



BOROUGH OF RED BANK

90 MONMOUTH STREET ♦ RED BANK ♦ NJ 07701

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ♦ REGULAR MEETING AGENDA JUNE 11, 2026 ♦ 6:32 P.M.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmember Bonatakis, Councilmember Facey-Blackwood, Councilmember Forest, Councilmember Jannone, Councilmember Yuro, and Deputy Mayor Triggiano

Others present: Gregory Cannon, Borough Attorney, James Gant, Borough Manager, and Mary Moss, Borough Clerk

Absent: Mayor Portman

PROCLAMATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/APPOINTMENTS

Deputy Mayor Triggiano read the following proclamation(s) into record:

1. Proclamation- U15 Girls Soccer Team

Coach John commented that seven years is a long time, and he recognized the hard work and dedication of the players throughout that period. He noted that the team has experienced players coming and going over the years. He emphasized that the strength of the team lies in the absence of egos and attitudes, and in their strong sense of unity. He added that the players genuinely support one another and play for each other, which he believes is the most important factor in their success.

2. Proclamation- Juneteenth 2026- Gilda Rogers

Gilda Rogers thanked the Council for the acknowledgement and spoke about the mission of the T. Thomas Fortune Cultural Center, emphasizing education, uplift, unity, and cultural competency. She noted that the center regularly hosts school tours for both students and educators and expressed pride in preserving the legacy of T. Thomas Fortune and his advocacy for freedom, justice, and equality.

She invited the public to attend the Juneteenth celebration on June 19 at the Cultural Center, which will include an afternoon of educational and cultural programming. Events will begin at 2:30 p.m. with a presentation on slavery in the North, followed at 3:30 p.m. by a "front porch barbecue," and at 5:00 p.m. by a presentation on the Negro National Baseball League. She noted the event is family-friendly and encouraged community participation.

3. Proclamation- Pride 2026- Jess Fiverito, Coffee Corral

4. Proclamation- Supporting Responsible Oversight of Large-Scale Data Center Development- Ben Dziobek, Executive Director, Climate Revolution Action Network

Deputy Mayor Triggiano introduced Ben Dziobek, Executive Director, and Joe Beck (youth-led climate activist and organizer) of the Climate Revolution Action Network to accept a proclamation recognizing their work. She described the organization as a leading Gen Z advocacy group in New Jersey and praised its education and coalition-building efforts related to data center impacts.

She stated that the proclamation emphasizes the importance of understanding environmental and community impacts before advancing large-scale development. She also referenced concerns about data centers, including energy consumption, heat island effects, water usage, and noise pollution, citing examples from other states.

She concluded by thanking the organization for its leadership and advocacy in supporting residents and informing policy discussions on emerging infrastructure issues.

Ben Dziobek, Executive Director, thanked the Borough for taking proactive steps through the proclamation and related resolution on data centers. He stated that the Borough is among the first municipalities in New Jersey calling for state-level regulations and a moratorium while standards are developed, and noted that other municipalities have taken similar actions to restrict or ban data centers locally.

He expressed concern that data center development is advancing too quickly for many local planning boards and councils to fully assess its impacts. He emphasized the importance of protecting residents from potential increases in utility costs and risks to water systems, electric bills, insurance rates, and property values. He concluded by encouraging other municipalities in the region to adopt similar measures in order to safeguard residents.

5. Mayoral Appointment: Mark Fitzsimmons to Green Team, term expiring 12/31/2026- Deputy Mayor Triggiano read the appointment into record:
6. Governing Body Appointment: Mark Fitzsimmons to Complete and Green Streets Advisory Committee, term expiring 12/31/2026- Deputy Mayor Triggiano read the appointment into record: Councilmember Facey-Blackwood motioned to approve the appointment; Councilmember Jannone seconded the motion. A voice vote confirmed six (6) ayes; one (1) absent, Portman.

