

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH TOMS RIVER  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2025 7:00 P.M.**

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**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Cradle, Councilman Fennell, Councilman Kosh, Councilman Murray,  
Councilwoman Rolzhausen, Councilman Ross  
Absent: Tom Rolzhausen, excused (1<sup>st</sup>: Ross, 2<sup>nd</sup>:Murray, all ayes)

Also present were Business Administrator Chris Santiago and Borough Attorney Chris Dasti

**OPEN PUBLIC LAW STATEMENT MEETING**

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law NJSA 10:4-6. This meeting of March 24, 2025 was included in a list of meeting notices sent to the Asbury Park Press on November 25, 2024 and advertised in said newspaper and posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and has remained continuously posted as the required notices under the Statute. In addition, a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

**OPEN PUBLIC SESSION** (3) Minute Limit per person / Members of the public are free to make statements to the Governing Body. Each participant is limited to three minutes per person. The Chair of the meeting will advise the speaker once their time is concluded.

Councilwoman Rolzhausen made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilman Ross. All ayes.

Carlos Almanzar asked that a Cannabis Committee be formed to see how the funding is done and to be able to create more revenue for the Borough. He would also like the Borough to increase the Police Department.

As there was no one else from the public wanting to speak, Councilman Fennell made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilman Ross. All ayes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 10, 2025**

Councilman Murray made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 10, 2025 meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Ross.

Yes: Councilman Fennell, Councilman Murray, Councilwoman Rolzhausen, Councilman Ross  
No: None Absent: (excused) Councilman Rolzhausen  
Abstain: Councilman Kosh

**ORDINANCE 2025-04 (2<sup>nd</sup> reading ) Public hearing AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH TOMS RIVER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ADOPTING THE FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE DOVER ROAD REDEVELOPMENT PLAN**

Councilman Murray made a motion to open public comment on the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Ross.

Yes: Councilman Fennell, Councilman Kosh, Councilman Murray, Councilwoman Rolzhausen, Councilman Ross  
No: None Absent: (excused) Councilman Rolzhausen  
Abstain: None

There was no public comment on the ordinance.

Councilman Fennell made a motion to close public comment on the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Murray.

Yes: Councilman Fennell, Councilman Kosh, Councilman Murray, Councilwoman Rolzhausen, Ross  
No: None Absent: (excused) Councilman Rolzhausen  
Abstain: None

Councilman Kosh made a motion to adopt ordinance 2025-04, seconded by Councilman Ross.

Yes: Councilman Fennell, Councilman Kosh, Councilman Murray, Councilwoman Rolzhausen, Councilman Ross  
No: None Absent: (excused) Councilman Rolzhausen  
Abstain: None

**ORDINANCE 2025-05 ( 1<sup>st</sup> reading ) AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH TOMS RIVER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK**

Public hearing will be April 14, 2025

Councilman Fnnel made a motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> reading of ordinance 2025-05, seconded by Councilwoman Rolzhauen.

Yes: Councilman Fennell, Councilman Kosh, Councilman Murray,  
Councilwoman Rolzhauen, Councilman Ross

No: None Absent: (excused) Councilman Rolzhauen

Abstain: None

**ORDINANCE 2025-06 VOID**

**ORDINANCE 2025-07 ( 1<sup>ST</sup> reading ) A BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL EQUIPMENT, APPROPRIATING \$ 804,850 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$ 532,023 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREFORE, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH TOMS RIVER, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSE**

**Public hearing will be April 14, 2025**

Councilman Fnnel made a motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> reading of ordinance 2025-05, seconded by Councilwoman Ross

Yes: Councilman Fennell, Councilman Murray,  
Councilwoman Rolzhauen, Councilman Ross

No: None Absent: (excused) Councilman Rolzhauen

Abstain: Councilman Kosh, All items pertaining to the South Toms River Police Dept

**APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2025**

Councilman Murray made a motion to open public comment seconded by Councilman Ross.

Yes: Councilman Fennell, Councilman Murray, Councilman Kosh  
Councilwoman Rolzhauen, Councilman Ross

No: None Absent: (excused) Councilman Rolzhauen

Abstain: None

There was no public comment

Councilman Fennell made a motion to close public comment seconded by Councilman Murray.

