

Borough of Palisades Park  
275 Broad Avenue  
County of Bergen  
State of New Jersey

Regular Session  
of the Mayor & Council  
August 25, 2025

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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SUK JOHN MIN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00PM.**

**STATEMENT:**

This is a Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council, and notice was given as follows:

1. Notice was filed January 9, 2025 with The Record & Newark Star Ledger, both official newspapers of the Borough.
2. Notice was posted on the Bulletin Board at the Borough Hall and the Borough website at <https://palisadesparknj.org/>
3. Copy is preserved in the Clerk's Office.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE BROUGHT BY COUNCILWOMAN LEE.**

**ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Kim	Absent
Councilman Kim	Present
Councilwoman Lee	Present
Councilman Min	Present
Councilman Shin	Present
Councilman Vietri	Absent
Councilwoman Won-Yoon	Present
Borough Attorney Scott Krumholz	Present
Borough Administrator Roberta Stern	Present

Councilman Min stated before they started, he wanted to talk about what they mentioned at the last work session. Councilman Min said that it would be a great idea to bring a new member to the library board. There was also a new director of the library. Councilman Min stated the Library Board President Mr. Woo, was also present. Councilman Min stated that it was a good time to introduce the new director of the library, Ella Lee. Councilman Min asked if Ella Lee wanted to step forward. Mr. Woo stated that before he introduced Ella Lee – Councilman Min stated that Mr. Woo could come up to speak. Mr. Woo thanked Councilman Min and Councilwoman Won-Yoon for taking the time to introduce the new Interim Director, Ella Lee. Mr. Woo said that Ella Lee had worked at the New York Library for over a decade, which was an all-ethical group which was the same as Palisades Park, so Ella Lee was a perfect fit for the director's position. Mr. Woo specifically thanked Councilwoman Won-Yoon that had actively serviced the library board which made Mr. Woo's job easier because she took care of all the different issues, and prepared for all the meeting, so they ran very smoothly. Mr. Woo wanted to explain why they had to appoint a new director in the middle of the year. Mr. Woo stated that when he took the role of chairman that January, there was also a new attorney and a new director appointed in January. Mr. Woo added that unfortunately, for the past 6 months, that director was not a good fit for the library because she had used unlawful management operations, and they decided to terminate her at the end of June. Borough Attorney Scott Krumholz stated that it would be best not to get into the details. Mr. Woo agreed and stated that that was the reason the library had appointed a new director starting that July. Ella Lee introduced herself as Chorong Lee but said that they could call her Ella. Ella Lee stated that she was honored to serve as the library director of Palisades Park. Ella Lee said that this was the first time having a library director at a council meeting. Ella Lee stated that she had been pleasantly working with the staff, and it was not easy to settle in because she did not have a chance to meet the previous director. Ella Lee added that luckily, they had a google drive that she could look up all the information on, and she was just trying to put all the pieces together. Ella Lee stated that it had been fun working at the Palisades Park Public Library and seeing the different populations. Ella Lee stated that she was happy to be there with everyone. Ella Lee stated she hoped to work with the council and the people to make the library a place for everyone. Councilman Min stated he believed it was a great idea to invite the new hires to council meetings, not just the library but maybe the school board and any other department they were worked with. Councilman Min added that it was a great idea to come to the meeting and get to know each other. Councilman Min said that once someone was hired, it was difficult to know who they were, unless they were introduced. Councilman Min stated that they were going to continue this and do the same thing with the other departments.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

Work Session of the Mayor and Council: July 21, 2025  
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Councilman Min asked the council if they had any questions. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that she had one question. Councilwoman Won-Yoon directed attention to the work session minutes on July 21<sup>st</sup> page 3, it was in the first ordinance 2025-20, towards the bottom and stated, “income for 10 years”. Councilwoman Won-Yoon read that it said “Mayor Kim stated that everyone would get that” which Councilwoman Won-Yoon believed to be the income for 10 years for the parking meters. Councilwoman Won-Yoon wondered if it had been distributed and if it had been, she had not received it. Councilman Min stated, by the record of the minutes, that Mayor Kim requested to send the information about the income for the past 10 years of the parking meters to the council members. Councilman Min clarified that Councilwoman Won-Yoon was questioning if they had received the record. Scott Krumholz told Councilwoman Won-Yoon that at that moment, they were reviewing the minutes to review them for their content. Scott Krumholz then asked if there was a problem with the content. Councilwoman Won-Yoon said no. Scott Krumholz replied that it was not the time for what was in the agenda other than whether councilmembers agreed or had any problem with the content. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if there was time where they could ask. Scott Krumholz replied that Councilwoman Won-Yoon could send an email or visit the Borough Administrator Roberta Stern to ask questions. Scott Krumholz stated that for that moment, for the purpose of the public, they were just approving the agendas for what was written. Councilman Min said that for the adoption of the minutes, they were strictly talking about the record that had been written in the meeting so they would go ahead and vote on the matter. Councilman Min stated for the introduction of the ordinance, that would be the time to address that question. Councilman Min requested a motion. Councilman Shin made a motion which was seconded by Councilwoman Lee. Councilman Min corrected himself and stated that they had to vote. Borough Clerk Sophia Jang confirmed his statement. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilman Kim	Yes
Councilwoman Lee	Yes
Councilman Min	Yes
Councilman Shin	Yes
Councilwoman Won-Yoon	Abstained for work session minutes as she was absent.