Councilmember Facey-Blackwood thanked the Council for appointing Mark and expressed strong support for the appointment. She noted that Mark previously served as Chair of the Red Bank Environmental Commission and also had involvement with the Historic Preservation Commission and the T. Thomas Fortune House. She described him as highly engaged in community affairs and a consistent advocate for improving Red Bank. She concluded that his ongoing participation in meetings made the appointment a natural fit.

PRESENTATIONS: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Councilmember Facey-Blackwood motioned to open the floor for public comment on agenda items only; Councilmember Bonatakis seconded the motion. A voice vote confirmed all in favor.

1. Phil Blackwood, 34 Chestnut Street: stated that he supports Resolution 26-127 regarding the “Polluters Pay” initiative aimed at improving affordability in New Jersey. He also provided context by noting that three years ago, Red Bank adopted a policy to reduce municipal greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by 2030. He emphasized that this local initiative directly addresses the root causes of climate change.
2. Ben Dziobek, Executive Director of the Climate Revolution Action Network: expressed support for the Borough’s reaffirmation of the “Polluters Pay” initiative. He stated that municipalities are facing rising costs related to heat waves, flooding, and river impacts, and that working families are increasingly burdened through higher utility and insurance costs.

He explained that the legislation would require a limited number of large corporations—those with significant historical greenhouse gas emissions—to contribute to addressing climate-related costs, while excluding refineries. He added that the bill is intended to generate funding for infrastructure, energy grid improvements, public transit, and resiliency projects, as well as support for farmers impacted by climate-related disruptions.

He concluded by commending the Borough for its leadership in supporting environmental resilience and affordability efforts.

3. Amy Goldsmith, 16 Locust Avenue, New Jersey State Director for Clean Water Action: thanked the Borough for its proactive leadership on environmental and climate-related issues. She urged local officials to continue advocating to state legislators in support of “Make Polluters Pay” legislation, noting that while there is broad legislative support, the bill has not yet advanced for a floor vote. She emphasized that Monmouth County is significantly impacted by climate change and should continue to send a strong message to state leadership.

She also reflected on New Jersey’s historical context regarding slavery and emancipation, noting that NJ abolished slavery in January 1866. She encouraged greater recognition of local and state history, including difficult historical events in Monmouth County, and acknowledged the work of local institutions such as the T. Thomas Fortune Cultural Center in preserving and educating about that history.

4. David Schmetterer, 11 Harding Road: spoke in support of the ordinance amending the planning and development regulations to allow accessory dwelling units (ADUs). He sought clarification on the status of the ordinance and was informed that it was before the Council for final adoption and had been reviewed by the Planning Board, which found it consistent with the Master Plan.

He stated that he supports the ordinance and considers it a positive addition to the Borough’s regulations. He also expressed a concern that some lots may not conform easily to the new standards, potentially resulting in increased applications for bulk variances before the Planning Board or Zoning Board. He concluded by reiterating his support for the ordinance while noting he was speaking only in his personal capacity.

5. Dennis O’Sullivan, 51 Wallace Street: spoke in support of the proposed accessory dwelling unit (ADU) ordinance but raised concerns about several provisions, specifically the single-family zoning limitation and the owner-occupancy requirement. He asked for clarification on the rationale behind these restrictions and questioned whether they could limit eligibility or future property transfers. He also asked whether any analysis had been done on how many properties would qualify under the ordinance as written.

Deputy Mayor Triggiano responded that the owner-occupancy requirement is intended to ensure ADUs remain focused on multi-generational and affordable housing and to prevent unintended conversion into investment or short-term rental properties. Councilmember Facey-Blackwood added that planning staff had shared relevant information specific to his area.

Mr. O’Sullivan stated that while he supported ADUs in principle, he viewed the approach as cautious and expressed concern about unintended consequences, including potential legal challenges and limitations on property use and transfer. He reiterated his support for the concept while noting he was new to the details of the ordinance.

Planning consultant Susan Favate of BFJ Planning explained that ADUs are a new permitted use in the Borough and that the ordinance is designed as a “first step,” starting in single-family zones. She noted that owner-occupancy provisions are common in other municipalities and are intended to prevent ADUs from becoming de facto rental units. She added that variances could be sought through the Zoning Board for unique circumstances and that the Borough would monitor applications and adjust the ordinance if necessary based on community response.