Yes: Councilman Fennell, Councilman Kosh, Councilman Murray,

Councilwoman Rolzhausen, Ross  
No: None Absent: ( excused ) Councilman Rolzhausen  
Abstain: None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** None

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. South Toms River Baseball League opening day is Saturday, April 5, 2025. Gathering at the Elementary School at 11:30am
2. Boy Scout Troop 70 is requesting the use of Mathis Plaza for a car wash on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup> from 9 am till 1pm. Boy Scouts are requesting rental fee to be waived
3. South Toms River Baseball League is requesting approval of a coin toss on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> with a rain date of Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at Dover Road/Double Trouble Road
4. South Toms River EMS is requesting approval of a coin toss on Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> and on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at Dover Road/Double Trouble Road

**OPEN PUBLIC SESSION** (Resolutions, Appointments, and Consent Agenda) Three (3) minute limit per person

Councilman Fennell made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilwoman Rolzhausen. All ayes.

No public comment.

Councilman Murray made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilman Kosh. All ayes.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

All matters listed below are routine in nature and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these matters. If any discussion is desired by the governing body, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

**Resolution 2025-80 Authorize Municipal Budget to read by title only at public hearing**  
**Resolution 2025-79 Adopting Revision to Personnel Policies & Procedures Manual**

**Resolution 2025-81 Introduction of Municipal Budget Fiscal Year 2025**

**Resolution 2025-82 Amending Agreement between Borough of South Toms River and South Toms River Volunteer First Aid Squad**

Councilwoman Rolzhausen made a motion to approve the resolutions, seconded by Councilman Murray

Yes: Councilman Fennell, Councilman Kosh, Councilman Murray,  
Councilwoman Rolzhausen, Councilman Ross  
No: None  
Abstain: Councilman Kosh on any purchases for the STR Police Department

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

**MAYOR OSCAR CRADLE** Copy attached

**COUNCILMAN FENNELL** Attended the fire alarm distribution with the First Air Squad, Manitou Fire Department, STR OEM, and the American Red Cross

**COUNCILMAN ROLZHAUSEN** Absent ( excused)

**COUNCILMAN MURRAY** Attended Police Committee meeting, They are looking into replacing the Violations Clerk who will be retiring in August. In April, Detective Tim Meier will be retiring. The new Police Vehicle is doing well ( F150 ) and looking into obtaining another vehicle as well as new body cameras and computers

**COUNCILWOMAN ROLZHAUSEN** Attended the Police Committee meeting, neighborhood watch and the Manitou anniversary dinner

**COUNCILMAN KOSH** No monthly report this monthly Bingo is Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at the STR Recreation Center

**COUNCILMAN ROSS** Police Neg committee will be meeting with the STR PBA as well as the Public Works will be meeting with the Neg. committee met with STR FAS and the amendment to the Share Service Agreement is being presented tonight for approval. Thanked Chris Santiago, CFO for all his work on the South Toms River 2025 Budget preparation. Taxes will be increased less than ½% on the Municipal Budget.

Easter Egg Hunt will be Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, Homework group has ended and all that participated enjoyed the group, Summer Camp for STR has started registration and camp will be July 7<sup>th</sup> to August 2<sup>nd</sup>. August 16<sup>th</sup> will be the Backpack for going back to school, Monthly Bingo is Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at the Recreational Center

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Toms River have determined to enter in to closed session in accordance with the provisions of NJSA 10:4-12b - Any pending, ongoing or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation, including attorney-client privilege. The public will be informed of the discussion within forty-five days of the conclusion (NJSA 10:413)

**ADJOURNMENT TIME: 7:20 PM**

Councilman Fennel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Murray.  
All ayes.



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**Jamie Jubert CMR, Deputy Municipal Clerk / Borough of South Toms River**



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**DESK OF MAYOR**  
**REV. OSCAR L. CRADLE, SR.**

## Monthly Report March 24, 2025

- I. Redevelopment
  - A. 3-20-25 - M&T Status Meeting
  - B.
  
- II. Recycling Committee
  - A. Filled out monthly recycling report (2025) from Ocean County Department of Solid Waste.
  - B. Worked on yearly recycling report (2024) from Ocean County Department of Solid Waste.
  - C. 3/4/25 – 3/7/25 – Recycling Conference
  - D. 3/14/25 – Taught training meeting for new Municipal Recycling Coordinator
  
- III. Other
  - A. 2/27/25-Meeting with Social Leaf
  - B. OCUA Meetings – 2/25/25, 2/27/25
  - C. 3/11/25 – Meeting with Ocean County Engineers
  - D. 3/17/25 – Meeting with Municipal Planner from Morgan Engineers
  - E. Weddings – 3/19/25, 3/21/25, 3/24/25
  - F. 3/18/25 – Meeting with Zach Kolas regarding new STR logo