Councilwoman Won Yoon stated regarding the regular session minutes, there was a couple of typos and with that correction, she would vote yes. Sophia Jang asked what the corrections would be. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that on the middle of page 3, it said W-9 and W-2 form. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that right after that it stated, “Councilwoman Min” and believed it to be a typo and should state “Councilwoman Won-Yoon”. Councilwoman Won-Yoon added that on page 4, it said on the 4<sup>th</sup> line that “Councilman Shin stated that he had a question about number 3 which said 50 percent.” Councilwoman Won-Yoon believed it was supposed to say 15 percent. Sophia Jang said that she would double-check that and asked if there was anything else. Councilwoman Won-Yoon replied that was all. Sophia Jang repeated that Councilwoman Won-Yoon abstained for the work session minutes and made a stipulation with the regular session minutes to vote yes. Scott Krumholz said that the only issue with that procedurally would be that the rest of the council would need to be polled on whether the requested additions to that motion are accepted or not. Scott Krumholz asked Councilman Min for another roll call. Councilman Min called for another roll call to vote on the minutes with the stipulation made by Councilwoman Won-Yoon. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilman Kim	Yes
Councilwoman Lee	Yes
Councilman Min	Yes
Councilman Shin	Yes
Councilwoman Won-Yoon	Yes

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:**

**ORDINANCE 2025-24      Amending Ordinance 2025-15, Establishment of Salaries for Year 2025 – Re-Introduction of Ordinance**

Councilman Min asked if there were any questions regarding the ordinance. Councilman Min asked for a motion to open to the public. Councilman Shin made a motion, and Councilman Min seconded.

Following the public participation portion, Councilman Min asked for a motion to pass the ordinance. Councilwoman Won-Yoon motioned, and Councilwoman Lee seconded. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilman Kim	Yes
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Councilwoman Lee	Yes
Councilman Min	Yes
Councilman Shin	Yes
Councilwoman Won-Yoon	Yes

Sophia Jang stated that Ordinance 2025-24 “Amending Ordinance 2025-15, Establishment of Salaries for Year 2025 – Re-Introduction of Ordinance” was introduced and passed on the first reading at the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, all published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance was to be considered for adoption on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, at 6:00PM in the Council Chamber at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the said ordinance. A copy of the ordinance would be posted on the bulletin board in the Borough Hall and would be available at the Office of the Borough Clerk.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR ORDINANCE 2025-24**

Councilman Min stated the public had an opportunity to ask any questions on Ordinance 2025-24. When no one volunteered, Councilman Min requested a motion to close the public participation portion and return to the council meeting. Councilman Shin stated before they made a motion if he could suggest. Councilman Shin stated this was the salary for 2025, and in the future for 2026 they should be given both salary ordinances so that the council could compare any increases. Councilman Shin stated he started in 2025, so he didn't know what the salaries were for 2024, therefore he didn't know what was increased, and asked for both ordinances to be presented the following year for comparison purposes. Roberta Stern stated this was a range and the range generally didn't change that much. Roberta Stern stated maybe the following year; they would manage to do it earlier. Roberta Stern stated there was also a separate ordinance that listed everyone's salaries, and she agreed presenting a comparison of the salaries from the year prior would be helpful. Roberta stern repeated because this was a range it didn't really change unless something crazy happened. Councilman Shin stated that was what he suggested. Roberta Stern replied that they would present both ordinances with the actual salary. Councilman Shin stated still, the ranges should be presented as well to see if there was an increase or a decrease that would affect residents' taxes. Scott Krumholz stated for the public, and councils' information there were only three salary ranges that were revised on this. Scott Krumholz continued that it was either in February or March that the original salary ordinance was passed. The three changes included reducing the base salary ranges for the mayor and council because they were being paid less than the salary ordinance stated. Another change included the salaries for a lifeguard that had to be increased by a dollar. Roberta Stern repeated the correction but stated another was for the municipal housing liaison that had to be reduced to \$1,000 base salary because of a resolution that would be coming up later which would be addressed. Councilman Min stated Councilman Shin was trying to make a point that it was hard to tell from a salary range what had been increased or decreased throughout each department. Councilman Min stated all councilmembers were able to ask any questions to the finance department where the Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano would answer and help them figure out the difference in his excel file which would point out the percentage increase or decrease. Councilman Min asked Councilman Shin if he was correct in addressing his point. Councilman Shin stated he was, but he wanted to be as open as possible with the taxpayers, meaning if there in fact was no increase they should know that there wasn't a change. Sophia Jang made it a point that all ordinances are already on the website for the public from the past three years so if the public had any questions they could go onto the website and compare. Councilman Min requested a motion to close the public participation portion and return to the regular meeting. Councilman Shin made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Min. Scott Krumholz stated Councilman Min couldn't second because he was running the meeting and acting as mayor therefore another councilmember had to second. Councilwoman Lee seconded the motion. All joined in favor, none opposed.

