

MINUTES OF THE REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE EDGEWATER MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE EDGEWATER MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LOCATED AT 55 RIVER ROAD, EDGEWATER, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ON MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2025 @ 7:00

PM

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

Mayor McPartland read the following:

In compliance with New Jersey's Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, I hereby declare that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided specifying that this meeting would be held on this date, January 6, 2025, in the Municipal Building, 55 River Road, Edgewater, New Jersey at 7:00 pm. This notice was published in the Record and Jersey Journal, posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Borough Hall and posted on the Borough's website.

PRESIDING

Mayor McPartland

PRESENT ON ROLL CALL

Councilman Gutierrez, Councilwoman Lawlor, Councilman Monte, Councilman Vidal, Councilman Martin, Councilman Bartolomeo

ALSO PRESENT

Administrator Gregory Franz, Borough Attorney Robert Travers, Borough Clerk Stephanie Evans

OATHS OF OFFICE

Mayor McPartland stated that the Bergen County Clerk, John Hogan, had certified the November 2024 Election of Councilman-Elect Bartolomeo, and Councilwoman-Elect Lawlor.

Robert Travers, administered the Oath of Offices to Councilman-Elect Bartolomeo and Councilwoman-Elect Lawlor

ROLL CALL OF 2025 COUNCIL

Councilman Gutierrez, Councilwoman Lawlor, Councilman Monte, Councilman Vidal, Councilman Martin, Councilman Bartolomeo

BOROUGH ATTORNEY APPOINTMENT -

Mayor McPartland nominated, with the advice and consent of Council Robert Travers as Borough Attorney for the year 2025.

RESOLUTION 2025-001

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AWARD: BOROUGH ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater has a need to acquire the Professional Services for Borough Attorney as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq., and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the services will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning on January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025.

WHEREAS, upon review by the RFQ Committee, the award by the Governing Body is based on price, experience, knowledge of community, knowledge of land use, availability and accessibility, and demonstrates knowledge of municipal law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of:

Robert Travers, Esq.
8 Somerset Lane
Edgewater, NJ 07020

as the Borough Attorney for the Year 2025 at a retainer fee of \$80,000.00 which shall be paid by monthly voucher and an hourly rate not to exceed \$150.00 per hour plus disbursements incident thereto for all legal services outside of the services covered by the retainer, and

WHEREAS I, Joseph Iannaconi, Jr., Chief Financial Officer, do hereby certify that funding is available for the Professional Services of Borough Attorney under line item 20-1551 Legal:

Joseph Iannaconi, Jr.
Chief Financial Officer

Motion by: Councilman Martin
Second by: Councilwoman Lawlor
All in favor: 6-0

NOMINATION FOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Councilman Vidal nominated Councilman Monte as Council President, and second by Councilman Martin

Roll Call:

All in favor: Councilman Gutierrez, Councilwoman Lawlor, Councilman Monte, Councilman Vidal, Councilman Martin, Councilman Bartolomeo

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

No public comments

APPOINTMENT BY MAYOR OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES- WITH ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE COUNCIL

Building Department	Councilman Monte
DPW/Buildings/ Grounds	Councilman Monte
Finance	Councilman Vidal
VFD	Councilman Bartolomeo
VFAS	Councilman Bartolomeo
Health & Welfare	Councilwoman Lawlor
Insurance	Councilman Vidal
Police	Mayor McPartland
Court	Councilman Martin
Recreation	Councilman Gutierrez
Sr. Citizens	Councilwoman Lawlor
Tax Office	Councilman Gutierrez

BOARD/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Motion by: Councilman Vidal
Second by: Councilman Gutierrez
All in favor: 6-0

Planning Board

- o Robert Bournias – Class IV Member (4 year Term)
- o Brad Moon – Alternate #2 (1 Year Term)
- o Class II - Councilman Bartolomeo, (1 Year Term)
- o Class III - Construction Official John Candello, (1 Year Term)

Board of Adjustment

- o James Nikolaidis – Regular Member (4 yr. Term)
- o Tony Hadi – Alternate #2 (2 Year Term)

Rent Leveling Board

- o Margaret Taylor - Member (3 Year Term)
- o James D'Anna – Alternate #2 (3 Year Term)

Library

- o Shivani Aggarwal – Mayor's Representative (1 Year Term)
- o Beverly Adler – Vice President (5 Year Term)

Board of Health

- o Beatriz Garcia – Vice President (3 Year Term)
- o Michael Pierce – Regular Member (3 Year Term)
- o Councilwoman Dolores Lawlor – Council Liaison (1 Year Term)

Recreation Advisory Council

- o Scott Stewart – Regular Member (2 Year Term)
- o Rob Johanamen – Regular Member (2 Year Term)
- o Jamie McPartland – Regular Member (1 Year Term)

- o Dan Rackow – Regular Member (1 Year Term)
- o Donna Haebere – Regular Member (1 Year Term)

Shade Tree

- o Councilman Anthony Bartolomeo – Liaison/Member (3 Year Term)
- o Hope Mainzer – Alternate #1 (3 Year Term)

RESOLUTIONS: CONSENT AGENDA

The following resolutions #2025-002 through #2025-048 were voted on as follows:

Motion by: Councilman Monte
 Second by: Councilman Bartolomeo
 All in favor: 6-0

**RESOLUTION 2025-002
 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AWARD: BOROUGH AUDITOR**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater has a need to acquire the Professional Services for Borough Auditor as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5 et seq., and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the services will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning on January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Steven Wielkocz of Wielkocz and Company, P.A. has submitted a proposal dated November 27, 2024 indicating they will provide the Professional Services for Borough Auditor in an hourly amount of \$175.00 - \$200.00 per hour plus disbursements; and

WHEREAS, upon review by the RFQ Committee, the award by the Governing Body is based on price, experience, knowledge of community, availability, accessibility, demonstrates knowledge of New Jersey Auditing and Finance laws; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of:

Steven Wielkocz
 Wielkocz and Company
 401 Wanaque Avenue
 Pompton Lakes, NJ 07442

As Borough Auditor for the Year 2025 at an hourly rate of \$175.00 - \$200.00 plus disbursements incident thereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; the above referenced contract shall not exceed \$150,000.

