Mayor of the Borough of Pennington do hereby proclaim Friday, April 24th, 2026 as ARBOR DAY in Pennington, New Jersey, and I urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and to support our urban forestry program, and

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.

James Davy, Mayor

Proclamation - Chief Financial Officer - Sandy Webb

**MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION
BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON, MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, Sandra "Sandy" Webb has served the Borough of Pennington with uncommon professionalism, steadfast integrity, and quiet distinction for 26 years as the Borough's Chief Financial Officer; and

WHEREAS, Sandy has dedicated herself to the fiscal well-being of the Borough not merely as a part-time appointment, but as a fully committed public servant whose expertise, institutional knowledge, and professional standards have guided Pennington's finances through changing economic climates, evolving state mandates, and the varied challenges that confront any small municipal government; and

WHEREAS, Sandy has served simultaneously as the Borough's Certified Tax Collector (CTC), bringing to that role the same rigor and accountability that have defined her entire career in public finance ensuring the accurate and lawful billing and collection of property taxes and utility rents on behalf of the taxpayers of Pennington; and

WHEREAS, in her capacity as Chief Financial Officer, Sandy has been responsible for the preparation of the Annual Financial Statement (AFS), the Annual Debt Statement (ADS), Supplemental Debt Statements (SDS), the UCC Annual Report, and the General Ledger, and has led the preparation of the annual tax levy in collaboration with the Borough Administrator and Assistant Finance Officer; and

WHEREAS, Sandy has participated actively in the development of the Borough's annual budget, bringing to that process the technical mastery and professional judgment that only decades of experience can produce; and

WHEREAS, Sandy worked in close and productive partnership with the Assistant Finance Officer to establish and maintain rigorous systems of internal controls and segregation of duties in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practices -- a hallmark of sound and responsible municipal financial management; and

WHEREAS, the hallmark achievement of Sandy's tenure may be found in the consistent, unbroken record of clean audits that the Borough has enjoyed under her stewardship year after year, independent auditors have found no adverse comments, no critical recommendations, and no need for a management letter, a record that speaks with quiet eloquence to Sandy's commitment to doing the public's business exactly as it should be done; and

WHEREAS, as a tenured Chief Financial Officer, Sandy has been a source of stability, continuity, and confidence for every governing body she has served, and her willingness to fulfill her statutory duties with thoroughness and care, even within the constraints of a part-time schedule, reflects a level of dedication that goes well beyond the requirements of any job description; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Pennington has been immeasurably well-served by Sandy's professionalism, her depth of knowledge, and the standard of excellence she brought to every aspect of the Borough's financial operations across 26 years of distinguished public service;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James M. Davy, Mayor of the Borough of Pennington, on behalf of the Borough Council and the entire Pennington community, do hereby proclaim May 2nd, 2026, as Sandy Webb Day in the Borough of Pennington and extend to Sandy our deepest gratitude for 26 years of exemplary public service, our heartfelt congratulations upon a retirement that has been richly and fully earned, and our warmest wishes for health, happiness, and the enjoyment of all the time and freedom that lie ahead.

James M. Davy, Mayor, Borough of Pennington

Proclamation - Borough Clerk/Assistant CFO - Betty Sterling

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION
Borough of Pennington, Mercer County, New Jersey

WHEREAS, Elizabeth "Betty" Sterling has devoted more than 25 years of herself with extraordinary dedication, professionalism, and tireless commitment to the residents and taxpayers of the Borough of Pennington; and

WHEREAS, Betty has faithfully served the Borough in an exceptional array of capacities, earning and maintaining the distinguished credentials of Registered Municipal Clerk (RMC), Certified Municipal Registrar (CMR), and Certified Municipal Finance Officer (CMFO) — certifications that reflect not only her professional excellence but her abiding respect for the public trust; and

WHEREAS, in her role as Municipal Clerk, Betty has served as Secretary to the Municipal Corporation, Registrar of Vital Statistics, Registrar of Elections, and Custodian of Public Records, ensuring that the business of Borough government was conducted with transparency, accuracy, and full compliance with the laws of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, in her role as Assistant Finance Officer, Betty has managed the full breadth of the Borough's day-to-day financial operations including financial accounts and controls, accounts payable, accounts receivable, escrow account administration, payroll, and the receipt of property taxes and utility rents for the benefit of a municipality with a combined operating, utility, and capital budget of more than \$7-million; and

WHEREAS, in her role as Collector of Revenue, Betty has ensured the proper and timely collection of all municipal revenues, discharging these statutory duties with the integrity and precision that Borough residents deserve; and

WHEREAS, so complete and so central has Betty's contribution been to the daily life of Borough government that an independent management study of Borough operations could find no more fitting description than to recognize her as the Borough's own *Chief Cook and Bottle Washer* the one full-time employee who, day in and day out, wore more hats than any job description could ever fully capture; and

WHEREAS, that same independent study found that Betty possessed a storehouse of institutional knowledge so deep and so singular that the Borough could not hope to replace it should she, for any unforeseen reason, no longer be able to perform her duties and concluded, in terms both sobering and deeply complimentary, that the entire Borough Corporation, responsible for the governance and wellbeing of some 2,600 residents and stewardship of a budget exceeding \$7-million, was at that moment *standing on just one leg* -- and that one leg was Betty Sterling; and

WHEREAS, far from being diminished by that observation, Betty wore it as the quiet badge of honor it truly was showing up every day, working well beyond a standard 40-hour week, and ensuring that the Borough never missed a beat, never missed a deadline, and never failed its residents on her watch; and

WHEREAS, throughout her tenure Betty consistently delivered financial operations free of adverse audit findings, earning the respect of independent auditors and the confidence of every governing body she served; and

WHEREAS, Betty has been a steadfast presence, a trusted resource, and an irreplaceable cornerstone of Borough Hall known to colleagues and residents alike as someone who could always be counted upon to get the job done, and done right, no matter how many hats it required her to wear;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **James M. Davy**, Mayor of the Borough of Pennington, on behalf of the Borough Council and the entire Pennington community, do hereby proclaim **May 1, 2026**, as Betty Sterling Day in the Borough of Pennington and extend to Betty our profound gratitude for more than 25 years of devoted public service, our warmest congratulations upon her well-earned retirement, and our very best wishes for all the happiness, health, and rest that she so richly deserves and that only someone who has carried so much, for so long, and for so many, could have truly earned.

