

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 5, 2026 @ 6:30 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 5, 2026, in the Municipal Building, 55 River Road, Edgewater, New Jersey at 6:30 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 2025 Election of Councilman-Elect Martin, and Councilman-Elect Monte.

Board of Commissioners Dr. Joan Voss, administered the Oath of Offices to Councilman-Elect Martin, and Councilman-Elect Monte

Dr. Voss had proclamations for Councilmen Martin and Monte.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Mayor McPartland read the meeting statement.

ROLL CALL OF 2026 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 2026.

**RESOLUTION 2026-001
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, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026.

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 2026 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: Councilman Bartolomeo
All in favor: 6-0

NOMINATION FOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Councilman Monte nominated Councilman Vidal as Council President
Second by Councilman Martin
Roll Call: Councilman Gutierrez, Councilwoman Lawlor, Councilman Monte, Councilman Vidal, Councilman Martin, Councilman Bartolomeo
All in favor: 6-0

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Sheriff Cureton congratulated the newly appointed council. No other 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

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

Board of Adjustment

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

Rent Leveling Board

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

Library

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

Board of Health

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

Recreation Advisory Council

- Scott Stewart – Regular Member (2 Year Term)

- Rob Johanamen – Regular Member (2 Year Term)
- Jamie McPartland – Regular Member (1 Year Term)
- Dan Rackow – Regular Member (1 Year Term)
- Donna Haeberle – Regular Member (1 Year Term)

Shade Tree

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

RESOLUTIONS: CONSENT AGENDA

The following resolutions #2026-002 through #2026-051 were voted on as follows:

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

**RESOLUTION 2026-002
 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, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Steven Wielkocz of Wielkocz and Company, P.A. has submitted a proposal dated November 25, 2025 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 2026-003
 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, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS Kathryn Gregory, of Gregory Associates, LLC has submitted a proposal dated November 25, 2025 indicating they will provide the Professional Services for Borough Planner for an hourly rate not to exceed \$215.00 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 2026 at an hourly rate of \$215.00 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 2026-004
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, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026; 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 2026-005
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 25, 2025; 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, 2026 to December 31, 2026 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 2026-006
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, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026; 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 2026-007
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, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS Neglia Engineering Associates has submitted a proposal dated November 25, 2025 indicating they will provide the Professional Services for Borough Engineer in the amount of \$225.00 to \$247.00 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 \$225.00 to \$247.00 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 2026-008
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, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS William Mayer of the law firm of DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Wisler has submitted a proposal dated November 25, 2025 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 2026 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 2026-009
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, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026.

WHEREAS Raymond Wiss of Wiss & Bourgy, has submitted a proposal dated November 25, 2025 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 2026-010
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT AS PER N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1) (A) (I) OF THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater requires the services of a Financial Advisor and to provide representation and guidance on financial matters; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined that the value of these services will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the *Local Public Contracts Law*, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) permits the award of this professional services contract without the need for full public bidding procedures; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) further requires that the contracting unit publish a notice that the resolution of award and the contract itself are available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of the Mayor to the Governing Body that a need exists for a Financial Advisor; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Enright of N.W. Financial, 522 Broad Street, Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003 has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Dennis Enright or the firm of N.W. Financial has not made any reportable contributions to a political candidate or candidate committee in the Borough of Edgewater in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Dennis Enright from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Enright and all advisors of the firm N.W. Financial shall establish an hourly rate of \$195.00 an hour and shall not exceed \$40,000 in calendar year 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds have been appropriated and are available for this purpose as follows:

I, Joseph Iannaconi Jr. do hereby certify that funding is available in the 2026 calendar budget under line item 13-52 Finance.

Joseph Iannaconi, Jr.
Chief Financial Officer

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Edgewater that a professional services contract is hereby authorized with Dennis Enright of N.W. Financial, 522 Broad Street, Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this contract is awarded without competitive bids as a “professional services” Contract in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i)* of the *Local Public Contracts Law* because the subject matter of the contract is for professional services by a firm or professional authorized to practice within the State of New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Contract is being awarded pursuant to the alternative process of the *New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5*, and in compliance therewith, and the Business Entity Disclosure Certification will be placed on file with this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the above Contract for professional services, consistent with this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a notice of the award of the above contract shall be published in accordance with applicable law.

RESOLUTION 2026-011
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, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS Millennium Strategies has submitted a proposal dated November 25, 2025 indicating they will provide the Professional Services for Grant Consultant for a monthly retainer of \$4,300 per month, \$51,600 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 \$4,300.00 for a total cost not to exceed \$51,600 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 2026-012
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 25, 2025 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 \$10,400.00 per year to be paid in equal monthly payments per month plus \$170.00 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, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026.