WHEREAS I, Joseph Iannaconi, Jr. Chief Financial Officer, do hereby certify that funding is available for the Professional Services of Borough Auditor under line item 20-1352:

Joseph Iannaconi, Jr.
 Chief Financial Officer

RESOLUTION 2025-003 PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AWARD: BOROUGH PLANNER

WHEREAS the Borough of Edgewater has a need to acquire the Professional Services for a Borough Planner as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5 et seq., and

WHEREAS the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the services will exceed \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS Kathryn Gregory, of Gregory Associates, LLC has submitted a proposal dated November 27, 2024 indicating they will provide the Professional Services for Borough Planner for an hourly rate not to exceed \$205.00, for a total cost not to exceed \$205.00 an hour plus disbursements therein; and

WHEREAS upon review by the RFQ Committee, the award by the Governing Body is based on price, experience, knowledge of community, availability, accessibility, demonstrates knowledge of New Jersey Planning and Engineering; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of:

Kathryn Gregory
Gregory Associates, LLC
96 Linwood Plaza - #350
Ft. Lee, NJ 07024

As Borough Planning Consultant for the Year 2025 at an hourly rate of \$205.00 per hour plus disbursements incident thereto; and

WHEREAS I, Joseph Iannaconi, Jr. CFO do hereby certify that funding is available for the Professional Services for Borough Planner under various accounts:

Joseph Iannaconi, Jr.
Chief Financial Officer

RESOLUTION 2025-004
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AWARD: BOROUGH PROSECUTOR

WHEREAS the Borough of Edgewater has a need to acquire the Professional Services for a Borough Prosecutor from time to time, and

WHEREAS the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the services will exceed \$17,500.00 and therefore can be awarded in accordance with the Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40:11-1 et seq; and

WHEREAS the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council and the Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of:

Raffi T. Khorozian
Raffi T. Khorozian Esq.
1073 Palisade Ave.
Fort Lee, NJ 07024

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the compensation for said appointment is established in the yearly salary guide.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the chief financial officer has certified that funds are available for this purpose and charged to the current budget salary and wage budget.

Joseph Iannaconi, Jr.
Chief Financial Officer

RESOLUTION 2025-005
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AWARD: BOROUGH ALTERNATE-PROSECUTOR

WHEREAS the Borough of Edgewater has a need to acquire the Professional Services for a Borough Alternate Prosecutor from time to time, and

WHEREAS the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the services will exceed \$17,500.00 and therefore can be awarded in accordance with the Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40:11-1 et seq; and

WHEREAS the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council and the Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of:

Elsbeth J. Crusius
267 Summit Avenue
Hackensack, New Jersey 07601

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the compensation for said appointment is established in the yearly salary guide.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the chief financial officer has certified that funds are available for this purpose and charged to the current budget salary and wage budget.

Joseph Iannaconi, Jr.
Chief Financial Officer

RESOLUTION 2025-006
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AWARD: RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater is a member of the South Bergen Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund; and

WHEREAS, the bylaws of said funds require that the municipality appoint a Risk Management Consultant to perform various professional services as detailed in the bylaws; and

WHEREAS, the bylaws for the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund and the South Bergen Municipal Joint Insurance Fund indicates a minimum fee equal to six percent (6%) of the municipal assessment which expenditure represents a reasonable compensation for the services required and is included in the assessment for these Funds; and

WHEREAS, the judgmental nature of the Risk Management Consultant's duties renders competitive bidding impractical, and

WHEREAS, this contract is being awarded pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.; and

WHEREAS the Vozza Agency, One Depot Square, Park Ridge, NJ 07656 submitted a proposal dated November 27, 2024; and

WHEREAS upon review by the RFQ Committee, the award by the Governing Body is based on price and other factors such as experience, knowledge of community, availability, accessibility, demonstrates knowledge of New Jersey Insurance law, provides pro-active risk management services; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Edgewater does hereby appoint David Vozza of the Vozza Agency, One Depot Square, Park Ridge, NJ 07656 as its Risk Management Consultant in accordance with the Fund's Bylaws for the period January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 at a minimum fee equal to and not to exceed 6% of the municipal assessment which expenditure represents a reasonable compensation for the services required and is included in the assessment for these funds set forth above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Consultant's Agreement; and

WHEREAS I, Joseph Iannaconi, Jr. Chief Financial Officer, do hereby certify that funding is available for the Professional Services of Borough Attorney under line item 20-1551 Legal:

Joseph Iannaconi, Jr.
Chief Financial Officer

RESOLUTION 2025-007
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AWARD: PUBLIC DEFENDER

WHEREAS the Borough of Edgewater has a need to acquire the Professional Services for a Borough Public Defender, and

WHEREAS the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the services will exceed \$17,500.00 and therefore can be awarded in accordance with the Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40:11-1 et seq; and

WHEREAS the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of:

Robert C. Metzdorf
244 Grand Avenue
Englewood, NJ 07631

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the compensation for said appointment is established in the yearly salary guide.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the chief financial officer has certified that funds are available for this purpose and charged to the current budget salary and wage budget.

Joseph Iannaconi, Jr.
Chief Financial Officer

**RESOLUTION 2025-008
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AWARD: BOROUGH ENGINEER**

WHEREAS the Borough of Edgewater has a need to acquire the Professional Services for Borough Engineer as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5 et seq., and

WHEREAS the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the services will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS Neglia Engineering Associates has submitted a proposal dated November 27, 2024 indicating they will provide the Professional Services for Borough Engineer in the amount of \$230.00 per hour plus disbursements incident thereto; and

WHEREAS upon review by the RFQ Committee, the award by the Governing Body is based on price, experience, knowledge of community, availability, accessibility, demonstrates knowledge of engineering, planning, grant coordination and requirements, project management and schedules; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of:

Neglia Engineering
34 Park Ave, PO Box 426
Lyndhurst, NJ 07071

As Borough Engineer for the Year 2025 at an hourly rate not to exceed \$230.00 per hour plus disbursements, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said contract shall not exceed \$300,000.

WHEREAS I, Joseph Iannaconi, Jr. Chief Financial Officer, do hereby certify that funding is available for the Professional Services of Borough Engineer under line item 20-1551:

Joseph Iannaconi, Jr.
Chief Financial Officer

**RESOLUTION 2025-009
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AWARD: BOND COUNSEL**

WHEREAS the Borough of Edgewater has a need to acquire the Professional Services for Bond Counsel as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5 et seq., and

WHEREAS the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the services will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning in January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS William Mayer of the law firm of DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Wisler has submitted a proposal dated November 27, 2024 indicating they will provide the

Professional Services for Bond Counsel for individual services in addition to an hourly rate of \$250.00 per hour plus disbursements, and;

WHEREAS the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS upon review by the RFQ Committee, the award is based by the Governing Body on price in conjunction with other factors, experience, knowledge of community, availability, accessibility, demonstrates knowledge of New Jersey Budgeting, Bond and Finance Laws; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of:

William Mayer, Esq.
DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Wisler,
61 South Paramus Road
Paramus, NJ 07652

As the Bond Counsel for the Year 2025 at maximum hourly rate not to exceed \$250.00 per hour plus disbursements, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said contract shall not exceed \$100,000.

WHEREAS I, Joseph Iannaconi, Jr. C.F.O. do hereby certify that funding is available for the Professional Services of Bond Counsel under line item 20-1551 Legal:

Joseph Iannaconi, Jr.
Chief Financial Officer

RESOLUTION 2025-010
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AWARD: BOROUGH LABOR ATTORNEY

WHEREAS the Borough of Edgewater has a need to acquire the Professional Services for Borough Labor Attorney as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5 et seq., and

WHEREAS the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the services will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025.

WHEREAS Raymond Wiss of Wiss & Bourgy, has submitted a proposal dated November 27, 2024 indicating they will provide the Professional Services for Borough Labor Attorney for an hourly rate of \$150.00 per hour for all legal services; and

WHEREAS upon review by the RFQ Committee, the award by the Governing Body is based on price, experience, knowledge of community, availability and accessibility, and demonstrates knowledge of municipal labor law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of:

Wiss & Bourgy, PC
345 Kinderkamack Road
Westwood, NJ 07675

As the Borough Labor Attorney for the Year 2025 at an hourly rate not to exceed \$150.00 per hour plus disbursements incidental thereto for all legal services, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said contract shall not exceed \$100,000.

