

**AGENDA OF THE REORGANIZATION MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
JANUARY 8, 2026 8:00 p.m.**

ZOOM INFORMATION
Computer Link: Please go to Borough
website usrtoday.org.
Link under "Recent News"
Phone: 1-669-900-6833; then dial meeting ID
(842-319-706) followed by #, #9 to raise hand
Public comment will only be heard by
those attending in person.

Pledge of Allegiance

Pursuant to the Open Sunshine Act P. L. 1975, c 231, proper notice of this meeting has been provided by submitting appropriate notice to the Ridgewood News and The Record on December 12, 2025 by email in which the time, place and purpose of the meeting was set forth.

Mayor Fardanesh to perform the swearing in of the following Council Members:

- ***Oath of Office to be administered to re-elected Council Member Sarah Drennan***
- ***Oath of Office to be administered to Council Member Mark Abaid***

Resolution # 01-26 Appointment of Police Officer Patrick Gray

Resolution offered by Council Member
Seconded by Council Member

Roll Call:

- ***Swearing in of Police Officer Patrick Gray***

Welcome Address by Mayor Fardanesh

Rule 1. Roll Call:

Mayor Fardanesh	
Mr. Abaid	Ms. Friedlander
Ms. Drennan	Mr. Lyons
Ms. Florio	Mr. Masi

Swear in Fire Officials for the year 2026:

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| ➤ <i>Chief</i> | <i>Nicholas Brusco</i> |
| ➤ <i>Assistant Chief</i> | <i>Scott Roberts</i> |
| ➤ <i>Captain</i> | <i>Anatoly Burman</i> |
| ➤ <i>Senior Lieutenant</i> | <i>Peter Shapiro</i> |
| ➤ <i>Lieutenant</i> | <i>Thomas Cusumano</i> |

Swear in Ambulance Corps Officials for the year 2026:

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|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ➤ <i>Captain</i> | <i>Amy Lauren</i> |
| ➤ <i>1st Lieutenant</i> | <i>Scott Buhl</i> |
| ➤ <i>2nd Lieutenant</i> | <i>Scott Gurian</i> |
| ➤ <i>3rd Lieutenant</i> | <i>Mark Bernhardt</i> |

Rule 2. Approval of Minutes

Roll Call:

- December 4, 2025: Executive, Closed & Regular Meetings

Rule 3. Borough Reports

Borough Clerk’s Report:

Police
 Fire
 Library
 Recreation Commission
 Environmental Committee
 Youth Guidance Council

Department of Public Works
 Ambulance Corps
 Planning Board
 Historic Preservation Commission
 Shade Tree Commission

Borough Official’s Report:

Borough Attorney
 Borough Engineer
 Construction Code Official

Other Boards & Commissions:

Municipal Court

*(REPORTS SUBMITTED ARE ON FILE FOR REVIEW
 IN THE MUNICIPAL CLERK’S OFFICE)*

Rule 4. Communications, Petitions and Bills:

Motion to Pay Bills:

Roll Call:

Rule 5. Unfinished Business

Rule 6. New Business

- Consent Agenda: All items listed with an asterisk (*) are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Council and shall be so approved. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member or citizen so requests, in which case the item will be considered in its normal sequence.

Motion to Open to the Public for Consent Agenda Items Only:

***1. Resolution #02-26**

Order of Business:

Place and date of Borough Council meetings

List of committees

Bonds of Borough Officials

Constitution of Borough Police Force

Rate of Interest-Delinquent Taxes

Telephone Charges

Official Newspapers

Continuation of Salaries

Issuance of Pet Licenses

Transmittal of Fees to Treasurer

Duties of Administrator & Borough Clerk

Furnishing of Materials & Services

Professional Services

Schedule of 2025 Council Meetings

2025 Temporary Budget

Authorize Treasurer to Pay Certain Claim

Authorize Treasurer to Refund Monies

Authorize Tax Collector to Conduct Tax Sales

Establish Cash Management Plan

***2. Resolution #03-26**

***3. Resolution #04-26**

***4. Resolution #05-26**

***5. Resolution #06-26**

***6. Resolution #07-26**

***7. Resolution #08-26**

***8. Resolution #09-26**

***9. Resolution #10-26**

***10. Resolution #11-26**

- *11. Resolution #12-26 Assessor/Tax Collector/Treasurer File Claims
- *12. Resolution #13-26 Use of Public Facilities
- *13. Resolution #14-26 Mutual Aid & Rapid Deployment Force
- *14. Resolution #15-26 Designation of Tax Searcher
- *15. Resolution #16-26 1033 Program for USRPD
- *16. Resolution #17-26 Appoint Deputy OEM Coord, Robert Fleshman
- *17. Resolution #18-26 Appoint Gerald Falotico Full Time Zoning Code Official
- *18. Resolution #19-26 Cancellation of Small Balances
- *19. Resolution #20-26 Appoint Darryl DeMott Fire Prevention Official
- *20. Resolution #21-26 6% Year-End Penalty on Open Balances
- *21. Resolution #22-26 Petty Cash Fund for Police Department
- *22. Resolution #23-26 Authorize Tow Companies
- *23. Resolution #24-26 Appoint JIF Commissioner – Theodore F. Preusch, BA
- *24. Resolution #25-26 Appoint Recycling Coordinator – Helena Loveless
- *25. Resolution #26-26 Auth. User Agreement – North Arlington Pistol Range
- *26. Resolution #27-26 Appoint PACO Officer – Robert T. Regan, Esq.
- *27. Resolution #28-26 Prof. Services Agreement: Rogut, McCarthy, Bond Counsel
- *28. Resolution #29-26 Prof. Services Agreement: Nelson Patterson Risk Mgr.
- *29. Resolution #30-26 Prof. Services Agreement: Burgis & Assoc. Borough Planner
- *30. Resolution #31-26 Prof. Services Agreement: BBG/Izenberg Appraisal Assoc.
- *31. Resolution #32-26 Prof. Services Agreement: Piazza & Assoc. AH Agent
- *32. Resolution #33-26 Prof. Services Agreement: Robt. Regan, Esq. Boro Attorney
- *33. Resolution #34-26 Prof. Services Agreement: Nisivoccia, Municipal Auditor
- *34. Resolution #35-26 Prof. Services Agreement: Colliers Engineering & Design
- *35. Resolution #36-26 Prof. Services Agreement: Wiss Law, Labor Attorney
- *36. Resolution #37-26 Prof. Services Agreement: Edward Buzak, Esq. AH Counsel
- *37. Resolution #38-26 Transfer of Funds - \$11,500.00
- *38. Resolution #39-26 Return of Escrow
- *39. Resolution #40-26 Appoint Acting Court Admin. – Pascack Joint Mun. Court
- *40. Resolution #41-26 Appoint P/T Police Department Dispatcher Parker Talman
- *41. Resolution #42-26 Appoint P/T Police Department Dispatcher Troy Essmann
- *42. Resolution #43-26 Redeem Third Party Tax Lien Blk. 211 Lot 8
- *43. Resolution #44-26 Tax Appeal Refund Blk. 1203 Lot 16
- *44. Resolution #45-26 Tax Exemption for Disabled Veteran Blk. 1223 Lot 1
- *45. Resolution #46-26 Tax Exemption for Disabled Veteran Blk. 501 Lot 13

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda Items
 Seconded by Council Member

Roll Call:

***Introduction of Ordinance #01-26**

**AN ORDINANCE BY THE BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER MAYOR AND COUNCIL
 AMENDING THE BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REPEAL
 CHAPTER 59 FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION; TO ADOPT FLOOD HAZARD MAPS; TO DESIGNATE
 A FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY
 AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

Motion Offered by Council Member
 Seconded by Council Member

Roll Call:

***Introduction of Ordinance #02-26**

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION
 PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53(b) FOR A BOROUGH-WIDE TAX REVALUATION**

Motion Offered by Council Member
 Seconded by Council Member

Roll Call:

*2. Motion to approve the following appointments to December 31, 2026:

Fire Prevention Official	Darryl DeMott
Municipal & Police Physician	Dr. Yair Kissin

*3. Motion to approve the following appointments to Borough Government:

Youth Guidance Counsel

Mayor	1 yr.	12/31/26	
Officer Pulizzano	1 yr.	12/31/26	
James McCusker	1 yr.	12/31/26	
David Kaplan	1 yr.	12/31/26	
Marge Fiori	1 yr.	12/31/26	(Mayor's rep)
Joanne Florio	1 yr.	12/31/26	(Council Rep)

Library

Erica Fields	5 yrs.	12/31/30	
Roger Masi	1 yr.	12/31/26	(Council Rep)

Shade Tree

Tom Sherlock (Alt. #1)	5 yrs.	12/31/30	
Benjamin Sherlock (Jr. Mem.)	1 yr.	12/31/26	
Roger Masi	1 yr.	12/31/25	(Council Rep)

Recreation

Richard Lyons	1 yr.	12/31/26	(Council Rep)
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Bd. of Health

Merri Stein Gurian	3 yrs.	12/31/28	
Joanne Florio	1 yr.	12/31/26	(Council Rep)

Emergency Management Council

Ted Preusch – OEM Coord.	1 yr.	12/31/26	
Police Chief Rotella	1 yr.	12/31/26	
Fire Chief Brusco	1 yr.	12/31/26	
Cynthia Dilatush (USR Cares)	1 yr.	12/31/26	
Ambulance. Capt. Amy Lauren	1 yr.	12/31/26	
Deputy OEM Coord. Fleshman	1 yr.	12/31/26	

Environmental Committee

Jay Perez	1 yr.	12/31/26	
Timothy Stoller	1 yr.	12/31/26	
Joanne Florio	1 yr.	12/31/26	(Council Rep)

Municipal Prosecutor

Christine Lilore	1 yr.	12/31/26	
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Affordable Housing

Joy Convertini, Secy.	1 yr.	12/31/26	
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Historic Preservation

Donna Friedlander	1 yr.	12/31/26	(Council Rep)
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Borough Historians

Kay Yeomans 1 yr. 12/31/26
Justin Van Deursen 1 yr. 12/31/26

Roll Call:

*4 Mayor to appoint the following to serve on the Green Team to December 31, 2026:

**Joanne Florio, Ted Preusch, Adam Greenbaum, Jay Perez,
Tim Stoller, Jason Mathios, Claudia Granger**

*5. Mayor to appoint the following to serve on The Safety Committee to December 31, 2026:

**Mayor Fardanesh, Police Chief Rotella, Ted Preusch, Fire Chief Brusco,
Ambulance Capt. Amy Lauren**

*6. Motion to select a Council member to serve as Council President for the Year 2026.

*7. Motion to select Council member to serve as a Class III Member on the USR Planning Board.

*8. Mayor to appoint the following to serve on the USR Planning Board:

<u>NAME</u>		<u>TERM</u>	
Mayor Fardanesh	Class I	1 yr.	12/31/26
Ted Preusch	Class II	1 yr.	12/31/26
Sarah Drennan	Class III	1 yr.	12/31/26
Michael Putrino	Class IV	4 yrs.	12/31/29

*9. Motion to approve the following appointments to Council Committees:

Board of Health	Council Member Florio
Dept. of Public Works	Council Member Lyons
Environmental Committee	Council Member Florio
Recreation	Council Member Lyons
Youth Guidance Council	Council Member Florio
Shade Tree	Council Member Masi
Finance	Council Members Masi & Abaid, Mayor Fardanesh
Historic Preservation	Council Member Friedlander

Roll Call:

Rule 7. Public Comment

Rule 8. Adjournment

Roll Call:

Motion to Adjourn

**BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
RESOLUTION #01-26
January 8, 2026**

Appointment of Police Officer Patrick Gray

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Upper Saddle River have agreed to hire

PATRICK GRAY to serve as an Upper Saddle River Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, the said position shall be a full-time position, effective January 8, 2026 at an annual salary of \$53,678.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the duties for the aforementioned position shall be set forth Chapter 3, Article X of the Upper Saddle River Borough Code.

Councilperson	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Abaid						
Drennan						
Florio						
Friedlander						
Lyons						
Masi						

I hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted by the Mayor and Council on January 8, 2026.

