

**REGULAR MEETING
JULY 8, 2025
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Council President Dr. Dobrin called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

The Borough Clerk read the following statement: “Pursuant to Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by posting on the bulletin board at Borough Hall and by notification to the Asbury Park Press and the New Coaster at least 48 hours prior to the meeting and filing with the Borough Clerk all on January 7, 2025.”

ROLL CALL (Regular Meeting)

PRESENT: Mr. Alessi, Ms. Buckley, Mr. Nesci, Mr. Parikh, Dr. Dobrin

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Michelle Hutchinson, Borough Clerk

Kevin Starkey, Director of Law

Risa Clay, Mayor

Charles Terefenko, Business Administrator

Thomas Fallon, Director of Finance

All present stood for a salute to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Alessi offered a motion to approve May 20, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes seconded by Ms. Buckley.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Mr. Alessi, Ms. Buckley, Mr. Nesci, Mr. Parikh, Dr. Dobrin

ABSTAIN: None

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

REPORT OF MAYOR/COUNCIL/ADMINISTRATION

Certificates of Recognition were read, and grants were presented by Mayor Clay and Assemblywoman Luanne Peter Paul to:

Tinton Falls Panthers Softballs Team

Tinton Falls Little League Softball

Tinton Falls Little League Baseball

Monmouth Falcons Youth Football and Cheer

Tinton Falls Emergency Medical Services-North

Tinton Falls Library

Tinton Falls Police Department

Assemblywoman Peter Paul commented that not many towns receive awards, but this town deserved it.

A recess was called from 7:53pm to 7:56pm

Director of Finance- Thomas Fallon

Mr. Fallon has no report.

Business Administrator – Charles Terefenko

Mr. Terefenko reported the 75th Anniversary committee has made progress in securing significant premier sponsorships and the outreach program to sponsors is ongoing. They have confirmed many of the activities planned and he provided a list of vendors. Mr. Terefenko stated on opening day there is a parade planned and mentioned the activities surrounding that event and invitations to attend will be sent to dignitaries around the State.

Mayor’s Report- Risa Clay

Mayor Clay reported attending the grand opening of a new senior care facility, All-American Assisted Living ribbon cutting along with Councilmembers Mr. Alessi and Ms. Buckley. They also attended the Tinton Falls Middle School graduation ceremony at Brookdale College. On June 23rd the DMV mobile unit assisted 40 residents and employees to receive their Real ID. Mayor Clay requested another date from DMV due to the demand for Real ID. On June 25th she participated in the MRHS graduation and wished them the best. In July Mayor Clay, Mr. Terefenko and Councilmembers, Ms. Buckley, Mr. Alessi and Mr. Parikh attended a Pride Celebration organized by District 11. Tinton Falls resident Denise Amitrani was recognized for her work within the LGBTQ+ community. Attended the opening of the popular

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Tinton Falls Summer Camp. This was the largest group of campers ever, and Mayor Clay thanked Mr. Terefenko and Mr. Fallon for making sure everyone who registered was able to attend camp. She thanked Sherri Eisele, the Recreation Director who staffed the camp and planned for all the fun activity days for the campers. Mayor Clay noted the weekly posting of her office hours and along with Council and Administration extended her thoughts and prayers to the family of a young man who lost his life this week.

Director of Law – Kevin Starkey

Mr. Starkey had no report.

Borough Clerk – Michelle Hutchinson

Ms. Hutchinson had no report.

-Mr. Alessi reported the Zoning Board meeting for July 10th was cancelled. The Shade Tree commission is doing well, and an education event is being planned for the near future. He announced a new member, Mary Phillips, master gardener, and congratulated her on the appointment. Mentioned the grand opening of the senior care facility and what an asset to the Borough. Mr. Alessi congratulated all the graduates from middle school and high school and the recipients of the grant awards.

-Ms. Buckley echoed the congratulations to the grant recipients who were all deserving. The Environmental Commission ERI sub-team is making progress, and the next meeting is July 24th. She thanked all the members for their work on this report.

-Mr. Nesci reported that the Planning Board has a meeting tomorrow at 7:00pm regarding an application from Wawa on Wayside Road on the Stavola property. He congratulated all the award recipients and thanked everyone involved in making this happen.

