Minutes

REGULAR MEETING, THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2026 AT 7:00P.M. OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AT BOROUGH HALL

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ROLL CALL:
COUNCIL MEMBERS: Councilman Fitzhenry, Councilman Karcic, Councilwoman Sheedy, Councilman Del Russo
EXCUSED: Councilwoman DeCicco
EXCUSED: Councilwoman Bocchino

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Daniel H. Pronti, Borough Clerk, Kathleen Moore, Borough Administrator, Stephen Lo Iacono, Borough Attorney, Will Fenwick

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Regular Meeting – March 12, 2026
Executive Session – March 12, 2026

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Karcic
SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Sheedy
ROLL CALL: AYES: Councilmembers Fitzhenry, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo
Excused: Councilwoman DeCicco
Excused: Councilwoman Bocchino

RESOLUTIONS ON CONSENT
RESOLUTION NUMBER 123-26 THROUGH AND INCLUDING RESOLUTION NUMBER 137-26 DETAILED BY TITLE BELOW, ARE LISTED ON A CONSENT AGENDA, ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS. IF A COUNCIL MEMBER DESIRES DISCUSSION ON A SPECIFIC RESOLUTION, THAT ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

R-123-26 RESO RE: AUTHORIZATION TO PAY CLAIMS
R-124-26 RESO RE: APPROVAL OF STIPENDS FOR 2026
R-125-26 RESO RE: APPOINTMENT OF CERT MEMBERS
R-126-26 RESO RE: TAX OFFICE – REFUND OF MONIES

R-127-26 RESO RE: AFFIRMING THE BOROUGH OF NORTH ARLINGTON'S CIVIL RIGHTS POLICY WITH RESPECT TO ALL OFFICIALS, APPOINTEES, EMPLOYEES, PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTERS, INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT COME INTO CONTACT WITH MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEERS
R-128-26 RESO RE: RESIGNATION OF FIREFIGHTER
R-129-26 RESO RE: SALARY INCREASES FOR CERTAIN PART-TIME/NON-CONTRACTUAL EMPLOYEES
R-130-26 RESO RE: SALARY INCREASES FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS
R-131-26 RESO RE: SALARY INCREASES FOR PER DIEM EMTS AND DISPATCHERS
R-132-26 RESO RE: APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF ACCUMULATED TIME OF POLICE CAPTAIN GARY M. EDWARDS
R-133-26 RESO RE: RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF LICENSE PLATE READERS AND ACCESSORIES FOR THE BOROUGH OF NORTH ARLINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
R-134-26 RESO RE: NAVES LOSAP QUALIFICATION FOR 2025
R-135-26 RESO RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL PAYROLL SERVICES
R-136-26 RESO RE: SELF-EXAMINATION OF 2026 BUDGET
R-137-26 RESO RE: WAIVER OF READING IN FULL OF THE 2026 BUDGET

MOTION TO APPROVE

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Del Russo
SECONDED BY: Councilman Fitzhenry
ROLL CALL: AYES: Councilmembers Fitzhenry, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo
Excused: Councilwoman DeCicco
Excused: Councilwoman Bocchino
Abstains: *From all Fire Department matters

COUNCIL REPORTS

COUNCILWOMAN SHEEDY: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. For the board of health they are holding a blood drive is scheduled for Monday July 13th from 3pm till 7pm in the senior center, as everyone knows there's always a shortage during the summer, so if you can donate, please schedule an appointment. A SNAP representative will be at the health department on July 14th from 10am till 2pm, appointments are strongly recommended. Under special event celebrate North Arlington is set for Saturday September 26th, if anyone knows of any groups, organizations or business that want to participate, the application is available and can be obtained by contacting Damaris in the administrative office. The summer recreation program is once again being held at Allan Park this year, it's going to start on July 6th run through August 14th this program is for kids in kindergarten through fourth grade, we do make some exceptions if you have a kid going to fifth grade and if you have a child going to kindergarten, sometime parents are a little hesitant, we will work with them. An in person registration was already held, but we are still accepting registrations, again you call or see Damaris in the administration office. Plans are underway again to work with the police department, fire department and EMS department to have them visit our camp. We have crafts every Wednesday and bowling every Friday, so the kids have a lot of activities jammed into three

weeks, a lot of fun and they are not sitting at home on their computers, so it's a win for everyone involved.

COUNCILMAN KARCIC: Thank you, Mayor. As a liaison to the police department I have the report and as always I am going to start with training and just to highlight the amount of training that our officers go through. But during roll call updates, case law, criminal law and motor vehicle law were discussed and review. CPR recertification was done, methods of instruction at BCPA, Bergen County Regional SWAT, that's a lot longer than normal training and the FBI leadership supervisory Institute, among others. Initiatives and programs, the officers attended the Susan B. Anthony lemonade stand department wide. They were all present at the Memorial Day Parade, officers also attended, participated in the North Arlington senior activity center luncheon, continuing the department's efforts to maintain positive relationships with the Borough's senior community. My favorite part of the report for the month of May, there were 3,011 calls of service, 1,211 property checks. We say it every month if you see something please call the police department, do that first, that's what they are here for, let the come and check the property. If it's something it's great, but it's better than putting out on Facebook three hours later. Motor vehicle stops 603 and 2,843 summonses were issued. There were 34 arrests in the month of May, they were for a number of things, including warrants, DWI, shoplifting, assault and fraudulent insurance cards. Those are the major categories, the detective bureau took in 40 new investigations, the majority of them were closed and the key things that were identified were theft, fraud and burglary. Lastly, objective for the following month quality of life enforcement, continuing doing extra checks at Fisher Field for disorderly juveniles, continue enforcement efforts targeting commercial vehicle violations and quality of life issues commercial vehicles, we see it all the time on Facebook. " Oh I see this van parked in front of my house for three days" don't put it on Facebook, just call the police department let them come and investigate it, do what they have to do and again you can put it on Facebook after, the police department is not monitoring Facebook 24/7. Traffic safety initiative, click it or ticket was conducted throughout the month, they focused on seatbelts violations and general traffic safety, along with Fairmount Ave parking enforcement and River Road radar detail. Hot button topic again on Facebook, there was recently a pretty bad accident, I'm sure we've all seen that and then with everybody who's driving on River Road for 60 seconds during the day saying "I didn't see any cops, the cops are never down there" they actively monitoring what's going on River Road, school zone enforcement continued monitoring and enforcement of traffic and parking violations in school's zones to improve safety during students' arrival and dismissal times. Lastly community engagement officers will continue making positive citizens contacts during patrol operations. That's a great initiative that the Chief has put forward. Tonight we are doing a ceremonial swearing in of some new officers, I just want to say thank you, for coming on board. Most importantly I say this all the time we are swear in somebody, I want to thank the families, because being a law enforcement officer is a thankless job, and the families are the ones who pay when it comes time for a Christmas dinner and they are working, it's the families that are there without their family member. So thank you, for the hard work that you do. Remember your training, and you will always have the Mayor and Council's support. Then lastly I have a kind of funny story to share in talking about the quality of the employees that we have here in town. My daughter Sarah got a phone call from the public library, they were trying to get in touch with my other daughter Julia, they didn't have a number that worked for her, someone took out a book that was not taken out since 2018 and it had a birthday card in it, so they called my daughter and she gladly ran up there to get it and the funny part the card still had money in it.