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 2026-013
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, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Arcari & Iovino Architects has submitted a proposal dated November 25, 2025 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
Little Ferry, NJ 07643

As Borough Architect for the Year 2026 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 2026-014
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, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026.

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 2026-015
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 25, 2025; 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, 2026 to December 31, 2026 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 2026-016
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, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026; 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 2026-017
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, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, First Environment has submitted a proposal dated November 25, 2025 indicating they will provide the Professional Services for Borough Environmental Engineer not to exceed \$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:

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

As Borough Engineer for the Year 2025 at an hourly rate of \$230.00 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 Financial Officer

RESOLUTION 2026-018
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, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, CME Associates has submitted a proposal dated November 25, 2025 indicating they will provide the Professional Services for Special Projects Engineer in the amount of \$219.00 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 \$219.00 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 2026-019
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, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026.

WHEREAS, McNerney & Associates, has submitted a proposal dated November 25, 2025 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 2026 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 2026-020
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, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS Hoplite Communications, LLC has submitted a proposal dated November 25, 2025 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 2026-021
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, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026.

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

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

WHEREAS, the agreements shall establish for the hourly billing not to exceed \$195.00 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 2026-022
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, 2026 through December 31, 2026; and

**RESOLUTION 2026-023
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 2026, 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 – to be determined

**RESOLUTION 2026-024
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's Qualified Purchasing Agent, be and is hereby named the Borough of Edgewater Public Agency Compliance Officer for calendar year 2026.

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 2026-025

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 the 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 2026, and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the 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 2026-026
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 2026 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, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the total appropriations in the 2025 Budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund and public assistance, is the sum of \$34,013.00; and

WHEREAS, 35% of the total appropriations in the 2025 Budget, exclusive of any appropriation made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund and public assistance in said 2025 Budget is the sum of \$11,904,840.00; 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	\$66,816.00

Mayor & Council

Salaries & Wages	\$6,000.00
Other Expenses	\$5,000.00

Recreation

Salaries & Wages	\$22,000.00
Other Expenses	\$20,000.00

Celebration of Public Events

Other Expense	\$7,500.00
Maintenance Free Public Library	\$100,000.00

Senior Citizens Committee

Utilities

Gas & Electric	\$30,000.00
Water	\$4,000.00
Fuel	\$9,000.00
Telephone	\$23,000.00

Deferred Charges & Statutory

Expenditures

PFRS	\$766,720.00
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PERS	\$638,105.00
TOTAL	\$11,904,840.00

Interest on Bonds	\$425,000.00
Principal on Notes.	150,00.000
Interest on Notes	\$150,000.00
BCIA - Principal	\$50,000.00
BCIA - Interest	\$10,000.00

TOTAL DEBT SERVICE **\$780,000.00**

MARINA UTILITIES	\$40,000.00
Other Expenses	\$40,000.00
Total Marina Utilities	\$80,000.00

**RESOLUTION 2026-027
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 2026-028
DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS**

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WHEREAS, the Record, and Star Ledger newspapers are hereby designated as the official newspapers of the Borough of Edgewater, New Jersey for the Year 2026.

WHEREAS, P.L. 2025, c.72 requires that starting March 1, 2026, the Borough of Edgewater will publish their public notices on the Borough website: www.edgewaternj.com

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Borough of Edgewater, County of Bergen, the public notices will be available at www.edgewaternj.com starting March 1, 2026, in compliance with P.L. 2025, c. 72.

**RESOLUTION 2026-029
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 2026 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 2026 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 2026-030

**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 2026-031
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS**

WHEREAS, at the December meeting of the Volunteer Fire Department an election for officers for the Year 2026 was held, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby approves the Election of the following Officers for the Year 2026:

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

**RESOLUTION 2026-032
2026 VOLUNTEER FIRST AID SQUAD OFFICERS**

WHEREAS, at the meeting of the Edgewater Volunteer First Aid Squad an election of Officers for the Year 2026 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
President	Linda Merse
Treasurer	Joe Chevalier
Secretary	Debbie Shirinian

**RESOLUTION 2026-033
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 2026-034
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING DATES**

WHEREAS, the dates for the Mayor and Council’s Regular Meetings and Work Sessions for the Year 2026 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 2026, all meetings starting at 6:30pm, and that said schedule will be in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Tuesday, January 20	Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 17	Regular Meeting
Monday, March 2	Work Session
Monday, March 16	Regular Meeting
Monday, April 6	Work Session
Monday, April 20	Regular Meeting
Monday, May 4	Work Session
Monday, May 18	Regular Meeting
Monday, June 15	Regular Meeting
Monday, July 20	Regular Meeting
Monday, August 17	Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 8	Work Session
Tuesday, September 22	Regular Meeting
Monday, October 5	Work Session
Monday, October 19	Regular Meeting
Monday, November 9	Work Session
Monday, November 23	Regular Meeting
Monday, December 7	Work Session
Monday December 21	Regular Meeting

**RESOLUTION 2026-035
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 2026.

**RESOLUTION 2026-036
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 2026;

- TD Bank
- P.N.C.