-Mr. Parikh reported attending a Board of Education meeting on June 24th which was nice to see the end of year come together and retirees recognized. Also, they honored the girls' softball team, and it was nice to see them honored here today. He thanked everyone involved in providing the grants and acknowledged the recipients of the awards.

-Dr. Dobrin commented on the library receiving the well-deserved grant award and the wonderful people at the library who organize all the events making sure the facility is utilized to the fullest. He thanked Mr. Terefenko for the update on the 75th Anniversary celebration, which sounds like everything is coming along nicely.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

Ms. Hutchinson read the title of the Ordinance: **2025-1528 Ordinance Authorizing Residents Keeping Backyard Chickens, Pursuant To An Amendment To Chapter 8, "Animal Control"**

Ms. Hutchinson stated that the public hearing would be scheduled for Tuesday August 12, 2025.

Mr. Parikh offered a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2025-1528 seconded by Mr. Nesci.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Mr. Alessi, Ms. Buckley, Mr. Nesci, Mr. Parikh, Dr. Dobrin

ABSTAIN: None

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-1528

**BOROUGH OF TINTON FALLS
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING RESIDENTS KEEPING BACKYARD CHICKENS, PURSUANT TO AN
AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 8, "ANIMAL CONTROL"**

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of Tinton Falls previously authorized a pilot program to allow the keeping of backyard chickens, which was codified in the Borough Code as Chapter 8, Section 8, "Backyard Chickens"; and

WHEREAS, the pilot program expired at the end of 2023, but successfully saw the opening and proper maintenance of several backyard chicken coops; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey encourages municipalities to promote sustainable programs; and

WHEREAS, the keeping of "Backyard Chickens" is a means by which sustainability can be achieved; and

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WHEREAS, given the success of the Backyard Chickens pilot program in Tinton Falls, the Borough Council desires to make Section 8-7 a permanent part of the Borough Code, in order to authorize and regulate the establishment and oversight of backyard chicken coops in the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Tinton Falls in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that:

SECTION 1. Chapter 8 of the Borough Code of Tinton Falls shall be amended in the manner indicated below (~~striketroughs~~ to be deleted; underlined portion to be added), and which shall read as follows:

§ 8-7. BACKYARD CHICKENS IN TINTON FALLS

§ 8-7.1. Rules and Regulations.

This Ordinance establishes rules and regulations ~~a temporary 2-year pilot program (the “Pilot Program”)~~ to authorize the residents of Tinton Falls to keep backyard chickens, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein.

§ 8-7.2. Eligibility; Restrictions.

a. The following shall be eligible to participate in this program: residents of single-family homes with a minimum lot size of one-half acre.

~~b. ——— For purposes of this section, no more than twenty-five (25) licenses will be issued at \$10.00 each, on an annual basis.~~

b. There shall be a limit of four (4) chickens per license ~~during the Pilot Program~~ unless the property and use is in accordance with Section 40-37B1 of this Code. Residents that have a lot size over 1 acre will be permitted to maintain up to (8) chickens per license. Roosters are prohibited.

§ 8-7.3. License Required; Fee; Completion of Class Required.

a. No person shall keep chickens on their property without first obtaining a license from the Municipal Clerk’s Office and paying the required fee. No license shall be issued unless the applicant has demonstrated compliance with all criteria set forth in the herein. Applicants who already keep chickens shall be given priority in the licensing process.

b. A non-refundable annual license fee of \$10.00 shall be paid for each license issued for participation annually. No more than one license may be issued per household.

c. Any applicant wishing to keep chickens shall be required to complete a class on the basics of raising backyard chickens. Proof of attendance must be presented with the completed application. ~~The Borough will provide a class minimally once a year at a nominal fee. The handling of this class will be the exclusive responsibility of the Chicken Advisory Board. A member of the Chicken Advisory Board will review the application with the applicant prior to submission.~~

§ 8-7.4. Requirements for Coops and Runs.