James M. Davy, Mayor, Borough of Pennington

APPOINTMENTS (WITH COUNCIL APPROVAL)

Nancy Rubenstein - Senior Advisory - Unexpired Term ending 12/31/2028

MOTIONED TO APPOINT NANCY RUBENSTEIN TO SENIOR ADVISORY: Valenza

SECONDED: Stern

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Angarone, Chandler, Kassler-Taub, Stern, and Valenza

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Rubenstein

MOTION PASSED

James Ottomanelli - Parks & Recreation - Unexpired Term ending 12/31/2027

MOTIONED TO APPOINT JAMES OTTOMANELLI TO PARKS AND RECREATION: Valenza

SECONDED: Stern

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Angarone, Chandler, Kassler-Taub, Stern, and Valenza

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Rubenstein

MOTION PASSED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Work Session Meeting - February 23, 2026

MOTIONED TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 23, 2026 MINUTES: Rubenstein

SECONDED: Chandler

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Angarone, Chandler, Kassler-Taub, Rubenstein, Stern, and Valenza

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION PASSED

Regular Council Meeting - March 2, 2026

MOTIONED TO APPROVE MARCH 2, 2026 MINUTES: Rubenstein

SECONDED: Chandler

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Angarone, Chandler, Kassler-Taub, Rubenstein, Stern, and Valenza

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION PASSED

Special Meeting - March 9, 2026

MOTIONED TO APPROVE MARCH 9, 2026 MINUTES: Rubenstein

SECONDED: Chandler

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Angarone, Chandler, Kassler-Taub, Rubenstein, Stern, and Valenza

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION PASSED

APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES (FOR CONTENT BUT NOT FOR RELEASE)

Closed Session - January 26, 2026

MOTIONED TO APPROVE JANUARY 26, 2026 CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: Chandler

SECONDED: Stern

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Angarone, Kassler-Taub, Rubenstein, Stern, and Valenza

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Chandler

MOTION PASSED

Closed Session - February 2, 2026

MOTIONED TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 2, 2026 CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: Rubenstein

SECONDED: Angarone

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Angarone, Chandler, Kassler-Taub, Rubenstein, Stern, and Valenza

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION PASSED

Closed Session - February 23, 2026

MOTIONED TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 23, 2026 CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: Rubenstein
SECONDED: Stern
ROLL CALL:
AYES: Angarone, Chandler, Kassler-Taub, Rubenstein, Stern, and Valenza
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
MOTION PASSED

Closed Session - March 2, 2026

MOTIONED TO APPROVE MARCH 2, 2026 CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: Rubenstein
SECONDED: Stern
ROLL CALL:
AYES: Angarone, Chandler, Kassler-Taub, Rubenstein, Stern, and Valenza
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
MOTION PASSED

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation of 2025 Audit

Rob Provost, Partner at Engagement and Rachel Kleiman, Lead Supervisor at Engagement, were present and gave the 2025 audit presentation. The yearly audits can be found on the Pennington Borough website <https://www.penningtonboro.org/DocumentCenter/Index/61>.

Resolution 2026-4.21 - Resolution Certifying That All Members of the Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington Have Reviewed the Sections of the 2025 Annual Audit Entitled General Comments and Recommendations

MOTIONED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-4.21: Rubenstein
SECONDED: Chandler
ROLL CALL:
AYES: Angarone, Chandler, Kassler-Taub, Rubenstein, Stern, and Valenza
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
MOTION PASSED

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

Ordinance 2026-17 - An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14 in the Borough of Pennington, New Jersey

MOTIONED TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: Chandler
SECONDED: Stern
MOTION PASSED

No public comment.

MOTIONED TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: Chandler
SECONDED: Angarone
All council members present voted in favor.
MOTION PASSED

**BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON
ORDINANCE # 2026 -17**

**AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND
TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14 IN THE
BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON, NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.5% unless

authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pennington, Mercer County hereby determines that it is advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2026 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pennington, in the County of Mercer, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2026 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Pennington shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5 %, amounting to a total increase of \$124,945.17, said amount being \$53,547.93 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, and that the CY 2026 municipal budget for the Borough of Pennington be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pennington hereby determines that any amount authorized herein above that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Introduced: March 9, 2026

Advertised: March 12, 2026

Public Hearing: April 6, 2026

Adoption: April 6, 2026

Final Publication: April 7, 2026

**BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON
ORDINANCE # 2026 - 17**

**AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND
TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14 IN THE
BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON, NEW JERSEY**

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE ON INTRODUCTION 3-2-26

COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
Angarone	X				Rubenstein	M			
Chandler	S				Stern	X			
Kassler-Taub	X				Valenza	X			

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE ON ADOPTION 4-6-26

COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCILMAN	AYE		NAY	N.V.	A.B.
Angarone	S				Rubenstein	X				
Chandler	X				Stern	M				
Kassler-Taub	X				Valenza	X				

Ordinance 2026-18 - An Ordinance to Provide for and Determine the Rate of Compensation of Officers and Employees of the Borough of Pennington, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey for the Year 2026

MOTIONED TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: Rubenstein

SECONDED: Angarone

No public comment.

MOTIONED TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: Rubenstein

SECONDED: Angarone

All council members present voted in favor.

MOTION PASSED

**BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON
ORDINANCE #2026-18**

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR AND DETERMINE THE RATE OF
COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF
PENNINGTON, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
FOR THE YEAR 2026**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF
PENNINGTON AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION I: EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS/ANNUAL COMPENSATION

- a. The following officer and employee designations are hereby confirmed; and the rate of compensation of each such officer and employee, whose compensation shall be on an annual basis, is as follows:

Borough Administrator	\$154,500.00
Borough Clerk - (Jan 1, 2026 – April 30, 2026)	\$51,110.64
Borough Clerk – (May 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026)	\$25,000.00
Assistant CFO - (Jan 1, 2026 – April 30, 2026)	\$122,635.50
Chief Financial Officer (part time) Jan 1, 2026 – April 30, 2026	\$98.68/hour
Tax Collector (part time) Jan 1, 2026 – April 30, 2026	\$98.68/hour
Tax Collector (part time) May 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026	\$90.00/hour
Finance/Tax & Utility Assistant	\$55,000.00
Technical Assistant to Construction (part time)	\$35.51/hour

Tax Assessor (part time)	\$15,594.49
Zoning Officer (part time)	\$10,300.00
Land Use Admin/Admin Asst.	\$70,555.00
Deputy Registrar	\$175.00 / month
Supt. of Public Works	\$98,754.96
Licensed Water Operator	\$55,106.33
Assistant to Superintendent of Public Works	\$45,476.01
Foreman	\$87,257.10
Judge of Municipal Court	\$14,826.61
Court Administrator (part time)	\$19,998.13
Prosecutor - (Flat Rate per Court Session/per resolution)	\$ 300.00
Public Defender – (Flat Rate per Court Session/per resolution)	\$ 200.00
Court Officer – (Flat Rate per Court Session)	\$75.00
Lieutenant / OIC	\$134,997.00
Administrative Assistant – Police Department	\$51.17/hour
Construction Official / Fire Sub-Code	\$32,257.87
Plumbing Sub-Code	\$10,300.00
Electric Sub-Code	\$10,300.00
Coordinator of Emergency Management	\$30.00/hour