WHEREAS I, Joseph Iannaconi, Jr. Chief Financial Officer, do hereby certify that funding is available for the Professional Services of Borough Labor Attorney under line item 20-1551 Legal:

Joseph Iannaconi, Jr.
Chief Financial Officer

RESOLUTION 2025-011

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AWARD: FINANCIAL ADVISOR

WHEREAS the Borough of Edgewater has a need to acquire the Professional Services for Financial Advisor as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5 et seq., and

WHEREAS the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the services will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025.

WHEREAS Dennis Enright, of N. W. Financial has submitted a proposal dated November 27, 2024 indicating they will provide the Professional Services for Financial Advisor for an hourly rate not to exceed \$235.00 per hour for all financial services; and

WHEREAS upon review by the RFQ Committee, the award by the Governing Body is based on price, experience, knowledge of community, availability and accessibility, and demonstrates knowledge of municipal finance and bond law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of:

Dennis Enright
N.W. Financial
2 Hudson Place
Hoboken, NJ 07030

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said contract shall not exceed \$100,000.

WHEREAS I, Joseph Iannaconi, Jr. Chief Financial Officer, do hereby certify that funding is available for the Professional Services of Borough Financial Advisor under line item 13-52 Finance:

Joseph Iannaconi, Jr.
Chief Financial Officer

RESOLUTION 2025-012

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AWARD: GRANT CONSULTANT

WHEREAS the Borough of Edgewater has a need to acquire the Professional Services for Grant Consultant as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5 et seq., and

WHEREAS the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the services will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS Millennium Strategies has submitted a proposal dated November 27, 2024 indicating they will provide the Professional Services for Grant Consultant for a monthly retainer of \$4,000 per month, \$48,000 per annum, which includes all travel time and expenses.;

WHEREAS upon review by the RFQ Committee, the award by the Governing Body is based on price, experience, knowledge of community, availability and accessibility; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of:

Millennium Strategies
60 Columbia Rd. Ste. 230
Morristown, NJ 07960

As the Grant Consultant for the Year 2025 at a monthly fee of \$4,000.00 for a total cost not to exceed \$48,000 and

WHEREAS, I, Joseph Iannaconi, Jr. Chief Financial Officer, has certified that funding has been allocated in the budget for Grant Consultant services under line item Grants – 20-1002.

Joseph Iannaconi, Jr.
Chief Financial Officer

RESOLUTION 2025-013

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater has the need to obtain the services of an Affordable Housing Administrative Agent to provide the services of annual reporting and assisting with the placement of affordable units and all other necessary affordable housing duties as designated by the Borough of Edgewater; and

WHEREAS, the Borough received an RFQ on November 27, 2024 from Community Grants Planning and Housing (CGP&H) located at 1249 S. River Rd. Suite 301, Cranbury, NJ 08512; and

WHEREAS, the annual fee for all of the day-to-day services identified in the Scope of Work in the RFQ is \$10,000.00 per year to be paid in equal monthly payments per month plus \$165.00 per hour and any direct expenses for printing and postage will be billed monthly as fees are incurred, and

WHEREAS, owners of affordable housing units are responsible for all costs associated with the placement of occupants into affordable housing units and will be responsible for all fees and costs associated with this placement and

WHEREAS, upon review by the RFQ Committee, the award by the Governing Body is based on price, experience, knowledge of community, availability, accessibility, demonstrates knowledge of New Jersey Affordable Housing Rules and Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025.

WHEREAS, I, Joseph Iannaconi, Jr. Chief Financial Officer, hereby certify that funding for this service is available under line item 15-4000 and COAH Trust Account; and

Joseph Iannaconi, Jr.
Chief Financial Officer

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign the contract between the Borough of Edgewater and CGP&H upon satisfactory review of contract by the Borough Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said contract shall not exceed \$100,000.

RESOLUTION 2025-014

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AWARD: BOROUGH ARCHITECT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater has a need to acquire the Professional Services for Borough Architect as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5 et seq., and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the services will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Arcari & Iovino Architects has submitted a proposal dated November 27, 2024 indicating they will provide the Professional Services for Borough Architect in the amount of \$170.00 per hour plus disbursements incidental thereto; and

WHEREAS, upon review by the RFQ Committee, the award by the Governing Body is based on price, experience, knowledge of community, availability, accessibility, demonstrates knowledge of engineering, planning, grant coordination and requirements, project management and schedules; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of:

Arcari & Iovino Architects PC
One Katherine Street

As Borough Architect for the Year 2024 at an hourly rate not to exceed \$170.00 per hour plus disbursements, and that said contract shall not exceed \$100,000.

WHEREAS I, Joseph Iannaconi, Jr. Chief Financial Officer, do hereby certify that funding is available for the Professional Services of Borough Engineer under line item 20-1551:

Joseph Iannaconi, Jr.
Chief Financial Officer

**RESOLUTION 2025-015
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AWARD: TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY(S)**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater has a need to acquire the Professional Services for Tax Appeal Attorney(s) as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5 et seq., and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the services will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025.

WHEREAS, upon review by the RFQ Committee, the award by the Governing Body is based on price, experience, knowledge of community, knowledge of land use, availability and accessibility, and demonstrates knowledge of municipal law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of:

Robert Travers, Esq.
8 Somerset Lane
Edgewater, NJ 07020

WHEREAS, the hourly rate for Tax Appeal Attorney shall be \$160.00 per hour plus incidental disbursements as needed; and the yearly contract shall not exceed \$200,000.

WHEREAS I, Joseph Iannaconi Jr., Chief Financial Officer, do hereby certify that funding is available for the Professional Services of Borough Attorney under line item 20-1551 Legal:

Joseph Iannaconi, Jr.
Chief Financial Officer

**RESOLUTION 2025-016
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES: BROKER OF RECORD MEDICAL INSURANCE**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater is desirous of becoming a member of Gateway Regional Health Insurance Fund; and

WHEREAS, the bylaws of said funds require that the municipality appoint a Broker of Record to perform various professional services as detailed in the bylaws; and

WHEREAS, the bylaws for the Gateway Regional Health Insurance Fund indicates a minimum fee equal to (2.5%) of the municipal assessment which expenditure represents a reasonable compensation for the services required and is included in the assessment for these funds; and

WHEREAS, the judgmental nature of the Broker of Record's duties renders competitive bidding impractical, and

WHEREAS, this contract is being awarded pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.; and

WHEREAS the Reliance Insurance Group, 1460 Route 9, Suite 310, Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095 submitted a proposal dated November 27, 2024; and

WHEREAS upon review by the RFQ Committee, the award by the Governing Body is based on price and other factors such as experience, knowledge of community, availability, accessibility, demonstrates knowledge of New Jersey Insurance law, provides pro-active broker of record services; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Edgewater does hereby appoint Reliance Insurance Group 1460 Route 9, Suite 310, Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095 as its Broker of Record in accordance with the Fund's Bylaws for the period January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 At a minimum fee equal to and not to exceed 2.5% of the municipal assessment which expenditure represents a reasonable compensation for the services required and is included in the assessment for these Funds Set forth above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Consultant's Agreement; and

WHEREAS I, Joseph Iannaconi, Jr. Chief Financial Officer, do hereby certify that funding is available for the Professional Services.