Participant shall comply with the following regulations and conditions for keeping and housing of chickens:

a. The coop shall be suitable in size to house the number of chickens subject to this program and shall provide at least four-square feet per chicken. The coop shall have four walls, a floor, a roof, be moisture-proof and well-ventilated with windows to admit sunlight. The maximum height of the coop shall not exceed seven feet. The coop must be kept clean. If water or electric is run to the coop, then permits from the building department must be obtained.

b. A run must be attached to the coop and must also be at least 20 feet from the habitable portion of the neighboring residential dwelling. The run size must be at least eight square feet for each chicken.

c. The coop and run shall be located in the backyard and shall be located no closer than 20 feet from ~~the windows and/or doors of~~ the habitable portion of the neighboring residential dwelling. Garages, attached or otherwise, and accessory buildings shall not be considered a “residential dwelling” for purposes of calculating the required distance. A visual buffer shall be installed as needed.

d. The coop and enclosed run must be made predator-proof and must include construction cloth.

e. Clean water must be provided, and food must be kept tightly closed in a metal container away from the coop and run at night. Chicken feed must be provided only inside the run, not outside and not in the coop.

f. The yard in the area where the coop is located shall be clean and free from odors.

g. Chickens may temporarily “free range” outside of the coop in a suitably contained area provided that an adult, age 18 or older, is present in the yard the entire time. The property must be completely fenced where chickens are allowed to be “free range.”

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- h. All chickens must be kept in the coop overnight.
- i. Waste will be handled by the participant to prevent offensive odors and disposed in an environmentally-friendly manner.
- j. There shall be no selling of eggs, unless the property and use is in accordance with Section 37B1 of this Code.
- k. There shall be no slaughtering of chickens in the Borough.

§ 8-7.5. ~~Creation of “Chicken Advisory Board”~~ Appointment of “Chicken Advisory Volunteer”; Complaints.

a. A Chicken Advisory Volunteer shall be appointed by the Borough Council and shall serve for a term of two (2) years. The Borough Council shall also appoint a member of the Council as the Council Liaison. The Volunteer shall submit a quarterly report to the Council Liaison at least once per quarter. These reports shall include any activities of the Volunteer, such as new coops, as well as any complaints and resolutions from residents concerning backyard chickens. The Volunteer shall be required to complete a course on the basics of raising backyard chickens, within three (3) months of the initial appointment. ~~Board consisting of six members shall be formed, including a Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. All members shall serve a term of two years. The members shall be appointed by the Borough Council. The Board shall include at least one member of the Monmouth County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (MCSPCA). The Board shall meet on a regular basis, at least once per month, and shall keep minutes which shall be submitted along with a quarterly report to the Liaison for Borough Council. These reports will include any activities of the Board, as well as any complaints and resolutions from residents concerning backyard chickens.~~

b. If a complaint is received by the Borough, it will be forwarded to the Chicken Advisory Volunteer and ~~the MCSPCA Board for investigation by two members of the Board.~~ If either ~~the Board~~ finds a violation of the regulations set forth in this Section, solutions will be discussed with the offending resident to allow them to meet the requirements of the program as soon as possible. However, if after 14 days the violation has not been remedied, the Chicken Advisory Board Volunteer will notify the Council liaison so that code enforcement proceedings can be implemented. Complaints involving rodents or animal mistreatment shall be addressed immediately.

c. The Chicken Advisory ~~Board~~ Volunteer shall be authorized to conduct a site visit to any property with chickens under this Chapter with at least 48 hours’ notice.

d. The Chicken Advisory ~~Board~~ Volunteer will assist anyone who no longer desires to keep backyard chickens with the relocation of their chickens.

e. The Chicken Advisory ~~Board~~ Volunteer shall develop written procedures and practices for the raising of chicks by licensees. No licensee shall raise chicks until after such procedures and practices are issued. Any chick raising shall be in compliance with such procedures and practices.

f. ~~The Borough Council shall review and re-evaluate the 2-year Pilot Program at the end of the term and determine whether the program shall continue and/or be amended.~~

§ 8-7.6. Revocation of License.

Failure to comply with the conditions and regulations set forth in this Ordinance shall result in revocation of the license and the removal and relocation of chickens. The applicant shall be notified by certified mail of the license revocation. All chickens and coops shall be removed within one week after receipt of such notice of revocation.