**ORDINANCE 2025-25      Amending Chapter 282 Entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, Section 24”  
Municipal Parking Areas “to Include EV Parking Rules**

Councilman Min asked if there were any questions from the council. Councilman Min requested a motion to open to the public. Councilwoman Won-Yoon motioned, and Councilwoman Lee seconded. All joined in favor, none opposed.

Following the public participation portion, Councilman Min stated that they had to vote on Ordinance 2025-25. Council man Min asked for a motion. Councilman Shin motioned. Councilman Kim seconded. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilman Kim	Yes
Councilwoman Lee	Yes
Councilman Min	Yes

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Councilman Shin                                Yes  
Councilwoman Won-Yoon                    Yes

Sophia Jang stated that Ordinance 2025-25 “Amending Chapter 282 Entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, Section 24” Municipal Parking Areas “to Include EV Parking Rules” was introduced and passed on the first reading at the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, all published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance was to be considered for adoption on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, at 6:00PM in the Council Chamber at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the said ordinance. A copy of the ordinance would be posted on the bulletin board in the Borough Hall and would be available at the Office of the Borough Clerk.

Councilman Min stated before they moved forward, he wanted to go over the off-consent agenda.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR ORDINANCE 2025-25**

Councilman Min asked if there were any questions for Ordinance 2025-25. Neris Papoters asked to get more details about the ordinance. Scott Krumholz clarified that this ordinance was to add violations for individuals that parked in electronic vehicle designated spaces when either they didn’t have electronic vehicles or when their car was not being charged. Scott Krumholz added that it would enable the borough to issue parking tickets and potentially tow vehicles occupying spaces. Scott Krumholz said it was like a handicap space, but the ordinance had nothing regarding electronic vehicles and the town was in the process of opening a municipal lot on Bellview, so they were going to need this. Scott Krumholz continued that this lot would be a green lot, and it would have EV charging stations. Councilman Min confirmed that they were looking to put EV charging stations. Roberta Stern stated that it would be two EV charging stations. Councilman Min stated that they were just preparing before everything got done. Councilman Min asked if there were any other questions. Councilman Min said that they would close the public session and bring it back to the regular session and asked for a motion. Councilwoman Won-Yoon motioned, and Councilman Shin seconded. All joined in favor.

**OFF CONSENT AGENDA:**

- RESOLUTION 2025-253    Appointment of Chief of Police**
- RESOLUTION 2025-254    Accepting the Proposal from Pennoni for the FY24 Broad Avenue Streetscape Project (Re: Edsall to Washington)**
- RESOLUTION 2025-255    Authorizing Borough Clerk to Advertise for the FY24 Broad Avenue Streetscape Project (Re: Edsall To Washington)**

Councilman Min said that they made an action to vote on the three resolutions during the work session and stated that they have a new police chief in town, Chief George Beck. Councilman Min continued and said that they had made a motion and passed the three resolutions and leave that on the record. Chief George Beck joked that if they were going to vote again, to not change their mind. Councilman Min asked if everyone was okay with the Off-Consent Agenda and stated that they would move on.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- RESOLUTION 2025-256    Claims
- RESOLUTION 2025-257    Authorizing Refund of Marriage License (Re: L. Chung)
- RESOLUTION 2025-258    Authorizing Chamber of Commerce Fall Street Festival
- RESOLUTION 2025-259    Awarding Contract for Lincoln Street (Re: 4 Clean-up, Inc)
- RESOLUTION 2025-260    Appointment of Municipal Representatives to Bergen County Community Development Regional Committees PY2025-2026 Covering Period July 1,2025 through June 30,2026
- RESOLUTION 2025-261    Authorizing Reimbursement to Palisades Park Police Officers for Social Security Contributions from 2018.
- RESOLUTION 2025-262    Approving Payment to All Seasons Duct Cleaning for Inspecting and Cleaning the Duct Work at Borough Hall
- RESOLUTION 2025-263    Authorizing Salary Increases for Certain Seasonal Municipal Pool Employees
- RESOLUTION 2025-264    Approving Payment to 6 Brothers Contracting LLC for Work Performed Replacing Library Roof
- RESOLUTION 2025-265    Approving Tax Appeal Settlements for Block 420, Lots 4 and 5
- RESOLUTION 2025-266    Appointing Assistant Finance Clerk to the Finance Officer (Re: R. Busa)
- RESOLUTION 2025-267    Designating Certain Real Property as an “Area In Need of Rehabilitation ” Pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A.40A:12A-1, et seq. (Re :450 East Edsall Boulevard)