Councilmember Bonatakis added that the ordinance was designed to allow most ADUs to be approved administratively if they comply with standards, reducing the need for costly variance applications. She

emphasized that the intent was to make the process accessible while maintaining appropriate zoning controls.

6. Susan Viscomi, 25 Cedar: inquired about the infrastructure impacts, Susan Favate of BFJ Planning stated that ADUs are expected to have minimal impact on water, sewer, and stormwater systems due to their limited scale and required compliance with existing standards. She also addressed parking concerns, noting that parking requirements and lot size standards are included in the ordinance.

Ms. Viscomi further asked whether utilities such as water pressure could be affected; Ms. Favate responded that impacts would be comparable to adding a small home addition rather than creating a significant new demand.

Councilmember Jannone motioned to close the floor for public comments on agenda items only; Councilmember Forest seconded the motion. A voice vote confirmed all in favor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

7. 5/28/2026- Regular Meeting minutes- Regular Meeting minutes: Councilmember Yuro motioned to approve the minutes; Councilmember Facey-Blackwood seconded the motion. A voice vote confirmed five (5) ayes, one (1) abstention, Forest, and one (1) absent, Portman.

ORDINANCES

1. **Final Reading/Public Hearing: Ordinance 2026-17**, ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 490, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATION RELATING TO SECTION 55 HISTORIC DISTRICTS/SITES REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES

Ordinance was introduced May 14, 2026

Councilmember Jannone motioned to open the floor for the public hearing on Ordinance 2026-17; Councilmember Bonatakis seconded the motion. A voice vote confirmed all in favor.

No one came forward.

Councilmember Jannone motioned to close the floor for the public hearing on Ordinance 2026-17; Councilmember Facey-Blackwood seconded the motion. A voice vote confirmed all in favor.

Councilmember Bonatakis motioned to approve the ordinance for adoption; Councilmember Yuro seconded the motion. A roll call vote confirmed six (6) in favor; one (1) absent-Portman.

2. **Final Reading/Public Hearing: Ordinance 2026-18**, ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK TO AMEND THE BOROUGH'S PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS TO REPEAL AND REPLACE SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 490 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

Ordinance was introduced May 28, 2026

Councilmember Forest motioned to open the floor for the public hearing on Ordinance 2026-18; Councilmember Jannone seconded the motion. A voice vote confirmed all in favor.

No one came forward.

Councilmember Forest motioned to close the floor for the public hearing on Ordinance 2026-18; Councilmember Bonatakis seconded the motion. A voice vote confirmed all in favor.

Councilmember Facey-Blackwood also noted that environmental considerations were incorporated into the ordinance, including a green development checklist and optional sustainability incentives such as

LEED certification, electrification, and stormwater management practices. Deputy Mayor Triggiano clarified that these are incentive-based bonuses, not mandatory requirements.

Councilmember Forest spoke in support of the ordinance, citing housing affordability concerns and the need for creative solutions, while noting his own experience with rising property values. Councilmember Jannone also supported the ordinance and highlighted provisions limiting vape shops. Councilmember Yuro and Deputy Mayor Triggiano voted in favor, and the ordinance was adopted.

Councilmember Bonatakis thanked Susan and Shawna from the Department of Community Development for their work on the ordinance. She noted that the changes were rooted in the Borough's Master Plan process, including work conducted in 2022 and adoption in 2023, which recommended consideration of accessory dwelling units and broader zoning and land use updates. She also acknowledged the contributions of Councilmember Jannone and former Councilmember David Cassidy, who served on the initial ADU subcommittee in 2024. She concluded by emphasizing that the work reflected a focus on health, safety, and thoughtful planning.

