

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH TOMS RIVER MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026, 7:00 P.M.**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Cradle, Councilman Fennell, Councilman Murray, Councilwoman Rolzhausen,
Councilman Rolzhausen, Councilman Ross

Absent: Councilman Kosh

Also present were the Business Administrator Chris Santiago and Borough Attorney Damian Majewski 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 March 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 FEBRUARY 2026

Students of the month for February 2026 were presented with their certificates.

Councilman Rolzhausen made a motion for a brief recess, seconded by Councilman Ross. All ayes.

Councilman Murray made a motion to return to the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Rolzhausen. All ayes.

Resolution 2026-64 Promoting Detective Muhammad Ali to Sergeant

Councilman Fennell made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Rolzhausen.

Yes: Mayor Cradle, Councilman Fennell, Councilman Murray, Councilwoman Rolzhausen,
Councilman Rolzhausen, Councilman Ross

No: None

Absent: Councilman Kosh

Mayor Cradle swore in Muhammad Ali for his promotion to Sergeant.

Councilman Rolzhausen made a motion for a brief recess, seconded by Councilman Murray. All ayes.

Councilman Rolzhausen made a motion to return to the meeting, seconded by Councilman Fennell. All ayes.

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

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

Carlos Almazar congratulated the public works department on how well they handle the snow.

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

****** MEETING OF FEBRUARY 23, 2026 CANCELLED ******

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 9, 2026

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

ORDINANCE 2026-1 (2ND READING) (Public hearing) 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 open the meeting for comments on the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Murray. All ayes. There was no public comment. Councilman Ross made a motion to close comments on the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Fennell. All ayes.

Councilman Ross made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-1, seconded by Councilwoman Rolzhausen.

Yes: Mayor Cradle, Councilman Fennell, Councilman Murray, Councilwoman Rolzhausen, Councilman Rolzhausen, Councilman Ross

No: None

Absent: Councilman Kosh

ORDINANCE 2026-02 (2ND READING) (Public hearing) AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 9-2 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED "HOLIDAYS FOR BOROUGH EMPLOYEES"

Councilman Fennell made a motion to open the meeting for comments on the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Murray. All ayes. There was no public comment. Councilman Fennell made a motion to close comments on the ordinance, seconded by Councilwoman Rolzhausen. All ayes.

Councilwoman Rolzhausen made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-2, seconded by Councilman Murray.

Yes: Mayor Cradle, Councilman Fennell, Councilman Murray, Councilwoman Rolzhausen, Councilman Rolzhausen, Councilman Ross

No: None

Absent: Councilman Kosh

ORDINANCE 2026-3 (1ST READING) (By Title only) ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS LIMITS AND ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
Public hearing 4/13/2026

Councilman Fennell made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2026-3, seconded by Councilman Rolzhausen.

Yes: Mayor Cradle, Councilman Fennell, Councilman Murray, Councilwoman Rolzhausen, Councilman Rolzhausen, Councilman Ross

No: None

Absent: Councilman Kosh

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Request for use of Mathis Plaza and Support service for the 8th Food Truck & Craft Beer Festival on Saturday October 10, 2026.

Councilman Murray made a motion to approve the 8th Food Truck & Craft Beer festival to be held at Mathis Plaza, seconded by Councilwoman Rolzhausen.

Yes: Mayor Cradle, Councilman Fennell, Councilman Murray, Councilwoman Rolzhausen, Councilman Rolzhausen, Councilman Ross

No: None

Absent: Councilman Kosh

RESOLUTIONS

2026-63 Approving EEOC 2026

Councilman Ross made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Rolzhausen.

Yes: Mayor Cradle, Councilman Fennell, Councilman Murray, Councilwoman Rolzhausen,
Councilman Rolzhausen, Councilman Ross

No: None

Absent: Councilman Kosh

2026- 65 Authorizing local support for Cannabis King LLC for its Class 5 Cannabis License

Councilman Fennell made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Ross.

Yes: Mayor Cradle, Councilman Fennell, Councilman Murray, Councilwoman Rolzhausen,
Councilman Rolzhausen, Councilman Ross

No: None

Absent: Councilman Kosh

2026-66 Approving February 2026 Bill List

Councilman Ross made a motion to approve the bill list, seconded by Councilwoman Rolzhausen

Yes: Mayor Cradle, Councilman Fennell, Councilman Murray, Councilwoman Rolzhausen,
Councilman Rolzhausen, Councilman Ross

No: None

Absent: Councilman Kosh

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- 16 Amending - appointment Matthew Goss as one of the Prosecutor's for Citta, Holzapfel & Zabarsky (Removed Robert Adams)

2026- 67 Appointing Remington Vernick Engineers as Borough Planner for CY 2026

2026-68 Support of NJ Legislation A4017 requiring limited liability Corporations that purchase residential properties for rental to provide contact information to be filed with the County Clerk's office

2026-69 Refund on tax Account for B20.26L21

2026-70 Refunding Carry Permit Fees

Councilman Ross made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilwoman Rolzhausen.

Yes: Mayor Cradle, Councilman Fennell, Councilman Murray, Councilwoman Rolzhausen, Councilman Rolzhausen, Councilman Ross

No: None

Absent: Councilman Kosh

There was no need for executive session and seeing no further business to come before Mayor and Council, Councilman Ross made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Rolzhausen. All ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Thea Kratochvil, RMC, CMR
Deputy Municipal Clerk