Joseph Iannaconi, Jr.
Chief Financial Officer

RESOLUTION 2025-017
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AWARD: ELECTRICAL ENGINEER

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater has determined there is a need to acquire the Professional Services for an Electrical Engineer as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq., and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the services may exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the Electrical Engineer shall review, design and make recommendations for the implementation of First Responder interior radio frequency amplification systems in current and future private developments, buildings and borough owned public buildings in the Borough of Edgewater; and

WHEREAS, the Borough received an RFQ from Applied Adaptive Solution, P.O. Box 549 Edgewater, New Jersey, 07020 and

WHEREAS, the hourly rate received for Principle Engineer not to exceed \$140.00 an hour, and

WHEREAS, property owners are responsible for all costs associated with plan design review with adequate funding supplied to the building department as escrow fees; and

WHEREAS, upon review by the RFQ Committee, the award by the Governing Body is based on price, experience, knowledge of community, availability, accessibility, and demonstrates knowledge of implementing radio frequency amplification systems; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, that said contract shall not exceed \$100,000.

WHEREAS, I Joseph Iannaconi, Jr. Chief Financial Officer do hereby certify that funding is available for these purposes under Ord. 20-1652:

Joseph Iannaconi, Jr.
Chief Financial Officer

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of: Applied Adaptive Solutions, P.O. Box 549 Edgewater, New Jersey, 07020.

RESOLUTION 2025-018
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AWARD: BOROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater has a need to acquire the Professional Services for Borough Environmental Engineer as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq., and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the services will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, First Environment has submitted a proposal dated November 27, 2024 indicating they will provide the Professional Services for Borough Environmental Engineer not to exceed \$225.00 per hour plus disbursements incident thereto; and

WHEREAS, upon review by the RFQ Committee, the award by the Governing Body is based on price, experience, knowledge of community, availability, accessibility, demonstrates knowledge of engineering, planning, grant coordination and requirements, project management and schedules; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of:

First Environment
10 Park Place, Bldg. 1A, Ste. 504
Butler, NJ 07405

As Borough Engineer for the Year 2025 at an hourly rate of \$225.00 per hour plus disbursements, and that said contract shall not exceed \$200,000; and

WHEREAS I, Joseph Iannaconi, Jr. Chief Financial Officer, do hereby certify that funding is available for the Professional Services of Borough Environmental Engineer under line item 20-1551:

Joseph Iannaconi, Jr.
Chief Finance Officer

**RESOLUTION 2025-019
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AWARD: SPECIAL PROJECTS ENGINEER**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater has a need to acquire the Professional Services for Special Projects Engineer as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5 et seq., and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the services will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, CME Associates has submitted a proposal dated November 27, 2024 indicating they will provide the Professional Services for Special Projects Engineer in the amount of \$209.00 per hour plus disbursements incident thereto; and

WHEREAS, upon review by the RFQ Committee, the award by the Governing Body is based on price, experience, knowledge of community, availability, accessibility, demonstrates knowledge of engineering, planning, grant coordination and requirements, project management and schedules; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of:

CME Associates
3141 Bordentown Avenue
Parlin, NJ 08859

As Borough Engineer for the Year 2025 at an hourly rate not to exceed \$209.00 per hour plus disbursements, and, that said contract shall not exceed \$200,000.

WHEREAS I, Joseph Iannaconi, Jr. Chief Financial Officer, do hereby certify that funding is available for the Professional Services of Borough Engineer under line item 20-1551:

Joseph Iannaconi, Jr.
Chief Financial Officer

**RESOLUTION 2025-020
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AWARD: REAL ESTATE APPRAISER SERVICE**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater has a need to acquire the Professional Services for Borough Real Estate Appraiser as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5 et seq., and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the services will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025.

WHEREAS, McNerney & Associates, has submitted a proposal dated November 27, 2024 indicating they will provide the Professional Services for Borough Real Estate Appraiser at a rate of \$1,500-\$5,000 based on Assessment Amount, and

WHEREAS, upon review by the RFQ Committee, the award by the Governing Body is based on price, experience, knowledge of community, availability and accessibility, and demonstrates knowledge of Real Estate Appraiser; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of:

McNerney & Associates
266 Harristown Road
P.O.Box 67
Glen Rock, NJ 07452

As the Borough Real Estate Appraiser Service for the Year 2025 at a rate of \$1,500-\$5,000 based on Assessment Amount, and that said contract shall not exceed \$100,000.

WHEREAS I, Joseph Iannaconi, Jr. Chief Financial Officer, do hereby certify that funding is available for the Professional Services of Borough Real Estate Appraisal under line item 20-1512 Legal:

Joseph Iannaconi, Jr.
Chief Financial Officer

RESOLUTION 2025-021
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AWARD: WIRELESS CONSULTING SERVICES

WHEREAS the Borough of Edgewater has a need to acquire the Professional Services for Wireless Consulting Services as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5 et seq., and

WHEREAS the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the services will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS Hoplite Communications, LLC has submitted a proposal dated November 27, 2024 indicating they will provide the Professional Services for Wireless Consulting Services.

WHEREAS upon review by the RFQ Committee, the award by the Governing Body is based on price, experience, knowledge of community, availability and accessibility; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of:

Hoplite Communications, LLC
197 Route 18 Suite 3000
East Brunswick, NJ 08816

As the Wireless Consultant for the Year 2024 at an hourly fee of \$170.00 for Municipal work and \$350.00 per hour for outside vendor work for a total cost not to exceed \$75,000 and

WHEREAS, I, Joseph Iannaconi, Jr. Chief Financial Officer, has certified that funding has been allocated in the budget.

Joseph Iannaconi, Jr.

Chief Financial Officer

**RESOLUTION 2025-022
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AWARD: SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater has a need to acquire the Professional Services for Special Legal Counsel as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5 et seq., and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the services will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025.

WHEREAS, upon review by the RFQ Committee, the award by the Governing Body is based on price, experience, knowledge of community, knowledge of land use, availability and accessibility, and demonstrates knowledge of municipal law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of:

The Weiner Law Group
Wendy Quiroga
629 Parsippany Road
PO Box 043
Parsippany, NJ 07054

HDRB&B
Joseph Mariniello, Esq.
433 Hackensack Avenue
Suite 1002
Hackensack, New Jersey 07601

Breslin & Breslin
Kevin C. Corrison, Esq.
41 Main Street
Hackensack, NJ 07601

WHEREAS, the agreements shall establish for the hourly billing not to exceed \$160.00 an hour; and, that said contract shall not exceed \$200,000.