State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund
Bank of America
Spencer Savings Bank
Connect One Bank
Kearny Bank
Alma 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 2026-037
APPOINT LAND USE ADMINISTRATOR**

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council appoint John Candelmo to serve as the Land Use Administrator for the Year 2026.

**RESOLUTION 2026-038
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.

**RESOLUTION 2026-039
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 2026-040
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, Osama (Sam) Hassan, has 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 Osama (Sam) Hassan, is 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 2026-041
ELECTION ASSISTANT**

BE IT RESOLVED that Deborah Reilly, Barbara Rae, and Donna Haerberle, are hereby authorized to assist the Borough Clerk and Deputy Borough Clerk in the registration of voters during the Year 2026 pursuant to the provisions of Revised State Statutes Section 19:31-7 and in addition to serve as Election assistants during all 2026 elections.

**RESOLUTION 2026-042
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 or 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 2026, 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 2026-043
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, 2026.

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, Sr., 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 2026-044
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, Fire Chief 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 2026-045
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT AWARD: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater requires the services of a professional Information Technology Consultant; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined that the value of these services will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning in January 1, 2026 and ending December 31 2026; and

WHEREAS, Intrep Solutions has submitted a proposal dated November 25, 2025, indicating they will provide the Professional Services for Borough Information Technology, and it is the recommendation of the Borough Administrator that Intrep Solutions, PO Box 485, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604 be appointed to provide monthly service and repairs to the Borough of Edgewater's information technology equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Intrep Solutions agreement shall not exceed \$55,000.00 annually; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds have been appropriated and are available for this purpose as follows:

I, Joseph Iannaconi, Jr., do hereby certify that funding is available in the current operating account for A/E contracted services

Joseph Iannaconi, Jr.
Chief Financial Officer

RESOLUTION 2026-046
RESOLUTION TO APPOINT ALCOHOL AND DRUG TESTING SERVICES

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2019, the Borough of Edgewater adopted resolution 2019-123 amending the policies and procedures manual of the Borough of Edgewater; and

WHEREAS, Section II, Sub-Section 6 entitled Drug and Alcohol Policy on page 4 was amended for those employees whose employment requires a Commercial Driver’s License in order to be compliant with the United States Department of Transportation, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and federal law 49 CFR Part 382; and

WHEREAS, this new Drug and Alcohol Policy for Employees with Commercial Drivers License’s was entitled “Substances and Alcohol Use and Testing Policies for Commercial Driver’s Licenses for the Borough of Edgewater”; and

WHEREAS, the “Substances and Alcohol Use and Testing Policies for the Borough of Edgewater” is a separate manual to the “Policies and Procedures Manual” and will be considered an appendage to; and

WHEREAS, a requirement of the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and federal law 49 CFR Part 382 and the Substances and Alcohol Use and Testing Policies for the Borough of Edgewater requires and mandates the use of a Certified Medical Review Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Edgewater Mayor and Council that Valley Health System, Inc., 4 Valley Health Plaza, Paramus, New Jersey 07652 is hereby appointed as the Certified Medical Review Officer providing alcohol and drug testing services for a period of two (2) year(s) commencing on April 1, 2026 and ending on March 31, 2028.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the annual fee structure will be as follows;

- MUNICIPALITY agrees to pay PROVIDER \$98.00 per on-site DOT drug test (UDS).
- MUNICIPALITY agrees to pay PROVIDER \$94.00 per on-site non-DOT drug test (UDS).
- MUNICIPALITY agrees to pay PROVIDER \$60.00 per DOT alcohol test (BAT).
- MUNICIPALITY agrees to pay PROVIDER \$60.00 per non-DOT alcohol test (BAT).
- MUNICIPALITY agrees to pay PROVIDER \$150.00 per DOT physical.
- MUNICIPALITY agrees to pay PROVIDER \$250.00 per Split Sample Test.
- MUNICIPALITY agrees to pay PROVIDER \$300.00 per Post Accident on-site service.

