

**REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 18, 2025
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Council President Clay 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, Dr. Dobrin, Mr. Nesci, Mrs. Clay

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Michelle Hutchinson, Borough Clerk

Kevin Starkey, Director of Law

Charles Terefenko, Business Administrator

Thomas Neff, Borough Engineer

All present stood for a salute to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Buckley offered a motion to approve February 18, 2025, Regular and Executive Meeting Minutes seconded by Mr. Alessi.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Mr. Alessi, Ms. Buckley, Dr. Dobrin, Mr. Nesci, Mrs. Clay

ABSTAIN: None

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

REPORT OF MAYOR/COUNCIL/ADMINISTRATION

Nomination of Interim Mayor

Dr. Dobrin offered a motion to open the nominations for Mayor, seconded by Ms. Buckley.

ROLL CALL

AYES: All in Favor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Appointment of Interim Mayor

Dr. Dobrin offered a nomination for Mrs. Clay for Mayor, seconded by Mr. Nesci.

Mrs. Clay asked if there were any other nominations for Mayor; hearing none, Dr. Dobrin offered a motion to close the nominations for Mayor, seconded by Ms. Buckley.

ROLL CALL

AYES: All in Favor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Roll call vote on the nomination of Mrs. Clay for Interim Mayor, by Mrs. Clay.

ROLL CALL (to appoint Mrs. Clay as Interim Mayor)

AYES: Mr. Alessi, Ms. Buckley, Dr. Dobrin, Mr. Nesci, Mrs. Clay

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Mrs. Risa Clay was sworn into the office of Interim Mayor by Senator Vin Gopal and Commissioner Director Thomas A. Arnone.

Nomination of Council President

Mr. Nesci offered a motion to open the nominations for Council President, seconded by Mrs. Buckley.

ROLL CALL

AYES: All in Favor

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NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Clerk Hutchinson asked for nominations for Council President

Appointment of Council President

Mr. Nesci offered a nomination of Dr. Lawrence Dobrin for Council President, seconded by Mr. Alessi.

Clerk Hutchinson asked if there were any other nominations for Council President, hearing none, Ms. Buckley offered a motion to close the nominations for Council President, seconded by Mr. Alessi.

ROLL CALL

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

Roll call vote on the nomination of Dr. Lawrence Dobrin for Council President, by Clerk Hutchinson.

ROLL CALL (to appoint Dr. Dobrin as Council President)

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

Nomination of Deputy Council President

Dr. Dobrin offered a motion to open the nominations for Deputy Council President, seconded by Ms. Buckley.

ROLL CALL

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

Appointment of Deputy Council President

Dr. Dobrin offered a motion to nominate Mr. Nesci for Deputy Council President, seconded by Ms. Buckley.

Clerk Hutchinson asked if there were any other nominations, Mr. Alessi offered a motion to close the nominations for Deputy Council President, seconded by Ms. Buckley.

ROLL CALL

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

Roll call vote on the nomination for Council President, by Clerk Hutchinson.

ROLL CALL (to appoint Mr. Nesci as Deputy Council President)

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

Swearing-In of Council President and Deputy Council President

At this time Senator Vin Gopal and Monmouth County Sheriff Shaun Golden was asked to swear in the Council President.

Dr. Dobrin was sworn-in as Council President by Senator Vin Gopal and Monmouth County Sheriff Shaun Golden.

Mr. Nesci was sworn-in as Deputy Council President by the Borough Clerk, Michelle Hutchison.

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Monmouth County Reclamation Center Update

Presentation by County Commissioner Director Thomas A. Arnone and Mr. Geoff Perselay.

Mr. Thomas Arnone, County Commissioner, provided an update on the odor complaints at the Monmouth County Reclamation Center “MCRC” and the mitigation improvements made due to the commitments of financing, operations and third-party vendor is working well. Response time to complaints has improved and he will continue to provide updates to the residents. He thanked everyone for their cooperation and continued open communication efforts. He introduced Mr. Geoff Perselay, MC staff, and he explained the progress made in Phase 3 completing the temporary cap which covers approximately 21 acres of landfill, and the slope cap component which is under engineering design to be completed in late spring. He presented slides discussing this phase in detail. Also mentioned the opening of Phase 4 construction coincides with the closing of Phase 3 which is scheduled to be completed by end of 2025. The MCRC website has been updated and made more user friendly. Mr. Arnone took questions from the audience. There were questions about closing the facility, third party vendor updates and any future plans. He informed everyone that the County is obligated to have this landfill and provide future planning for the facility. He answered residents’ questions as completely as possible with all known details at this time.