Joy C. Convertini, R.M.C. Municipal Clerk

BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
RESOLUTION #02-26
January 8, 2026

Order of Business

1. The regular meetings of the Mayor and Council to be held in the Borough Hall on the first Thursday of each month at 8:00 PM; unless otherwise noted.
2. The order of business to be followed at each meeting is as follows:
 1. Roll Call
 2. Approval of Minutes
 3. Reports of Officers and Committees
 4. Presentation of Communications, Petitions, Bills, etc.
 5. Unfinished Business: Final passage of Ordinances, etc.
 6. New Business: Introduction of Ordinances, etc.
 7. Public Comments
 8. Adjournment
3. The following commissions and committees be appointed, to wit:
 1. Public Safety Committee, (Fire and Ambulance)
 2. Police
 3. Finance
 4. DPW
 5. Parks, Buildings & Grounds
 6. Planning Board
 7. Recreation
 8. Environmental
 9. Shade Tree
 10. Board of Health
 11. Youth Guidance Council
4. All Council Committees shall be appointed by the Council, as per ordinance.

All Committees shall consider and act upon any matters referred to them by the Council.

The Council representative shall be a member of all committees, both standing and special and be a ranking member thereof but in his absence, the Chairman of any committee shall preside. The Council representative or Chairman of any committee may call committee meetings at any time by giving written notice thereof by mailing the same to each member of such committee with postage prepaid at his post office address or by delivering the same to his residence two days prior to the date fixed by the notice.

5. The Bonds of the Borough Officials be fixed as follows:

Tax Collector	\$ 1,000,000
Chief Financial Officer	\$ 1,000,000
Court Administrator	\$ 1,000,000

6. The Borough pays the charges for obtaining the above bonds.

7. All monies collected or received by the Collector belonging to the Borough of Upper Saddle River shall be deposited forthwith in Columbia Bank, Paramus, NJ, TD Bank, Ramsey, NJ and Valley National Bank, Ramsey, New Jersey, under interest bearing accounts and shall be subject to drafts thereon, signed by the Mayor and Finance Officer and attested to by the Borough Clerk. Deposits may be made in the financial institutions certified by NJ Dept. of Banking as follows: Valley National Bank, Ramsey, NJ; Trust Company Bank, Ramsey, NJ; Bank of America, Saddle River, NJ; TD Bank., Montvale and Ramsey, NJ; and Lakewood Saving Bank, Ramsey, NJ, SNJ Cash Management Fund, Trenton, NJ.

8. The interest rate to be paid on all unpaid taxes 10 days after due date to be and hereby is fixed at 8 percent (8%) per annum on the first \$1,500 of delinquency and 18% per annum on the amount in excess of \$1,500, which rate of interest shall be collected by the Collector on all delinquent taxes and assessments. A 6% penalty shall be charged on any delinquency in excess of \$10,000, if not paid by the end of the fiscal year. A penalty of \$20.00 shall be assessed for each check returned by the financial institution due to insufficient funds. The Tax Collector is authorized to process, without further action on the part of the Borough Council, the cancellation of any property tax delinquency or excess of less than ten dollars (\$10.00).

9. The Chief of Police, Captain, Lieutenants, Sergeants, Detectives, Patrol Officers, Special Patrolmen and Special Patrolwomen shall constitute the Police Force of this Borough.

10. The Borough shall pay all telephone charges incurred by the Mayor, Council members, Collector, Assessor, Borough Clerk, Assistant to the Borough Clerk, Chief of Police, Magistrate and Chairman of any committee in transacting official Borough business.

11. The Ridgewood News and The Record shall be the official papers of the Borough of USR.

12. The salaries of the Borough officials and employees shall continue as now provided for in the existing salary ordinance except for the Borough Engineer and Borough Prosecutor who shall now be engaged in accordance with contractual arrangements.

13. For miscellaneous jobs – type and size of equipment to be hired and rate to be agreed upon before work is performed.

14. The Borough Clerk and Secretary to the Borough Clerk of the Borough shall issue dog licenses and shall collect necessary fees for licenses and tags according to State Statutes and shall assist with voting registrations and issue certificates of liability for assessment and approval of subdivisions.