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- RESOLUTION 2025-268 Designating Certain Real Property as an “Area In Need Rehabilitation” Pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, et seq. (Re: 35-39 West Columbia Avenue)
- RESOLUTION 2025-269 Approving Third Amendment to Settlement Agreement with Fan Associates, LLC (Re: 15 Grand Avenue)
- RESOLUTION 2025-270 Approving Third Amendment to Settlement Agreement with Leem’s Corporation (Re: 21 Grand Avenue)

Councilman Min asked if there were any questions. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that she had questions regarding Resolution 2025-269 and 2025-270.

**RESOLUTION 2025-269 Approving Third Amendment to Settlement Agreement with Fan Associates, LLC (Re: 15 Grand Avenue)**

**RESOLUTION 2025-270 Approving Third Amendment to Settlement Agreement with Leem’s Corporation (Re: 21 Grand Avenue)**

Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that Resolution 2025-269 and 2025-270 were not presented at the work session. Scott Krumholz stated that she was correct. Scott Krumholz said that during the prior month’s meeting, the two properties of 15 Grand Avenue and 21 Grand Avenue, council approved a one-month extension of the time for the negotiations between the two property owners and the borough for a redeveloper agreement. Scott Krumholz added that they had been engaged with both builders for many reasons and that both builders and the borough had not signed on the agreements yet. Scott Krumholz stated that instead of trying to put together a rushed agreement for the council to comply for that month, they were extending it one more month. Scott Krumholz said that at that point there was nothing to be done besides providing the council’s consent for the borough and for its council to negotiate with the property owners a redevelopment agreement. Scott Krumholz stated that the developers, owners, and the borough needed an extra 30 days. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that she had asked at the last meeting whether there would be any chance to push this out another month and that Scott Krumholz responded no. Councilwoman Won-Yoon then said she wondered, and that the meeting minutes stated that too, why during the last time they were so sure that was going to be done with just a one month delay. Scott Krumholz said that he never said that he was sure. Scott Krumholz clarified that he was sure they needed another month. Scott Krumholz stated that during the summer, they had attorneys go on vacation who were unable to go back and forth on the disagreements. Scott Krumholz said they had not reached loggerheads with these developers and that it was simply a matter of them not having all the people putting eyes into it because of the summer months and that was unexpected. Scott Krumholz stated he did not believe he ever said on record or to anybody that he expected it to be done in 30 days but if he did, he did. Councilman Min said that the only difference of the two resolutions was that they were extending it for 30 days to get answers. Scott Krumholz said that one attorney would be back Monday and that neither of the attorneys had responded back to them about the drafts of the agreements. Scott Krumholz included that they did not expect much in terms of changes made in ministerial. Scott Krumholz said that they did expect and hoped that they would have something on the agenda in September. Councilman Min stated that he did see that everyone was trying to put everything together and that they were working hard but it would have been better if they brought something like this before the work session. Councilman Min asked if there were any other questions. Councilman Shin said he had a question about Resolution 2025-265.

**RESOLUTION 2025-265 Approving Tax Appeal Settlements for Block 420, Lots 4 and 5**

Councilman Shin stated that he knew that it was handled in the work session, but he unfortunately attended the work session virtually, so he did not have the chance to ask about this but to understand he needed more explanation. Scott Krumholz asked if they needed to do an executive session to discuss this. Councilman Min replied yes. Roberta Stern stated that usually they did this when it came to the tax appeal, but the backup was there. Scott Krumholz said that if Councilman Shin wanted to get into the details they would need to go into an executive session. Scott Krumholz said that it would not be long, maybe two minutes, but it would require a motion and for everyone to vote. Councilman Shin said that he needed to know more to say yes to this resolution. Scott Krumholz said that Councilman Shin could make a motion to go into executive session and assuming they had the majority, Scott Krumholz could take two seconds to explain to Councilman Shin and hoped that would be enough. Councilman Min asked if Scott Krumholz was sure that it would take two minutes. Roberta Stern stated that it was very cut and dry. Councilman Shin asked if it was a simple one. Scott Krumholz stated that it was very simple. Roberta Stern asked if Councilman Shin would like to look at the paper regarding the tax appeal settlements that basically explained everything in a nutshell. Scott Krumholz stated that was probably exactly what he would have told Councilman Shin. Councilman Shin asked the council to go on with the resolution while he read and asked for two minutes. Councilman Shin stated he understood the details after