- One person may serve in more than one office or position of employment as listed in Section a hereof.
- The amounts shown in Section a. hereof are the maximum amounts to be paid. However, at the discretion of Borough Council, lesser amounts can be paid.
- The rate of compensation of each employee paid on an hourly basis is as follows:

	Minimum	Maximum
Police Department:		
Crossing Guards	\$ 15.13	\$ 29.42
Crossing Guard – Special Events	\$ 40.00 per hour	
Special Police	\$ 17.00 per hour	
Part Time Employees – All Departments:		
Part Time or Temporary	\$ 15.13	\$ 25.00
Part Time/Temporary/Licensed	up to a maximum of	\$ 100.00

SECTION II: Employee/Personnel Manual.

The terms and conditions of employment as set forth in the Borough Employee or Personnel Manual, as the same may exist and change from time to time, are hereby incorporated herein by reference. The Personnel Manual does not create a contract of employment and except for employees who are tenured; no contract of employment other than “at will” has been expressed or implied. The policies, rules and benefits described in the Manual are subject to change at the sole discretion of the Borough Council at any time.

SECTION III:

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION IV:

Terms and Conditions of employment for Police and Public Works employees are specified in the respective labor agreements.

SECTION V:

This ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication according to law, but the salaries herein provided for shall be retroactive to January 1, 2026 if appropriate.

Introduced: March 9, 2026

Advertised: March 12, 2026

Public Hearing: April 6, 2026

Adopted: April 6, 2026

Published: April 7, 2026 (Borough Website)

**BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON
ORDINANCE #2026-18**

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR AND DETERMINE THE RATE OF COMPENSATION OF
OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON, COUNTY OF
MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
FOR THE YEAR 2026**

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE ON INTRODUCTION 3-2-26

COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
Angarone	X				Rubenstein	M			
Chandler	S				Stern	X			
Kassler-Taub	X				Valenza	X			

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE ON ADOPTION 4-6-26

COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
Angarone	X				Rubenstein	M			
Chandler	X				Stern	S			
Kassler-Taub	X				Valenza	X			

2026 BUDGET FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION
MOTIONED TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: Rubenstein
SECONDED: Chandler

No public comment.

MOTIONED TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: Chandler
SECONDED: Rubenstein
All council members present voted in favor.
MOTION PASSED

MOTIONED TO ADOPT THE 2026 BUDGET: Stern
SECONDED: Angarone
ROLL CALL:
AYES: Angarone, Chandler, Kassler-Taub, Rubenstein, Stern, and Valenza
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
MOTION PASSED

Resolution 2026-4.20 - Resolution Authorizing Compliance With the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

**BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON
RESOLUTION 2026 – 4.20**

**AUTHORIZING COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION’S ENFORCEMENT GUIDANCE ON
THE CONSIDERATION OF ARREST AND CONVICTION RECORDS IN
EMPLOYMENT DECISIONS UNDER TITLE VII OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF
1964**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c. 183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit’s hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s “Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964” as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2000e et seq., (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit’s hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual’s criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of Pennington, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c. 183, by certifying that the local unit’s hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution to show evidence of said compliance.

Record of Council Vote on Passage

COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
Angarone	S				Rubenstein	X			
Chandler	X				Stern	X			
Kassler-Taub	X				Valenza	M			

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington at a meeting on April 6, 2026.

NEW BUSINESS

**BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON
RESOLUTION 2026-4.1**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF REDEMPTION
MONIES TO OUTSIDE LIENHOLDER**

WHEREAS, at the Borough Tax Sale held on December 5, 2024, a lien was sold on Block 903, Lot 10, also known as 408 Hale Street, Pennington, NJ, for 2023 delinquent water and sewer utility payments; and

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #23-00005, was sold to Pro Cap 8 FBO Firsttrust, P.O. Box 774, Fort Washington, PA 19034-0774; and

WHEREAS, Comerica, on behalf of the homeowner has effected redemption of Certificate #23-00005 in the amount of \$2,803.34;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$2,803.34 from the Water/Sewer Operating Fund, payable to Pro Cap 8 FBO Firsttrust, P.O. Box 774, Fort Washington, PA 19034-0774 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #23-00005.

Record of Council Vote on Passage

COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
Angarone	S				Rubenstein	X			
Chandler	M				Stern	X			
Kassler-Taub	X				Valenza	X			

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington at a meeting on April 6, 2026.

**BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON
RESOLUTION 2026 – 4.2**

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

WHEREAS, certain bills are due and payable as per itemized claims listed on the following schedules, which are made a part of the minutes of this meeting as a supplemental record;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pennington that the bills be paid on audit and approval of the Mayor, the Appropriate Council Member and the Treasurer in the amount of \$ 2,619,329.20 from the following accounts:

Current	\$ 2,393,232.94
W/S Operating	\$ 217,228.46
Other Trust Fund	\$ 6,500.00

Grant Fund	\$ 1,695.52
Developer's Escrow	\$ 64.50
Animal Control	\$ 7.20
COAH Trust Fund	\$ 600.58
TOTAL	\$ 2,619,329.20

Record of Council Vote on Passage

COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
Angarone	X				Rubenstein	X			
Chandler	M				Stern	S			
Kassler-Taub	X				Valenza	X			

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington at a meeting on April 6, 2026.

**BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON
RESOLUTION 2026-4.3**

**RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING GIAN-PAOLO (GP) CAMINITI
BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR AND APPROVING EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR 2026**

WHEREAS, Gian-Paolo Caminiti (“Administrator”) was first appointed Borough Administrator in February 2024 for a one-year term, was reappointed in February 2025 for an additional one-year term, and has served effectively in accordance with successive one-year employment agreements;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Administrator’s employment agreements, his employment as Administrator automatically continues for full one-year terms unless and until terminated;

WHEREAS, Borough Council now seeks to confirm and ratify the reappointment of Administrator for 2026 and authorize accordingly a third one-year employment agreement for 2026 (“2026 Agreement”) in the form attached to this Resolution;

WHEREAS, the 2026 Agreement provides that the Administrator shall continue to report to the Mayor, serve at the pleasure of Borough Council, and receive an annual salary as prescribed in the Borough Salary Ordinance, which may be amended from time to time;

WHEREAS, the duties and responsibilities of the Administrator shall be as described in Section 39-24 of the Borough Code and, to the extent not inconsistent with the Code, further detailed in the Borough Job Description for Borough Administrator approved by Borough Council in Resolution No. 2023-8.9, all as may be amended and supplemented from time to time by action of Borough Council;

WHEREAS, the Administrator manages all Borough operations except for those duties and responsibilities conferred upon other officials by New Jersey statutes, State and County agencies, judicial authority or Borough ordinance;

WHEREAS, Administrator has been and continues to be certified as a Registered Municipal Clerk and Certified Public Manager by Rutgers University;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington, that Administrator is hereby reappointed Borough Administrator, and his continued employment in this capacity is confirmed and ratified, effective January 1, 2026, *nunc pro tunc*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor, with the attestation of the Borough Clerk, is hereby authorized to enter into an employment agreement with Administrator substantially in the form attached.

Record of Council Vote on Passage

COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
Angarone	X				Rubinstein	X			
Chandler	S				Stern	M			
Kassler-Taub	X				Valenza	X			

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**BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON
RESOLUTION 2026-4.4**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING GIAN-PAOLO (GP) CAMINITI
MUNICIPAL CLERK FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2026**

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Sterling is resigning as Borough Clerk effective April 30, 2026, after years of distinguished service to the Borough;

WHEREAS, the position of municipal clerk is a statutory position required to be appointed by the governing body in every municipality, for an initial term of three years, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:9-133;

WHEREAS, Borough Council now seeks to appoint Gian Paolo (GP) Caminiti Borough Clerk effective May 1, 2026;

WHEREAS, Mr. Caminiti presently serves as Borough Administrator and will continue to do so, fulfilling his responsibilities as Borough Clerk in addition to those of Administrator;

WHEREAS, the duties of Borough Clerk are prescribed by statute, as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:9-133.e, including acting as secretary of the municipal corporation and custodian of its seal and records; acting as secretary of the governing body; serving as chief administrative officer in all elections held in the municipality in accordance with Title 19; serving as chief registrar of voters in the municipality, subject to Title 19; serving as the administrative officer for issuance of permits and licenses except as otherwise assigned by ordinance to some other municipal officer; serving as coordinator and records manager in accordance with Title 47 of the Revised Statutes; and performing such other duties as now or hereafter imposed by statute, regulation, or municipal ordinance or regulation;

WHEREAS, the duties of Borough Clerk are also set forth in the Job Description for Borough Clerk approved by Borough Council in Resolution 2023-8.9, as may be amended from time to time consistent with statute and other applicable law;

WHEREAS, as compensation for his extra duties and responsibilities as Borough Clerk, Mr. Caminiti shall receive an annual salary as authorized in the Borough Salary Ordinance, presently intended to be \$25,000 per year;

WHEREAS, Mr. Caminiti has been and continues to be certified as a Registered Municipal Clerk as well as a Certified Public Manager;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington, in accordance with the above recitals, that Gian Paolo (GP) Caminiti is hereby appointed Borough Clerk for an initial term of three years commencing May 1, 2026;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mr. Caminiti shall perform the duties and responsibilities of Borough Clerk in addition to his duties and responsibilities as Borough Administrator.

Record of Council Vote on Passage

COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
Angarone	S				Rubinstein	M			
Chandler	X				Stern	X			
Kassler-Taub	X				Valenza	X			

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BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON

RESOLUTION 2026-4.5

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING GIAN PAOLO (GP) CAMINITI REGISTRAR OF THE
BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2026**

WHEREAS, municipalities with a population of less than 5,000 persons in which the county clerk does not act as the local registrar, as in the case of Pennington, are required by law to appoint the municipal clerk as local registrar, N.J.S.A. 26:8-11;

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Sterling, who as Pennington Borough Clerk is currently assigned to serve as Registrar for Pennington, is intending to retire as Clerk effective April 30, 2026;

WHEREAS, Borough Council has now appointed Gian Paolo (GP) Caminiti as Borough Clerk effective May 1, 2026;

WHEREAS, Mr. Caminiti has served as Pennington Business Administrator for two years and will continue to serve in that capacity while serving also as Borough Clerk;

WHEREAS, the duties of the Registrar are defined by statute, N.J.S.A. 26:8-25, and include registration and processing of birth, marriage, civil union, domestic partnership and death certificates and reporting to the State Registrar;

WHEREAS, Mr. Caminiti has been and continues to be certified as a Registered Municipal Clerk and Certified Public Manager and is qualified to perform the responsibilities of Registrar;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington, that Gian Paolo (GP) Caminiti is hereby appointed Registrar of the Borough, effective May 1, 2026, with the understanding that he shall perform his duties and responsibilities in this position in conjunction with his responsibilities as Borough Clerk without additional compensation.

Record of Council Vote on Passage

COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
Angarone	M				Rubenstein	S			

Chandler	X				Stern	X			
Kassler-Taub	X				Valenza	X			

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**BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON
RESOLUTION 2026-4.6**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING GIAN PAOLO (GP) CAMINITI THE PUBLIC AGENCY
COMPLIANCE OFFICER FOR THE BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON**

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. the Borough of Pennington is required to comply with public procurement and contracting regulations; and

WHEREAS, from time to time, the Division of Contract Compliance and EEO in Public Contracts, Department of the Treasury (the “Division”) revises regulations for compliance **with** its statutes and regulations; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.2 and subsequent amendments, each public entity is now required to appoint a Public Agency Compliance Officer to serve as a point of contact between the public entity and the Division; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington is thus required to appoint a Public Agency Compliance Officer and to forward a resolution naming that appointee to the Division for its records.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington that Gian Paolo (GP) Caminiti, Borough Administrator, is hereby appointed to serve as the Public Agency Compliance Officer for the Borough of Pennington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is authorized to complete and submit to the Division the required “Designation of Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.);”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Division of Contract Compliance and EEO in Public Contracts, Department of the Treasury.