WHEREAS I, Joseph Iannaconi, Jr. Chief Financial Officer, do hereby certify that funding is available for the Professional Services of Borough Attorney under line item 20-1551 Legal:

Joseph Iannaconi, Jr.
Chief Financial Officer

**RESOLUTION 2025-023
APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR**

WHEREAS, the appointment of the Emergency Management Coordinator consists of a 3-year term appointed by the Mayor per New Jersey Statutes Annotated (NJSA) Appendix A:9-33-41 et seq. (Chapter 251 P.L. 1942, as amended by Chapter 438, P.L. 1953).and Directive # 102 of March 15, 1990; and

WHEREAS, at the discretion of the Mayor, a Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator may be appointed to assist the Emergency Management Coordinator whose term shall be one (1) year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and the Council of the Borough of Edgewater that Thomas Jacobson is hereby confirmed as the Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

**RESOLUTION 2025-024
MUNICIPAL COURT SIGNATORIES**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Bank of America be the depository for the Municipal Court Bail Account No. ending in 0341 and the Municipal Court Regular Account No. ending in 5483 for the Year 2025, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the disbursements from the above listed accounts be made by check signed by any of the following individuals:

Municipal Court Administrator – Jennie Vargas
Municipal Court Judge – Robert Cohan
Municipal Deputy Court Administrator – Kerri Armstrong

**RESOLUTION 2025-025
RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER**

WHEREAS, according to NJAC 17:27 – 3.3, a Public Agency Compliance Officer is to be designated by each municipality within the State of New Jersey and;

WHEREAS, this requirement allows the New Jersey Department of Treasury, Division of Purchase and Property, Contract Compliance Audit Unit for Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action, monitor a local unit's contract compliance and;

WHEREAS, the local unit's Public Agency Compliance Officer acts as a liaison between the Department of Treasury and the local unit and;

WHEREAS, Upon the Borough of Edgewater's most recent review of contract compliance, the Borough of Edgewater was determined to be in compliance with the regulations of NJAC 17:27.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Edgewater Mayor and Council that Deborah Reilly, the Borough of Edgewater Qualified Purchasing Agent, be and is hereby named the Borough of Edgewater Public Agency Compliance Officer for calendar year 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said appointment is made annually until a successor is named or qualified and said designation is made without any remuneration or benefit.

**RESOLUTION 2025-026
A RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWATER'S CIVIL RIGHTS POLICY WITH RESPECT TO ALL OFFICIALS, APPOINTEES, EMPLOYEES, PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT COME INTO CONTACT WITH MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEERS**

WHEREAS, it is the policy of Borough of Edgewater to treat the public, employees, prospective employees, appointees, volunteers and contractors in a manner consistent with all applicable civil rights laws and regulations including, but not limited to the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 as subsequently amended, the New Jersey Law against Discrimination, the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Conscientious Employee Protection Act for calendar year 2025, and

WHEREAS, the governing body of Borough of Edgewater has determined that certain procedures need to be established to accomplish this policy

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ADOPTED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Edgewater that:

Section 1: No official, employee, appointee or volunteer of the Borough of Edgewater by whatever title known, or any entity that is in any way a part of the Borough of Edgewater shall engage, either directly or indirectly in any act including the failure to act that constitutes discrimination, harassment or a violation of any person's constitutional rights while such official, employee, appointee volunteer, or entity is engaged in or acting on behalf of the Borough of Edgewater's business or using the facilities or property of the Borough of Edgewater.

Section 2: The prohibitions and requirements of this resolution shall extend to any person or entity, including but not limited to any volunteer organization or inter-local organization, whether structured as a governmental entity or a private entity, that receives authorization or support in any way from the Borough of Edgewater to provide services that otherwise could be performed by the Borough of Edgewater.

Section 3: Discrimination, harassment and civil rights shall be defined for purposes of this resolution using the latest definitions contained in the applicable Federal and State laws concerning discrimination, harassment and civil rights.

Section 4: The Borough Administrator shall establish written procedures for any person to report alleged discrimination, harassment and violations of civil rights prohibited by this resolution. Such procedures shall include alternate ways to report a complaint so that the person making the complaint need not communicate with the alleged violator in the event the alleged violator would be the normal contact for such complaints.

Section 5: No person shall retaliate against any person who reports any alleged discrimination, harassment or violation of civil rights, provided however, that any person who reports alleged violations in bad faith shall be subject to appropriate discipline.

Section 6: The Borough Administrator shall establish written procedures that require all officials, employees, appointees and volunteers of the Borough of Edgewater as well as all other entities subject to this resolution to periodically complete training concerning their duties, responsibilities and rights pursuant to this resolution.

Section 7: The Borough Administrator shall establish a system to monitor compliance and shall report at least annually to the governing body the results of the monitoring.

Section 8: At least annually, the Borough Administrator shall cause a summary of this resolution and the procedures established pursuant to this resolution to be communicated within the Borough of Edgewater. This communication shall include a statement from the governing body expressing its unequivocal commitment to enforce this resolution. This summary shall also be posted on the Borough of Edgewater's web site.

Section 9: This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Section 10: A copy of this resolution shall be published in the official newspaper of the Borough of Edgewater in order for the public to be made aware of this policy and the Borough of Edgewater's commitment to the implementation and enforcement of this policy.

**RESOLUTION 2025-027
2025 TEMPORARY BUDGET**

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2025 Budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and

WHEREAS, the date of this Resolution is within the first thirty days of January, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the total appropriations in the 2024 Budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund and public assistance, is the sum of \$32,459,257.00; and

WHEREAS, 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2024 Budget, exclusive of any appropriation made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund and public assistance in said 2024 Budget is the sum of \$8,114,814.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for his records:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Admin. & Executive

Salaries & Wages	\$60,000.00
Other Expenses	\$50,000.00

Mayor & Council

Salaries & Wages	\$6,000.00
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Elections

Salaries & Wages	\$500.00
Other Expenses	\$500.00

Financial Administration

Audit	\$5,000.00
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Other Expenses	\$15,000.00
Assessment of Taxes	
Salaries & Wages	\$14,000.00
Tax Consultant Legal Fee	\$7,500.00
Other Expenses	\$3,000.00
Collection of Taxes	
Salaries & Wages	\$26,000.00
Other Expenses	\$4,000.00
Legal Services & Costs	
Salaries & Wages	\$12,500.00
Other Expenses	\$7,500.00
Municipal Court	
Salaries & Wages	\$23,000.00
Other Expenses	\$2,000.00
Engineering Services & Construct.	
Miscellaneous Other Expense	\$10,000.00
Public Buildings & Ground	\$25,000.00
Unemployment	\$1,000.00
Prior Year Bills	\$5,000.00
Contribution to Social Security	\$200,000.00
Rent Leveling Board S/W	\$1,500.00
Rent Leveling O/E	\$500.00
Other Insurance	\$494,421.00
Group Insurance	\$1,325,000.00
Planning Board	
Salaries & Wages	\$3,000.00
Other Expenses	\$6,000.00
Board of Adjustment	
Salaries & Wages	\$2,000.00
Other Expenses	\$1,000.00
PUBLIC SAFETY	
Fire Department	
Salaries Wages	\$350,000.00
Other Expenses	\$50,000.00
LOSAP Contributions	\$25,000.00
Fire Hydrant Service	\$15,000.00
Volunteer First Aid Squad	
Salaries Wages	\$20,000.00
Other Expenses	\$11,000.00
Fire Prevention	
Other Expenses	\$5,000.00
Police	
Salaries Wages	\$3,111,028.00
Other Expenses	\$50,000.00
Emergency Management	\$1,000.00
Auto	\$15,000.00
Construction Code Official	
Salaries Wages	\$40,000.00
Other Expenses	\$5,000.00
Housing Inspector	
Salaries Wages	\$11,000.00
Other Expenses	\$500.00
Electrical Inspection Contractual	\$1,000.00
STREET & ROADS	
Road Repairs & Maintenance	
Salaries & Wages	\$275,000.00
Other Expenses	\$25,000.00
Snow Removal	\$10,000.00