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reading. Roberta Stern stated that they needed a motion for the consent agenda. Sophia Jang replied not yet. Scott Krumholz asked Councilman Shin if he was finished reading the paper. Roberta Stern said that Scott Krumholz wanted to see it. Scott Krumholz said that it was not him, but that Councilman Min may have benefited from the paper. Councilman Min asked Councilwoman Lee if she would like to read the paper as well. Councilwoman Lee stated that she was okay. Councilman Min then asked if Councilwoman Won-Yoon would like to read the paper. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that she was okay as well. Councilman Min asked if there were any other questions regarding any other resolutions. Councilman Min stated that he had a question about Resolution 2025-267 and 2025-268.

**RESOLUTION 2025-267    Designating Certain Real Property as an “Area In Need of Rehabilitation” Pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A.40A:12A-1, et seq. (Re :450 East Edsall Boulevard)**

**RESOLUTION 2025-268    Designating Certain Real Property as an “Area In Need of Rehabilitation” Pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, et seq. (Re: 35-39 West Columbia Avenue)**

Councilman Min said he believed that this was the resolution they were looking to redevelop on a certain area. Councilman Min stated that one of the resolutions he found out was on the agenda for the planning board meeting for the upcoming Wednesday. Scott Krumholz asked which property he was referring to. Councilman Min stated it was the property indicated in Resolution 2025- 268. Scott Krumholz asked if it was for 35-39 West Columbia Avenue. Councilman Min replied yes. Scott Krumholz asked when it was on the planning board’s agenda. Councilman Min replied that it was two days later. Scott Krumholz asked if the planning board meeting was that same week and Councilman Min confirmed it was. Scott Krumholz stated that he did not believe this resolution affected the planning board’s agenda. Scott Krumholz stated as far as he knew, the planning board “Area In Need of Rehabilitation” study was a finding of the area of the property, and it affected the borough and the property owner’s ability to do certain things with that property including some financial things that could have been done between the borough and the developer but it should not have affected the actual application status or the consideration. Councilman Min clarified that the council had not passed the resolution yet and the planning board had already accepted the application a month prior to the council’s resolution. Councilman Min continued that the planning board was looking to execute it at the planning board meeting in the upcoming two days. Councilman Min then asked if that was normal because the council had not voted on it yet and the planning board was already saying that the planning board would handle the matter during the planning board meeting. Councilman Min stated this didn’t sound right, and stated the council had to give a firm vote to pass the matter then the planning board would be able to accept the application. Scott Krumholz replied no and stated that he just mentioned that they were not related. Scott Krumholz said that if they made it through the planning board, if they were approved, this designation then would come into play. Scott Krumholz continued and said that if they were denied, then it would not have come into play. Scott Krumholz clarified that the “Area in Need” studies was not a prerequisite for the application, and it would have no effect on the application as it was a separate issue. Scott Krumholz stated that once they were approved, then they would need this so it could have been done afterwards. Scott Krumholz said that obviously the developer would have wanted it done ahead of time. Councilman Min said that if Scott Krumholz was saying that the planning board had to approve first then once it was approved then it would come back to the governing body, they would decide on that resolution. Scott Krumholz stated that was not what he was saying. Scott Krumholz clarified that the planning board received the application for the site plan, and the planning board had already designated this “Area in Need of Rehabilitation”. Scott Krumholz then stated that it was not even designated by the planning board and that this was simply the council affirming that adoption. Scott Krumholz stated that they were not adopting the plan but basically verifying the plan that the planning board had already adopted. Scott Krumholz stated that it did not affect the actual application itself, nor did it need to wait until after. Scott Krumholz was simply saying that if they did get approved at the planning board meeting, the “Area in Need of Rehabilitation” would then be important after the approval not that it was needed after the approval. Roberta Stern said that this resolution to her was clear because in the second whereas it said that in March the planning board did this. Roberta Stern added that what the planning board did at their Wednesday meeting had nothing to do with the resolution, and it had to do with what the planning board approved in March. Roberta Stern stated that the second resolution stated that the planning board undertook said review conducted with public hearing on March 24, 2025, and it was designated. Scott Krumholz stated that they were just endorsing it. Roberta Stern repeated that what the planning board did that week had nothing to do with what the council was doing. Councilman Min asked why they couldn’t do the resolution next month. Roberta Stern stated that all she was saying was she read it the way it was presented, and it just made sense that the council were just affirming that the council did this in March. Scott Krumholz stated the property owner’s attorney had asked for the borough to do it, and if the Council did not want to approve it at that time, they would need a motion to move it off the consent agenda and then someone would move to deny or pass it. Scott Krumholz repeated that the owners of the property were the ones who asked to put it on the agenda. Scott Krumholz said that the property owner wanted to because there