15. That the fees for marriage licenses, birth and death certificates and any other fees required to be imposed by the State Dept. of Health or of the Board of Health of the Borough of Upper Saddle River, NJ, including inspection of plumbing and sanitation shall be collected by the Secretary of the Board of Health and transmitted forthwith to the Tax Collector/Treasurer.

16. That all fines, fees, court costs, etc. imposed or assessed by the Magistrate of the Borough of USR which are due the Borough, shall be transmitted monthly to the Borough Treasurer by the Court Clerk.

17. That all fees for construction inspections shall be collected by the office of Construction Official and transmitted forthwith to the Tax Collector/Treasurer.

Councilperson	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Abaid						
Drennan						
Florio						
Friedlander						
Lyons						
Masi						

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Joy C. Convertini, R.M.C. Municipal Clerk

BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
RESOLUTION #3-26
January 8, 2026

Duties of Borough Clerk and Borough Administrator

RESOLVED, THAT, WHEREAS, the Governing Body deems it advisable for the efficient conduct of the business affairs of the Borough that the Borough Clerk and Borough Administrator be assigned certain specific duties in addition to those direct by law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Governing Body of the Borough of Upper Saddle River that the Borough Clerk and Borough Administrator shall in addition to those duties required by law, perform the following numerical duties;

1. In addition to attendance to all meetings of the Mayor and Council, they shall attend such other meetings, whether within or without the Borough of Upper Saddle River, as they may be assigned from time to time by the Mayor and Council.
2. They shall provide a liaison between the Mayor and Council and the various municipal boards, agencies and departments of the Borough and its professional advisors, as may be directed by the Mayor and Council.
3. They shall keep the Mayor and Council currently informed on all matters assigned to them or otherwise within their jurisdiction.
4. They shall be responsible for the coordination of interdepartmental operations.
5. They shall make studies and surveys of such municipal problems of the Borough as shall be assigned to them by the Mayor and Council and prepare and submit written reports of their findings and determinations to the Mayor and Council for their consideration and action.
6. They shall study continually present and future budgets, purchasing procedures, administrative procedures and personnel organization and policies and make such recommendations to the Mayor and Council relating thereto as they shall deem necessary from time to time.
7. They shall be responsible for continually improving communications between the various Borough personnel Departments, Agencies and Boards and the Mayor and Council.
8. They shall make inspections and review as may be necessary to ensure full compliance by all persons and corporations having contractual obligations to perform services for or sell goods to the Borough.
9. They shall be responsible for the compiling, editing and prompt dissemination and release of public information upon the authorization of the Mayor and Council.

10. They shall continually review the Borough's insurance program and make recommendations thereon to the Mayor and Council.

11. They shall act as liaison between the Borough and the various County, State and Federal Agencies with respect to all applications for funds and/or services required by the Borough.

12. They shall be responsible to see that any complaints concerning the functions and obligations of the Borough are promptly referred to the appropriate departments for disposition.

13. They shall make any recommendations, which they may believe will increase the efficiency of the administrative operations of the Borough.

14. They shall perform such other administrative and ministerial duties and functions as may be assigned to them by the Mayor and Council.

Councilperson	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Abaid						
Drennan						
Florio						
Friedlander						
Lyons						
Masi						

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Joy C. Convertini, R.M.C. Municipal Clerk

**BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
RESOLUTION #4-26
January 8, 2026**

Furnishing of Materials and Services

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have, and/or will have awarded bids or the furnishing of certain materials and services to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, any inability of said suppliers to provide the stated supplies or services should result in serious detriment to the health, welfare, and police and fire protection for the citizens of Upper Saddle River;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Administrator be authorized to purchase said supplies or service from other than named suppliers, depending on the nature of the emergency and the needs of the Borough whenever the named contractor cannot supply emergency needs.

Councilperson	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Abaid						
Drennan						
Florio						
Friedlander						
Lyons						
Masi						

I hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted by the Mayor and Council on January 8, 2026.