§ 8-7.7. Violations and Penalties.

The owner or tenant shall, for each and every violation, be liable to the penalty stated in Chapter 1, Section 1-5. Each and every day that such violation continues shall be considered a separate and specific violation of this section and not as a continuing offense.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistency, hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. Should any section, clause, sentence, phrase or provision of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage, adoption and publication in the manner prescribed by law.

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Ms. Hutchinson read the title of the Ordinance: **2025-1529 ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 7 OF THE BOROUGH CODE, ENTITLED “TRAFFIC” TO ADD A NEW SECTION TO REGULATE LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC BICYCLES AND SCOOTERS**

Ms. Hutchinson stated that the public hearing would be scheduled for Tuesday August 12, 2025.

Mr. Alessi offered a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2025-1529 seconded by Mr. Parikh.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Mr. Alessi, Ms. Buckley, Mr. Nesci, Mr. Parikh, Dr. Dobrin

ABSTAIN: None

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-1529

**BOROUGH OF TINTON FALLS
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ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 7 OF THE BOROUGH CODE, ENTITLED “TRAFFIC” TO ADD A NEW SECTION TO REGULATE LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC BICYCLES AND SCOOTERS

WHEREAS, the State enacted a law, codified at N.J.S.A. 39:4-14.16, effective January 1, 2019, that created a new vehicle class designated as “Low Speed Electric Bicycle”; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has consulted with the Tinton Falls Police Department concerning Low Speed Electric Bicycles and Low Speed Electric Scooters; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council finds that the operation of Low Speed Electric Bicycles and Low Speed Electric Scooters on public streets within the Borough of Tinton Falls may constitute a traffic hazard and a hazard to motor vehicle operators and pedestrians within the Borough due to the high volume of traffic within and through the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council finds, however, that the operation of Low Speed Electric Vehicles can be both safe and appropriate when operated properly and, under certain conditions, be permitted without a negative impact upon public safety,

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

SECTION 1. The Borough hereby amends Chapter 7 of the Borough Code to add a new Section 7-19, to be entitled “Low-Speed Electric Bicycles and Scooters,” and which shall read as follows:

§ 7-19 LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC BICYCLES AND SCOOTERS.

§ 7-19.1. Definitions.

As used in this Section, the following terms, consistent with N.J.S.A. 39:1-1, shall have the definitions indicated:

Low-Speed Electric Bicycle

A two- or three-wheeled vehicle with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than 750 watts that meets the requirements of one of the following classifications: "class 1 low-speed electric bicycle," which means a low-speed electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour; or "class 2 low-speed electric bicycle," which means a low-speed electric bicycle equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle, and that is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.

Motorized Bicycle

A pedal bicycle having a helper motor characterized in that either the maximum piston displacement is less than 50 cc. or said motor is rated at no more than 1.5 brake horsepower or is powered by an electric drive motor and said bicycle is capable of a maximum speed of no more than 25 miles per hour on a flat surface or a pedal bicycle having an electric motor that is capable of propelling the bicycle in excess of 20 miles per hour with a maximum motor-powered speed of no more than 28 miles per hour on a flat surface. This term shall not include a Low-Speed Electric Bicycle or Low-Speed Electric Scooter.

Low-Speed Electric Scooters

A scooter with a floorboard that can be stood upon by the operator, with handlebars and an electric motor capable of propelling the device with or without human propulsion at a maximum speed of fewer than 19 miles per hour.

§ 7-19.2. Operation of Low-Speed Electric Bicycles and Low-Speed Electric Scooters within the Borough

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A. Duties of persons on low-speed electric bicycles and low-speed electric scooters.

Any person operating a low-speed electric bicycle, low-speed electric scooter or similar device shall obey the instructions of official traffic control signals, signs, and other control devices applicable to vehicles, unless otherwise directed by a police officer. Operators of a low-speed electric bicycle shall ride as near to the right-side of the traveled roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction. Operators shall not ride at a speed faster than is reasonable or proper, taking into account the presence of traffic and/or pedestrians in the area.