Street Lighting	
BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES	\$768,750.00
SANITATION	
Garbage & Trash Removal	\$300,000.00
HEALTH & WELFARE	
Board of Health	
Salaries & Wages	\$15,000.00
Other Expenses	\$30,000.00
Dog Regulations - O/E	\$1,500.00
Admin. Of Public Assistance	
Salaries & Wages	\$3,500.00
Other Expenses	\$1,000.00
Municipal Alliance	
Other Expenses	\$10,000.00
Municipal Match	\$2,500.00
RECREATION & EDUCATION	
Park & Playgrounds	
Other Expenses	\$5,000.00
Recreation	
Salaries & Wages	\$22,000.00
Other Expenses	\$20,000.00
Celebration of Public Events	
Other Expenses	\$7,500.00
Maintenance Free Public Library	\$100,000.00
Senior Citizens Committee	
Other Expenses	\$2,000.00
Utilities	
Gas & Electric	\$30,000.00
Water	\$4,000.00
Fuel	\$9,000.00
Telephone	\$23,000.00
Deferred Charges & Statutory Expenditures	
PFRS	\$278,615.00
PERS	\$150,000.00
TOTAL:	\$8,111,814.00
Interest on Bonds	\$425,000.00
Principal on Notes	\$150,000.00
Interest on Notes	\$150,000.00
BCIA - Principal	\$50,000.00
BCIA - Interest	\$10,000.00
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$785,000.00
MARINA UTILITIES - S/W	\$40,000.00
Other Expenses	\$40,000.00
Total Marina Utilities	\$80,000.00

**RESOLUTION 2025-028
PAYMENT OF BILLS**

WHEREAS, there are times of the year when bills are due before regular scheduled meetings are held; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body that the Administrator, Borough Clerk and Chief Financial Officer are authorized to pay bills that are due to be paid prior to some of our regular scheduled meetings providing that funds are available.

**RESOLUTION 2025-029
DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Record, Jersey Journal and Star Ledger newspapers are hereby designated as the official newspapers of the Borough of Edgewater, New Jersey for the Year 2025.

**RESOLUTION 2025-030
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A STANDARD TAX SALE**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Edgewater finds and declares that N.J.S.A. 54:5-19 requires that the Borough conduct a public tax sale to enforce delinquent municipal liens by selling said liens in accordance with the Tax Sale Law; and

WHEREAS, "delinquency" means the sum of all taxes and municipal charges due on a given parcel of property covering any number of quarters or years per N.J.S.A. 54:4-67; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council further finds and declares that the Municipal Tax Collector is qualified to hold said Tax Sale in the calendar year 2025 for municipal delinquent charges; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council further finds and declares that the Standard Tax Sale may be at the discretion of the Municipal Tax Collector.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Edgewater that the Municipal Tax Collector, be and is hereby authorized to conduct the Annual Tax Sale during the calendar year 2025 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:5-19.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk provide a certified copy of this Resolution to the Tax Collector for his records.

**RESOLUTION 2025-031
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTEREST RATE/GRACE PERIOD/YEAR-END
PENALTY**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 et seq., permits the Governing Body to fix the rate of interest to be charged for the nonpayment of taxes, assessments, or other municipal charges, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Edgewater that the rate of interest on unpaid taxes shall be eight percent per annum on the first One Thousand Five Hundred (\$1,500) Dollars and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500 to be calculated from the date the tax was payable until the date of actual payment, provided that no interest shall be charged if payment of any installment is made on or before the tenth calendar day following the date upon which the same became payable; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in addition to the interest provided above, on all delinquencies in excess of Ten Thousand (\$10,000) Dollars and which are not paid prior to the end of the fiscal year, the Tax Collector shall also collect a penalty of six (6) percent of the amount of the delinquency in excess of Ten Thousand (\$10,000) Dollars.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk provides a certified copy of this Resolution to the Tax Collector.

**RESOLUTION 2025-032
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS**

WHEREAS, at the December meeting of the Volunteer Fire Department an election for officers for the Year 2025 was held, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby approves the Election of the following Officers for the Year 2025:

Chief of Department: Thomas Quinton Sr
 Deputy Chief: Thomas Quinton Jr
 Captain: Robert Jacobson Sr
 1st Lieutenant: Patrick Chevalier
 2nd Lieutenant: Dylan Wright
 3rd Lieutenant: Sevan Shirinian
 4th Lieutenant: Fouad Helewa
 President: Robert Christiansen
 Vice President: Michael Monroe
 Secretary: Dennis Sweeney
 Treasurer: Joseph Chevalier
 Financial Secretary: Mark Patricola

**RESOLUTION 2025-033
 2025 VOLUNTEER FIRST AID SQUAD OFFICERS**

WHEREAS, at the meeting of the Edgewater Volunteer First Aid Squad an election of Officers for the Year 2025 was held, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the following listed Volunteer First Aid Officers are hereby approved to serve as officers for the Edgewater Volunteer First Aid Squad.

Captain	Kathy Frato
1 st . Lieutenant	Faten Masri
2 nd . Lieutenant	Marc Lewis
President	Linda Merse
Vice President	Mercedes Longmore
Treasurer	Joe Chevalier
Secretary	Debbie Shirinian

**RESOLUTION 2025-034
 DRUG AND ALCOHOL MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council recognize that it is in the interest of the citizens of the Borough of Edgewater to fight drug and alcohol abuse within the municipality, and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Borough to do everything possible to address these problems and

WHEREAS, there has been created a Drug and Alcohol Municipal Alliance Committee to work in conjunction with representatives of the community, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the said Committee shall consist of the following:

Public Health Secretary
 Member of Police Department
 DARE Officer and Juvenile Officer
 Member of PTO/School
 Representative of Religious Organization
 Representative of Council
 Recreation Department
 Private Citizen
 Recovery Citizen

**RESOLUTION 2025-035
 MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING DATES**

WHEREAS, the dates for the Mayor and Council's Regular Meetings and Work Sessions for the Year 2025 must be set forth; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the meeting dates are hereby authorized to be the official Borough of Edgewater Mayor and Council Meeting dates for the Year 2025, and that said schedule will be in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Monday, January 6	Reorganization	7:00 pm
Tuesday, January 21	Regular Session	7:00 p.m.
Monday, February 10	Regular Session	7:00 p.m.
Monday, March 3	Work Session	7:00 p.m.