This kind of speaks the kind of level of dedication that our employees give to this town. It's very quick to criticize when something doesn't go your way or you don't get the results you want. But to me this just speaks the level of commitment and dedication of our employees have, my daughter was $50 richer from that birthday card since 2018.

COUNCILMAN DEL RUSSO: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I visited our senior group along with Mayor Pronti on Wednesday June 3rd. We were fortunate enough to be part of the 90th birthday celebration for Pilar Camano, we had cake and sang happy birthday to her, we had a great time as always. They do it from time to time and they have many of them, we do go and we celebrate with them, we get them a cake, I was glad we were there to celebrate with them. The senior will be meeting every other week in July and August in County Park that's going to be part pf their summer, they usually cut it down to every other week in the summer. Next Tuesday June 23rd will be their bus trip to Atlantic City, this is something they look forward all year round, they are very excited, they ask me all the time. The bus will leave from Allan Park on Schuyler Ave at 9am and will be returning approximately around 7pm and like I said they really look forward to this trip and we are very happy that we are able to this for them. With regards to our historical society, I have received some photos and information from Bill Ferguson, he's the son of William Ferguson the former head basketball coach and guidance counselor at North Arlington high school, he was actually my guidance counselor, they're pictures dated back to the 50's, I think I am in one or two of them, it's great to see them. This morning I received a phone call from Margaret DeRogatis, a longtime resident who at 91 just recently moved back into to town with her daughter, we spoke for a while and she might have some old pictures and information for the historical society, she's going to look for them for us. For who do not know her she lived in town for many years, along with her husband Don who actually worked as a construction code official here in the Borough and served as a volunteer fireman for many years as well. With regards to our DPW department, we have yearly paper shredding date set for June 20th it will be from 9am to 1pm right behind the Borough Hall here, you're welcome to come and bring anything you might want to shred. They have continued with potholes repairs doing 40 this past month. They will also be doing power washing and painting our gazebo on River Road painting it blue and white, our Borough colors, I know Councilwoman Sheedy will be happy for that. Last Saturday June 6th we had a major thunderstorm pass through our Borough, three trees were uprooted, many damaged by the wind, our crew worked all night and came back at noon on Sunday. They were able to clean up the streets and areas of damage as needed and no further problems arose. The Schuyler Ave guardrail and the right of ways have all been cleaned and cut as needed, as always every month all municipal parks and ball fields are maintained daily by our department as well.

COUNCILMAN FITZHENRY: I like when the Mayor saves the best for last. First I want to take a moment to congratulate our police officers for being appointed tonight, you are joining a wonderful department, even though we're relatively small, when I say we're relatively small, but we're not small. We have great leadership in this town, and I have nothing but great expectations for both of you, officer Cherichella and of course officer Loprenzi. But most importantly to me, where's Ryan? There you are standing over in the corner, I knew your grandfather, I know your mother and dad, I have no doubt in my mind that your grandfather is smiling overhead. Congratulations and I look forward to nothing but great things from you. I will move on to my report now, speaking of Margaret DeRogatis she's my neighbor also, she has a blanket that they made in 1970, she was telling that in 1976 a bunch of ladies from the auxiliary from North

Arlington all got together and built this giant blanket and they all signed it, she wanted to present it and I told her "maybe we could at celebrate North Arlington".

Councilman Del Russo: Yes, she told me about it and we will be speaking more about it later on.

COUNCILMAN FITZHENRY: I want to capitalize on something that Mario reported earlier, I believe around this time last year, we had a citizen come here and publicly thanked the North Arlington fire department for the help they rendered on a similar accident we had the other day on River Road as a result of a car accident. I told her that oddly enough, the fire department two days prior were actively training on equipment that possibly saved her life two days prior to that. It's dejavu all over, as Yogi Berra would say, same type of incident, multiple cars, multiple victims two people extracted on River Road near Charlie's and it's really a dejavu moment because the fire department, because two days prior they were training on equipment again and the accident happened, so it was fresh in their mind again, it was like muscle memory for them. The victims were taken to the hospital and I don't know their status as of right now. Every year the police department participates in the annual torch run, this raises money and awareness for special needs athletes who participates in special Olympics. We had numerous officers run and they had a strong showing for the sizes of our department, well done to the Chief and his staff. I am going to talk a little bit more about the budget, not a lot because we have professional coming in to talk about it. Every year we construct our budget, and every year we work our tails off to produce a budget that works in the best interest of our taxpayers. The last few years the Borough is getting whacked by outside influences that we have zero control over, insurance premiums, we are in the State plan for medical benefits. I mentioned this last month our insurance medical benefit for our employees has increased 35% last year, this is a huge increase, this is a major hurdle for us when we are trying to create a budget for the town of North Arlington, that's something we have to provide our employees. I congratulate Steve and the rest of the staff for doing a wonderful job on crafting a budget I think works perfectly for the Borough of North Arlington. We are not alone every single town in New Jersey is suffering. I was on the phone today with Rob Tomasko, he's the captain of the firehouse down the street, which is my old firehouse, and he was hired as a residency agent for the schools and I was surprised to find out that they are actively investigating students who may not be residents of the town, and when they do find out they will be expurgating them. They are very proactive in the job they are doing right now. I also made a telephone call to the board of education and found out that former Councilman and current County Commissioner Steve Finlay, will be giving the commencement address at North Arlington High School graduation on June 24th.