B. Lights and reflectors.

Every low-speed electric bicycle, low-speed electric scooter or similar device shall have reflectors in the front and back. Every low-speed electric bicycle, low-speed electric scooter or similar device shall, when in use at nighttime, be equipped with a lamp on the front which shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front, and with a lamp on the rear which shall emit a red light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the rear.

C. Audible sound/signal.

No person shall operate a low-speed electric bicycle, low-speed electric scooter or similar device unless it is equipped with a bell or other device capable of giving a signal audible for a distance of at least 100 feet, except that such low-speed electric bicycles, low-speed electric scooter or similar device shall not be equipped with, nor shall any person use upon a low-speed electric bicycle, low-speed electric scooter or similar device any siren or whistle.

D. Helmet.

All persons under the age of 17 are required to wear a protective helmet while operating a low-speed electric bicycle, low-speed electric scooter or similar device.

E. Riding on sidewalks and walking paths.

No person shall operate a low-speed electric bicycle, low-speed electric scooter or similar device upon a sidewalk or walking path within the Borough of Tinton Falls, with the exception of any person under the age of 14 who may operate a low-speed electric scooter upon a sidewalk or walking path, unless otherwise prohibited.

F. Reckless or careless riding.

No person shall ride or operate a low-speed electric bicycle, low-speed electric scooter or similar device in a reckless or careless manner which endangers or is likely to endanger the safety or welfare of themselves or other persons or property. No person operating a low-speed electric bicycle, low-speed electric scooter or similar device shall attach themselves to any streetcar or vehicle, nor shall the operator of the low-speed electric bicycle, low-speed electric scooter or similar device allow others to hitch or hold onto an electric vehicle during operation. It shall be prohibited for a person operating a low-speed electric bicycle, low-speed electric scooter or similar device to allow another person to ride as a passenger, unless the person is carried in a proper seat, trailer or other accessory that complies with current regulations and contains adequate provision for retaining the passenger in place and for protecting the passenger.

G. Prohibited Locations.

Low-speed electric bicycles, low-speed electric scooter or similar device are prohibited from operating within or upon any Borough-owned properties or recreation areas. Those who have obtained a permit for use of a Borough-owned park or recreational area for a special event where the use of such vehicles is specifically authorized shall be exempt from the prohibitions in this paragraph.

H. Exempt Vehicles. This Section shall not apply to those devices used to increase the independent mobility of an individual who has limited or no ambulation abilities, such as a motorized wheelchair. This Section also shall not apply to toy electric vehicles, such as power wheels, designed for toddlers, where the maximum speed is less than 3 mph.

I. Penalties for Violations.

Each person violating any provisions of this section shall, upon first conviction, be liable to a penalty of \$250.00, and upon a second conviction shall be liable to a penalty of \$500.00. No court appearance shall be required for a first or second alleged offense but will be required for a third or subsequent alleged offense. If the violator is a minor, then the parent or guardian of the minor offender shall be liable for the fine.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistency, hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. Should any section, clause, sentence, phrase or provision of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage, adoption and publication in the manner prescribed by law.

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ORDINANCES FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION

2025-1527 Ordinance Vacating The Borough's Rights And Interest In Various Paper Streets Located Within Block 145, Lot 26.01

Mr. Nesci offered a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2025-1527, seconded by Ms. Buckley.

ROLL CALL

AYES: All In Favor
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

PUBLIC HEARING OPEN

There being no comments, Mr. Alessi offered a motion to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2025-1527, seconded by Mr. Nesci.

ROLL CALL

AYES: All In Favor
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Mr. Nesci offered a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-1527, seconded by Mr. Parikh.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Mr. Alessi, Ms. Buckley, Mr. Nesci, Mr. Parikh, Dr. Dobrin
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Ms. Buckley offered a motion to open the Public Discussion, seconded by Mr. Alessi.

ROLL CALL

AYES: All in Favor
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Dr. Dobrin asked the Clerk if there were any submitted comments and there were none.

Mr. Jeff Roderman, Thayer Drive – Mr. Roderman represented residents from Thayer Drive who are concerned that during the completion of the road resurfacing done by NJ Natural Gas project only half of the street was resurfaced and is in terrible shape. He asked if it could be looked at and the process. Mr. Terefenko stated that Mr. Neff, Borough Engineer, had spoken to Mr. Roderman and he would review the Borough's Road Program schedule to see when the Borough can be of assistance to the residents of Thayer Drive. Dr. Dobrin stated that Mr. Terefenko is very good at coming to a resolution in this type of situation.