Susan Favate of BFJ Planning thanked the Council and stated that the ordinance represents Phase One of the Borough's Master Plan zoning implementation. She noted that additional zoning updates will follow and described the ADU ordinance as one of the more significant components of the overall effort. She expressed appreciation for the Council's support and stated that it was particularly meaningful to see the ADU regulations completed early in the process.

Councilmember Forest motioned to approve the ordinance for adoption; Councilmember Bonatakis seconded the motion. A roll call vote confirmed six (6) in favor; one (1) absent-Portman.

3. Final Reading/Public Hearing: Ordinance 2026-19, ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 490: "PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS" TO REVISE THE BOROUGH'S LAND USE REGULATIONS TO PROMOTE THE CULTIVATION OF NATIVE PLANTS AND TO PROHIBIT THE PLANTING OF INVASIVE SPECIES

Ordinance was introduced May 28, 2026

Councilmember Facey-Blackwood motioned to open the floor for the public hearing on Ordinance 2026-19; Councilmember Forest seconded the motion. A voice vote confirmed all in favor.

1. Amy Goldsmith, 16 Locust Ave: spoke in support of the Borough's efforts related to native plantings and climate resilience. She emphasized the importance of moving toward native species in response to changing environmental conditions and noted that continued adaptation will be necessary over time. She thanked the Borough, Parks and Recreation, and Patchwork for Wildlife for organizing the recent Garden Tour, which she described as well attended and successful. She also shared her appreciation for being able to showcase her own native plant garden to visitors. Finally, she commended the Borough's efforts to incorporate native trees and plantings into the Marine Park project and encouraged continued focus on native landscaping initiatives.

Councilmember Jannone motioned to close the floor for the public hearing on Ordinance 2026-19; Councilmember Yuro seconded the motion. A voice vote confirmed all in favor.

Councilmember Jannone motioned to approve the ordinance for adoption; Councilmember Bonatakis seconded the motion. A roll call vote confirmed six (6) in favor; one (1) absent-Portman

4. First Reading/Introduction: Ordinance 2026-20, ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 680: "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" TO CREATE TWO FIFTEEN-MINUTE PARKING SPACES ON BROAD STREET AT PETERS PLACE

Councilmember Forest motioned to approve Ordinance 2026-20 on first reading and to authorize the notice of approval and public hearing to be held on June 25, 2026, Councilmember Bonatakis seconded. A roll call vote confirmed six (6) in favor; one (1) absent-Portman

Deputy Mayor Triggiano stated that the public hearing on the ordinance would be held on June 25, 2026.

5. First Reading/Introduction: Ordinance 2026-21: ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 530: “RENT CONTROL” OF THE BOROUGH’S REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES TO UPDATE AND CLARIFY THE BOROUGH’S RENT CONTROL REGULATIONS

Councilmember Jannone motioned to approve Ordinance 2026-21 on first reading and to authorize the notice of approval and public hearing to be held on June 25, 2026, Councilmember Bonatakis seconded. A roll call vote confirmed six (6) in favor; one (1) absent-Portman

Deputy Mayor Triggiano stated that the public hearing on the ordinance would be held on June 25, 2026.

RESOLUTIONS: Councilmember Facey-Blackwood motioned to approve resolutions 26-117 through 26-130 under Consent Agenda; Councilmember Yuro seconded the motion. A roll call vote confirmed six (6) in favor; one (1) absent-Portman

26-117 RESOLUTION FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS

26-118 RESOLUTION – INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEMS OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948- CENTRAL JERSEY HEALTH INSURANCE FUND WELLNESS GRANT, \$10,500.00

26-119 RESOLUTION – INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEMS OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948- COUNTY OF MONMOUTH DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES- RED BANK SENIOR CENTER- TITLE III B FUNDS, \$5,000.00

26-120 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZE PAYMENT CERTIFICATE #6 FOR LEAD SERVICE LINE TEST PIT & SERVICE REPLACEMENT – PHASE 3 (UNDERGROUND UTILITIES CORP)

26-121 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZE PAYMENT CERTIFICATE #3 FOR LINDEN PLACE IMPROVEMENTS – NJDOT FY24 (BLACK ROCK ENTERPRISES, LLC)