COUNCILWOMAN DECICCO: Excused

COUNCILWOMAN BOCCHINO: Excused

MAYOR PRONTI: I am only going to touch on a few things before we move on. This past month, I attended three separate Alex's lemonade stands, they were at the elementary schools, they did it at Roosevelt school, Jefferson school and Susan B. Anthony school. We had our Memorial Day Parade, which was a success, I know many of you were in attendance. The two birthdays we celebrated were 90th birthday down at the senior center, it was actually one woman's birthday that day and there was another woman birthday was a week earlier, we sang and they shared some cake, it was very nice we like to recognize as many as our residents as we can. This month as I

report every month our NA rocks is painted by our town artist, it's in a pride month art form there, and they also did it for summer with flowers. Next month we are looking to do a USA 250th theme for the 4th of July, next month we will be doing the Declaration of Independence reading on the July 4th as we've done every year for the last six years, we each take a line. I break the whole Declaration of Independence down, and I handle everyone a printed paragraph and we get in line, everyone gets up to the microphone and reads a piece of it and its educational, a lot of the kids go there and it's kind of funny because some of the words there are impossible to say because it's old English, and we have a good time with that and then we make fun at each other afterwards on who mispronounced what word, so if you are around and want to get involved with it, it's a good time. We also have our concert series which Steve is going to report on, we also have a town resident Tom Catucci, who's also going to be preforming at our Daniel Morris Park every other Saturday morning from 9am till noon, he will be singing, performing and playing some music and it's a good time, so come down if you're around. We have the World Cup coming up, just to let everyone know I did put out a dining guide for our local businesses. What I am trying to do is and I sent it to a local reporter today. There's a local reporter form NJ. com who reached out to me today and asked me a few of the things that we are doing, so I sent her a copy of the dining guide that we put together, and if you did not get it you can look at our newsletter, which is up here. It's the middle five pages and what it does is it illustrates a few of our restaurants in photos. I went in and stood in the kitchen, I actually cooked some of them and made believe I was cooking in others, stirred a couple of pots around made it look nice. The ones I didn't go into we listed as a separate dining guide. What I want to do is for the people who are coming to the United States to see the World Cup and to visit and come to see this area for the first time ever. I want them to know where to go to eat the foods that they want to eat, that they know and what they are familiar with. If they want to look for something culturally compatible to what their culture is, we have it here in North Arlington, and I am proud of that and I want to get that put out there. I did it digitally, I did it in paper form and sent it to the newspaper, I am just hoping that the word gets out. I'd hate to see people coming here and traveling into New York City for their meals. We market ourselves as the Meadowlands, and this whole area has great restaurants, I am trying to push that as much as I can. On top of that the State has issued a no-fly zone for drones, so if anyone sees someone flying a drone please call the police department. We don't know what they are doing, we don't know what they are up against, its National safety, let's take this seriously because we never know. So if you see something flying in the skies please call the police department and let them investigate it. You're not going to be insulting anybody if you do that, even the media is not supposed to be using drones. The past two weeks, we have had some issues with Passaic Valley Water, they had a water main break in Clifton, and it filtered into Passaic. It was a 51 inch water main that broke, that's huge it affected every town within a six miles radius around them, there was a lot of low pressure. I was calling them regularly I was speaking to Jim Muller, who's the boss over there and apparently today at 5am it was fixed, he texted me at 7am this morning saying it was fixed and not to worry about it that everything was good. There are new businesses opening in town, you're going to be seeing some of them are going to be actually doing the World Cup watch party already. There's a new Peruvian restaurant that just opened up by Dollar General, he just opened and he's looking to do watch parties, he's looking up to venture out in his parking lot and do outdoor seating, which I love. I want to see as many restaurants as possible do the outdoor seating, and these things are fun and let's enjoy ourselves, let's have a great time with the World Cup. Let's not overdo it, if I ever see people acting the way they acted after the Knicks game last night in this town, I don't want to

hear about it, there's no excuses for it, we don't act that way around here. One thing I have to say if the Knicks win we will have our fountain lit up blue and orange.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: I want to follow up a little bit on the comments that Councilman Fitzhenry made about the budget. We will have a budget presentation later on tonight, the professionals will go through all the numbers, like I've said it here in the past couple of months, I've been in this business for a long time this was by far the most difficult budget I have ever had to deal with, and we are coming through this whole process with a situation which is better than most communities are in. We came into this budget cycle with a very, very good firm financial foundation, and it's a good thing we did because we were able to handle things like, what you mentioned the insurance increase, not the bill the insurance increase for us, and we're a small town. The increase was $1.3 million and that's just a small part of what we're dealing with here, but you will hear all the details later on here, we are in better shape than most. It's important to note that there's some shared sacrificed here, and everyone should be given credit, basically for doing what we're doing, including the employees. Our department heads and employees are all doing sacrifices in different ways to deliver a budget that works for everybody. Summer concerts start that Tuesday right after the 4th of July we go right through the summer except for August 6th which is National Night Out, so come down to County Park we've got a series of interesting program this year. A couple of months ago this Council donated a fire truck to the Dominican Republic to a community named Sousua, Puerto Plata in Dominican Republic. The truck has been delivered and some of our men went down to Dominican Republic to help them train their fireman on various aspects of the truck and we are very proud of being able to help that community in the way we are. They feel like they got a brand new truck and are much better equipped now to fight fires down there. The last thing I wasn't to mention is we have the summer youth work program, high school kids come and work at the Borough for a couple of weeks in the summer time, get a little taste of what local government is all about, make a few bucks the outpouring of kids applying was overwhelming and we can't possibly handle all these kids, so we are going to take as many as we can. We are going to be picking the names essentially in a lottery just to see who could participate, we had over 100 applications from high school students. We are going to keep as many as them as we can, so please be patient with us.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Police Officer Michael LoPrinzi
Police Officer Ryan Cherichella

Mayor Pronti: I just wanted to say a few words of encouragement to our oncoming new police officers. The two police officers that were sworn in today, that brings us back to 34, when I first became Mayor I think we were at 26 police officers, we've been as high of 37, 38 officers we are going to get back up there. We have a couple of people that are out right now, we had a couple that retired, we are not going to lose traction. We are going to keep building thing, later on your going to see something about the budget. In other towns they like to mention layoffs when it comes to budgetary issues, and they've been talking about increases and everything, you will never hear that here. We are going to do what we have to do and we are going to have to employ the people that need to be employed to keep everybody safe. You're in a department now, you're in a town here, that supports our police department, and we encourage you to do your job and to do it well, and to never be reluctant to act as a police officer. That's what you're here for, as long as you're

doing your job and acting in good faith and you know why you're doing it you're going to be supported and you're going to be backed up 1000% and I hope you know that. I never ever want to see you guys go in and get injured because your reluctant to do a job because you are worrying about being critiqued by the media or anybody else. You guys are going to go home to your families, you're going to go back and report to your Chief and we're going to keep the town safe. I know you guys see a lot of stuff in the news but that's not here.