Record of Council Vote on Passage

COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
Angarone	X				Rubenstein	X			
Chandler	S				Stern	M			
Kassler-Taub	X				Valenza	X			

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**BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON
RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – 4.7**

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ALAINA WYSOCKE TAX ASSESSOR

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Borough has nominated Alaina Wysocke for reappointment as Borough Tax Assessor beginning July 1, 2026;

WHEREAS, Alaina Wysocke is a certified tax assessor presently completing her first four-year term as Borough Tax Assessor through June 30, 2026;

WHEREAS, Ms. Wysocke will continue to serve on a part-time basis;

WHEREAS, Ms. Wysocke shall receive an annual salary as provided in the Borough Salary Ordinance;

WHEREAS, Ms. Wysocke will have regular hours in Borough Hall on Mondays, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., or on such other days and at such other times one and one-half hours per week as directed by the Borough Administrator, and she shall perform all other duties of Tax Assessor as required by law;

WHEREAS, Ms. Wysocke continues to hold a valid Certified Tax Assessor (CTA) certificate; and

WHEREAS, this reappointment confers tenure on Ms. Wysocke effective July 1, 2026, which means she shall hold this position during good behavior and efficiency and compliance with requirements for continuing education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:1-35.25b or otherwise as required by law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington, that in conformance with the above recitals it hereby grants its advice and consent to the reappointment of Alaina Wysocke, Certified Tax Assessor, as Tax Assessor of the Borough of Pennington, and she shall serve in that capacity based on the terms and conditions set forth above.

Record of Council Vote on Passage

COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
Angarone	S				Rubenstein	M			
Chandler	X				Stern	X			
Kassler-Taub	X				Valenza	X			

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**BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON
RESOLUTION 2026-4.8**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION TO GOVERNOR'S
COUNCIL ON SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER (GCSUD) FOR FISCAL
GRANT JULY 1, 2026 TO JUNE 30, 2027**

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Substance Use Disorder (GCSUD) has established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Substance Use Disorder to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, non-profit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent substance use disorder in communities throughout New Jersey;

WHEREAS, the Governing Bodies of the Township of Hopewell and the Boroughs of Pennington and Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey recognize that substance abuse disorder is a serious problem in our society among people of all ages, and therefore have established a Municipal Alliance Committee known as the Hopewell Valley Municipal Alliance; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Bodies of the Township of Hopewell and the Boroughs of Pennington and Hopewell further recognize that it is incumbent on not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent substance abuse disorder in our community; and

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of the Township of Hopewell and the Boroughs of Pennington and Hopewell have applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Substance Use Disorder through the County of Mercer;

WHEREAS, Mercer County has issued a letter of intent allocating \$18,727.00 to the Hopewell Valley Municipal Alliance Communities for this grant year requiring a 25% cash match equal to \$4,681.75 and a 75% in-kind match valued at \$14,045.25;

WHEREAS, Pennington's share of the cash match shall be \$1,500.00;

WHEREAS, the Borough CFO has certified that funds for Pennington's share of the cash match is available in line #6-01-42-104-000-267;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington, that:

1. Application for and acceptance of the aforesaid grant funds by and on behalf of the Borough of Pennington is hereby authorized and approved, with the understanding that the grant in the total amount of \$18,727, including \$4,681.75 cash match and \$14,045.25 in-kind, will entail a Borough cash share of \$1,500; and
2. The terms and conditions for administering the grant, including administrative compliance and audit requirements are hereby acknowledged; and
3. The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign this Resolution on behalf of Pennington in compliance with grant requirements.

Record of Council Vote on Passage

COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
Angarone	X				Rubenstein	X			
Chandler	M				Stern	S			
Kassler-Taub	X				Valenza	X			

I, Elizabeth Sterling, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Pennington, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of a resolution duly authorized by the Borough Council on this 6th Day of April 2026.

**BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON
RESOLUTION 2026-4.9**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PREPARATION OF SUPPLEMENTAL
HDSRF GRANT APPLICATION AND RELATED PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES
AGREEMENT WITH EXCEL ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES, INC.
IN CONNECTION WITH SUPPLEMENTAL REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION
FOR BLOCK 205 / LOTS 4, 5 AND 12**

WHEREAS, Excel Environmental Resources, Inc. ("Excel") seeks to apply to the State of New Jersey on behalf of the Borough for supplemental grant funds from the

Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (HDSRF) for costs related to remedial investigation and remedial investigation report over the original estimate for completion of this work; and

WHEREAS, Excel has advised the Borough that it will prepare a supplemental HDSRF application in the amount of \$24,734.08 for execution by the Borough to cover these costs; but Excel is not expecting to be paid for the these costs over the original estimate for the remediation and remediation report;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington, as follows:

1. Excel Environmental Resources, Inc. ("Excel") is hereby authorized to proceed with preparation of the above described Supplemental HDSRF Grant application;
2. the Mayor, with the attestation of the Borough Clerk as needed, is hereby authorized (a) to execute that Grant Application; and (b) to enter into the attached Professional Services Agreement with Excel, subject to such amendments as approved by the Borough Attorney to hold the Borough harmless if the Supplemental Funding application is not approved by NJDEP and EDA.

Record of Council Vote on Passage

COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
Angarone				abstain	Rubenstein	S			
Chandler	M				Stern	X			
Kassler-Taub	X				Valenza	X			

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**BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON
RESOLUTION 2026 – 4.10**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF TWO (2) TRASH CART ENCLOSURES FOR
KUNKEL PARK AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF OPEN SPACE FUNDS
FOR THIS PURPOSE**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Pennington seeks to purchase two (2) trash enclosures for use at Kunkel Park; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works has determined that the desired trash cart enclosures are available under State Contract #T0103, Park & Playground Equipment through Kettle Green Corporation, Contract #: 24-FOOD-118195; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works solicited a quote from Kettle Creek Corporation to provide the desired trash cart enclosures; and

WHEREAS, a copy of Quote #20260016 from Kettle Creek Corporation in the amount of \$11,630.16, is attached to this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, Pennington citizens have authorized the creation of an Open Space Trust Fund in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:12-15.7, which authorizes use of such funds for, among other things, development and maintenance of lands acquired for recreation and conservation purposes, as determined by the governing body of the municipality;

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in the Open Space Fund for this purchase;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington, that the aforesaid purchase of two (2) trash enclosures from Kettle Creek Corporation, pursuant to the attached quote #20260016 are hereby authorized for an amount not to exceed \$11,630.16, and the Chief Financial Officer and Borough Clerk are further authorized to execute such purchase orders and other documents as are needed to effectuate the work.

Record of Council Vote on Passage

COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
Angarone	X				Rubinstein	M			
Chandler	X				Stern	S			
Kassler-Taub	X				Valenza	X			

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**BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON
RESOLUTION 2026-4.11**

**RESOLUTION GRANTING CONDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION FOR VITO'S
PIZZA TO MAINTAIN A TEMPORARY OUTDOOR
DINING AREA IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT- OF- WAY IN 2026**

WHEREAS, 2 N. Main Street Hospitality, LLC d/b/a Vito's Pizza, a restaurant located at 2 N. Main Street on the corner of North Main Street and West Delaware Avenue in the Borough of Pennington;

WHEREAS, 2 N. Main Street Hospitality, LLC has applied to Borough Council for permission to place movable tables and chairs on the sidewalk immediately adjacent to the restaurant, in particular, 4 tables and 16 chairs on the Main Street side of the restaurant and 2 tables and 8 chairs on the Delaware Avenue side of the restaurant, as shown in the attached sketch;

WHEREAS, Borough Council finds that the availability of outdoor dining contributes to the vitality of the Town Center and is consistent with the pedestrian-friendly environment envisioned for this area;

WHEREAS, Borough Council determines that approval of the proposed outdoor dining area for Vito's Pizza, on a temporary and conditional basis as set forth further below, is in the public interest;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington, as follows:

1. Vito's Pizza is hereby granted permission to locate up to 6 tables and 24 chairs on the sidewalk immediately adjacent to the restaurant provided the following conditions are met:

A. The tables and chairs shall be arranged as shown on the attached sketch with no more than 4 tables and 16 chairs on the Main Street side of the restaurant and no more than 2 tables and 8 chairs on the Delaware Avenue side of the restaurant.

B. The outdoor dining area and affected sidewalk shall at all times be kept clean and free of litter and in compliance with all applicable health regulations.

C. The outdoor dining area shall not obstruct pedestrian circulation on the sidewalk.

D. Operation of the outdoor dining area shall comply with the Borough Noise Ordinance, as set forth in Chapter 133 of the Borough Code.

E. The outdoor dining area may be used only during the operating hours of the restaurant. When the restaurant is not open, all tables and chairs shall be removed from the sidewalk.

F. Owners must provide receptacles for collection of all garbage generated by outdoor diners and ensure that these receptacles are emptied as frequently as needed to avoid overflow.

G. 2 N. Main Hospitality, LLC and Vito’s Pizza shall indemnify and hold harmless the Borough of Pennington and its agents and employees from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including but not limited to attorney fees, arising out of the operation of the outdoor dining area approved by this resolution.

H. The outdoor dining area approved by this resolution shall not operate until 2 N. Main Hospitality, LLC and Vito’s Pizza has filed with the Borough Clerk a current Certificate of Insurance which certifies that:

- (1) the obligation to indemnify and hold harmless the Borough as provided above is insured by an insurance carrier authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey;
- (2) the Borough of Pennington and its agents and employees are named as additional insureds under this insurance with respect to claims, damages, losses and expenses arising out of operation of the outdoor dining area; and
- (3) the insurance in effect provides (a) at least \$1,000,000. of occurrence coverage under each of the following types of coverage: general liability; premises liability; contractual liability; products and completed operations liability; personal and advertising injury liability; (b) property liability coverage in the amount of \$50,000.; (c) medical expense coverage in the amount of \$5,000.; (d) workers compensation coverage with the limits required by statute; and (e) employer’s liability coverage in the amount of \$500,000. per person/per occurrence.
- (4) the Borough will be given 10 days’ written notice of any cancellation of this insurance.

- 2. The outdoor dining area complies with all applicable requirements of Section 215-94 of the Borough Code which regulates out door dining areas otherwise permitted by the Code.
- 3. The conditional authorization for outdoor dining granted by this resolution may be revoked by the Borough at any time, with or without notice to 2 N. Main Street Hospitality, LLC or Vito’s Pizza. This conditional authorization also shall be subject to such additional or amended conditions as Borough Council may deem appropriate at any time.
- 4. This conditional authorization shall in any event expire on December 31, 2026.

Record of Council Vote on Passage									
COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
Angarone	M				Rubenstein	X			
Chandler	S				Stern	X			
Kassler-Taub	X				Valenza	X			

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**BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON
RESOLUTION 2026-4.12**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXTRAORDINARY UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICES
AGREEMENT WITH RnD CONSULTING, LLC FOR IT SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Borough requires consulting services for maintenance and upgrades of the Borough’s network infrastructure hardware, server hardware and software, as well as desktop and network support and troubleshooting for staff equipment, deployment of new PC’s and laptops, management of the Borough’s email, data backup and disaster-recovery systems, cyber security auditing and administration of cyber awareness training provided by its insurance provider;

WHEREAS, the Borough has identified RnD Consulting LLC (“RnD”), specializing in IT support for municipal governments and police departments, as uniquely qualified to perform these services;

WHEREAS, the services in question are specialized and qualitative in nature requiring expertise, extensive training, and proven reputation in the field, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(7), and it is not practicable to obtain additional proposals;

WHEREAS, RnD proposes to charge for its services on an hourly basis at the rate of \$135 per hour with a not-to-exceed annual cap of \$32,400 on aggregate fees, exclusive of any hardware or software licensing or subscription purchases which, when applicable, will be billed at RnD’s cost;

WHEREAS, Borough Council seeks to authorize a one-year contract with RnD subject to a written contract based on the attached proposal;

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough has certified that funds are available for this contract;

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator has certified that this award meets the standard for extraordinary unspecifiable services which, as such, are exempt from advertising and public bidding under the Local Public Contracts Law;

WHEREAS, RnD has submitted pay-to-play forms certifying that it has not made any reportable contributions to a candidate or candidate committee in Pennington during the previous year and acknowledging that it will be prohibited from doing so;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington, that the Mayor, with the attestation of the Borough Clerk, is hereby authorized to enter into a one-year contract with RnD Consulting, LLC for extraordinary unspecifiable services as described in the annexed proposal, in a form approved by the Borough Attorney.

Record of Council Vote on Passage									
COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
Angarone	X				Rubenstein	X			
Chandler	M				Stern	X			
Kassler-Taub	S				Valenza	X			

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BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON
RESOLUTION 2026 – 4.13

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL CLERK TO ENDORSE ABC APPLICATION BY NEEDLE CREEK BREWERY, LLC FOR EVENT ON THE PROPERTY OF HOWE COMMONS ON PENNINGTON DAY

WHEREAS, Needle Creek Brewery, LLC, located in Hopewell Township (Titusville), NJ (“Applicant”) is applying to the State Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) for a Limited Brewery Off-Premises Event Permit (File #850640) authorizing an event on Pennington Day, May 16, 2026;

WHEREAS, “Pennington Day” is an annual event solely sponsored and hosted by Pennington Day NJ Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation with no connection to the Borough of Pennington;

WHEREAS, the proposed location of the Applicant’s one-day event is Howe Commons, 65 S. Main Street in Pennington;

WHEREAS, the proposed hours of the Applicant’s event are from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm;