Joy C. Convertini, R.M.C. Municipal Clerk

BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
RESOLUTION #5-26
January 8, 2026

Professional Services

WHEREAS, the Borough of Upper Saddle River requires the services of attorneys, planning consultants, consulting engineers, registered municipal auditor, municipal court judge, public defender and prosecutor during 2026; and

WHEREAS, it is contemplated that the 2026 budget will contain the necessary appropriations estimated to be reasonably required for such services; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (NJSA 40:A11-1 et. seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contract for “Professional Services” without competitive bids must be publicly advertised.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Upper Saddle River as follows:

1. The Mayor and Council do hereby engage the services of:

Borough Attorney	Robert T. Regan, Esq.,
Borough Planner	Joseph Burgis, Burgis & Associates
Municipal Court Judge	Christopher Botta, Esq.
Public Defender	Kenneth Gallo, Esq., Gallo & Gallo
Borough Prosecutor	Christine Lilore, Esq.
Risk Manager	Arthur Caughlan, Nelson Patterson Agency, Inc.
Borough Appraiser	Louis Izenberg, BBG/Izenberg Appraisal Associates
Bond Counsel	Steven Rogut, Esq., Rogut McCarthy LLC
Affordable Housing Counsel	Edward Buzak, Esq., Surenian, Edwards, Buzak & Nolan
Labor Attorney	Ray Wiss, Esq., Wiss Law, PC

2. The engagement of such services is made without competitive bidding under the provisions of N.J.S.A 40A:11-5 which excepts from competitive bidding “Professional Services” rendered by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and whose practice is required by law. 40A:11 et seq. The selection is, however, subject to the fair and open process authorized by the New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. The Borough has structured a procurement process that seeks to obtain the desired results, while establishing a competitive process to assure that each person and/or firm is provided an equal opportunity to submit a qualification statement in response to RFQ.

3. A copy of this resolution shall be published in The Record as required by law within 10 days of its passage.

Councilperson	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Abaid						
Drennan						
Florio						
Friedlander						
Lyons						
Masi						

I hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted by the Mayor and Council on January 8, 2026.

 Joy C. Convertini, R.M.C. Municipal Clerk

BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
RESOLUTION #6-26
January 8, 2026

Schedule of 2026 Council Meetings

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council approve the following schedule of Council meetings for the year 2026.

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act. P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, the Upper Saddle River Mayor and Council has scheduled the following meetings for the Year 2026:

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>EXECUTIVE & REGULAR MEETINGS</u>
JANUARY	8*
FEBRUARY	5
MARCH	5
APRIL	9**
MAY	7
JUNE	4
JULY	2
AUGUST	6
SEPTEMBER	3
OCTOBER	1
NOVEMBER	5
DECEMBER	3
DECEMBER	31*** END OF YEAR

- *Reorganization meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m. on January 8, 2026, with Council convening at 6:30 p.m. for Executive Meeting.
- **April 9th due to Passover on April 2nd.
- ***End of the Year meeting will be held on December 31, 2026 at 9:00 a.m., if needed.

Regular Meetings will begin at 8:00 p.m. with the Council convening at 6:30 PM for Executive Meeting.

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month in the Borough Hall, 376 West Saddle River Road, Upper Saddle River, New Jersey 07458, unless otherwise noticed. Meetings are also conducted on Zoom.

Councilperson	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Abaid						
Drennan						
Florio						
Friedlander						
Lyons						
Masi						

I hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted by the Mayor and Council on January 8, 2026.

 Joy C. Convertini, R.M.C. Municipal Clerk

**BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
RESOLUTION #7-26
January 8, 2026**

2026 TEMPORARY BUDGET

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 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 for 2025, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund and public assistance in said budget is the sum of **\$14,451,943**; and

WHEREAS, 35% of the total appropriations in the 2025 Budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund and public assistance, in said budget is the sum of **\$5,058,180.05**.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Upper Saddle River, that the following appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for his records.