Chief Horton: First I want to thank the Mayor, Administrator Mr. Lo Iacono and the governing body. I've been the Chief for almost two years now; Ryan and Mike are the sixth and seventh police officers hired since I've been a Chief. We appreciate the support, we have a pretty regiment standard of hiring here, we received over 61 applications, we interviewed over 40 applicants Michael and Ryan were or top two choices. So congratulations guys on your achievement and congratulations to the families as well, great job. I want to wish you guys the best of luck, and we know you guys have a bright future ahead of you.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY OF NEW CERT MEMBERS:
Deb M. Consalvo, Karen Hughes*, Luis Perez, Margaret Morse

(*Not in attendance)

REDEVELOPMENT CONSULTANTS REPORT: Thank you, Mayor and members of the council. I am going to be distributing something to you this evening, it's a draft proposal for a program called North Arlington Works, it is the follow up to various stages that we've gone through, if you remember North Arlington Renaissance at a time where we finally got a new ratable since 1995. Then we went through a whole series between the Mayor's beautification program, but also quality of life issues dealing with passive and active recreational improvements. What we though would be good for us at this particular time is to go and take this several steps further in being very proactive. When we first started if you recall there was 20 some vacancies on Ridge Road, most of them are all gone, if not all of them are all gone, except maybe Melray's and that's something we are working on right now in terms to come to some type of approach. What we would like you to do is to take a look at it, if you have any comments or suggestions or anything that we may have missed, please let us know. But we look at this at a one year going in, but also it's a five year program that becomes very proactive on all levels. We took the words North Arlington works, not only to bring in more ratables, development and more importantly, increase your tax base on the demographics, on how great a work labor force that you have here, and all the ability and the amount of money in this very small area of being able to expand not only retail and commercial. It's broken down to Ridge Road make determinations on certain elements on Ridge Road. It talks more about being aggressive on Porete Ave, which we have already started aggressiveness and you will see in our report, which I will go into now, we provided a report to the refrigeration which I brought up a refrigeration warehouse looking for 120,000 square feet. One of the principals of that company lives in North Arlington, and they loved what we selected for them, and we broke down every element in a report to them, what is required in terms of the redevelopment of Porete Ave. Also some of the issues dealing with flood hazards and contamination, so they loved the report we provided to them. Their only concern was "can we do it right away?' that's not a step that we can take right away, but we need to get back to them after we talk to the Mayor and the redevelopment committee as to some of the options we have. One

thing that they love more than anything else is the location of Porete Ave, you are on top of the Belleville Turnpike you could go the other way of Belleville Turnpike, route 21, route 3. From a logistics perspective they love the site. Next item, we did a report which we included in your packet this week, that deal with Ridge Road parking, you've given us the mandate to look at various options on Ridge Road and what we've done is suggest that one of your options is to look at the bank parking lots and start a shared parking opportunity and you have four banks in this town, which could provide you 40, 50 after 5pm when the banks closes, we have that in our package to you. We believe that concept of shared parking, after we consult with the Borough attorney, really should be included maybe in the redevelopment plan that would permit it and allow that type of use for the bank. Obviously we have to give certificate of insurance and whoever is going to be using it to give certificate of insurance. We have outlined for you a whole approach and concept.

Mayor Pronti: We don't have a concept of shared parking in there already? I thought we did.

Robert Ceberio: Not like this one, this is different. This one becomes more specific to specific types of locations. Because we are trying to solve this issue in quick terms and obviously we need to look at it in long terms. We will have a full parking report for next month's meeting.

Mayor Pronti: We may have a different, a newer concept coming forward that may change that a little bit for the better.

Councilman Fitzhenry: I have a quick question 584 Ridge Road, it's interesting that there was a restaurant bar and apparently they could not afford the rent over time. And then they had a paying customer and they would not re-sign their lease for them, which is next to the dollar store. Now you have for rent signs or lease signs throughout the whole thing. The guy that cuts my hair want to put a barbershop in there, he said it was absurd what they're looking for. I am just curious to find out, why would they get rid of a paying customer and what is their game plan, I wonder?

Robert Ceberio: These leases are all over the place, we are having problems everywhere, not just here in North Arlington, but part of North Arlington works is to be very, very aggressive with these types of things, if you look it we go and sit down with the property owners if we have to. We would turn around and we're requesting a piece of your website and the tab would be North Arlington Works that deal with these issues that would go right into to talk to that person; to list potential sites that are available and make it known to everyone and most importantly it gives us a dashboard, that dashboard would be so transparent to the people in North Arlington on the efforts of bring in new ratables. So there's a whole dynamic of public information reaching out a little more aggressively and more importantly, just post it out there and say " this is what we're doing" This is what this ratable means to the taxpayers. If we have a problem, maybe the public needs to know about it and more often than not when you start talking about it in public, it becomes a lave range point.

Mayor Pronti: Is that the new owner of that building? They haven't tried reaching out to you?

Robert Ceberio: Yes, that's a new owner and they have not reached out to me.

Mayor Pronti: The only thing I've heard was complaint from the people who couldn't afford the rent there anymore, they called us and they needed help relocating temporarily, se we worked a couple of things with them. I put them in touch with other facilities around town to kind of ease the burden on them a little bit, and they were very thankful.

Robert Ceberio: That's what the program also calls for stepping in very aggressively, we would sit with them, show them places. I think we have done pretty good in terms of the ratable wealth, as is obvious by your budget, in fact this is the net phase and I think we have to be very proactive and very aggressive.

