

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH TOMS RIVER  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026 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 (phone), Councilman Rolzhausen, Councilman Ross

Absent:

Also present were the Business Administrator Chris Santiago and Borough Attorney Christopher Dasti from Dasti & Stager.

**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 February 9, 2026 was included in a list of meeting notices sent to the Asbury Park Press on December 1, 2025 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.

Students of the month for December 2025 and January 2026 were presented their certificates.

**OPEN PUBLIC SESSION** (3) Minute Limit per person. Members of the public are free to make statements to the Governing Body.

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

Mr Andy Verman from BP Gas Station spoke about the problem with the gas station on Dover Road. Mr Verman said 75% of his business is suffering with the bollards located on Dover Road and is requesting the help of the Council. Councilman Ross explained that Dover Road is a County of Ocean Road.

Mr. Carlos Almanzar asked how to go about having a senior tax froze ( see tax assessor), he is concerned on removing the bollards in front of the WaWa and BP Gas Station, looking to help his mother with her Cannabis license.

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

.Mayor Cradle recognized Marae Gallagher and 2 other students from Georgian Court College in the audience who were here to observe local government for a project from Georgian Court College

**\*\* The Council meeting of January 26, 2026 was cancelled. \*\***

**. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 5, 2026**

Councilwoman Rolzhausen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilman Ross All ayes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 22, 2025**

Councilman Fennell made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilman Ross All ayes.

**APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES FOR 2025**

Councilman Fennell made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Rolzhausen All ayes.

**ORDINANCE 2026-1 ( 1<sup>ST</sup> READING) (BY TITLE ONLY) AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 5 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED “ ANIMAL CONTROL” SPECIFICALLY SECTION 2.2 ENTITLED “FEE” EFFECTIVE 1/1/27**

Councilman Fennell made a motion to introduce the ordinance for approval and seconded by Councilwoman Rolzhausen. Public hearing to be Monday, February 23, 2026 at 7pm

**ORDINANCE 26-02 (1<sup>ST</sup> READING) AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 9-2 OF YHE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED “HOLIDAYS FOR BOROUGH EMPLOYEES”**

Councilwoman Rolzhausen made a motion to introduce the ordinance for approval and seconded by Councilman Ross. Public hearing to be on Monday, February 23, 2026 at 7pm

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**2026-49 Accepting retirement effective May 1, 2026 for Judy Woolley with regrets**

**1<sup>st</sup>: Ross 2<sup>nd</sup>: T.Rolzhausen Yes from Fennell, Kosh, Murray, .Rolzhausen,T.Rolzhausen, Ross**

**2026-50 Hiring Cassie Capprelli effective 3/16/26 as Finance/Tax Clerk**

**1<sup>st</sup>: Ross 2<sup>nd</sup>: Fennell Yes from Fennell, Kosh, Murray, K.Rolzhausen,T.Rolzhausen, Ross**

**2026-51 Approving January 2026 Bill List**

**1<sup>st</sup>: K.Rolzhausen 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ross Yes from Fennell, Kosh ( Abstains on any Police Matters), Murray, K.Rolzhausen, T.Rolzhausen, Ross**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business to discuss.

## **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.

**2026-52 Approving Annual Audit for 2024/ Governing Body Certification**

**2026-53 Approval of STR Optimist Club Raffle/Application 2026-01**

**2026-54 Authorizing a memorandum of understanding between the Borough of South Toms River and Bright Harbor Healthcare for "On Point" Program**

**2026-55 Authorizing shared service agreement Prosecutor's Office / F.A.S.T.**

**2026-56 Approving Safe & Secure Grant Program 2/11/26-2/10/27**

**2026-57 Authorizing Change Order # 1-Road Improvements at Attison Avenue, Hummel Drive, and Parkway Boulevard**

**2026-58 Awarding Bid for Recreation Building HVAC Replacement Project**

**2026-59 Transfer Resolution**

**2026-60 Authorizing execution to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs**

**2026-61 Authorizing a revised shared service agreement between the County of Ocean Fire Marshal Office and the Borough of South Toms River**

**2026-62 Authorizing a SWAT shared service Agreement between the Ocean County Prosecutor's office and the Borough of South Toms River**

Councilman Ross on **2026-52** complimented the CFO Chris Santiago for doing a great job on the Budget

Councilman Ross stated on **2026-58** we received 7 bids for the Rec Center HVAC project

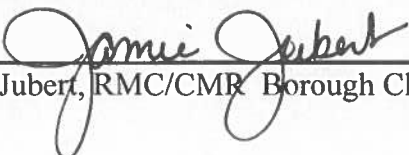
Councilman Ross stated on **2026-60** this is an grant application for a DCA grant for the Center Street Park

Councilman Ross made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilman Kosh.  
Yes from Fennell, Kosh, Murray, K.Rolzhausen, T.Rolzhausen, Ross

Executive session Councilman Ross made a motion to go into executive session 2<sup>nd</sup>: Kosh @7:50  
All in favor  
Back into session 1<sup>st</sup>:Ross 2<sup>nd</sup>: Kosh All in favor

Approval to amend 2026 Salary resolution 2026-13 for Ronnell Decker 1<sup>st</sup>: Ross 2<sup>nd</sup>: Kosh  
Yes from Fennell, Kosh, Murray, K.Rolzhausen, T.Rolzhausen, Ross

Motion to adjourned 1<sup>st</sup>: Ross 2<sup>nd</sup>: T.Rolzhausen, All in favor time: 8;20pm

  
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Jamie Jubert, RMC/CMR Borough Clerk Borough of South Toms River