



BOROUGH OF EMERSON
Borough Council Meeting
FINAL AGENDA

MAYOR:
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April 21, 2026 – 7:30 p.m.

Meetings are open to the public in-person and official formal action may be taken. For those members of the public who wish to view the meeting but choose not to attend in-person, this meeting will be live streamed on YouTube via a link on the Borough website, www.emersonnj.gov. The YouTube link is for viewing purposes only and is not interactive.

[Link to view the April 21, 2026 Meeting on YouTube.](#)

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CALL TO ORDER *Mayor Danielle DiPaola Presiding*

- Open Public Meeting Act Announcement
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Moment of Silence

ROLL CALL

EXCUSED ABSENCE OF GOVERNING BODY MEMBER(S)

PROCLAMATIONS AND CITATIONS *Mayor Danielle DiPaola*

- Emerson Jr./Sr. High School Cast and Crew performing “Godspell”:
 - Directors & Choreographers: Bill Ullman and Lisa Ullman

Lila Hassett
 Haley Karathomas
 Giana Kim
 Brandon Mathews
 Catalina Menez Lopez
 Lucas Molina
 TJ Rice
 Finn Barragan Gonzalez
 Lyla Cuhadaran
 Ed Nienstedt
 Olivia Abbate
 Aruwyn Connor
 Danielle Beahm

James Nienstedt
 Audrey Riquelme
 Sophia Rizzo
 Chloe Sinisi
 Leonard Toolen
 Joshua Varghese
 Olivia Kim
 Emily Kim
 Ben Danenza
 Thomas Santos
 Gabriela Calafiore
 Savannah Dennehy
 Claudia Droste

Rebecca Ware
 Madeline Kim
 Briana Lazar
 Giovanni Solimando
 Camryn Spurr
 Mia Woodward
 Maia Congiusti
 Lila Manning
 Halle Luttrell
 Michael O'Reilly
 Ella Comeau
 Jeffrey Adams

Chris Schama
 Miranda Inglese
 Judy Kagel
 Dave Monchino
 Richard Gonci
 Lauren Quenano
 Sofia Gobin
 Sienna Rhea
 Jason Meusel
 James “Buddy” Fox
 Kara Woodward
 Briella Donahue

- Genocide Awareness and Prevention Month in Memory of the Victims of Armenian Genocide Proclamation
- Arbor Day 2026 Proclamation

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL *Borough Council*

- April 7, 2026 Regular Meeting
- April 7, 2026 Closed Session (not available for release to the public)

CORRESPONDENCE *Borough Council*

FINANCIAL BUSINESS (Bills List) *Borough Council*

- **126-26:** Approval of April 21, 2026 Bills List

UNFINISHED BUSINESS *Borough Council*

NEW BUSINESS *Borough Council*

- Public Hearing – FY 2026 Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund Grant Application – Ackerman Park Phase II Improvements Project (Pavilion, Turf Playing Area, Swings)
 - **Project Name:** Improvements to Ackerman Park Phase II
 - **Location:** Ackerman Park, Block: 509, 508 Lot: 6,5. 9-10 Remington Ave, Emerson, NJ 07630
 - **Scope of Project:** Purchase and installation of a new pavilion, turf playing area and swings.
- **Resolution 127-26:** Authorize Submission of a 2026 Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund Municipal Park Improvement Grant Application for the “Improvements to Ackerman Park, Phase II” Project.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES *Borough Council*

Second Reading and Public Hearing:

- **1715-26:** Borough of Emerson Bergen County, New Jersey Calendar Year 2026 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and To Establish A Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40a: 4-45.14)
- **1716-26:** An Ordinance to Amend the Borough Code of The Borough of Emerson Chapter 200-55, “Recreational Activities and Summer Recreation Camp Fees” To Adjust the Fee for Basketball Program

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES *Borough Council*

First Reading:

- **1717-26:** Capital Ordinance of The Borough of Emerson, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, Authorizing the Making of Various Public Improvements and Acquisitions In, By and For the Borough, Appropriating Therefor the Sum Of \$318,875 And Providing That Such Sum So Appropriated Shall Be Raised from The Borough's Capital Improvement Fund.
- **1718-26:** Bond Ordinance to Authorize the Making of Various Public Improvements In, By and For the Borough of Emerson, In the County of Bergen, State Of New Jersey, To appropriate the Sum Of \$775,000 To Pay the Cost Thereof, To Make A Down Payment, To Authorize the Issuance of Bonds to Finance Such Appropriation and To Provide for The Issuance of Bond Anticipation Notes in Anticipation of The Issuance of Such Bonds.

- **1719-26:** An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 274-34 Municipal Parking Lots, “Kenneth Street/Emerson Volunteer Ambulance Corps Parking Lot” to Retitle New Section in Connection with the Locust Avenue Parking Lot and Add Diagram as New Schedule “D”.

REPORTS

- Mayor and Council
- Borough Administrator
- Borough Engineer
- Borough Attorney
- Borough Clerk

OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT *General Public*

- *Members of the public are welcome to speak on any topic by coming to the table and stating your name for the record. In the interest of time, speakers are limited to three (3) minutes. In consideration of all who may wish to speak, please keep your comments brief and concise.*

Matters listed below are considered routine and will be enacted by one (1) motion of the Borough Council and one (1) roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Borough Council member requests an item be removed for consideration.

RESOLUTIONS (CONSENT AGENDA) *Borough Council*

- 128-26:** Authorize Payment Application #1 for Emerson Senior Center ADA Door Improvements Project
- 129-26:** Accept Resignation of Nicole Sweeney as Recreation Commission Secretary
- 130-26:** Authorize Grant Submittal to FY 2026 State Farm Good Neighbor Grant Program
- 131-26:** Initiate Borough Wide Revaluation Program
- 132-26:** Ratify Memorandum of Agreement to the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local No. 125 (DPW)
- 133-26:** Approve 2025 Safety Incentive Bonuses for Department of Public Works

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 134-26:** Authorization to Enter into Closed Executive Session and Exclude the Public
 - Personnel (N.J.S.A 10.4-12b (8))
 - Contract Negotiations (N.J.S.A 10.4-12b (4))
 - Pending or Anticipated Litigation (N.J.S.A 10.4-12b (7))

The Borough reserves the right to return to Open Session and, if appropriate, take official action.

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