Borough Engineer – Thomas Neff

Mr. Neff congratulated Dr. Dobrin and Mr. Nesci on their appointments. He reported on the road program stating Wardell Road drainage upgrade is completed. Hockhockson Road will be closed intermittently for road improvements and traffic will be detoured.

Business Administrator – Charles Terefenko

Mr. Terefenko had no report. He congratulated everyone on their new elevated positions.

Mayor’s Report- Risa Clay

Mayor Clay had no report. The mayor congratulated Dr. Dobrin and Mr. Nesci, stating they will do an excellent job.

Director of Law – Kevin Starkey

Mr. Starkey had no report. He echoed the mayor’s sentiments and congratulated Dr. Dobrin and Mr. Nesci.

Borough Clerk – Michelle Hutchinson

Ms. Hutchinson had no report.

-Mr. Alessi congratulated everyone on their appointments and thanked Monmouth County for the update on the reclamation center.

-Ms. Buckley congratulated Mayor Clay, Dr. Dobrin and Mr. Nesci on their appointments. Thanked Mr. Starkey and Ms. Hutchinson for their guidance. The next Environmental Commission meeting is March 27th and Earth Day Fest is April 26th at 5:00pm at Sycamore Park.

-Mr. Nesci congratulated Mayor Clay and Council President Dr. Dobrin on their appointments.

-Dr. Dobrin reported the 75th Anniversary celebration events scheduled for September 4th, 5th and 6th have nice plans coming along and further information to be announced at the next meeting. Also, the Easter Egg Hunt is April 5th with information on the website. He announced that anyone interested in the vacant interim council seat position can complete a Citizen Volunteer Form online on the Borough website. The posting will be available for 10 days for applicants to apply. Interviews will be conducted at a special executive session of the Council and the appointment will be within the 30-day statutory timeframe by April 15th. Dr. Dobrin explained that this is an interim position with the term ending in 2025. He congratulated Mayor Clay and mentioned the positive and memorable legacies of Mayor Perillo and Councilman John Manginelli.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION – None

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION - Withdrawn

2025-1524 An Ordinance Creating A New Section Of The Borough Code, Chapter 5-10, To Be Entitled “Commercial Film And Photography Permits”

Dr. Dobrin pulled this ordinance and asked Mr. Starkey to explain. Mr. Starkey stated that the State recently provided a new model ordinance for commercial films and photography permits and requires their ordinance to be adopted for the Borough to obtain certification.

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PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

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.

Linda Clayton, 15 Crop Court – Ms. Clayton asked who is responsible for filling a pothole on Asbury and Foxchase intersection. Mr. Neff stated depending on exactly where the pothole is located it would be DPW or the County.

Ellen Goldberg, 90 Glenwood Drive – Ms. Goldberg complimented DPW for doing a great job of cleaning out the storm drains in her neighborhood.

There being no further comments, Mr. Alessi 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. Nesci offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Ms. Buckley.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSTAIN: None

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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R-25-048

RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE GREEN TEAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Tinton Falls appoints the following person to the Tinton Falls Green Team Advisory Committee for a term to expire December 31, 2025:

Member:

Marianne Borke

Committee member

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R-25-049

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AMERICA 250 COMMITTEE TO COMMEMORATE OUR NATION'S
250th ANNIVERSARY**

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WHEREAS, on July 4, 2026, our nation will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States upon the signing of the Declaration of Independence; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Tinton Falls (the “Borough”) played a significant role during the Revolutionary War; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the efforts of the United States Semiquincentennial Commission and Monmouth County’s America 250 Monmouth NJ efforts to commemorate the 250th anniversary of our nation’s birth, the Borough wishes to establish an America 250 Committee.

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:

- 1. Establishment. The Borough hereby establishes an “America 250 Committee” to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.
- 2. Membership. The Borough’s America 250 Committee shall consist of 3 total members appointed as follows:
 - a. 1 Member appointed from the Borough Council
 - d. 2 Members appointed from the Historic Commission
- 3. Dissolution. The Borough’s America 250 Committee shall automatically dissolve on December 31, 2026.