ENGINEERS REPORT – BRIAN INTINDOLA: Brian passes out a report from Lyndsay's PAARP #1. So we are in our 2026 construction season, and the current road program is starting up next week the 20th. We did the walkthrough with the contractor and Mark Cunningham, that is to see what sidewalks, curbs and apron needs to be taken care of. The projects that are supported by NJDOT grants, we got a few cleanup emails from DOT for submission that we have presented to them before, and we are in the process of resubmitting them this week. So that last payment voucher, the 25% payment voucher of the grant awarded comes back to the Borough for the work completed. So it was a matter of complying with the list of items and things of that nature just to justify the work done, we are working with the DOT on that. We are also working on the Comcast building it is getting ready to be bid, we did the pre demolition due diligence, there is some environmental removals that will be built into the bid per the State recommendations, we want to make sure that it's done per DCA, so that's going out to bid. The bid dates have been established with the clerk and we've reached out to the administrator as well. I just have to go through the bid package, and it's going to be ready for advertising with the clerk, and then see what comes back and that's the goal to us. It's a three week job and we will be ready for fall sports so we can use that for fall sports. Macaluso park is moving along, the survey is done and we have some concepts that we can tie up into the grades that we have now, and then we will be presenting that, doing a shared link to the Council, you can start to see what we are doing for Macaluso. I think there was a request for a swing set at Allen which we are working on right now. I think that catches up right now with what we're doing for the Borough right now. We are also revisiting the justification for a grant that we have on Ridge Road, by my counting it will be streetscape 3. The DOT in the interim had done some striping, I don't know if that's compatible with an early level concept for a bike lane and in each successive design cycle, bike lanes need more space, it used to be four foot and a stripe, now it's five foot and two foot buffer from the parking, we will be going back to check with the DOT to see if that concept still has legs and we will get back to the Administrator, Mayor and Council. So that's where we are on our capital projects.

Mayor Pronti: Just a quick summing up of the Comcast building demolition and paving.

Brian Intindola: We are going to do a twofold bid because, as soon as it's demolished, we will have a gravel pack where the basement was or the crawl space was, and then that gravel pack that we will pave. For season one we will pave it and the asphalt there is ok for parking lot, se we will see if it can take a season, if not we can come in with your next road project with a full mill and overlay. My experience next to the river is that, I don't want to invest a lot on the Borough's behalf, because if it's functional for sports parking and there's no trip hazards, I don't know if we need to go to the other expense just for aesthetics, it's kind of wet down there and I don't want to get into

re-draining the whole site because that will trigger the NJDEP permit for the disturbed area, which those permits are 30 months out now. I just did one two towns over, and it was 30 months out, I don't want to get involved with right now.

Mayor Pronti: That's what was delaying the senior project? Is the DEP i believe they are on target now I spoke to the attorney.

Brian Intindola: Yes, it takes a while and it's not productive work, I don't want to do that for the parking lot that you need in the fall.

Mayor Pronti: So basically what we're doing is putting in a temporary patch on top of it and then next year we will see and make it nice, I don't want that to stay an ugly parking lot the whole idea is to make that attractive.

Brian Intindola: Yes, understood.

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Karcic
SECONDED BY: Councilman Del Russo
ROLL CALL: AYES: Councilmembers Fitzhenry, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo
Excused: Councilwoman DeCicco
Excused: Councilwoman Bocchino

Nathalie Maxemous – 6 9th Street: I've been at the council meeting for quite some time, now regarding opening a retail cannabis site in North Arlington. Tonight I just want to go through some updates, I try to attend these monthly meetings and give updates from my side, also asking updates from the Mayor and the Council side of where we are in the process. So, at the federal level cannabis continues to move towards mainstream we've seen that year after year. The DEA has moved to register medical dispensaries, such as the one that we currently own, similar to pharmacies, I mentioned that at the last meeting as well. So it's where you apply for a DEA licenses, heavily regulated, similar to how pharmacies are before they open. This framework includes registrations, oversight comparable to other federally regulated healthcare industries, and it reflects the growing recognition that cannabis is no longer being the way it was years ago. The industry is becoming even more accountable year after year. You guys have seen the growth over, I would say even just the five years alone of where, not just from a financial aspect, but again, how mainstream it's become from when it was a few years back. More importantly New Jersey recently enacted legislation that significantly limits municipal authority over certain adult use cannabis approvals. This new law allows qualifying medical cannabis dispensaries, so all those dispensaries with medica licenses, to obtain adult use retail authorization from the State without requiring municipal review, consent or approval. That's a huge change over the last few weeks; the State has effectively determined that local approval should no longer be a barrier in these circumstances. So within weeks of this law taking effect, current existing medical only operators, there a few within the State. Most of them are multi-states operators, the town only approved medical dispensaries on site and had been waiting four, five years to get their adult use approval, in which those municipalities said, "absolutely not" so with the changed that I just mentioned a few minutes ago, they are able to move forward under the new State process into adult use without the approval

of the municipality. So as an example in Paramus, GTI is a multi-State operator, so it's not a mom and pop like we are, but a multi-state operator that was only working under a medical license has now moved forward with the application for a recreational license without the approval of Paramus. Because they've outlined that they did not want adult use and they've only wanted medical, but now with the new State updates hat they are allowed to move into adult use. The reality, and I've mentioned this I think month after month, is medical cannabis has been used, and it's currently being used in our town, whether some of our residents like it or not, unfortunately it's already in the process. The negative to that is our town is not benefiting from it. I hear a lot of comments from that " I smell it" or "I see it" " it's happening" and we are not getting that tax cut that we would from dispensaries, and we are not able to reuse that money however the town sees fit. What I ask for, obviously, is an update for this month as well. I am not asking for a special treatment. We've gone through this process. Hopefully I've answered a lot of questions that the council has had. I've had multiple conversations with different residents as well, some that are up for it, some that oppose of it, just to hear out what questions and concerns that they have and trying to talk through it and see how I can help to kind of change the stigma around it and hopefully I've been able to do that. What I'm asking is for the opportunity to continue to have these discussions and hopefully move forward with medical dispensary and adult use dispensary in town. Thank you.

Richie Schempp – 601 Schuyler Ave: I wanted to be here tonight to thank the Chief, last month I had a conversation with him about Schuyler Ave, and what a crap hole it is, speed trap it is. It's just ridiculous when you have truck going through there at 50, 60 miles an hour and I've been coming here for years. I went home the other night, I want to thank him or whoever else is involved. I've finally seen my first electronic speed sign down at Schuyler Ave, by disposal road, which is not disposal road anymore. We have a long way to go, I have to be a man and say I am not thrilled about it, but thank you whoever is involved besides the Chief, and maybe it will make a difference.

Nathalie Maxemous – 6 9th Street: Just a shout out to the town, last month it was about the police department. My son is in high school, and I just saw for the first time the DPW program for high school students, which I think is a fantastic opportunity for our high school students to eighter stay of the streets or just out of bed or the couch during the summer, and really give them the opportunity to get experienced and work, are get paid a great amount to able to do that. Thank you.

Mayor Pronti: I see people that are pro-cannabis, I see council candidates, I see mayoral candidates, I see residents and I see everybody. I want to see people come up and ask questions, I thought you were all going to go French on us. I want to hear everybody, this is an opportunity to ask questions. You hear a lot of things out in the streets; this is the time to do it.

Andrea Farruggia – 115 Bathurst Ave: Lived here all my life and I see no reason why we shouldn't have a dispensary in town, and like she says. The complaints are that you smell it, there's going to bring people into town. Listen the bars and liquor stores are worse than people that are smoking cannabis. Like she said, you smell it now and it's not legally here in a store, we are not seeing the benefits from it. Somebody said " what is legal leaf then" it's a CBD and a hemp store, and again the town is not seeing the 2% from that, where we could. We have this huge cemetery a lot of property that is not taxable and not making money from that, there's not really another business

that's going to in and give the town 2%. It's not going to happen I don't see why we are slacking. Thank you.
Josie Papile – 40 Arlington Blvd: So I walked past this house on Front Street almost every day when I walk the dog. I saw that they did send a landscaper, who made it look very pretty and then you see how really bad the house is. I've talking to neighbors around the street, and one gentleman, I can't confirm what he said to me, but I think you should be aware. He said that façade is asbestos, I don't know how true that is, but if that is the case and that releases anything toxic into the air, well we really have a problem. I am just mentioning what I've heard, look at that picture and you can see how bad it is.

Mayor Pronti: Addresses to Mrs. Maximous, I really appreciate you coming u here. I want to say that by you coming up here periodically and keeping everybody up date on the ongoing with the State and everything, I think that you are educating the community in itself. If anybody watches these meeting, we do record these meeting and we can play them back, and they are on our website. I am hoping that people do take the time to read them or watch them, and they can get a transcript of them. I do appreciate you keeping everyone educated on that, I don't know if you are up to speed with everything that Randy's doing.

Attorney Will Fenwick: There was a study that was approved, a zoning study that was approved by the council. That's been completed and currently being reviewed by the governing body, so that's what the status is.

Mayor Pronti: Has their attorney reached out for more information?

Attorney Will Fenwick: Yes, I did speak with their attorney and I advised them of the process, if the Mayor and council decided to move forward.

Mayor Pronti: What is the next step?

Attorney Will Fenwick: The next step would be similar, there's been some talking of amending some redevelopment plans that Mr. Ceberio mentioned it's a similar process it would be referred to the planning board for review with the master plan for consistency, they can come bac with amendments. The Mayor and council could then decide to go with the version of the zoning study that Neglia Engineering drafted, or it could go with the proposed amendments if there were any from the board. After that there would be an ordinance that would be introduced and then adopted. The process would take several months.

Mayor Pronti: How do we get it to the planning board?

Councilman Karcic: It's already their Mayor, it's been sent to the planning board we adopted it last meeting, we met on Thursday and they met on Monday or Tuesday, there was not sufficient time for them to get it review. It should be in the agenda for this month.

Mayor Pronti: Addresses to Mr. Schempp, acknowledging that the Chief did go down and making sure that the traffic division put the signs in regarding the speed calming, we have about six of them out there right now and they are working. Mrs. Farruggia, we know your stance on that and

I appreciate you for coming, any little bit helps I love when people make themselves heard at the microphone. Mrs. Papile, after last month's meeting we did send the code enforcement down there. They did contact the correct people, and I know that the repairs were done and the lawn was taken care of. Apparently the owner of that property passed away and the next of kin is unable to be contacted at this time, which then leaves us in a situation where we may go in and make the necessary adjustments to make sure that the property is kept under repairs and safe to the community. I want that building out there as much as you do, if I was able to go down there and do it myself I would, but I have to know my role

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENTS
INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Karcic
SECONDED BY: Councilman Fitzhenry
ROLL CALL: AYES: Councilmembers Fitzhenry, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo
Excused: Councilwoman DeCicco
Excused: Councilwoman Bocchino

ORDINANCES

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2461
AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO 165-171 RIVER ROAD FOR THE BOROUGH OF NORTH ARLINGTON

INTRODUCED BY: Councilwoman Sheedy
SECONDED BY: Councilman Del Russo
ROLL CALL: AYES: Councilmembers Fitzhenry, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo
Excused: Councilwoman DeCicco
Excused: Councilwoman Bocchino

SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2460
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)

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2460 TO THE PUBLIC
INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Karcic
SECONDED BY: Councilman Del Russo
ROLL CALL: AYES: Councilmembers Fitzhenry, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo
Excused: Councilwoman DeCicco
Excused: Councilwoman Bocchino

No one wished to be heard.

MOTION TO CLOSE HEARING AND ADOPT
INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Fitzhenry
SECONDED BY: Councilman Karcic
ROLL CALL: AYES: Councilmembers Fitzhenry, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo
Excused: Councilwoman DeCicco
Excused: Councilwoman Bocchino

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON 2026 BUDGET
INTRODUCED BY: Councilwoman Sheedy
SECONDED BY: Councilman Fitzhenry
ROLL CALL: AYES: Councilmembers Fitzhenry, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo
Excused: Councilwoman DeCicco
Excused: Councilwoman Bocchino

[No one from the public wishes to be heard]

John Cuiffo of Lerch, Vinci, Bliss LLP (Auditor): Mayor, Council, I just want to take a moment to walk through a presentation on the 2026 budget. Some of the slides are more informational, so I'll go through those pretty quickly. Starting with the first slide, there's a state mandate for caps. There's an appropriation cap with 2% limit and 1.5% tax levy cap, which is 2% the total municipal revenues for 2026 are 23.9 million, with the large majority coming from general taxations. Overall, there's an increase of 3.5% which is positive compare to current inflation rate of 4.2% that's out in the market. So, we are below that market inflation. Slide three is a breakdown of the municipal revenues, this is consistent year over year, this is just informational from where that information is coming from. Slide four is a breakdown of the tax levy cap, the amount of the tax levy cap specific to the municipality is 19.9 million. The amount that the Borough was allowed to raise taxes is 23.4 million. That's a $3.5 million difference this shows the municipality, Mayor and Council's effort to keep tax increases below the statutory amount and that's been consistent year over year, a focus to keep those tax increases down. Slide five will show you a breakdown of the spending for the budget, again balanced budget of $31.9 million similar to the other municipalities and entities out there. The Borough was dealing with inflationary costs, specifically in the insurance area and going through this you will see you will see an increase in the insurance, but then a decrease in the debt service. The Borough has successfully closed out a bond last year, and just looking at the history of the Borough here you are now at a double A rating, so that's two levels up from the top the State's rating from New Jersey, so you have increased double since 2017, and that just shows the financial stability here. Looking at the current debt here is sitting with bond amounts of $1.3 million as a round number in some bonds out there. So again, a very healthy financial position. Slide six is informational breakdown it's generally consistent on the categories of spending here in the Borough of North Arlington. Slide seven is a breakdown of the appropriation cap, going through this you can see that inflationary times where were seeing 4.2% in the market place, the Borough is able to keep cost within that cap amount statutory limits. Slide six shows the breakdown of the tax rate by municipality, county and school. So estimate increase for the county is approximately 4%, the school is 3.12% and the Borough its self is 2.9%, so the lowest of those three categories. Slide nine is a very interesting slide it just shows for every tax

dollar a resident here in North Arlington, where does it go? 54 percent goes to the school, 11 percent goes to the county and 35 percent goes to the Borough and that's been consistent for a number of years now. Slide ten shows a breakdown of the change in the average household bill by the different categories, this is broken-down by municipality, the school and the county. Over the past years the county has increased on average 7.1%, the school has increased on average on an annual basis 3%, the municipality here in North Arlington has increased 1.6%. When you look at that against CPI here in New York and New Jersey over that same period, that's increase on average 3.7%. Why is this important? The Mayor and council are able to control what they can control here in the Borough. With the school and the county, those are pushed here, so that shows that Mayor and council are focused here on the average home bill for the residents here in North Arlington.

Mayor Pronti: Just explain what CPI is.

John Cuiffo: CPI is essentially a metrics that shows what the increases in inflation and consumer pricing over a time period and what they are able to do is, I used it specific to New York and New Jersey because that's the area we live in here, to be able to show what is that compare the municipal taxes, school taxes and county taxes compared to what the residents of North Arlington are feeling in their pockets as normal consumers here in the area. The last slide just shows the average municipal bill for the average home $4,150 so this is an increase of a total of $167. That's down $10 from an increase year over year, said another way, $167 is a little under $14 a month to the residents of North Arlington for the municipal tax.

Mayor Pronti: As far as the increases in healthcare and the impact that has had, and the fact that we are not taking layoffs, which I see many, many towns, many board of education they are taking the approach where they are going to have to do layoffs in order to make their budget. We are not taking that approach, I don't know if you can elaborate on that a little bit.

John Cuiffo: In the news you will see a lot of school boards and a lot of towns, and we are involved in a lot of budgets this year was different than last year. To keep it on a no name basis, we've seen some starting points very high over 10% over 15% and to your point those Boroughs had to spend a lot of time making very hard decisions on what they are doing by cutting positions in their roster and making other changes away from insurance. That's what they had to go through just to get to lower increases from the preliminary. I've had Boroughs that were starting approximately 15% and we are happy to end slightly under 10%. Increasing their taxes by 15% increasing their taxes to the average home and that's compared to you 2.94%. I was seeing a lot of this out in the market place, and then they are in the news, you're able to see those schools' districts going for referendums just to be able to fund their insurance for a year, and that's not the position for North Arlington and that's displayed by that large cap bank and the taxes and the ability now when you're dealing with all these inflationary costs, and it's just not 26 on the spending side. It's multiple years of inflationary cost, you were still able to stay under 3.5% cap.

Borough Administrator Lo Iacono: John, has pretty much put the case forward, and again correct me if I am wrong, John, I think a lot of the reason for this relatively good report is the fact that we started out on a sloid footing. We've had five, six, seven good years of watching what we're doing, building a surplus, obviously watching our spending. At the same time ratable growth through

appreciation and through new development, put all tighter and we're in a position now where the headline is not going to be talking about layoff's or cut programs. It's going to be talking about maintaining and doing that at a relatively low cost. So I think everyone here involved has done an excellent job.

John Cuiffo: Correct, and to add onto that we've had many times where we've sat here after the audit and talked about the financial health of the Borough and the focus on being appropriate with the spending and also using surplus in an appropriate manner.

Councilman Karcic: Unless you have been hiding under a rock, every other day on NJ.com there's another story going back to March, school districts, I know Hoboken imposed a 23% tax levy, and that was after they negotiated down. Every other day there's another town that is laying off severe increases, Central Jersey, average tax bills going up $700 on the municipal side. Hoboken almost going up $600 on their side this year just on the municipal side and a 23% on the school side. When you look at this it really tells a story and I want to thank Steve and everybody who worked on the budget to get it where it was. When you're looking at page six a lot of these items there's nor room for changing it, right? Insurance went from $4.4 to $5.4 million in one year in health insurance. Don't forget that next year is going to be bad or not worse. The Capital reverse is depleted. For government employees, they took a mid-year raise increase. When you look at it, things like that, almost a million dollars in utilities, 42.6 million in sewer and solid waste disposal, just to rid of the trash. The one that people don't realize is the library contribution that is just a formula set by the State and not that I am complaining to give money to the library, but it's all set by the State. The last one that I really want to point out is we have to set aside $1.5 million for potential uncollected taxes, so people that don't pay their taxes we have set money aside for that or for whatever it is. So there is a lot that goes into this and I think that most people don't understand it, but this is not a North Arlington problem, this is a New Jersey problem right now. Last I went to the board of education convention and everyone was questioning me, what are we going to do? Because their costs are just out of control. I wanted to thank everybody on the job that they did on it. Steve, I could not agree with you anymore, the reason we are in this position because of the solid foundation we have. I did a little research on it the State aid, which it's an important one we got $1.082 million anyone wants to take a guess what we got in 2012 in state aid? We got $1.069 in 14 years, we got $20,000 more in state aid. We are not seeing any help from the state; they are not offsetting our costs.

Borough Administrator Lo Iacono: Not necessary a budget remark, but this is a good time to point it out again, credit has to go to our department's heads and our employees. All this good news or all this reflection on how well we are running the finances, the conditions of the rolling stock, the condition of the equipment that we have in this town, look at the DPW trucks, look at the police fleet, look at everything is tip top shape. We are not skimping on what we need to do to keep us first class community.

