



BOROUGH OF EMERSON

Borough Council Meeting

FINAL AMENDED AGENDA

MAYOR:
Danielle DiPaola

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May 5, 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 May 5, 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
 - Timothy Joseph Kenny
 - Lauralyn Amoral

ROLL CALL

EXCUSED ABSENCE OF GOVERNING BODY MEMBER(S)

PROCLAMATIONS AND CITATIONS

Mayor Danielle DiPaola

- Mental Health Awareness Month
- Skin Cancer Awareness Month
- National Nurses Week – May 6, 2026 to May 12, 2026
- Armed Forces Day – May 16, 2026

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Borough Council

- April 21, 2026 Regular Meeting
- April 21, 2026 Closed Session (not available for release to the public)

CORRESPONDENCE

Borough Council

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

Borough Council

- 2026 Finance and Budget Presentation – Borough Administrator

- Public Hearing and Adoption of the 2026 Municipal Budget
 - **Resolution 135-26** Waiver of Reading in Full of the 2026 Municipal Budget
 - **Resolution 136-26** Adopt the 2026 Municipal Budget

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| UNFINISHED BUSINESS | <i>Borough Council</i> |
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| NEW BUSINESS | <i>Borough Council</i> |
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- Discussion of the 4th of July, 250th Anniversary, House Decorating Contest

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| ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES | <i>Borough Council</i> |
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Second Reading and Public Hearing:

- **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”.

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| INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES | <i>Borough Council</i> |
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First Reading:

- **1720-26:** An Ordinance Amending the Salary Ranges for Certain Employees of the Borough of Emerson
- **1721-26:** An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 132-3, Construction Codes, Uniform, Fees

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| REPORTS |
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- Mayor and Council
- Borough Administrator

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| OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT | <i>General Public</i> |
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- ***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**

- 137-26:** Amend Resolution 187-25 to Appoint Bergen County Community Development Representatives for 2025-2026
- 138-26:** Approve Laundry License 2026-2027 – J. Fancy Cleaners
- 139-26:** Approve Social Affairs Permit for the Recreation Commission Summer Kick Off Event June 13, 2026
- 140-26:** Award Contract to Valley Hospital for Ambulance Services for the Borough of Emerson
- 141-26:** Authorize Advertisement of Bids for the West End Drainage Improvements Project
- 142-26:** Authorize Assessment agreement with Emerson Affordable Housing II, Inc and Borough of Emerson
- 143-26:** Award Contract to PIA Security Programs for Risk Manager for Health Benefits Services July 1, 2026- June 30, 2027
- 144-26:** Resolution Calling for the Restoration of Energy Tax Receipts and Increased Municipal Aid to Provide for Property Tax Relief
- 145-26:** Resolution Urging State Leaders to Implement Fair and Equitable Reforms to Mitigate the Unsustainable Increases in Health Benefit Programs for Public Sector Employees
- 146-26:** Resolution Opposing S-1836
- 147-26:** Authorize Grant Agreement with Bergen County for FY 2022 Tennis Court Rehabilitation Project
- 148-26:** Approve 2025-2026 Limousine License – Metropro Limousine LLC

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution 149-26: Authorization to Enter into Closed 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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