Monday, March 17	Regular Session	7:00 p.m.
Monday, April 7	Work Session	7:00 p.m.
Monday, April 21	Regular Session	7:00 p.m.
Monday, May 5	Work Session	7:00 p.m.
Monday, May 19	Regular Session	7:00 p.m.
Monday, June 16	Regular Session	7:00 p.m.
Monday, July 14	Regular Session	7:00 p.m.
Monday, August 18	Regular Session	7:00 p.m.
Monday, September 15	Regular Session	7:00 p.m.
Monday, October 6	Work Session	7:00 p.m.
Monday, October 22	Regular Session	7:00 p.m.
Monday, November 10	Regular Session	7:00 p.m.
Monday December 15	Regular Session	7:00 p.m.

**RESOLUTION 2025-036
CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 requires the Borough of Edgewater to adopt a Cash Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater adopts its Cash Management Plan annually; and

WHEREAS, this Cash Management Plan shall be designated to assure to the extent practicable the investment of local funds in interest bearing accounts and may be modified from time to time in order to reflect changes in federal or state law or regulations; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Edgewater Cash Management Plan be continued for the Year 2025.

**RESOLUTION 2025-037
DEPOSITORIES FOR BOROUGH FUNDS**

BE IT RESOLVED that the following banks and financial institutions shall be the depositories for the Borough of Edgewater for the Year 2025;

- TD Bank
- P.N.C.
- State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund
- Bank of America
- Spencer Savings Bank
- Connect One Bank
- Kearny Bank
- Freedom Bank

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the funds of the Borough of Edgewater be deposited in the banks authorized by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Edgewater and be subjected to withdrawal upon checks, notes, or other orders for payment of money when signed by the following:

MAYOR
TREASURER
BOROUGH CLERK

Except for payroll and payroll deduction checks which require 2 of the 3 signatures.

**RESOLUTION 2025-038
APPOINT LAND USE ADMINISTRATOR**

WHEREAS, there is a need for a Land Use Administrator in the Borough of Edgewater, and

WHEREAS, John Candemo has been serving in that position, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council appoint John Candemo to serve as the Land Use Administrator for the Year 2025.

**RESOLUTION 2025-039
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE BERGEN COUNTY MUTUAL AID PLAN AND
RAPID DEPLOYMENT FORCE IN THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWATER, COUNTY OF
BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, the Police Departments in Bergen County have a day-to-day responsibility to provide for the security of lives and property, for the maintenance and preservation of the public peace and order; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officials also have a responsibility to provide for preparedness against natural emergencies such as floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, major storms, etc., manmade causes, civil unrest and civil disobedience such as riots, strikes, jail or prison riots, train wrecks, aircraft crashes, major fires, terrorist incidents and bombings, state and national emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Police Chief's Association has proposed a Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force to deal with these emergencies; and

WHEREAS, this plan is adopted in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A.40A:14-156, N.J.S.A.40A:14-156, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.4 and N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40.6; and

WHEREAS, this plan will provide a uniform procedure for the coordination of the requesting, dispatching, and utilization of law enforcement personnel and equipment whenever a local law enforcement agency requires mutual aid assistance from any other jurisdiction, both contiguous and non-contiguous, in the event of an emergency, riot or disorder, in order to protect life and property; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Edgewater to participate in mutual aid plan and rapid deployment force in accordance with the plan as submitted by the Bergen County Chief's Association; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Edgewater that the Police Department of the Borough of Edgewater under the direction of the Chief of Police, cooperate with the Bergen County Police Chief's Association to create an inter-local services agreement with all municipalities in the County of Bergen in order to put into place the mutual aid plan and rapid deployment force.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, the Board of Chosen Freeholders, the County Prosecutor, the County Chief of Police and all Bergen County Municipalities.

**RESOLUTON 2025-040
RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A MUNICIPAL TREASURER**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:9-152 provides for New Jersey Municipalities to appoint a Municipal Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater desires to appoint a Municipal Treasurer to assist the Finance Department; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Gregory S. Franz is hereby appointed as the Municipal Treasurer for the Borough of Edgewater.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Gregory S. Franz shall be compensated at a salary in accordance with the yearly salary ordinance.

**RESOLUTION 2025-041
APPOINT SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater had created the position of Special Law Enforcement Officer as authorized by Borough Ordinance No. 1317-2005; and

WHEREAS, Linda Flores, Kevin Milligan, Osama (Sam) Hassan, have been serving in the position of Special Law Enforcement Officers; and

WHEREAS, under N.J.S.A.14-146.14, Special Law Enforcement Officers may be appointed for terms not to exceed one year; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body that Linda Flores, Kevin Milligan, and Osama (Sam) Hassan, are hereby re-appointed to serve in the positions of Special Law Enforcement Officer for a period of one year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED said appointments are part-time positions, which shall not exceed 19 hours per week, at an hourly rate as set forth in the current salary ordinance.

**RESOLUTION 2025-042
ELECTION ASSISTANT**

BE IT RESOLVED that Deborah Reilly and Donna Haeberle, are hereby authorized to assist the Borough Clerk and Deputy Borough Clerk in the registration of voters during the Year 2025 pursuant to the provisions of Revised State Statutes Section 19:31-7 and in addition to serve as Election assistants during all 2025 elections.

**RESOLUTION 2025-043
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PETTY CASH FUND**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21 authorizes the establishment of a Petty Cash Fund in any county of municipality within the State of New Jersey by application and resolution, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Borough of Edgewater, County of Bergen, to establish such a fund for the Borough of Edgewater in the amount of \$250.00 for calendar year 2025, and

WHEREAS, the custodian for this fund is Deborah Reilly, Qualified Purchasing Agent, such custodian shall maintain records for this fund in a manner conducive to proper accounting and auditing procedures.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Edgewater hereby authorizes such action and that two copies of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approval.

**RESOLUTION 2025-044
EMERGENCY PLANNING COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, New Jersey State Law: New Jersey Statutes Annotated (NJSA) Appendix A: 9-41 and the Super Fund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (42U.S.C.9601-9657 1986) requires Municipalities to form a local Emergency Planning Council, and

WHEREAS, the Edgewater Mayor and Council desire to establish a local Emergency Planning Council is hereby established.

WHEREAS Members of the Emergency Planning Council shall be appointed by the Mayor with advice and consent of Council, and form terms of one year each from among designated categories. The following individuals represent specific categories are appointed for a term expiring December 31, 2025.

Mayor McPartland
Robert Christiansen/OEM, Primary
Thomas Jacobson- Deputy OEM
Thomas Quinton, Sr - Fire Chief
Gregory S. Franz, Administrator
Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk
Donald Martin, Police Chief/Primary
Deputy Chief Christina Rae, Police/Secondary
John Candelmo, Building Inspector
Thomas Quinton, DPW Superintendent
Kathy Frato, EMT

In the event any of the foregoing persons no longer holds said position, the successor shall assume membership on the Emergency Planning Council.

**RESOLUTION 2025-045
RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PARTICIPATION IN THE SBJIF CERTIFIED FIRE
DEPARTMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Governing Body of the Borough of Edgewater desires to apply for the South Bergen Municipal Joint Insurance Fund Certified Fire Department Program; and

WHEREAS, Chief of Department Thomas Quinton, Sr. is hereby appointed to serve as the Liaison Officer for the purpose of coordinating and implementing this program; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Governing Body of the Borough of Edgewater agree to utilize the MEL Safety Institute (MSI) policy distribution and training program to document receipt of the operational policies and to confirm understanding of the policies; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Governing Body agree to annually update the policies and annually certify as to their completion through the adoption of a resolution and request for a \$5,000 assessment credit; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Edgewater that it does hereby request participation in the South Bergen Municipal Joint Insurance Fund Certified Fire Department Program and agrees to perform the requirements of this program.

**RESOLUTION 2025-046
RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE RE-BID FOR MARINA WORK BOAT**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater Marina is in need of a work boat to perform in water maintenance and repairs; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater Marina Manager has developed the necessary specifications to solicit sealed bids for the acquisition of a work boat; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater authorized the bidding for a work boat by adopting resolution 2023-213 on July 17, 2023 and scheduling a bid opening for May 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, on the May 31, 2024 bid opening date, no bids were received and the Qualified Purchasing Agent prepared the bid documents for a re-bidding for June 25, 2024; and

WHEREAS, one bid was received from Lyman Morse Boatbuilding in the amount of \$739,059.00 and this bid was determined to be over the approved budget adopted in Ordinance 2022-018 on December 12, 2022 in the amount of \$355,000 and was subsequently rejected by resolution 2024-193 on July 15, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the specifications were modified in order for subsequent bids to meet the budget requirements with a bid opening of December 31, 2024 using the modified bid specifications; and

WHEREAS, several boat builders requested bid packages yet no one bid on the amended specifications which will necessitate a re-bid.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Edgewater Mayor and Council that it hereby authorize the Borough of Edgewater Purchasing Agent to re-bid the approved plans and specifications for the acquisition of a marina work boat.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer has certified as having funds available for the above reference purpose in Marina Capital Ordinance 2022-018 introduced on November 21, 2022 and adopted on December 12, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Edgewater Mayor and Council that it hereby authorize the Qualified Purchasing Agent and Borough Clerk to advertise for the public bidding and receipt of bids for the acquisition of a marina work boat.

**RESOLUTION 2025-047
AUTHORIZED ON-LINE ELECTRONIC AUCTION #1 – SURPLUS AND IMPOUNDED
MOTOR VEHICLES**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater is in possession of surplus and impounded motor vehicles that is no longer needed for efficient operation of municipal government and,

WHEREAS, the following items listed will be offered for sale to the highest bidder by an on-line electronic auction on a commencing date yet to be determined and,

2025 AUCTION #1

VEHICLES

YEAR	Make	Model	VIN #	Status
2005	Chevrolet	Suburban	3GNGK26G55G265080	Key Borough Owned
2003	Toyota	Corolla	2T1BR32E03C163136	No Key JUNK TITLE
2005	Ford	EXP	1FMZU77K75UB18019	No Key Abandoned Vehicle

WHEREAS, if items cannot be sold at the starting bid, the Borough of Edgewater will have the discretion to amend said starting bid before declaring no sale and items are cleared as trash and/or recycling.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the above reference motor vehicle will be sold “as is” with no warranties expressed or implied.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough of Edgewater is hereby authorized to Auction, by the way of an on-line electronic auction, the surplus motor vehicles is no longer needed as described within.

**RESOLUTION 2025-048
APPOINTMENT OF NEW VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER**

WHEREAS, exists in the Borough of Edgewater Fire Department a Volunteer Fire Department and an application has been submitted for membership and approved by the Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the Edgewater Volunteer Fire Department requires approval of all applicants by the Mayor and Council, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the applicant below is hereby appointed as a member of the Edgewater Volunteer Fire Department:

Jose A. Makula

COUNCIL REPORTS

There were no comments at this time from any of the Council

MAYOR’S ADDRESS

Mayor McPartland presented the 2025 Goals and Initiatives for Edgewater:

Old Borough Hall Park

- **Currently under construction. The new configuration will house 4 pickle ball courts along with a tennis court and handball court**
- **New park benches and sidewalks**
- **“Green” areas with a sprinkler system to keep the park looking fresh**
- **New lighting both practical and aesthetically pleasing**
- **Soft Opening set as soon as weather permits/Grand Opening this spring**

Memorial Park Upgrade

- **Currently under construction and completion expected late winter/early spring**
- **New lighting and sidewalks**
- **New accent lighting on Memorial Rock**
- **New benches**

Creation of the New Special Improvement District

- **The new “SID” has been established. This designation will open up several grant opportunities for our water front walkway**
- **A budget and operating schedule has been approved**
- **This “SID” is a pilot program and its success depends on several factors**
- **The Borough intends to work with the “SID’s” Board of Directors and to move this initiative forward in a positive manner**

River Road Paving Project

- **He has lobbied the County and River Road is Scheduled to be re-paved from Gorge Rd up to the Fort Lee border this summer 2025**
- **He has met with County Engineering with regards to stripping patterns and “island” designs in order to help traffic move more efficiently**

Infrastructure Upgrades

- **River Rd Sewer Outfall Project. Set for construction this summer**
- **Sewer Project should be coordinated with River Rd paving project**
- **Rush Hour vehicle Access to GWB from Hudson Terrace (old wide-load ramp)**

- **Police Department Restructuring & Update/Results**
- **We had 1787 tickets in 2023. We have 2956 to date in 2024. That is a 63% increase. Moving violations are up over 40% for the year. This is a direct result of putting the right people in supervisory positions and letting them manage their personnel. The new camera system that covers all entrances and exits to town have been critical in solving several crimes in town and assisting other towns in their investigations. There are several specific examples of the types of cases solved because of the camera system the Borough invested in. We have gone from a town asking for help from our neighbors to the town helping our neighboring towns**
- **Effective January 10, of 2024, The Borough authorized the purchase and installation of CCTV/ALPR camera sites at the following locations**
- **Phase 1 Install- (Completed August 12, 2024)- Bergen County Light Poles at Intersections, etc**
- **River Road & Main Street- ALPR/CCTV**
- **River Road & Gorge Road- CCTV**
- **River Road & Edgewater Commons Way- CCTV**
- **River Road & Route 5-CCTV**
- **River Road & Palisade Terrace (Firehouse)-CCTV**
- **River Road & Thompson Lane- Pump house- CCTV**
- **River Road & Russell Avenue- CCTV**
- **Undercliff Ave & Russell Avenue- CCTV**
- **Investing in drones**
- **It should be noted that this investment into public safety, in just a few months has enabled our staff to resolve an armed robbery, multiple shoplifting cases, motor vehicle accidents, thefts of and from automobiles**
- **To the most minor of issues including but not limited to, motor vehicle accidents, including hit and run reports and quality of life issues. This technology has enhanced our capabilities beyond our expectations**

Mayor McPartland wanted to thank borough employees, especially the DPW, as they keep everything in order. Edgewater represents one of the best run municipalities in Bergen County.

MOTION TO ADJOURN @7:22 P.M.

Motion by: Councilman Vidal
 Second by: Councilwoman Lawlor
 All in favor: 6-0

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Evans

Stephanie Evans, RMC
 Borough Clerk