26-122 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT CERTIFICATE #5 FOR MARINE PARK IMPROVEMENTS (MONARCH EXCAVATION)

26-123 RESOLUTION TO REFUND PARKS & RECREATION REGISTRATION FEE (HERNANDEZ, WEIL)

26-124 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY RENEWING LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2026 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027

26-125 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION OF THE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR MUNICIPAL CLERK SERVICES BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK AND THE TOWNSHIP OF SHREWSBURY

26-126 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK TO EXECUTE THE FY2027 - FY2029 COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH MONMOUTH COUNTY FOR COOPERATIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THE INTERLOCAL SERVICES ACT

26-127 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF THE POLLUTERS PAY TO MAKE NEW JERSEY MORE AFFORDABLE ACT

26-128 AI ACCOUNTABILITY RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A STATEWIDE MORATORIUM ON NEW LARGE-SCALE DATA CENTERS UNTIL COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC INTEREST STANDARDS ARE ADOPTED

Deputy Mayor Triggiano, highlighted that, in addition to the proclamation adopted earlier in the meeting, the Council also approved a resolution supporting a statewide moratorium on new large-scale data centers until comprehensive public-interest standards and accountability measures are established to address their potential impacts on communities and infrastructure.

26-129 RESOLUTION APPROVING EXTENSION OF GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE RED BANK HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR ITS PRE-DEVELOPMENT NEEDS ASSESSMENT IN FURTHERANCE OF THE BOROUGH'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBJECTIVES

26-130 RESOLUTION TO REFUND PARKS & RECREATION REGISTRATION FEE (DIGIUSEPPE)

DISCUSSION AND ACTION FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Deputy Mayor Triggiano read the following upcoming events into record:

Proposed Events requesting feedback from Mayor and Council:

1. Red Bank Community Block Party (Dr. Parker Blvd. between Bridge and Shrewsbury Ave): Saturday, August 22nd; 12 noon to 5 pm; Rain Date: Saturday, August 29th
2. Mori Place Block Party: Friday, July 3rd; 3 pm – 11 pm
3. Summer Solstice Festival (Riverside Gardens Park): Saturday, July 18th; Rain Date: Saturday, July 25th
4. Red Bank Townwide Yard Sale: Saturday, September 12th; Rain Date: Sunday, September 13th

Councilmember Facey-Blackwood confirmed with fellow councilmembers that the Yard Sale event is sponsored by the library.

Parks and Recreation:

- Juneteenth Celebration (Johnny Jazz Park): Sunday, June 21st.(12 pm, march from Pilgrim Baptist Church)

All proposed events approved with no additional comments or feedback from Councilmembers.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS COMMENTS

Councilmember Forest motioned to open the floor for public questions & comments; Councilmember Yuro seconded the motion. A voice vote confirmed all in favor.

No one came forward.

Councilmember Facey-Blackwood motioned to close the floor for public questions & comments; Councilmember Yuro seconded the motion. A voice vote confirmed all in favor

MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Bonatakis reported on the following:

- Commented on the significance of the zoning amendments adopted by the Council, noting that many stemmed from recommendations contained in the 2023 Master Plan.
- Highlighted the Council's proactive efforts to address emerging issues related to data centers and artificial intelligence infrastructure, emphasizing the importance of forward-looking planning and zoning policies.
- Expressed support for the resolution urging the State to adopt standards regulating data centers and their impacts on communities.
- Commended the Council for taking action to protect residents' quality of life and to address potential long-term environmental and infrastructure concerns associated with new technologies.

Councilmember Yuro reported on the following:

- Praised the success of the Broadwalk World Cup watch party and thanked Borough staff, police officers, and volunteers for their efforts in creating a safe and welcoming community event.
- Expressed enthusiasm for upcoming summer events, including the larger World Cup watch parties planned at Count Basie Field.