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R-25-050

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 2025 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 2025 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S. 40A:4-20) including this resolution total \$7,821,286 for the general budget and \$1,578,000 for the sewer utility operating 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 \$7,821,286 and for sewer operations in the amount of \$1,578,000, as per attached schedule
- 2. That said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided for in the 2025 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-25-051

**RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS BETWEEN BUDGET
APPROPRIATION RESERVES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A 40A:4-59**

WHEREAS, various 2024 bills or obligations have been presented for payment this year, which bills or obligations were not covered by order number and/or recorded at the time of transfer between the 2024 budget appropriations in the last two months of 2024; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-59 provides that all unexpended balances carried forward after the close of the year are available, until lapsed at the close of the succeeding year, to meet specific claims, commitments or contracts incurred during the preceding fiscal year, and allow transfers to be made from unexpended balances to balances which are expected to be insufficient during the first three months of the succeeding year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Tinton Falls that transfers in the amount of \$11,000 be made between the 2024 budget appropriation reserves as follows:

<u>Budget Appropriation</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Utilities – Gasoline	\$ 11,000	
Utilities - Electricity		<u>\$ 11,000</u>
	<u>\$ 11,000</u>	<u>\$ 11,000</u>

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R-25-052

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #3
DECREASING CONTRACT FOR SYCAMORE RECREATION COMPLEX
SOFTBALL FIELD IMPROVEMENTS
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$105,012.20**

WHEREAS, the contract for Sycamore Recreation Complex Softball Field Improvements was awarded to Athletic Fields of America by Resolution R-23-209 in the amount of \$2,467,806.27 at a Council Meeting held on December 19, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Change Order #3 dated March 6, 2025 from Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc. (annexed hereto and part hereof) reflects a decrease to the contract in the amount of \$105,012.20 and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Tinton Falls that Change Order #3 & Final decreasing this contract in the amount of \$105,012.20 for a total contract in the amount of \$2,377,390.92 is hereby authorized for the above contract awarded to Athletic Fields of America.

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R-25-053

RESOLUTION - REFUNDING TAX OVERPAYMENT

WHEREAS, an overpayment of 2025 1st quarter taxes on the following property has been paid in error creating an overpayment by the Mortgage Company and the homeowner.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Helene Ct, LLC 17 Riverside Drive Rumson, NJ 07760	23.03	59	\$1,600.13

Re: Helene Ct, LLC
13 Helene Court

and,

WHEREAS, said error has resulted in an overpayment of the 2025 1st quarter taxes in the amount of \$1,600.13 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 \$1,600.13 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 \$1,600.13.

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R-25-054

RESOLUTION - REFUNDING TAX OVERPAYMENT

WHEREAS, an overpayment of 2024 taxes on the following property has been made as a result of a Veteran’s deduction for the year 2024 to property known as:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Amount</u>
TF Campus, LLC 3000 Essex Road Tinton Falls, NJ 07753	128.03	19.05	\$250.00

Re: Robert A. Benedict
509 Heron Point

and,

WHEREAS, said deduction has resulted in an overpayment of 2024 taxes in the amount of \$250.00, 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 \$250.00 is hereby approved for the aforementioned property.

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I, Carol Hussey, Tax Collector of the Borough of Tinton Falls, hereby certify the amount of overpayment to be \$250.00.

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RESOLUTION – APPROVAL OF BILLS – March 18, 2025

WHEREAS, the Borough of Tinton Falls received certain claims against it by way of vouchers received during the period ending March 18, 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	3,812,622.02
SEWER UTILITY	140,076.22
GENERAL CAPITAL	140,325.06
GRANT FUND	2,419.31
TRUST FUNDS	127,171.61
DOG TRUST FUND	2,715.00
ESCROW	12,915.95
ADDITIONS	<u>1,430,001.85</u>
TOTAL	5,668,247.02

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS:

ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL

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

TIME: 8:45pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Doreen D’Annunzio, Deputy Borough Clerk

Dr. Dobrin, Council President

APPROVED AT A MEETING HELD ON: April 15, 2025