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was no conclusion from it and that it was part of the settlement agreement with the builder and they had entitlement to it. Scott Krumholz stated whether they did it at that time or afterwards would not be a problem, but they would have had to do something with it being on the agenda and frankly Scott Krumholz did not know why they would do that. Scott Krumholz stated there was no legal reason it could not be done that night and that he would then have to explain to the property owner's attorney what happened. Councilman Min asked to confirm that the property owner wanted this resolution on the agenda and not that the council asked for it. Scott Krumholz stated that it had to be on the agenda pursuant to the settlement agreement they had with builder's remedy as it was something the council had already agreed to do, and the property owner asked to put it on the agenda. Scott Krumholz added that it had already been done by the planning board and that the council's role was to endorse it. Scott Krumholz said that if the council did not want to endorse it now for whatever reason, that would be on the council. Councilman Min asked if any of the council members wanted to move this resolution to the off consent. Councilwoman Won-Yoon made a motion to move Resolution 2025-267 and Resolution 2025-268 to the off-consent agenda. Councilman Min asked if there was a second. Councilman Min stated there was no second and continued forward.

Councilman Min asked for a motion to adopt consent agenda 2025-256 to 2025-270. Councilman Shin made a motion which was seconded by Councilwoman Lee seconded. The motion carried on a roll call vote and was recorded as follows:

Councilman Kim Yes (Recused 2025-267, 2025-268, 2025-269, & 2025-270)  
Councilwoman Lee Yes

Councilman Min Councilman Min stated he would vote yes on Resolution 2025-256 to 2025-266 but was interrupted by Scott Krumholz who reminded Councilman Min that he could not vote due to acting as the mayor. Scott Krumholz repeated since Councilman Min was running the meeting he could not vote. Councilman Min asked about the introduction of the ordinances since he voted on those. Scott Krumholz said he wasn't paying attention and that Councilman Min should not have voted. Scott Krumholz stated that those votes would be struck, and it would pass without the vote as if Councilman Min didn't vote. Scott Krumholz believed they had unanimous votes. Councilman Min asked if they could go back to check them. Scott Krumholz believed that both ordinances were unanimous and asked Sophia Jang if that was correct. Sophia Jang confirmed Scott Krumholz's statement that they had four votes, so it still passed. Councilman Min said they would review it once again to leave it on the record that Ordinance 2025-24 and Ordinance 2025-25 were both passed with unanimous votes. Scott Krumholz apologized as he did not hear Councilman Min vote. Councilman Min asked if they should revisit the consent agenda. Scott Krumholz asked if everybody had already voted and Sophia Jang replied that they had not finished.

Councilman Shin Yes (No 2025-265)  
Councilwoman Won-Yoon Yes (Abstained 2025-267, 2025-268, 2025-269, & 2025-270)

Following the completion of the roll call vote, Sophia Jang stated that all resolutions had passed except Resolution 2025-269 and 2025-270. Sophia Jang stated that they only had two yes votes for 2025-269 and 2025-270. Scott Krumholz repeated that there were only two. Sophia Jang repeated that there were two yes votes, one recusal, one abstention, and one absence. Scott Krumholz said that they have two yes votes and that the recusal did not count so technically it was a two out of three vote so it would be majority and passed. Sophia Jang stated they only had two yes votes from Councilwoman Lee and Councilman Shin. Scott Krumholz stated that the recusal was taken off the total number of council members, which was four so there would only be three council members that were able to vote so two out of three were majority and they would be able to pass. Sophia Jang stated that Resolutions 2025-269 and 2025-270 were passed. Scott Krumholz stated as long as they had two yes votes and because the last vote was an abstention it passed. Councilman Min stated that out of four councilmembers, they had two yes votes, one recusal, and one abstention and the recusal did not count as a vote, so the majority of the vote was two to zero. Councilwoman Won-Yoon asked if this still applied if they didn't have a quorum. Scott Krumholz stated that there was a quorum for the meeting not for the vote. Councilman Min asked if the motion passed. Sophia Jang confirmed it did. Councilman Min stated that they were through the consent agenda, and they would move on to the council reports.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilwoman Lee reported from the school board that they were arranging a meeting with the new president and the interim superintendent to discuss the priority and objectives for the upcoming school year.