- Voiced support for the recently adopted zoning amendments, particularly the provisions permitting accessory dwelling units (ADUs), noting their importance in expanding housing options while allowing residents to remain in their homes.
- Highlighted the adaptive reuse provisions allowing owner-occupied bed-and-breakfast establishments, stating that they could create additional lodging opportunities, support local entrepreneurship, and encourage more visitors to stay in Red Bank.
- Thanked the Council and staff for their work on advancing housing and land use initiatives.

Councilmember Facey-Blackwood reported on the following:

- Thanked the Council and staff for their thoughtful, data-driven approach to adopting the native plant ordinance and zoning updates, noting their benefits to the environment and community.
- Commended the organizers and participants of the Garden Tour and highlighted the educational value of the Patchwork for Wildlife garden in promoting native plantings.
- Reported that the Sustainable Jersey Energy Task Force is reviewing new energy initiatives, which may include future EV ride-and-drive events and discussions regarding electric vehicle charging infrastructure.
- Thanked Borough staff for assisting a resident during Council office hours by providing information and helping address concerns through coordination with the appropriate department.
- Reported no updates from the Environmental Commission or Shade Tree Committee.

Councilmember Forest reported on the following:

- Stated for the record that he would have voted in favor of renewing the Borough Manager's contract and expressed appreciation for the Borough's Council-Manager form of government, citing increased accountability, goal-setting, and efficient operations.
- Congratulated the Borough Manager on his performance and leadership.
- Reflected on the closure of Foodtown, recognizing its longstanding role in the community, its employees, and the contributions of the Azzolina and Scaduto families.
- Commended the Parks and Recreation Department for its extensive programming, events, and recreational opportunities throughout the Borough.
- Recognized the Red Bank School District for receiving State recognition as a high-performing district and encouraged the governing body to formally acknowledge the achievement.
- Noted his attendance at the Red Bank Charter School's International Day celebration in his capacity as liaison.

Councilmember Jannone reported on the following:

- Reported that the Mayor's Wellness Campaign is planning to participate in Lunch Break's upcoming backpack giveaway in August and will provide a hydration station for attendees.
- Stated that the Animal Welfare Committee is focused on planning Dog Days, scheduled for September at Marine Park, which will be among the first events held at the newly reopened park.
- Provided a library update, noting that the ground-floor bathrooms and elevator are now operational, and highlighted a successful donor appreciation reception.
- Shared that the Tai Chi program at the Senior Center is progressing well and encouraged residents to explore activities offered through Parks and Recreation and the Senior Center.

Deputy Mayor Triggiano reported on the following:

- Highlighted the strong community turnout and positive atmosphere at the Broadwalk watch party for the Mexico vs. South Africa World Cup match.
- Announced that the Community Engagement and Equity Committee will soon begin accepting nominations for its annual Community Spirit Award, recognizing residents who make significant contributions to the community.
- Noted that the Visual Arts Committee's Graffiti Jam has been rescheduled for June 20.
- Reminded residents of the June 27 Marine Park ribbon-cutting ceremony and the inaugural Monmouth Street Art Fair.

- Encouraged residents to stay informed by following Borough social media channels and signing up for Borough alerts to receive updates on events, public notices, and municipal activities.

Mayor Portman: absent

MANAGER'S REPORT: Manager Gant reported the following:

- Announced upcoming watch parties on June 18 and 19 at Count Basie Park, including activities, shuttle service, and community programming. Noted the Borough received a \$50,000 State grant in partnership with RiverCenter, LD11, and FC Monmouth to support the events.
- Reminded residents of the upcoming 5K race benefiting the Borough Parks and Recreation Trust.
- Encouraged the public to subscribe to the Borough's YouTube channel to view recorded Council meetings.
- Reported that the Borough was awarded a \$384,500 Green Acres grant for improvements to Johnny Jazz Park and plans to seek additional funding through Monmouth County Open Space grants.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE

ADJOURNMENT: 8:00 p.m.

There being no further business, Councilmember Forest offered a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Yuro. A voice vote confirmed all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Moss, RMC
Borough Clerk