

**REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 2026
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Council President Mr. Nesci 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 November 10, 2025.”

ROLL CALL (Regular Meeting)

PRESENT: Mr. Alessi, Ms. Buckley, Mr. Neis, Mr. Parikh, Mr. Nesci
ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Michelle Hutchinson, Borough Clerk
Kevin Starkey, Director of Law
Risa Clay, Mayor
Thomas Fallon, Interim Business Administrator/Director of Finance
Thomas Neff, Borough Engineer

All present stood for a salute to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Neis offered a motion to approve January 6, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes seconded by Mr. Alessi.

ROLL CALL

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

Mr. Parikh offered a motion to approve January 20, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes seconded by Mr. Neis.

ROLL CALL

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

Police Department Oaths of Office

Promotional Oaths of Office

Chief DeLucia announced the promotional oaths of office for Officers Christopher Grimm, Daniel Osofsky and Jamie Mayo, who thanked the Mayor and Administrator for the promotions and briefly commented on the service and dedication of the officers. Chief DeLucia announced the officers to take the oath with the new rank of:

*Christopher Grimm – Captain
Daniel Osofsky - Lieutenant
Jamie Mayo – Sergeant*

Recess break from 7:46pm to 7:53pm

REPORT OF MAYOR/COUNCIL/ADMINISTRATION

Engineer’s Report- Thomas Neff

Mr. Neff congratulated the officers on their promotions.

Interim Business Administrator & Director of Finance- Thomas Fallon

Mr. Fallon congratulated the officers on their promotions.

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Mayor Risa Clay

Mayor Clay congratulated three promoted officers and recognized three retiring employees. The mayor participated in several community events, including a snowplow naming contest where a student from Swimming River won and participated in story time and crafts with authors at the library, and celebrated a hundredth birthday at Seabrook. Attended two FMERA meetings. Mayor Clay announced that the borough was proceeding with the purchase of the 13-acre historic Carney Farm on Wayside Road for \$3 million, with \$2,250,000 of the cost being covered by county open space funding. The historic Carney farm will be permanently preserved for open space and future recreational use, ensuring it remains a natural asset for generations to come. The mayor expressed gratitude to the Carney family for their partnership and thanked the County for its generous funding contribution. Mayor Clay also mentioned upcoming recognition of community members and commission participants at a March 3rd meeting for their extraordinary contributions to the community.

Director of Law – Kevin Starkey

Mr. Starkey congratulated the officers on their promotions.

Borough Clerk – Michelle Hutchinson

-Ms. Hutchinson announced that the deadline for county committee petition submissions is Monday, March 23, 2026, before 4:00 PM. The petition packets will be available on Thursday.

-Mr. Alessi congratulated the police officers on their promotions and congratulated the Mayor on Ordinance 2026-1542 for all the hard work and the County.

-Ms. Buckley congratulated the newly promoted police officers. She thanked the mayor and everyone involved in the potential purchase of the Carney Farm Property, noting that since she first joined council, the borough had been trying to acquire this property, and residents had come to express their desire for its purchase. Ms. Buckley announced that there would be a Green Team virtual meeting the following night at 7:00 PM.

-Mr. Neis congratulated the police officers on their promotion. He reported attending the Zoning Board meeting where there were three approvals and the next scheduled meeting is March 5th.

-Mr. Parikh congratulated the police officers on their promotions. He reported on several events he attended during the past month. He attended "Color with a Cop," which was hosted by both the police department and the PTA, noting it was well attended and that his children also attended and had a wonderful time. He also attended the monthly Historic Preservation Commission meeting where they covered some of the 250th commemorative events. He mentioned there is a long list of events being worked on for the year to celebrate the Nation's anniversary, including history focused events, events for children and families, and various ideas like scavenger hunts, presentations and displays.

