

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

Council President Clay called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 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 (Executive Meeting)

PRESENT: Mr. Alessi, Ms. Buckley, Dr. Dobrin, Mr. Nesci, Mrs. Clay
ABSENT: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

**BOROUGH OF TINTON FALLS
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

R-25-037

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)

None

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)

Tinton Falls v. N.J. Division of Taxation and Eatontown

Dr. Dobrin offered a motion to approve Resolution R-25-037, seconded by Ms. Buckley.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Council President Clay advised that Council was back on the record at 7:30 PM for the start of the Regular Meeting.

ROLL CALL (Regular Meeting)

PRESENT: Mr. Alessi, Ms. Buckley, Dr. Dobrin, Mr. Nesci, Mrs. Clay
ABSENT: None

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ALSO PRESENT: Michelle Hutchinson, Borough Clerk
Kevin Starkey, Director of Law
Charles Terefenko, Business Administrator
Thomas Fallon, Director of Finance
Thomas Neff, Borough Engineer

All present stood for a salute to the Flag.

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

Mr. Starkey stated that there was one item discussed in the Executive Session, the Council discussed the litigation of Tinton Falls v. N.J. Division of Taxation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Dobrin offered a motion to approve January 21, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes seconded by Mr. Nesci.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSTAIN: Mr. Alessi

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

REPORT OF MAYOR/COUNCIL/ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. Clay introduced Senator Vin Gopal who made a presentation of recognition to Julianna Finkelstein for lending her artistic talents over several months painting a mural for the Wayside Fire Company.

Mrs. Clay presented Paige Trump with a certificate of recognition for her work in advocating for heart health. Also, Senator Vin Gopal made a presentation of recognition to Paige Trump.



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Borough Engineer – Thomas Neff

Mr. Neff reported the new sign for the borough will be completed soon. It will be an LED sign, and he explained all the new features. This will be replacing the old wooden sign.

Direct of Finance – Tom Fallon

Mr. Fallon had no report.

Business Administrator – Charles Terefenko

Mr. Terefenko reminded everyone of the 75th anniversary scheduled for September 4th, 5th and 6th at Sycamore Park.

Director of Law – Kevin Starkey

Mr. Starkey had no report.

Borough Clerk – Michelle Hutchinson

Ms. Hutchinson had no report.

Council's Reports

-Mr. Alessi thanked DPW for their work during the snowstorms.

-Ms. Buckley also thanked DPW for their work during the snowstorms. The next Environmental Commission meeting is February 27th at 7:00pm. The Green Team is discussing the planning for Earth Day Festival on April 26th from 2:00pm to 5:00pm at Sycamore Park.

-Dr. Dobrin reported the planning for the 75th anniversary is going well.

-Mr. Nesci reported the 75th anniversary meetings have commenced and asked for volunteers to help.

-Mrs. Clay reported that K-8 District and MRHS are entering into their strategic planning and posting the information on their website. It is a good way to learn more about those districts.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION - None

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION

Ms. Hutchinson read the title of the Ordinance: **2025-1523 An Ordinance Creating A New Chapter 25 In The Borough Code of The Borough of Tinton Falls To Be Entitled "Project Labor Agreements"**

Dr. Dobrin offered a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2025-1523, seconded by Ms. Buckley.

ROLL CALL

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

Mrs. Clay provided an explanation of this ordinance which will provide local hiring requirements for Tinton Falls residents with a percentage of apprenticeship positions for projects within the borough.

PUBLIC HEARING OPEN

There being no comments, Dr. Dobrin offered a motion to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2025-1523, seconded by Mr. Alessi.

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ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Mr. Nesci offered a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-1523, seconded by Ms. Buckley.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Dr. Dobrin offered a motion to open the Public Discussion, seconded by Mr. Alessi.

ROLL CALL

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

Mrs. Clay asked the Clerk if there were any submitted comments and there were none.

Ellen Goldberg, 90 Glenwood Drive – Ms. Goldberg announced the library’s children fashion show will not be held this year. She thanked the members of the Environmental Commission, Green Team, Ms. Buckley and Mrs. Clay for their dedication. Looking forward to the Earth Festival in April.

There being no further comments, Mr. Alessi offered a motion to close the Public Discussion, seconded by Dr. Dobrin.

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 Dr. Dobrin.

ROLL CALL

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

**BOROUGH OF TINTON FALLS
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R-25-038

RESOLUTION - REFUNDING 2024 INTEREST & PRINCIPAL PAID ON SEWERS

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WHEREAS, the 2024 interest and principal paid for Sewer on the following property has been paid in error in the year 2024 by the lienholder paying a subsequent sewer payment after a redemption had been made.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
WSFS as Cust LVTLOPS/Firsttrust P. O. Box 815 Fort Washington, PA 19304-0815	53.07	27	\$2.44	\$200.00	\$202.44

Re: Trolan, Christopher L. & Heather L.
96 Stratford Road

and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Tinton Falls that a refund for the 2024 interest and principal paid for Sewer totaling \$202.44, 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 \$202.44.

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R-25-039

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE UNDER
SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT
PUBLIC RESTROOMS AND OTHER STRUCTURES**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Tinton Falls is going to be constructing a restroom at Walz Park and is in need for someone to design, produce and deliver materials; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Tinton Falls is a current member of the Sourcewell Cooperative as approved by Resolution #R-16-123; and

WHEREAS, Romtec, 18/240 North Bank Road, Roseburg, OR 79470 is a valid vendor on the Sourcewell Cooperative, for public restrooms and other structures for a total contract price in the amount of \$124,190.15; and

WHEREAS, this purchase is permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11, the New Jersey State Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

WHEREAS, Thomas P. Neff, PE, PP, CME, CFM, Borough Engineer recommends this purchase.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council authorizes this purchase under the valid Sourcewell Cooperative:

I hereby certify funds are available from: Open Space Trust

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R-25-040

RESOLUTION – APPROVAL OF BILLS – February 18, 2025

WHEREAS, the Borough of Tinton Falls received certain claims against it by way of vouchers received during the period ending February 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	229,694.67
SEWER UTILITY	381,836.68
GENERAL CAPITAL	22,795.28
GRANT FUND	4,419.02
TRUST FUNDS	48,369.75

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DOG TRUST FUND	566.40
ESCROW	40,924.87
ADDITIONS	2,070,258.39
TOTAL	<u>2,798,865.06</u>

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS:

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Buckley offered a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Dobrin.

ROLL CALL

AYES: All in Favor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

TIME: 7:53pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Hutchinson, Borough Clerk

Dr. Lawernce Dobrin, Council President

APPROVED AT A MEETING HELD ON: March 18, 2025.