Mr. Frank Matula, 43 Lennox Drive – Mr. Matula stated the work NJ Natural Gas did on his street was done on both sides. The resurfacing has made the rain come down his driveway and he asked if they could come back and fix the issue of driveway flooding. Mr. Terefenko offered to review the situation with the Borough Engineer.

Ms. Denise Catalano, 11 Alpine Drive – Ms. Catalano stated that there are major problems with unruly people at Wardell Park. Many people are complaining about issues with the pickleball courts, and she would like the council to address this problem. Mr. Terefenko stated he had already spoken to Ms. Catalano about the issue and suggested sending any complaints to his office or recreation and if threatened by anyone, call the police in that situation.

Ms. Ellen Goldberg, Glenwood Drive – Ms. Goldberg stated she attended a Middletown Planning Board meeting recently regarding the building being constructed on Newman Springs Road. Many people in Lincroft/Tinton Falls area are against this project due to adding congestion in the area. She thanked Mr. Nesci who spoke at the meeting on behalf of Tinton Falls and for the support of Mr. Terefenko, which was very much appreciated. Unfortunately, the Middletown Planning

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Board voted yes. Ms. Goldberg praised DPW for quickly clearing the street drains after a storm. They are fantastic and go above and beyond. Dr. Dobrin agreed with the DPW sentiments.

Mr. Jerry Spumberg, Tinton Falls – Mr. Spumberg spoke about a retired security person who suggested the need for larger police force due to NJ becoming a sanctuary State. Crime is being pushed into NJ and suggested to hire retired police officers to keep the budget controllable while increasing the police force.

There being no further comments, Mr. Nesci offered a motion to close the Public Discussion, seconded by Ms. Buckley.

ROLL CALL

AYES: All in Favor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC DISCUSSION CLOSED

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER - None

RESOLUTIONS - None

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Parikh offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Nesci.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Mr. Alessi, Ms. Buckley, Mr. Nesci, Mr. Parikh, Dr. Dobrin

ABSTAIN: None

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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R-25-148

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE AMERICA 250 COMMITTEE

BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Tinton Falls appoints the following persons to the America 250 Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2026:

Members:

Kashyap Parikh Councilmember

Kathleen DeAngelo Historic Commission Member

Linda Zucaro Historic Commission Member

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R-25-149

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1
INCREASING CONTRACT #24-2 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,119.32
WARDELL PARK RESTROOM IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, Contract #24-2 for the Wardell Park Restroom Improvement Project was awarded to Gavan General Contracting, Inc., 1015 Atlantic City Blvd., Bayville, NJ 08721, by Resolution R-24-124 in the amount of \$812,828.94 at a Council Meeting held on June 11, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Change Order #1 dated June 26, 2025, from T & M Associates (annexed hereto and part hereof) requests an increase in the amount of \$14,119.32 for reasons described therein, for a total contract in the amount of \$826,948.26; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Borough Council of the Borough of Tinton Falls authorizes Change Order #1 increasing Contract #24-2 in the amount of \$14,119.32 for a total contract in the amount of \$826,948.26 is hereby authorized for the above contract awarded to Gavan General Contracting, Inc.;

I hereby certify funds are available from: Capital Ordinance #23-1503

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R-25-150

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF COMPOST AND LEAVES NOT NEEDED
FOR PUBLIC USE BY PRIVATE SALE**

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works undertakes leaf collection in the Borough that produces approximately 3200 cubic yards of compost each year; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of the DPW to turn and move the leaves, not including the collection of leaves, costs the Borough approximately \$27,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of the compost, approximately 98%, is auctioned off at an average price of \$500.00 for the total; and

WHEREAS, the Borough could recognize substantial savings if DPW did not have to turn and move the leaves each year; and

WHEREAS, the leaves and compost are not needed for public use;