-Mr. Nesci congratulated the newly promoted police officers. He reported that the Shade Tree Commission is currently organizing Earth Day, which is April 25th, and has ordered trees.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

Ms. Hutchinson read the title of the Ordinance: **ORDINANCE NO. 2026-1540 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 OF THE BOROUGH CODE, ENTITLED "TRAFFIC" TO AMEND THE LOCATIONS WHERE LEFT TURNS ARE PROHIBITED**

Ms. Hutchinson stated that the public hearing would be scheduled for Tuesday March 3, 2026.

Mr. Parikh offered a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2025-1540 seconded by Mr. Neis.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Mr. Alessi, Ms. Buckley, Mr. Neis, Mr. Parikh, Mr. Nesci

ABSTAIN: None

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

**BOROUGH OF TINTON FALLS
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ORDINANCE NO. 2026-1540

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 OF THE BOROUGH CODE,

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**ENTITLED “TRAFFIC” TO AMEND THE LOCATIONS
WHERE LEFT TURNS ARE PROHIBITED**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Tinton Falls as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 7 of the Borough Code, entitled “Traffic” is hereby amended in Section 7-10.1, “Left Turn Prohibition,” to read as follows (underlined portions to added; ~~striketroughs~~ to be deleted):

§ 7-10.1. Left Turn Prohibition.

No person shall make a left turn at any of the locations described below:

Location
Commerce Bank <u>TD Bank, Block 8, Lot 1.01</u>
Block 8, Lot 1.01, From the driveway of the premises onto Shrewsbury Avenue
Block 8, Lot 1.01, Into and out of the premises to and from the Patterson Avenue Driveway located closest to Shrewsbury Avenue
Hope Road — Ingress and egress <u>driveways</u> of Hope Road Professional Plaza, Block 115, Lot 3.01, <u>at Hope Road</u>
Into and out of the proposed Tormee Way at Shafto Road (County Road 547)
Shrewsbury Avenue (CR13) — No person shall make a left turn of a vehicle traveling north on County Road 13 (Shrewsbury Avenue) onto Patterson Avenue between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for school buses which are hereby exempted from this prohibition
Entrance to proposed road into Parkview Townhouses from Shafto Road (also known as Monmouth County Route 547), which proposed road is presently designated as Oak Leaf Lane
Entrance to proposed road into Dan's Tree Service Surgeons from Shafto Road (also known as Monmouth County Route 547), which proposed road is presently designated as Dan's Tree Service Surgeons driveway
<u>Egress driveway from 5030 Shafto Road Warehouse, Block 115, Lot 14.02, onto Shafto Road (County Route 547)</u>
<u>Egress driveway from 1470 Shafto Road Warehouse, Block 115, Lot 11.01, onto Shafto Road (County Route 547)</u>
<u>Wawa Way onto Shafto Road (County Route 547)</u>
<u>Ingress and egress driveways of the Bayshore Companion Dog Club, Block 143, Lot 13, at Shafto Road (County Route 547)</u>
<u>Egress driveway from the George Wall car dealership, Block 18.02, Lot 1.03, onto Sycamore Avenue (County Route 13A)</u>
<u>Egress driveway from McDonald’s, Block 15.03, Lot 1.01, onto Shrewsbury Avenue (County Route 13)</u>
<u>Egress driveway from CJ McCloone’s, Block 14.04, Lot 70.01, onto Shrewsbury Avenue (County Route 13)</u>
<u>Spark Car Wash, Block 1.01, Lot 5.01</u> <u>Egress driveway onto Clinton Place</u> <u>Ingress and egress driveways at Shrewsbury Avenue (County Route 13)</u>
<u>Ingress and egress driveways of the Extra Space self-storage facility, Block 113.02, Lot 5.03 at Wayside Road (County Route 38)</u>

SECTION 2. Repealer.

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. Severability.

Each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be independent

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section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase, and the finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause, or reason, shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. Effective Date.