Councilwoman Lee stated during that meeting she would invite the interim superintendent to one of the Mayor and Council meetings meet everyone.

Councilman Shin reported that the DPW in July had 520 works including 260 pickups, and 25 pothole repairs. Councilman Shin stated that they handled about 25 works per day during the weekdays. Councilman Shin stated that they were considering designating pickup service for three days a week so hopefully the following month they would put that resolution on the agenda.

Councilwoman Won-Yoon reported that the library did not have a library board meeting during the summer therefore the next one would be in September. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated they had a new library director, who the council had just met, and they were very happy with her.

Councilman Kim reported that COVID-19 is back around nationally and was increasing so he warned everyone to watch out and to take care of themselves, especially when around others.

Councilman Min reported that the police department, they took a huge step forward in the past week appointing the new chief in town, Chief George Beck.

## **ATTORNEY REPORT**

Borough Attorney Scott Krumholz did not have anything to report.

## **BA REPORT**

Borough Administrator Roberta Stern did not have anything to report.

## **POLICE REPORT**

Chief George Beck reported that their accreditation update went up to 95 percent and that they were in the home stretch. Chief George Beck stated that they were in the bottle neck at the end and were waiting for a few more things to happen or not to prove compliance. Chief George Beck stated he was hoping to have a ribbon cutting ceremony very soon so they would keep everyone updated on that. Chief George Beck stated that National Night Out was held on August 5<sup>th</sup> and was overwhelmingly successful and thanked everybody who came and participated from the Mayor and Council. Chief George Beck then thanked the residents who showed up to National Night Out. Chief George Beck added that over 90 percent of their officers volunteered to come to work that night, so it was a nice thing to see. Chief George Beck stated that the new window for the records room was now in, their internet and phone lines were installed, and they were just waiting for the key swipe to be installed and then that would be fully operational. Chief George Beck stated the people at the window at the police department would be at that furthest window and that it would become the new records room. Chief George Beck stated that their DWI enforcement, the drive sober or get pulled over campaign was in full effect and that they would see lots of officers pulling over suspected drunk drivers that month. Chief George Beck added that it had been very active, and they had made many arrests in the past couple weeks. Chief George Beck said that Officer McDermott was working the night before on that DWI campaign and recovered a stolen vehicle in his efforts, so they congratulated Officer McDermott for being vigilant and for going the extra mile. Chief George Beck stated that it was always great to see the officers working hard and being productive. Chief George Beck added that he wanted to offer some praise to Officer Larrea. Chief George Beck stated Officer Mark Larrea came from Paterson and was a very good officer. Chief George Beck stated recently Officer Larrea was out on patrol and saw a women fleeing from a guy pursuing her from the back. Chief George Beck said that the man had just beat her pretty bad and she had sustained some facial injuries and had attacked her. Chief George Beck stated that Officer Mark Larrea caught the act in progress due to his proactive patrol. Chief

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George Beck repeated that Officer Mark Larrea saw the man chasing the woman and intervened, locked him up and sent off the man to the Bergen County Jail. Chief George Beck stated that it was nice to catch a crime in progress but the only way to do that was to be out there and to be watching. Chief George Beck congratulated Officer Mark Larrea on a job well done. Chief George Beck stated that during the summertime the call volume increased but that was normal and assured that the officers were out there handling all the calls and addressed many quality-of-life issues. Chief George Beck said that they were doing a good job with that, seeing less people intoxicated and more people following the rules which had been very beneficial to the town. Chief George Beck stated that they had released a posting for special police officers and were looking to hire special police officers with an application deadline of August 31<sup>st</sup>. Chief George Beck said that they could check the posting online, on the website, or social media and that they could check it out in the police vestibule as well. Chief George Beck stated that they were hoping to find some bilingual Korean speaking candidates to interview as it would help them significantly on the afternoon shift when a bilingual officer is needed. Chief George Beck said that if they knew anybody, to spread the word and repeated that the deadline was on August 31<sup>st</sup> and that they could apply on the police app for that. Chief George Beck stated lastly, he saw the governing body had passed the resolution to reimburse officers of their money that was taken from them in 2018 and thanked the Council for that and was sure on their behalf that those officers thanked the council too. Chief George Beck stated that he had nothing else to report and asked if there were any questions they had for him. Councilman Min stated he had one question. Councilman Min stated that during the work session, he had mentioned the signage that they put up for pedestrians that were way too low and would cause accidents or trouble. Roberta Stern stated that Lieutenant Beck had gone out and looked at each one of the signs, took pictures of them but there was not one that they felt was too low so if they would like to revisit them, Roberta Stern had them on her phone. Chief George Beck asked how low the signs were and what the people were saying. Roberta Stern asked if it was too high or too low. Councilman Min stated it was too low because he compared many of the signs with the Fort Lee signs as they had the same ones with solar panel led function. Councilman Min said that in Fort Lee and Ridgefield they all had pretty high signs where people easily walked by. On the contrary, Palisades Park had the same signs which were way too low. Chief George Beck stated that he would be in the next day and that they would check the compliance with that and what the required height was and if so would ask DPW Superintendent Kenneth Bruno to lift them. Councilwoman Won-Yoon stated that she had one comment from her neighbor saying that they felt much safer because they saw the policemen actively patrolling and thanked Chief George Beck. Chief George Beck thanked Councilwoman Won-Yoon and said that they liked her neighbor, and they liked those positive comments and asked Councilwoman Won-Yoon's to thank her neighbor. Chief George Beck asked if Councilman Shin had a question. Councilman Shin stated his question was answered. Chief George Beck reassured the governing body that first thing in the morning they would check that. Chief George Beck thanked the governing body.