Mayor Pronti: We have the top of the line equipment here, we have the best trucks, best police cars and everything else to make our town run efficiently and keep our people safe. And a lot of the times people will skimp from that and pull away and say. " we are not going to put the money into this because we have a little bit of increase going in the increase. We are not going to be skimping on healthcare for our employees, our employees are very important to us and we don't

want our employees to suffer to reduce costs, and we are not taking any services by doing this. I do know that there are other areas where there are budgetary changes with layoffs, changes in equipment purchased and we don't want to go down that road. We want to continue to deliver tip-top services and we are going to continue to do so. I know in the past it has been brought up those previous budgets we had $1.6 increase in one year, and we were criticized by that a little, why we don't use the surplus to cover that. Why would we use the surplus to do that? If we had used the surplus for that, where would that put us now?

John Cuiffo: Surplus is interesting in the sense of it's regenerating every year through a budget, every two years and then essentially it helps balance. What surplus tells me the mayor and council this year is using $5.2 million to help balance the budget. When surplus starts being used in a manner to suppress tax increases, it just kicks the can into the future. When Boroughs start to get close, it might be a good year the first year, the year subsequent, it becomes a very bad year because of a lack for a better term, have to pay the piper at some point and that's not the scenario here.

Mayor Pronti: As councilman Karcic said with the $1.5 million put aside for unpaid uncollected taxation on residences, we don't anticipate running into that problem unless you are looking at maybe the incident we brought up with 40 Front street a little while ago, things like that don't tend to happen very often in North Arlington and the better thing is as we progress forward with doing things the way we do them, and we are continuing with the rolling reassessment program that we have, that actually keeps the taxation to an accurate number each year, which reduces the tax valuation equalization, it reduces the amount of tax appeals. If you are looking at actual costs and values of houses, you're less inclined to get a successful tax appeal when that happens. By keeping a rolling reassessment you have a true value on your properties, where if someone what to appeal and they win, they are not going to exceed the number that we're already exceeding by paying back the board of education and the county. Years ago they would pay their taxes, say they paid $40,000 in property taxes, and the 25% of what went to the town, 35% went to the board of education and the other 10% or 11% went to them. The board of education and the county they do not pay that money back when it's appealed on a successful appeal, they do not have to pay that back. That comes out of out budget, which it is insane if you think about it, but that's the way the law reads. A lot of people did not know that I see a lot of surprised faces in the room, and that's a fact and that's what we have avoided for the past 10 years and a lot of ways that's very beneficial to us because I was seeing it far too often and would questioned it. I was a new council member at that time and I would sit over there and say " why are we giving back all this money" so we looked into it and that's why we came up with this other solution, and it's been working very well.

Councilman Karcic: Back to my first year on the council, we averaged about 30 successful tax appeals a year. That's what we would see, we see on average three a month,.

Mayor Pronti: And what are we doing now?

Councilman Karcic: Eight.

Mayor Pronti: John, thank you very much for this proposal. I don't believe you left anyone here not knowing anything that goes on, and explaining all the things that we do. I have this graph right her, which is very explanatory, and I will be putting this out for everybody to see, so this will open

a lot of eyes as far as what we are doing and the amount of taxation that goes on. Thank you, John very much for this presentation.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ON 2026 BUDGET

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Fitzhenry
SECONDED BY: Councilman Karcic
ROLL CALL: AYES: Councilmembers Fitzhenry, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo
Excused: Councilwoman DeCicco
Excused: Councilwoman Bocchino

R-138-26 RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2026 BUDGET

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Del Russo
SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Sheedy
ROLL CALL: AYES: Councilmembers Fitzhenry, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo
Excused: Councilwoman DeCicco
Excused: Councilwoman Bocchino

R-139-26 RESO RE: ADOPTION OF 2026 BUDGET

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Karcic
SECONDED BY: Councilman Fitzhenry
ROLL CALL: AYES: Councilmembers Fitzhenry, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo
Excused: Councilwoman DeCicco
Excused: Councilwoman Bocchino

R-140-26 RESO RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and **WHEREAS,** the Mayor and Council is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist; **WHEREAS,** the Mayor and Council wish to discuss: CONTRACTUAL MATTERS, PERSONNEL MATTERS, COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT MATTERS, ANTICIPATED AND/OR PENDING LITIGATION, ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE, ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY **WHEREAS,** public release of the discussion will only occur after counsel approval and action may or may not occur after discussion. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council are now in executive session.

INTRODUCED BY: Councilwoman Sheedy
SECONDED BY: Councilman Del Russo
ROLL CALL: AYES: Councilmembers Fitzhenry, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo
Excused: Councilwoman DeCicco
Excused: Councilwoman Bocchino

[Executive Session]

MOTION TO RETURN TO THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Sheedy
SECONDED BY: Councilman Karcic
ROLL CALL: AYES: Councilmembers Fitzhenry, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo
Excused: Councilwoman DeCicco
Excused: Councilwoman Bocchino

R-141-26 RESO RE: RENEWAL OF 2026-2027 LIQUOR LICENSES

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Karcic
SECONDED BY: Councilman Fitzhenry
ROLL CALL: AYES: Councilmembers Fitzhenry, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo
Excused: Councilwoman DeCicco
Excused: Councilwoman Bocchino

R-142-26 RESO RE: RENEWAL OF 2026-2027 LIQUOR LICENSE

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Del Russo
SECONDED BY: Councilman Karcic
ROLL CALL: AYES: Councilmembers Fitzhenry, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo
Excused: Councilwoman DeCicco
Excused: Councilwoman Bocchino

R-143-26 RESO RE: AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR BUILDING DEMOLITION & ASBESTOS REMOVAL FOR 165-171 RIVER ROAD (BLOCK 11, LOT 7 & BLOCK 24, LOT 1.01)

INTRODUCED BY: Councilwoman Sheedy
SECONDED BY: Councilman Del Russo
ROLL CALL: AYES: Councilmembers Fitzhenry, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo
Excused: Councilwoman DeCicco
Excused: Councilwoman Bocchino

R-144-26 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY CONTRACT WITH RAPID PUMP AND METER SERVICE, CO. CONCERNING THE REPAIR OF THE NARDA PUMPING STATION

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Fitzhenry
SECONDED BY: Councilman Karcic
ROLL CALL: AYES: Councilmembers Fitzhenry, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo
Excused: Councilwoman DeCicco
Excused: Councilwoman Bocchino

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Fitzhenry
SECONDED BY: Councilman Karcic
ROLL CALL: AYES: Councilmembers Fitzhenry, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo
Excused: Councilwoman DeCicco
Excused: Councilwoman Bocchino