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36(6), authorizes the sale of personal property no longer needed for public use by way of a private sale without advertising when the value of the property is under 15% of the bid threshold (\$6,600.00).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the leaves and compost collected annually by the Department of Public Works is authorized to be sold, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36(6), by way of a private sale to Mazza Recycling Services, Inc., 3230 Shafto Road, Tinton Falls, NJ, at the price of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

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R-25-151

**RESOLUTION – RELEASING ESCROW FEES
FLM, ASSOCIATES, LLC
3212 SHAFTO ROAD**

WHEREAS, the developer has requested the release of any escrow fees posted for FLM Associates, LLC 3212 Shafto Road, Borough of Tinton Falls, Block 145 Lot 18, and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer, Thoms Neff, has certified that all items have been deemed complete and recommends the release of the funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Tinton Falls that the escrow fees for FLM Associates, LLC, Borough of Tinton Falls, Block 145 Lot 18, be released subject to the payment of any and all outstanding engineering and inspection fees.

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R-25-152

RESOLUTION-REFUNDING RECREATION FEES

WHEREAS, fees were collected for our recreational program(s).

WHEREAS, said money was deposited by the Borough of Tinton Falls.

WHEREAS, the Recreation Superintendent was informed that the following registered individual will be withdrawing from the 2025 Summer Camp – Family Fitzgerald. A refund in the amount listed shall be issued to the participant.

Program	Deposit Date	Payee	Amount Paid	Processing/ Cancellation Fee Applied/	Refund Amount
Summer Camp	4/9/2025	Fitzgerald	\$250	\$50 + \$20	\$180

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Tinton Falls that the multiple refunds in the amount listed in the “Refund Amount” column be issued.

BOROUGH OF TINTON FALLS **R-25-153**
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

RESOLUTION-REFUNDING RECREATION FEES

WHEREAS, fees were collected for our recreational program(s).

WHEREAS, said money was deposited by the Borough of Tinton Falls.

WHEREAS, the Recreation Superintendent was informed that the following registered individual will be withdrawing from the 2025 Summer Camp – Family Kane. A refund in the amount listed shall be issued to the participant.

Program	Deposit Date	Payee	Amount Paid	Processing/ Cancellation Fee Applied/	Refund Amount
Summer Camp	4/9/2025	Lisa Kane	\$250	\$100 + \$20	\$130

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Tinton Falls that the multiple refunds in the amount listed in the “Refund Amount” column be issued.

BOROUGH OF TINTON FALLS **R-25-154**
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF MUNICIPAL CERTIFICATE OF SALE

WHEREAS, Tax Sale Certificate #24-03378 was issued to the Borough of Tinton Falls for sewer charges on Block 75 Lot 71 (1 Spring Meadow Dr.), assessed to Caitlin M. Hynes, at a tax sale held on December 11, 2024

WHEREAS, CoreLogic Tax Service, on behalf of Loancare, paid the full amount of the certificate’s delinquency.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Tinton Falls are hereby Authorized to endorse Certificate of Sale #24-03378 for cancellation.

I, Carol Hussey, Tax Collector of the Borough of Tinton Falls, hereby certify that Tax Sale Certificate #24-03378 was redeemed on July 2, 2025.

BOROUGH OF TINTON FALLS **R-25-155**
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

RESOLUTION – APPROVAL OF BILLS – July 8, 2025

WHEREAS, the Borough of Tinton Falls received certain claims against it by way of vouchers received during the period ending July 8, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has reviewed said claims.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Tinton Falls, County of Monmouth, that the following claims be certified by the Chief Financial Officer for approval and payment.

SUMMARY

GENERAL	6,129,774.50
SEWER UTILITY	19,861.40
GENERAL CAPITAL	29,557.25
GRANT FUND	925.00
TRUST FUNDS	24,364.74
DOG TRUST FUND	2,977.24
ESCROW	61,890.38

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ADDITIONS	<u>1,503,886.28</u>
TOTAL	<u>7,773,236.79</u>

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS:

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Buckley offered a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Parikh.

ROLL CALL

AYES: All in Favor
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

TIME: 9:32pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Hutchinson, Borough Clerk

Dr. Lawrence A. Dobrin, Council President

APPROVED AT A MEETING HELD ON: