

**REGULAR MEETING
MAY 5, 2026
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Council President Mr. Nesci called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:31 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 (Executive Meeting)

PRESENT: Mr. Alessi, Ms. Buckley, Mr. Neis, Mr. Nesci
ABSENT: Mr. Parikh

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council President Mr. Nesci asked Mr. Starkey to read the following Executive Session Resolution:

**BOROUGH OF TINTON FALLS
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

R-26-082

RESOLUTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act provides that the Borough Council may go into executive session to discuss matters that may be confidential or listed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended by the Director of Law that the Borough Council go into executive session to discuss matters set forth hereinafter which are permissible for discussion in executive session.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Tinton Falls that the Council shall go into executive session to discuss the following items:

1) Potential Property Acquisitions or Sales – N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(5)

None

2) Personnel Matters – N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(8)

Personnel Matter

3) Contract Negotiations – N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(4) or (b)(7)

None

4) Litigation/Potential Litigation – N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7)

None

Ms. Buckley offered a motion to approve Resolution R-26-082, seconded by Mr. Neis.

ROLL CALL

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

Council President Mr. Nesci advised that at this time Council would move into Executive Session.

Council President Mr. Nesci advised that Council was back on the record at 7:35 PM for the start of the Regular Meeting.

ROLL CALL (Regular Meeting)

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

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

Council President Mr. Nesci asked the Director of Law, Kevin Starkey to summarize the executive session discussion.

Mr. Starkey stated that there is one item discussed in the Executive Session, the Council discussed a personnel matter.

All present stood for a salute to the Flag.

Following the Pledge, Council President Mr. Nesci requested a moment of silence in honor of Eric Pegosh, a longtime and dedicated DPW employee, to reflect on and appreciate his many years of service to our community.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Neis offered a motion to approve April 7, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes and Executive Meeting seconded by Ms. Buckley.

ROLL CALL

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

REPORT OF MAYOR/COUNCIL/ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Clay presented the certificates of recognition to the members of the Tinton Falls Music Parents Association.

Certificates of Recognition – Tinton Falls Music Parents Association

Mayor Clay honored Andrea Bertolo Shah and Jamie Hanley of the Tinton Falls Music Parents Association, recognizing Andrea as a nationally recognized digital strategist, founder and CEO of The New York Website Designer, LLC, and a dedicated arts advocate with over 20 years of experience. She praised Jamie, a licensed professional counselor, published author, and vice president of the association, for her deep passion for creativity and inclusivity. Thanking both women on behalf of the Borough Council for their unwavering dedication to students, the arts, and the wellbeing of the Tinton Falls community.

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Certificates of Recognition -Tinton Falls Fifth Grade Girls Basketball Team

Mayor Clay honored the Tinton Falls fifth grade girls' basketball team for securing the first girls' championship at any grade level in the 30-plus-year history of the highly competitive Mid-Monmouth Basketball League, recognizing both the athletes' comeback overtime victory over the back-to-back league champions and the exemplary leadership of Coaches Craig Gately and Ed Kramer.

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Mayor Clay also presented Coach Craig Gately and Coach Ed Kraemer with certificates of recognition. All the players were presented with certificates of recognition by their coaches: Brooklyn Berry, Noemi Gately, Mila Luque, Maggie Condrón, Lilia Kraemer, Kaylee Jarvis, Kaitlyn Feiter, Julia Gnos, Hannah Dabbagh, Emma Confessore and Emma Bailey.



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Mr. Nesci paused meeting from 7:57pm to 8:00pm

Director of Finance/Interim Business Administrator - Thomas Fallon

Mr. Fallon has no report.

Mayor Risa Clay

Mayor Clay reported a busy few weeks, highlighting a very successful and well-attended Take Your Child to Work Day and thanking the Public Works, Police, and Recreation Departments for planning a fun day for children. She recognized middle school teacher Mrs. Carrienne Kaplan for receiving exemplary teacher recognition at the county level about two weeks earlier. She noted attending an outstanding Earth Day event on April 25th organized by the Environmental Commission, described as an ongoing Earth Day tradition, and a ribbon cutting for local business on April 27th. On May 5th, she met with Hackensack Meridian/Jersey Shore's partner for updates and preparedness and referenced attending a luncheon where Andrea Bertola Shaw was among the honorees. She stated that planning is underway for the community's 250th celebration, scheduled for September. Mayor Clay then recommended Christopher J. Camilleri for appointment as the next business administrator, emphasizing his more than 40 years of public service, operational expertise, strategic mindset, professionalism, thoughtfulness, and understanding of strong leadership, and expressed confidence that he would be a tremendous asset and partner to the administration and governing body, while also thanking interim business administrator Tom Fallon for his dedicated service, leadership, institutional knowledge, and commitment to the borough during the transition.

Director of Law – Kevin Starkey

Mr. Starkey had no report.

Borough Clerk – Michelle Hutchinson

-Ms. Hutchinson had no report.

-Mr. Alessi congratulated all the evening's recognition recipients, echoed Mayor Clay's praise of Mr. Fallon's work as interim business administrator, expressed his appreciation for Mr. Fallon's "fantastic job" filling in, and said he is looking forward to the future.

-Ms. Buckley congratulated all recognition recipients, thanked Mr. Fallon for his service, praised the Earth Day Fest and the months of planning by the council, mayor, Environmental Commission, Green Team, DPW, administration, and HR. She highlighted the historic weekend in Monmouth in which the Crawford House participated and encouraged residents

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to visit the free historic sites and reported that a library board meeting will be held Thursday evening at the library and is open to the public.

-Mr. Neis reported that the next Zoning Board meeting will be held on May 7th at 7:30 PM at Borough Hall, noted that Memorial Day is approaching, shared that the speaker will be Betty Penna from Naval Weapons Station Earle, and said he hopes to see everyone there.

-Mr. Parikh offered condolences to Eric Pegosh's family, reported attending the NFA Art Show featuring elementary students' artwork and a Tinton Falls Music Parents Association bake sale with live DJs. He attended the May 23rd Board of Education meeting where Monmouth County wrestling champions and the Music Parents Association were honored and Principal McNolie presented an MFA spotlight on wellness and engagement. He attended the county's 250th summit on May 29th, announced June 26th a trivia night hosted by the library with EMS and a July 250th-themed ice cream social. He expressed pride in Music Parents Association leaders Andrea Bertola Shaw and Jamie Hanley and the girls' basketball team for their achievements and recognition at the council meeting.

-Mr. Nesci had no report.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

Ms. Hutchinson read the title of the Ordinance: **ORDINANCE NO. 2026-1548 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SALARY ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR SALARY FOR BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR**

Ms. Hutchinson stated that the public hearing would be scheduled for Tuesday May 19, 2026.

Mr. Neis offered a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2026-1548 seconded by Mr. Alessi.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSTAIN: None

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-1548

**BOROUGH OF TINTON FALLS
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING SALARY ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE
FOR SALARY FOR BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR**

WHEREAS, both the general municipal law (N.J.S.A. 40A:9-165) and the Faulkner Act (N.J.S.A. 40:69A-43a and 180) require that certain salaries be adopted by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Tinton Falls ("the Borough") adopted Ordinance No. 2026-1539 in February 2026, which established the salaries to be adopted by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council now desires to amend and supplement Ordinance 2026-1539 to provide for a salary for the Business Administrator position.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Tinton Falls in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that Ordinance No. 2026-1539 is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

SECTION ONE – SALARIES

Business Administrator	\$185,000
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SECTION TWO – REPEALER

Any ordinances, or portions thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance shall hereby be repealed to the extent of any such inconsistency.

SECTION THREE – EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect upon publication pursuant to law and the General Revised Ordinances of the Borough of Tinton Falls.

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ORDINANCES FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION

Ms. Hutchinson read the title of the Ordinance: **Ordinance No. 2026-1546 CALENDAR YEAR 2026 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**

Mr. Alessi offered a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2026-1546, seconded by Ms. Buckley.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC HEARING OPEN

There being no comments, Mr. Neis offered a motion to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2026-1546, seconded by Mr. Alessi.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Mr. Neis offered a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-1546, seconded by Mr. Parikh.

ROLL CALL

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

Ms. Hutchinson read the title of the Ordinance: **Ordinance No. 2026-1547 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5-6 OF THE BOROUGH CODE, ENTITLED “PEDDLING, CANVASSING AND SOLICITING”**

Mr. Parikh offered a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2026-1547, seconded by Mr. Alessi.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC HEARING OPEN

There being no comments, Mr. Parikh offered a motion to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2026-1547, seconded by Ms. Buckley.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Mr. Alessi offered a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-1547, seconded by Ms. Buckley.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

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.

Daniel Dietz, Tinton Falls - Mr. Deitz whose family has lived in the borough since 1977, urged the council to adopt residential dog breeding and pet density regulations, such as density-per-square-foot limits or hobby breeder permits modeled on neighboring towns, and to include a grandfather clause with simple registration of existing animals to protect current owners while preventing future high-density breeding operations in residential neighborhoods. Ms. Buckley asked for his contact information be provided to the clerk or council president. Mr. Alessi then asked whether Mr. Dietz’s concerns about residential dog breeding and pet density involved a specific house or were general, and Mr. Dietz replied that there was one house but a few others in town with similar issues.

Ellen Goldberg, Tinton Falls – Ms. Goldberg thanked the Department of Public Works—especially staff members Caitlin, Danielle, and Brian—the Environmental Commission, Green Team, school districts, Girl Scout troop, vendors, and residents for their work and participation in the fourth annual Tinton Falls Environmental Festival, noting strong student involvement through a poster contest and community turnout despite cold, rainy, and windy weather. She also expressed enthusiasm for New Jersey’s new “Skip the Stuff” law and praised the borough for supporting it through a resolution, explaining that the Green Team and Environmental Commission plan to inform local food establishments about the law and recognize those that comply.

Anthony Cicalese, Tinton Falls – Mr. Cicalese reported calling 911 after hearing a gunshot from the woods behind his home about a month ago, but said officers briefly drove by while he was retrieving his phone, left without checking the woods or speaking with him despite prior guidance that they should search the woods first, and argued this lack of investigation discourages residents from calling and helps explain why earlier requests by him and Mr. Vanuga to tighten the discharge of firearms ordinance were dismissed for “not many calls.”

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

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

Mr. Alessi offered a motion to approve the Resolution R-26-087, seconded by Mr. Neis.

ROLL CALL

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

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**BOROUGH OF TINTON FALLS
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R-26-087

**Resolution Consenting To Appointment
Of Business Administrator**

WHEREAS, sections 2-6 and 2-8 of the General Revised Ordinances of the Borough of Tinton Falls (“the Borough”) provide for the position of Business Administrator to serve as the Director of the Department of Administration; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-43, the appointment of a Business Administrator is authorized to be made by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Borough Council; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor hereby appoints Christopher J. Camilleri as the Borough’s Business Administrator, to serve as the Director of the Department of Administration; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-43, Mr. Camilleri shall serve during the term of office of the mayor appointing him, and until the appointment and qualification of his successor; and

WHEREAS, the compensation for Mr. Camilleri shall be further memorialized in the Borough’s 2026 Salary Ordinance, as amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Tinton Falls in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that it hereby provides advice and consent to the Mayor’s appointment of Christopher J. Camilleri as the Business Administrator to serve as the Director of the Department of Administration.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

ROLL CALL

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

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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R-26-083

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES
SUBURBAN CONSULTING ENGINEERING
WALZ PARK PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Tinton Falls must increase the original contract for professional engineering services for the Walz Park Project due to additional plan revisions and drainage calculations required by the NJDEP; and

WHEREAS, Suburban Consulting Engineering is the Engineering Company that was approved by Resolution R-24-122 adopted on June 11, 2024; and

WHEREAS, this additional contract is to be awarded for an amount not to exceed \$17,250; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Tinton Falls that Suburban Consulting Engineering, 96 U.S. Highway 206, Suite 101, Flanders, NJ 07836, is hereby authorized to provide additional professional engineering services as described in the proposal dated April 22, 2026, for an amount not to exceed \$17,250; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby directed to publish a public notice of this Resolution as required by law.

I hereby certify funds are available from:

Ordinance 2020-1462

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R-26-084

RESOLUTION - REFUNDING TAX OVERPAYMENT

WHEREAS, an overpayment of 2026 2nd quarter taxes on the following property has been paid in error creating an overpayment by the Homeowner making a duplicate payment.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Elizabeth Remington 8 Jockey Lane Tinton Falls, NJ 07753	129.10	123	\$1,295.39

Re: Synnove Remington
8 Jockey Lane

and,

WHEREAS, said error has resulted in an overpayment of the 2026 2nd quarter taxes in the amount of \$1,295.39 as certified by the Borough Tax Collector.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Tinton Falls that a refund in the amount of \$1,295.39 is hereby approved for the aforementioned property.

I, Carol Hussey, Tax Collector of the Borough of Tinton Falls, hereby certify the amount of overpayment to be \$1,295.39.

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R-26-085

**RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE NEW STATE LAW THAT
PROHIBITS FOOD SERVICE BUSINESSES FROM PROVIDING SINGLE-
USE UTENSILS TO CUSTOMERS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES
AND ENCOURAGING TINTON FALLS RESIDENTS TO REDUCE THEIR
USE OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC ITEMS**

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey enacted legislation in January 2026 designated as S3195/A5157, sponsored by Assemblywomen Donlan and Peterpaul and others, codified at P.L. 2025, c. 298, which prohibits food service businesses from providing single-use utensils to customers under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the legislation becomes effective on July 20, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to acknowledge their appreciation of the efforts of the Governor and Legislature in taking critical action to limit the use of plastic utensils as an important step to protect our environment and to benefit our economy by encouraging a shift to reusables; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council further desire to encourage residents of Tinton Falls to reduce their use of single-use plastic items, which will have a number of benefits including the protection of marine life, the reduction of microplastics that can be harmful to human health, and lower economic costs by shifting to reusables and cutting down on recycling costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Tinton Falls in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that the Borough acknowledges and appreciates the adoption of S3195/A5157 and encourages our residents to reduce their use of single-use plastic items and shift to reusable items.

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R-26-086

RESOLUTION – APPROVAL OF BILLS – May 5, 2026

WHEREAS, the Borough of Tinton Falls received certain claims against it by way of vouchers received during the period ending May 5, 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.

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SUMMARY

GENERAL	7,002,471.90
SEWER UTILITY	29,348.91
GENERAL CAPITAL	18,095.06
GRANT FUND	2,047.10
TRUST FUNDS	858,092.81
ESCROW	31,882.42
ADDITIONS	4,181.20
TOTAL	<u>\$7,946,119.40</u>

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS:

ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL

AYES: All in Favor

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

TIME: 8:28pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Hutchinson, Borough Clerk

Michael J. Nesci, Council President

APPROVED AT A MEETING HELD ON: June 16, 2026.