WHEREAS, the Applicant’s event will feature a bar selling malt alcoholic beverage in 16-ounce containers to credit card purchasers only, within a barricaded area depicted in the Applicant’s attached sketch;

WHEREAS, ABC requires the Applicant to address age verification to prevent underage consumption; “pass-off” controls; prevention of intoxication; identification of security personnel, duties, numbers and experience; and confirmation that all servers shall be employees of the Applicant and shall be certified by a nationally- recognized server training program;

WHEREAS, Applicant represents that for security there will be a single area restricted with barriers and a one-way entrance and exit admitting only those persons who can show that they are over the age of21; the entrance will be staffed by a dedicated person checking ID’s and issuing wristbands; a second dedicated staff member will check ID’s prior to transaction; Pennington Police will be on the grounds, in numbers approved by the Officer in Charge, and they will patrol and be available to help should any incident arise; beer will not be allowed to leave the enclosed area; age restrictions, operating hours and rules and regulations will be posted at the entry;

WHEREAS, all of Applicant’s staff are TIPS certified bartenders;

WHEREAS, the Applicant represents that consent for the event at this location has been provided by Hayle Knopple Property Manager, Premium Property Management, LLC;

WHEREAS, ABC requires that the application for this permit be endorsed by the Officer in Charge (Pennington’s highest ranking Police official) and the Borough Clerk;

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Resolution is to authorize the endorsement by the Borough Clerk subject to conditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington, that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to endorse the above-described application of Needle Creek Brewery, LLC, on the following conditions:

1. that the application be amended to provide that operations shall end at 3:00 PM;
2. that the application as amended be endorsed by the Officer in Charge of the Pennington Police Department (Pennington’s highest ranking Police Officer), subject to assignment of such paid detail police personnel as may be designated by him;

- 3. that the Applicant provide a certificate of liability insurance confirming adequate general liability, liquor law liability and automobile liability insurance with minimum limits of \$1 million per occurrence, employer’s liability insurance with minimum \$500,000 per occurrence, and workers compensation coverage as required by law;
- 4. that Applicant’s application be approved by ABC ; and
- 5. that Applicant complies with all representations made in support of its application and such additional requirements as may be imposed by the ABC.

Record of Council Vote on Passage									
COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
Angarone				abstain	Rubenstein	X			
Chandler	S				Stern	X			
Kassler-Taub	X				Valenza	M			

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**BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON
RESOLUTION 2026-4.14**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING BINGO LICENSE BA: 2.26 FOR
SAINT ALPHONSUS CHURCH**

WHEREAS, Saint Alphonsus Church submitted Bingo application BA: 2.26 on March 30, 2026 for a Bingo to take place on October 17,2026 at Saint James Church in Pennington and a copy of that application is attached to this resolution; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 13:47-4.1 et seq., requires seven (7) days to elapse before the Governing Body makes its findings and determinations; and

WHEREAS, the required waiting period was satisfied on April 6, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Saint Alphonsus Church meets the qualifications for issuance of a license for said Bingo based on the findings and determination set forth in the annexed form 5-A, as required by law;

WHEREAS, Saint Alphonsus Church, in accordance with law, has submitted the required fees forthwith;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington that bingo license BA: 2.26 for Saint Alphonsus Church be approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk will forward the annexed Application and Findings and Determinations for BA: 2.26 to the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:47-4.1, et seq.

Record of Council Vote on Passage									
COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
Angarone	X				Rubenstein	S			
Chandler	M				Stern	X			
Kassler-Taub	S				Valenza	X			

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BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON

RESOLUTION 2026-4.15

RESOLUTION APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE RA: 4:26 FOR SAINT ALPHONSUS CHURCH

WHEREAS, Saint Alphonsus Church submitted raffle application RA: 4:26 on March 30, 2026 for a raffle to take place on October 17, 2026 at Saint James Church, 115 East Delaware Ave, Pennington, NJ 08534 and a copy of that application is attached to this resolution; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 13:47-4.1 et seq., requires seven (7) days to elapse before the Governing Body makes its findings and determinations; and

WHEREAS, the required waiting period was satisfied on April 6, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Saint Alphonsus Church meets the qualifications for issuance of a license for said raffle based on the findings and determination set forth in the annexed form 5-A, as required by law;

WHEREAS, Saint Alphonsus Church, in accordance with law, has submitted the required fees forthwith;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington that raffle license RA: 4:26 for Saint Alphonsus Church be approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk will forward the annexed Application and Findings and Determinations for RA: 3:26 to the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:47-4.1, et seq.

Record of Council Vote on Passage									
COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
Angarone	X				Rubenstein	S			
Chandler	M				Stern	X			
Kassler-Taub	S				Valenza	X			

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**BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON
RESOLUTION 2026-4.16**

RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR ABEY DRIVE, MALLARD PLACE AND QUEENS LANE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT (NJDOT - FY2024 MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM) AND DIRECTING THAT THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE PROJECT BE MODIFIED AND THE PROJECT BE RE-ADVERTISED FOR BIDS

WHEREAS, the project known as Abey Drive, Mallard Place and Queens Lane Reconstruction Project in the Borough of Pennington (“the Project”) has been the subject of advertising for competitive bids; and

WHEREAS, 7 contractors submitted bids, which were opened on February 5, 2026; and

WHEREAS, all of the bids submitted were substantially in excess of the Borough’s budget for the project; and

WHEREAS, Borough Council believes it is in the public interest to substantially revise the scope of work and specifications for the Project;

WHEREAS, in the circumstances, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2, authorizes the Borough to reject all bids and re-advertise;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington, that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2, all bids are hereby rejected as substantially in excess of the budget for the project to permit revision of the scope of the work; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the Borough Clerk are directed to have the specifications and scope of work for the Abey Road, Mallard Place and Queens Lane Reconstruction Project revised and then re-advertised for bids.

Record of Council Vote on Passage									
COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
Angarone	X				Rubenstein	M			
Chandler	S				Stern	X			
Kassler-Taub	X				Valenza	X			

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**BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON
RESOLUTION 2026 - 4.17**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING BOROUGH ENGINEER FOR A
THREE-YEAR TERM BEGINNING APRIL 1, 2026**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Pennington is required by law to appoint a Municipal Engineer for a three-year term and to contract for related engineering services;

WHEREAS, the Mayor nominates as Borough Engineer Brandon Fetzer, PE, CME (“Engineer”) of Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc. (“CED”), licensed professional engineers of the State of New Jersey, subject to advise and consent of Council and agreement on a final contract for professional services with Engineer and CED.