2026 TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

<u>General Government</u>	Salaries & Wages	Other Expenses
6-01-20-701 Administration	\$ 105,350	\$ 30,275
6-01-20-703 Municipal Clerk	\$ 37,100	\$ 788
6-01-20-705 Financial Administration	\$ 66,850	\$ 54,250
6-01-20-708 Tax Collection	\$ 31,850	\$ 31,850
6-01-20-710 Tax Assessment	\$ 9,450	\$ 6,825
6-01-20-712 Legal Services		\$ 38,150
6-01-20-715 Engineering Services		\$ 35,000
6-01-21-720 Planning Board	\$ 5,250	\$ 7,875
6-01-21-721 Board of Adjustment	\$ 5,250	\$
6-01-23-733 Group Insurance		\$ 525,000
6-01-23-732 Workers Compensation		\$ 65,450
6-01-23-735 General Insurance		\$ 100,450
6-01-25-757 Municipal Prosecutor		\$ 4,200
6-01-25-758 Municipal Public Defender		\$ 1,050
6-01-33-830 Municipal Court	\$ 28,700	\$ 6,650
6-01-36-834 Reserve for Unemployment		\$ 350
6-01-31-720 Electricity		\$ 43,750
6-01-31-720 Street Lighting		\$ 1,750

6-01-31-720	Telephone		\$ 15,750
6-01-31-720	Water		\$ 2,275
6-01-31-720	Vehicle Gasoline		\$ 31,500
6-01-31-720	Fire Hydrant Service		\$ 17,850
6-01-31-720	Natural Gas		\$ 6,650
6-01-31-720	Internet Access		\$ 2,450
6-01-36-837	Social Security		\$ 133,000
6-01-36-840	Defined Contribution Retirement Plan		\$ 6,650

Public Safety

6-01-25-745	Police	\$ 1,214,500	\$ 118,650
6-01-25-749	Fire		\$ 24,763
6-01-25-750	Ambulance	\$ 61,950	\$ 1,750
6-01-25-752	Fire Prevention	\$ 5,950	\$ 4,918

Uniform Construction Code

6-01-22-725	UCC Building Inspectors	\$ 113,400	\$ 10,325
6-01-22-726	Plumbing Sub-Code	\$ 9,800	

Department of Public Works

6-01-26-765	Streets & Roads	\$ 300,300	\$ 75,618
6-01-26-772	Public Buildings & Grounds	\$ 12,950	\$ 13,825
6-01-26-313	Shade Tree		\$ 350

Sanitation

6-01-32-827	Garbage & Trash Collection		\$ 223,650
6-01-26-770	Recycling		\$ 96,250
6-01-32-827	Sanitary Landfill		\$ 80,500
6-01-26-773	Sewer Processing		\$ 28,000

Health & Welfare

6-01-27-785	Health		\$ 36,645
6-01-27-340	Animal Control		\$ 2,450
6-01-40-308	PEOSHA		\$ 4,200

Recreation & Education

6-01-28-795	Recreation	\$ 29,750	\$ 10,500
6-01-28-796	Celebration Public Events		\$ 7,525
6-01-29-800	Public Library		\$ 676,497

Debt Service

6-01-45-840	Bond Principle		\$ 1,160,000
6-01-45-842	Bond Interest		\$ 250,000
6-01-45-843	Note Interest		\$ 390,000

Total Operations **\$4,624,604**
Debt Service **\$1,800,000**

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Joy C. Convertini, R.M.C. Municipal Clerk

BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
RESOLUTION #8-26
January 8, 2026

Authorize Treasurer to Pay Certain Claims

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Upper Saddle River hereby authorizes the Treasurer to pay the claims and commitments that are due and payable prior to Council approval of bills.

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BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
RESOLUTION #9-26
January 8, 2026

Authorize Treasurer to Refund Monies

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Upper Saddle River hereby authorizes the Treasurer to refund security monies, deposited by applicants, for building permits, prior to Council approval of bills, upon certification by the Building Inspector that he has approved said refund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to return escrow funds deposited by applicants for Planning and Zoning matters, prior to Council approval of bills, upon certification of the Borough Engineer and other appropriate officials.

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**BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
RESOLUTION #10-26
January 8, 2026**

Authorize Tax Collector to Conduct a Standard Tax Sale

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Upper Saddle River 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 find and declares that the Municipal Tax Collector is qualified to hold said Tax Sale in the calendar year 2026 for municipal delinquent charges; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Upper Saddle River that the Municipal Tax Collector, Celina Checo, 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.