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

Ms. Hutchinson read the title of the Ordinance: **ORDINANCE NO. 2026-1541 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10 OF THE BOROUGH CODE, ENTITLED "PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS," TO CLARIFY THE TIMES OF OPERATION FOR PARKS AND PUBLIC PLAYGROUNDS**

Ms. Hutchinson stated that the public hearing would be scheduled for Tuesday March 3, 2026.

Mr. Alessi offered a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2025-1541 seconded by Ms. Buckley.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Mr. Alessi, Ms. Buckley, Mr. Neis, Mr. Parikh, Mr. Nesci

ABSTAIN: None

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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ORDINANCE NO. 2026-1541

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10 OF THE BOROUGH CODE,
ENTITLED "PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS," TO CLARIFY THE TIMES OF OPERATION FOR
PARKS AND PUBLIC PLAYGROUNDS**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Tinton Falls as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 10 of the Borough Code, entitled "Park Rules and Regulations" is hereby amended in Section 10-3, "Times of Operation," to read as follows (underlined portions to added; ~~strike throughs~~ to be deleted):

§ 10-3 TIMES OF OPERATION

- A. All parks and public playgrounds ~~not equipped with lights~~ shall be closed to the public for all purposes one hour after sundown on each day, except as specifically set forth herein.
- B. ~~Hoekhoekson Park and Sycamore Recreation Complex are Borough facilities with lit athletic fields. Any park or public playground equipped with lights, including field lights or walkway lights but excluding building and parking lot lights, shall remain open until 10:30 p.m., so long as the lights remain lit.~~
- C. Field lighting in parks can remain on until 10:30 p.m. ~~; new innings may not be started after 10:00 p.m. Any play will be discontinued by 10:00 p.m.~~
- D. No person, organization, league, or team shall, without authorized permit, enter into or remain in a public park except during the hours the park is open to the general public. With an authorized permit, portable lighting may be erected or constructed within a public park by an organization, league or person for applicants that meet the rules, regulations and guidelines for use of the requested area.
- E. Any section or part of any park may be declared closed to the public by the Department of Recreation at any time and for any interval of time either temporarily or at regular and stated intervals and either entirely or merely to certain uses as deemed reasonably necessary.
- E. The Borough of Tinton Falls, through the Department of Recreation, reserves the right to deny and/or cancel use of its fields/facilities at any time at its sole discretion. If such denial or cancellation is for reasons other than violations of the Borough's rules and regulations concerning field usage, the Borough shall refund any outstanding fees to the applicant.

SECTION 2. Repealer.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the

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extent of such inconsistency, hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. Severability.

Each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase, and the finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause, or reason, shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. Effective Date.

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

Ms. Hutchinson read the title of the Ordinance: **ORDINANCE NO. 2026-1542 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH TO PURCHASE BLOCK 91, LOT 1, ALSO KNOWN AS 1900 WAYSIDE ROAD, FOR RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION PURPOSES**

Ms. Hutchinson stated that the public hearing would be scheduled for Tuesday March 3, 2026.

Ms. Buckley offered a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2025-1542 seconded by Mr. Parikh.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Mr. Alessi, Ms. Buckley, Mr. Neis, Mr. Parikh, Mr. Nesci

ABSTAIN: None

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-1542

**BOROUGH OF TINTON FALLS
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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH TO PURCHASE
BLOCK 91, LOT 1, ALSO KNOWN AS 1900 WAYSIDE ROAD, FOR RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE
PRESERVATION PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Tinton Falls has established an Open Space Dedicated Trust Fund, which authorizes the Borough to utilize the Trust Fund to preserve open space and enhance recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Estate of Carney owns real property known as Block 91, Lot 1 on the Official Tax Map of the Borough, also known as 1900 Wayside Road, which consists of approximately 13.18 acres (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to enter into an agreement for the purchase of the Property for an agreed purchase price of \$3,000,000, with 75% of the purchase price being derived from the County of Monmouth's Open Space Trust Fund and 25% being derived from the Borough's Open Space Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's acquisition of the Property by ordinance is authorized by the Local Lands and Buildings Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Tinton Falls that:

1. The Borough hereby authorizes the purchase of Block 91, Lot 1, for a total purchase price of \$3,000,000.
2. The Mayor is authorized to execute, and the Borough Clerk to attest, to all transaction documents necessary to acquire the Property, consistent with the foregoing recitals, the form and substance of which shall be subject to the review and approval of the Borough's Director of Law.
3. The Mayor is authorized to execute, and the Borough Clerk to attest, to all documents required by the Monmouth County Municipal Land Preservation Incentive Program in order to obtain Monmouth County's share of the purchase price for the Property.

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4. The Mayor, Borough Clerk, Borough Director of Law, Borough Administrator and Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized to execute, file, and accept any and all such documents and undertake any and all actions as may be reasonably necessary to effectuate the terms hereof, including the completion of closing and accepting title to the Property.
5. All Ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to such inconsistency.
6. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication according to law.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION

Ms. Hutchinson read the title of the Ordinance: **ORDINANCE NO. 2026-1539 ORDINANCE SETTING SALARIES FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS, STATUTORY EMPLOYEES, MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Mr. Parikh offered a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2025-1539, seconded by Mr. Neis.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC HEARING OPEN

There being no comments, Ms. Buckley offered a motion to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2025-1539, seconded by Mr. Alessi.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Mr. Parikh offered a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-1539, seconded by Mr. Neis.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

ROLL CALL

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

Mr. Nesci asked the Clerk if there were any submitted comments and there were none.

Jose Ortiz, JCP&L representative – Mr. Ortiz stated he is the new external affairs representative from JCP&L and let everyone know they are in the area trimming trees that are on their transmission lines.

Rita Kondoleon, Tinton Falls – Ms. Kondoleon expressed her happiness at the purchase of the Carney property for open space.

Ellen Goldberg, Tinton Falls – Ms. Goldberg congratulated the officers and expressed happiness about living in a town where police care and do a great job making residents feel safe. She was excited to hear about purchasing the Carney

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Farm property, noting it had been on the Environmental Commission's agenda for conversations many times over the years. She congratulated and thanked Environmental Commission members who participated in a community presentation at the library the previous week. The event included 24 sixth grade science students from middle school. She thanked the police department for organizing a clothing drive that benefited Lunch Break. Ms. Goldberg thanked the council president for meeting with her to discuss initiatives including "Skip the Stuff," the bottle bill, the Plastic Reduction Act, and limiting construction dust, expressing hope that these initiatives would move forward and be passed

Frank Matula, Tinton Falls – Mr. Matula congratulated the police officers on their promotions and DPW for their outstanding work. He noted that after New Jersey Natural Gas repaved sections of roads following service upgrades, he was already observing cracking on the roads in a very short period. He requested that the borough work toward implementing a sealing program to capture these cracks early to prevent them from expanding and breaking up quickly. Also, he stated there are speeding problems along Riverdale Avenue West especially in dangerous snowy conditions. He stated the one-way restriction on Triple Crown Road is not being observed by drivers and requested that the council revisit enforcing this restriction.

There being no further comments, Mr. Parikh offered a motion to close the Public Discussion, seconded by Mr. Neis.

ROLL CALL

AYES: All in Favor

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC DISCUSSION CLOSED

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER - None

RESOLUTIONS - None

CONSENT AGENDA

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

ROLL CALL

AYES: Mr. Alessi, Ms. Buckley, Mr. Neis, Mr. Parikh, Mr. Nesci

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

**BOROUGH OF TINTON FALLS
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R-26-049

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen with respect to the general operations of the Borough of Tinton Falls and no adequate provision could have been made in the 2026 temporary appropriations for the aforesaid purpose, and N.J.S. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation for the purpose above mentioned, and

WHEREAS, the total emergency temporary resolutions adopted in the year 2026 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S. 40A:4-20) including this resolution total \$250,000 for the general budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S. 40A: 4-20:

1. An emergency temporary appropriation be and the same is hereby made for general operations in the amount of \$250,000 as follows: Streets O/E \$100,000, Central Maintenance O/E \$100,000, and Buildings and Grounds O/E \$50,000.
2. That said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided for in the 2026 budget under the same titles
3. That one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director of Local Government Services.

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R-26-050

RESOLUTION-COMPENSATED ABSENCE FOR RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Matthews Brown has been employed by the Borough of Tinton Falls in the Department of Public Works since July 3, 1989 and;

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2026, Matthews Brown will retire with over 36 years of dedicated service to the Borough of Tinton Falls and with the Division of Pensions and Benefits, and;

WHEREAS, Matthews Brown will be entitled to compensated absence benefits in accordance with the Agreement between the Borough of Tinton Falls and Teamsters Local 177 bargaining unit. The benefits are estimated to be a total of \$10,000. The breakdown of this payment includes accrued vacation time and;

WHEREAS, in accordance with NJSA 40A:9-165, the governing body must authorize all benefits, and;

WHEREAS, before any payment is made, the Chief Financial Officer must certify that sufficient documentation exists as to the amount of the accumulated absence, and that funds are available to pay the amount due.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council that subject to the certification of funds available by the Chief Financial Officer, that Matthews Brown receives the compensated absence benefits.

Certification of Funds: Trust Fund – Accumulated Absences

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R-26-051

RESOLUTION-COMPENSATED ABSENCE FOR RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Stacy Esdaile has been employed by the Borough of Tinton Falls since February 3, 2014, as the Court Administrator, and;

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2026, Stacy Esdaile will retire with over 12 years of dedicated service to the Borough of Tinton Falls and over 27 years of service with the Division of Pensions and Benefits, and;

WHEREAS, Stacy Esdaile will be entitled to compensated absence benefits in accordance with the Borough of Tinton Falls' policies and procedures. The benefits are estimated to be a total of \$13,900. The breakdown of this payment includes accrued vacation time and sick time, and;

WHEREAS, in accordance with NJSA 40A:9-165, the governing body must authorize all benefits, and;

WHEREAS, before any payment is made, the Chief Financial Officer must certify that sufficient documentation exists as to the amount of the accumulated absence, and that funds are available to pay the amount due.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council that subject to the certification of funds available by the Chief Financial Officer, that Stacy Esdaile receives the compensated absence benefits.

Certification of Funds: Trust Fund – Accumulated Absences

**BOROUGH OF TINTON FALLS
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R-26-052

RESOLUTION-COMPENSATED ABSENCE FOR RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Blake Rutherford has been employed by the Borough of Tinton Falls Police Department since June 25, 2001; was promoted to Sergeant on January 1, 2015; and was promoted to Lieutenant on April 4, 2022, and;

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2026, Blake Rutherford will retire with over 25 years of dedicated service to the Borough and with the Division of Pensions and Benefits, and;

WHEREAS, Blake Rutherford will be entitled to compensated absence benefits in accordance with the Agreement between the Borough and the Tinton Falls Superior Officers bargaining unit. The benefits are estimated to be a total of \$53,438.78. The breakdown of this payment includes accrued vacation time, sick time, and compensatory time, and;

WHEREAS, in accordance with NJSA 40A:9-165, the governing body must authorize all benefits, and;

WHEREAS, before any payment is made, the Chief Financial Officer must certify that sufficient documentation exists as to the amount of the accumulated absence, and that funds are available to pay the amount due.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council that subject to the certification of funds available by the Chief Financial Officer, Blake Rutherford receives the compensated absence benefits.

Certification of Funds: Trust Fund – Accumulated Absences

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R-26-053

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A
MORTGAGE FOR THE SALE OF BLOCK 9.02, LOT 5
AND ESTABLISHING TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has authorized the sale of vacant property known as Block 9.02, Lot 5 to Henry L. Richardson, for the purchase price of \$16,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has agreed to accept a mortgage from the Buyers, as authorized by N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13, and is required to establish the terms and conditions of said mortgage by adoption of an appropriate resolution; and

WHEREAS, the terms of said mortgage shall be that the initial principal amount shall be \$16,000.00, and that annual payments shall be made on May 1st of each year, beginning on May 1, 2026, to include five (5) payments of principal and interest at a rate of 6.0%, with the final payment due on May 1, 2030;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Tinton Falls that the Mayor and Director of Law are authorized to execute any documents necessary to complete the mortgage based on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

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R-26-054

**RESOLUTION OF AWARD
OF CONTRACT #26-1
THREE (3) 2025 OR NEWER CHEVROLET TAHOE PPV**

WHEREAS, one (1) bid was received on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, for Contract #26-1 for three (3) 2025 or Newer Chevrolet Tahoe PPV; and

WHEREAS, Pellegrino Chevrolet, 1000 Gateway Blvd., Westville, NJ 08093 submitted the lowest responsible bid in the amount of \$175,407 for the above contract; and

WHEREAS, Chief Michael DeLucia recommends this purchase; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Pellegrino Chevrolet, 1000 Gateway Blvd., Westville, NJ 08093 be awarded a contract in the amount of \$175,407 for three (3) 2025 or Newer Chevrolet Tahoe PPV;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract for the Borough of Tinton Falls as specified herein above.

I hereby certify funds are available contingent upon the adoption of the 2026 Municipal Budget from:

Police: Other Expenses - \$ 175,407

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R-26-055

RESOLUTION – REFUNDING ESCROW – THE “A” NJ SPORT COMPLEX, LLC

WHEREAS, the following listed applicant has posted consultant escrow fees in conjunction with various Land Use applications in accordance with the Borough of Tinton Falls Land Use Ordinance, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board Secretary, Trish Zibrin, has certified the applicant’s account is deemed closed and no additional funds for consultants will be required,

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Audit, Accounts & Control has certified funds are available for release.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Tinton Falls that the consultant escrow fees, plus any accrued interest, are hereby authorized to be released for the following applicant:

**THE “A” NJ SPORT COMPLEX, LLC
ANJ6130CU**

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R-26-056

RESOLUTION – REFUNDING ESCROW – PLATINUM PROPERTIES SHREWSBURY, LLC

WHEREAS, the following listed applicant has posted consultant escrow fees in conjunction with various Land Use applications in accordance with the Borough of Tinton Falls Land Use Ordinance, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board Secretary, Trish Zibrin, has certified the applicant’s account is deemed closed and no additional funds for consultants will be required,

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Audit, Accounts & Control has certified funds are available for release.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Tinton Falls that the consultant escrow fees, plus any accrued interest, are hereby authorized to be released for the following applicant:

**PLATINUM PROPERTIES SHREWSBURY, LLC
PLA4266CO
\$1,574.76**

**BOROUGH OF TINTON FALLS
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R-26-057

RESOLUTION – APPROVAL OF BILLS – February 17, 2026

WHEREAS, the Borough of Tinton Falls received certain claims against it by way of vouchers received during the period ending February 17, 2026; 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	109,963.29
SEWER UTILITY	252,567.40
GENERAL CAPITAL	61,371.08
GRANT FUND	1,000.00
TRUST FUNDS	76,869.74
DOG TRUST FUND	3,284.14
ESCROW	23,972.38
ADDITIONS	2,346,190.20
TOTAL	<u>\$2,875,218.23</u>

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS:

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ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL

AYES: All in Favor

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

TIME: 8:14pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Hutchinson, Borough Clerk

Michael J. Nesci, Council President

APPROVED AT A MEETING HELD ON: March 17, 2026.