WHEREAS, a form of CED’s standard contract is attached to this Resolution;

WHEREAS, with respect to other than separately approved capital projects, the Engineer and CED will work from a list of recommended engineering projects adopted each year by Borough Council;

WHEREAS, there is no guarantee that all projects on a project list will be undertaken in that year and therefore no such project shall be undertaken by Engineer or CED without specific prior written authorization by Borough Council;

WHEREAS, capital projects aside, the cost of Engineer’s and CED’s services in 2026 shall not exceed together \$45,000 from the Current Fund and \$40,000 from the Water/Sewer Operating Funds, subject to negotiation of a final agreement and approval of a list of engineering projects for 2026;

WHEREAS, approval of this contract complies with the Local Pay-To-Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5, effective January 1, 2006, which, except in prescribed circumstances, prohibits the award of contracts with a value in excess of \$17,500 to any person or business entity which makes reportable contributions to local political or candidate committees representing members of the governing body;

WHEREAS, this appointment also complies with the Code of the Borough of Pennington, Section 15-1, et seq., prohibiting the award of public contracts to certain political contributors;

WHEREAS, Brandon Fetzer and CED have completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that the firm has made no reportable contribution to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Pennington and shall not make any such contribution through the term of the contract;

WHEREAS, award of this professional services contract is based on a competitive proposal process and is otherwise in compliance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.;

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough has certified that funds are available for the purpose of this contract in the Engineering Current Fund and Water Sewer Operating Funds;

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law requires that a resolution authorizing an award of contract for professional services without competitive bid be publicly advertised following adoption;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington, in accord with the above recitals, that Brandon Fetzer of Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc. is hereby appointed the Municipal Engineer of the Borough of Pennington for a term of three years beginning on April 1, 2026;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor, with the attestation of the Clerk, is hereby authorized to enter into a professional services agreement with Brandon Fetzer and the firm of Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc. for a total sum not to exceed \$85,000 in calendar year 2026 (\$45,000 from the Current Fund and \$40,000 from the Water/Sewer Operating Funds), subject to negotiation of a professional services agreement and promulgation of a project list for 2026; and such appropriations as may thereafter be made by Borough Council in subsequent calendar years;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the final agreement shall be substantially in the form of the attached standard agreement with such changes as may be approved by the Borough Attorney consistent with this Resolution; and.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be published on the Borough Website as required by law within ten (10) days of its adoption.

Record of Council Vote on Passage									
COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
Angarone	X				Rubenstein	X			
Chandler	S				Stern	M			
Kassler-Taub	X				Valenza	X			

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**BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON
RESOLUTION 2026 – 4.18**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING LIST OF ENGINEERING PROJECTS WITH
BOROUGH ENGINEER FOR THE YEAR 2026**

WHEREAS, Borough Council seeks to approve a list for certain engineering projects for 2025 prior to adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, attached to this resolution is a Project List identifying projects that the Borough Engineer recommends, subject to approval by Borough Council; and

WHEREAS, the Project List includes projects that may require engineering services during the year although the estimated costs of the required services has not yet been determined; and

WHEREAS, those projects not yet estimated may require further action by Borough Council and certification as to availability of funds by the Chief Financial Officer once an amount is determined; and

WHEREAS, although the Project List identifies projects totaling \$42,500.00.00 payable from the Current Fund, \$36,250.00 payable from Water and Sewer and \$209,000.00 from Capital Ordinances, it is understood that there is no guarantee that all of these projects will be undertaken this year; and

WHEREAS, it is further understood and agreed that the Engineer shall not begin work on any project without explicit written direction and a signed purchase order from the Borough Administrator;

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough has certified that funds are available in the respective engineering budgets and/or Capital Ordinances for the projects identified on the Project List;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington, that the projects on the attached Project List are hereby approved subject to specific authorization to proceed and issuance of one or more signed purchase orders by the Borough Administrator as stated above.

Record of Council Vote on Passage									
COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
Angarone	X				Rubinstein	X			
Chandler	M				Stern	S			
Kassler-Taub	X				Valenza	X			

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**BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON
RESOLUTION 2026 – 4.19**

**RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2026-3.16, APPOINTING JUDITH CLAUSS AS
FINANCE/TAX & UTILITY ASSISTANT EFFECTIVE MARCH 27, 2026**

WHEREAS, at a Special Meeting held on March 9, 2026, Borough Council approved Resolution 2026-3.16 appointing Judith Clauss as Finance/Tax & Utility Assistant effective March 27, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Clauss has decided that she is no longer interested in the position;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington, that Resolution 2026-3.16 appointing Judith Clauss as Finance/Tax & Utility Assistant is hereby rescinded.

Record of Council Vote on Passage									
COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
Angarone	S				Rubenstein	X			
Chandler	M				Stern	X			
Kassler-Taub	X				Valenza	X			

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PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

Borough Administrator – Mr. Caminiti – Reducing costs - police are on board with the idling policy, the electric truck grant, working to get revenues in which as getting Pennington Borough film ready, fee structures, rental registration (lead paint testing compliance). **Personnel** – the candidate that was hired for finance/tax and utility assistant (Resolution 2026-4.19) has decided to not follow up with her position and interviewing is under way to hire.

Clerk – Betty Sterling – Reminder of Financial Disclosure Statements to be completed.

Chief Financial Officer – Ms. Webb had nothing further to report.

Superintendent of Public Works – Rick Smith Arbor Day supporting role – moving mulch and collecting yard waste. No issues.

Police - Lieutenant Burroughs - Trevor graduated the academy on March 12, 2026 and is being trained by Detective D’Ascoli.

Public Comment

Mayor Davy asked that anyone wishing to speak, please raise your hand so the Borough Clerk can acknowledge you, please state your name and address for the record and limit comments to the Governing Body to a maximum of 3 minutes.

There were no comments from the public.

2026 Budget Work Session

Mr. Caminiti shared a slide presentation on the 2026 budget. Mr. Caminiti stated that Ms. Angarone asked that he go over some background on how the budget process works. Mr. Caminiti reported on some highlights of the proposed budget, use of surplus, the tax levy cap and the spending cap and what increases are impacting the budget. Mr. Caminiti advised that the budget is in good shape and will be ready for introduction at the special meeting scheduled for March 9th.

CLOSED SESSION

AT 9:02, PM, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor and Council shall hereby convene in closed session for the purposes of discussing a subject or subjects permitted to be discussed in closed session by the Open Public Meetings Act, to wit:

Personnel

AT: 9:02 PM, Council Member Rubenstein made a motion to convene in Closed Session and adjourn the Regular Meeting, second by Council Member Kassler-Taub with all members present voting in favor.

Respectfully submitted,