\$300.00 Annual Administrative Fee to include:

- Required Bi-Annual Compliance Reports.
- Required Blind Specimen Designation.
- Required Certified MRO Services.

Charge also includes periodic random selection of employees. (50% UDS per year, 25% BAT per year) all MRO services, Record back-up, semi-annual laboratory reports and Hot-Line number for Post-Accident On-Site Services when available. (On-Site Post Accident Service fee does not include cost of drug or alcohol tests).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the above stated agreement.

RESOLUTION 2026-047
APPOINT PART-TIME ZONING OFFICER

WHEREAS, Article XV Chapter 71, Sections 49-52 of the Borough of Edgewater Code creates the position of Land Use Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the Land Use Administrator works closely with the Construction Official, Building Department, and both Land Use Boards to review land use applications; and

WHEREAS, Article V Chapter 240, Section 41 of the Borough of Edgewater Code creates the position of an Administrative Officer who will review development applications and apply them to the Borough of Edgewater Zoning Code of Chapter 240 and the Administrative Officer and Land Use Administrator shall be known as the Zoning Officer; and

WHEREAS, Article XV, Chapter 71, Section 50 shall place an appointment term of one (1) year; and

WHEREAS, the need for a Zoning Officer is immediate due to an unexpected retirement, for a one (1) year appointment; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Officer will be responsible for the administration and enforcement of all local zoning laws, ordinances, rules and regulations, the ability to examine plans including UCC permit applications with the ability to prepare reports containing findings, conclusions, and recommendations and attend land use meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that it is the recommendation of the Mayor and Borough Administrator that John Candelmo, who has the necessary experience and New Jersey State Zoning Officer License, be appointed as the zoning officer for one-year (1); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the rate of pay for this position is provided in the yearly salary ordinance and limited to nineteen (19) hours per week with no benefits for the exception of sick and vacation hours as provided by New Jersey Civil Service regulation; and

**RESOLUTION 2026-048
APPOINT FULL TIME VIOLATIONS CLERK**

WHEREAS, the Edgewater Municipal Court is in need of a full time Violations Clerk due to a retirement; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Municipal Court Judge, Court Administrator, and Borough Administrator that a full time Violations Clerk be appointed; and

WHEREAS, the available position was duly advertised in the Bergen Record Newspaper and New Jersey League of Municipalities Magazine in print and on-line; and

WHEREAS, the Court Administrator and Borough Administrator conducted several interviews.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Jeremy S. Glass be and is hereby appointed as a full time Provisional Clerk I for the Borough of Edgewater assigned to the Edgewater Municipal Court for a three-month test period as provided by the New Jersey Civil Service Commission subject to successful background investigation, physical, and drug-screening.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said appointment shall entitle Jeremy S. Glass with a salary and benefits as provided by ordinance and current policies and procedures and overtime shall be compensated for municipal court time beyond the work day of Monday through Friday 9:00am to 5:00pm.

**RESOLUTION 2026-049
RESOLUTION TO APPOINT PART TIME CLERK**

WHEREAS, as a result of a vacancy of regular full-time staff within the Violations Bureau of the Edgewater Municipal Court, there is a need for a part-time temporary Violations Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the referenced position was duly advertised listing the necessary skills and requirements; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2024-273 adopted on October 21, 2024 provided a temporary appointment for Sophia Valenzuela; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Borough Administrator, Municipal Court Judge, and Municipal Court Administrator that Sophia Valenzuela be appointed as part-time, as needed, violations clerk within the Edgewater Municipal Court as well as made available for additional clerical work within the municipal offices;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Edgewater Mayor and Council that the above- named individual is hereby appointed as part-time, as needed, clerk not to exceed 19 hours per week;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above-named individual shall be paid at an hourly rate as authorized in the yearly salary and does not include any benefits and whose position may be eliminated at any time.

**RESOLUTION 2026-050
APPOINT PUBLIC WORKS MECHANIC
RESOLUTION PULLED**

WHEREAS, A mechanic position within the Department of Public Works exists due to resignation, creating a need for an appointment; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works is responsible for the maintenance and repair of all motor vehicles, heavy equipment, small equipment, police cars, fire apparatus, and ambulances; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Public Works as well as the Borough Administrator that a provisional full-time mechanic position be filled within the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, an advertisement was published within the Bergen Record and New Jersey League of Municipalities Magazine and several interviews were conducted based on the qualifications of the applications received, by the Borough Administrator, and Superintendent of Public Works; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Edgewater Mayor and Council that it hereby appoint the following individual to the Edgewater, New Jersey Department of Public Works as provisional full-time mechanic with benefits according to the current Public Works Bargaining Unit Agreement and Salary Guide effective January 1, 2026;

Brian Ng

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the starting salary will be accordance with the current Public Works Bargaining Unit Agreement and accelerated placement on the Salary Guide and that said employment is conditional on a successful pre-employment physical and fit for duty test as well as a pre-employment federal CDL substance abuse screening.

**RESOLUTION 2026-051
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AWARD; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND
TELEPHONY SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater requires the services of a professional Information Technology Consultant; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined that the value of these services will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Arista Enterprises, LLC has submitted a proposal dated November 25, 2025, and it is the recommendation of the Borough Administrator that Arista Enterprises, LLC, 199 New Road, Linwood, NJ 08221 be appointed to provide monthly service and repairs to the Borough of Edgewater's Cisco Telephone Systems and Information Technology equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Arista Enterprises, LLC agreement shall not exceed \$35,000.00 annually; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds have been appropriated and are available for this purpose as follows:

I, Joseph Iannaconi, Jr., do hereby certify that funding is available in the current operating account for A/E contracted services

Joseph Iannaconi, Jr.
Chief Financial Officer

COUNCIL REPORTS

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

MAYOR'S ADDRESS

Mayor McPartland thanked everyone for coming and the council, and the members who are serving on the boards. Its important to be involved in your community. On behalf of the Council and himself to extend a very happy and healthy new year. As we close out 2025, he is happy to report that nearly every goal that was set for this year has been met with success. From the revitalization of the parks to the moderation of the police force, and the expansion of our economic resources, the status of our borough is very strong. We have successfully completed upgrades to our old historic borough hall and Memorial Park right along side to provide our community with premier pickleball courts and tennis courts, and more open green spaces with modern irrigation and enhanced lighting. Our police department restructuring has also exceeded our expectations by empowering new leadership and utilizing our advanced CCTV network, we have

increased enforcement by 63% and significantly improved our abilities to solve crimes turning Edgewater into a model for safety for other towns. Edgewater was recently ranked number 1 in the state of New Jersey as the safest place to live, and number 8 in the entire country. Furthermore, the Special Improvement District has been established, SID, this pilot program is a vital step towards our local economy, opening up specifically grant opportunities for our waterfront walkway. And allowing us to work closely with dedicated Board of Directors to enhance our walkway experience. The paving of River Road is one initiative that remains unfulfilled, and reason is clear. River Road is a county road, and we need Bergen County to step up and fulfill their responsibilities to our residents. It's about the complex engineering requirements including the necessary overhaul of the drainage system, critical sewer outfalls, mandated ADA compliant curb work. He has been in contact with the county engineers to ensure that these technical hurdles are cleared. We are asking in collaboration with the county to prioritize this stretch from Gorge Road to the Fort Lee border so our infrastructural finally matches high standards of the rest of our town. In addition to the recent paving of River Rd. in Hudson County, the nightmare and chaos it created for us, Edgewater has sent a letter to the County Executive to contribute so we may pave River Rd at night. The borough is willing to step up to the plate after all the hurdles are cleared and to avoid the recent problems, and try to get this done this year. Our efforts to protect your tax dollars have been incredibly successful. During the 2025 calendar we worked to capture federal, state, and county grants and he was proud to announce that Edgewater was awarded \$1,917,000 for various projects across the borough. This allows us to continue to improve our community while being fiscally responsible. This past year Edgewater paved Hudson Ave., Adelaide Place and Beverly Place. Also, the cooperative project with the county to fix Gorge Rd. Also, in 2026 we anticipate the paving of Valley Place, Oakdene Terr., and McCurry Lane. In looking forward in 2026, which will be a landmark year for our nation and our town, on the 4th of July, Edgewater will serve as the centerpiece for the 250-year celebration of the United States. As the Regatta ships from around the world align the Hudson River along our shoreline. This historic semi quincentennial is a once in a lifetime, generational milestone. We look forward to gathering as a community to celebrate our great country's independence. He will be forming a special committee, consisting of himself, 2 councilmembers, along with representative of police, fire, dpw, and the recreation dept. This committee will discuss procedures, protocols, which will provide recommendations for a safe and wonderful experience for all our residents. As you can see it has been a very busy, successful, and productive year, and he is looking forward to an even more productive 2026. Once again, he wanted to thank the councilmembers for stepping up to the plate, our administration lead by Greg Franz, who does a wonderful job, our borough attorney, and of course the borough clerk. He thanks everyone again for coming.

MOTION TO ADJOURN @6:55 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Evans, RMC
Borough Clerk