Police Director Michael Gardner thanked the council for appointing Chief George Beck and stated that he was a great addition to the police department. Director Gardner also congratulated the recreation department for a job well done helping out with the family fun night. Police Gardner mentioned that he and Chief George Beck went down, and it was a fantastic event. Director Gardner stated he wanted to share the productivity report for tickets that were issued for the month of July. Director Gardner stated that five individuals wrote over 200 tickets each for the month of July for a total of 2,316 tickets issued. Director Gardner shared that in the past year the borough was number five in the county for issuing tickets and were hoping to approve of that if in fact the tickets were there. Director Gardner stated he wanted to recognize the five individuals who wrote 200 or more tickets. Director Gardner stated Son Kim wrote 238 tickets. Director Gardner apologized in advance if he incorrectly pronounced somebody's name. Director Gardner continued to recognize Nick Patel who wrote 215 tickets, Emmanuel Ruiz who wrote 254 tickets, Angela Gonzalez who wrote 511 tickets, and David Santos who wrote 212 tickets. Councilman Min stated that he hoped the violation tickets were from out of town and not here. Director Gardner stated that this showed that the police were out there doing their job and that he was proud of them and that they would keep the pressure on those officers. Director Gardner said that the police department had taken over the traffic enforcement function and they owed a lot of the credit to the work that had been done so far to Lieutenant Chris Beck who had put the schedules together, and so on and so forth. Director Gardner stated that Lieutenant Chris Beck has done a fantastic job, and he wanted to commend Lieutenant Beck for the job he had done for the last couple weeks.

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Councilman Min requested a motion to open to the public. Councilman Shin motioned, and Councilwoman Won-Yoon seconded. All joined in favor.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Neris Papoters stated on behalf of her family, she wanted to congratulate George Beck for becoming the chief of police. Neris Papoters stated that she saw that the town was going in the right direction and that she was very happy that the police department was getting together. Neris Papoters said it was the most important part of the town because she could see that they were working better. Neris Papoters added that as a family and as a group, it made them feel like they were all family and that they were protected and in the right place. Neris Papoters stated that she was really happy that they hadn't had a chief of police for around four years, so she believed this to be a really good move. Neris Papoters then stated that she knew school was going to start and she wanted to ask for a crossing guard on Edsall Boulevard. Neris Papoters stated they did not have a traffic person for Edsall Boulevard, which the governing body had been working on, and she really wanted that to get resolved because it was a very busy street. Neris Papoters stated that she knew they were around the school and watching the kids and knew that there were a lot of new students coming in and was very happy about that. Neris Papoters congratulated the council.

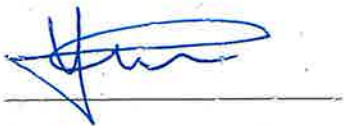
Christopher Kwak hoped everybody had a great summer and announced that the recreation department had a great street festival planned for September 20<sup>th</sup>. Christopher Kwak mentioned that they had a mobile gaming truck for the kids, and they had inflatable bounce houses, music and food. Christopher Kwak specified the event would take place right in front of the borough hall between Central Boulevard and Brinkerhoff Avenue on Broad Avenue. Christopher Kwak asked everyone to stop and come by on September 20<sup>th</sup> from 12PM to 6PM. Christopher Kwak thanked everybody for always contributing to the town. Christopher Kwak then congratulated Chief George Beck.

Councilman Min asked for a motion to close to the public and bring it back to the Mayor and Council meeting. Councilwoman Won-Yoon motioned, and Councilman Shin seconded. All joined in favor.

**ADJOURN**

Councilman Min requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Won-Yoon made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Shin. All joined in favor, none opposed.

Attest:



Sophia H. Jang, RMC

Borough Clerk