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BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
RESOLUTION #11-26
January 8, 2026

Cash Management Plan

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Upper Saddle River, County of Bergen for the year 2026, the following shall serve as the Cash Management Plan of the Borough of Upper Saddle River. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to use this cash management plan as the definitive guide in depositing and investing the Borough of Upper Saddle River's funds.

The following Government Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUDPA) approved banks are authorized depositories for the deposit of funds:

- Columbia Bank

All warrants or checks for the disbursement of money shall be made by any three (3) of the following officials. No more than two (2) facsimile signatures may be used:

- Mayor Arman Fardanesh
- Borough Clerk Joy Convertini
- Chief Financial Officer James A. Mangin
- Senior Finance Clerk Elizabeth Blevis

The Chief Financial Officer is empowered to invest cash funds as bank balances will allow from time to time in order to maximize realized revenue.

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1, the following instruments are authorized as suitable investments for the Borough of Upper Saddle River:

- Interest-bearing bank accounts in banks as authorized above for deposit of local unit funds (GUDPA approved);
- Certificates of Deposit in GUDPA approved banking institutions;
- Bonds or other obligations of the United States of America or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America. This includes instruments such as Treasury Bills, Notes, and Bonds;
- Government money market mutual funds that comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1(e);
- Any federal agency or instrumentality obligation authorized by Congress that matures within 397 days from the date of purchase, and has a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or external factors;
- Bonds or other obligations of the local unit or school district of which the Borough is a part;
- Local government investment pools, including municipal note issuances, which comply with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1(e) and conditions as set by the Division of Local Government Services;
- New Jersey Cash Management Fund;

- Repurchase agreements of fully collateralized securities which comply with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1(e);
- New Jersey Asset and Rebate Management Program
- Short term notes issued by New Jersey municipalities, counties, local authorities, and school districts; so long as the maturity date is no more than 397 days from the date of purchase.

There are no approved security broker/dealers. In the event that a security broker/dealer shall be approved during the year, the registered principle of said brokerage firm so approved shall be provided with and sign an acknowledgement that they have seen and reviewed this cash management plan.

Each month the Chief Financial Officer shall prepare a report for the Borough Administrator that consists of the following:

- A summary of all investments made or redeemed for the month.
- A listing of any and all financial institutions holding local unit funds.
- The class or type of securities purchased or funds deposited.
- Income earned on investments.
- Market value of investments and disclosure as to how the value was determined, if applicable.
- A listing of accounts or deposits that do not earn interest.

This document shall constitute the cash management policy of the Borough of Upper Saddle River.

Any official involved with the selection of depositories, investments, broker/dealers, shall disclose any material business or personal relationship to the City Manager and to the Local Finance Board or Local Ethics Board as applicable.

Any official who, in the course of his or her duties, deposits or invests in accordance with this plan shall be relieved of any liability for loss.

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**BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
RESOLUTION #12-26
January 8, 2026**

Assessor/Tax Collector/Treasurer File Claims

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Tax Board requires a resolution by the Municipal Governing Body authorizing the Assessor/Tax Collector/Treasurer to file appeals and settlements of stipulations with the Bergen County Tax Board for the purpose of correcting assessment for the year 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Assessor/Tax Collector/Treasurer be authorized to file appeals when necessary.

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**BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
RESOLUTION #13-26
January 8, 2026**

Use of Public Facilities

WHEREAS, the Borough of Upper Saddle River, from time to time, authorizes use of public facilities for certain non-profit organizations which do not have insurance coverage; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is willing to permit use of its public facilities to such organizations provided that such use is consistent with the underwriting guidelines of the Borough's insurer; and

WHEREAS, all organizations shall execute a Hold Harmless Agreement prior to using the Borough's public facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Upper Saddle River that it does hereby agree to waive insurance requirements for the following not-for-profit organizations:

- Republican Club**
- Democratic Club**
- Friends of the Library**
- Upper Saddle River Seniors**
- Duplicate Bridge Club**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the waiver of insurance herein shall extend for a period of one (1) year only and must be renewed annually.

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BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
RESOLUTION #14-26
January 8, 2026

Bergen County Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Resolution

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., man-made causes, civil unrest, and civil disobedience such as riot, strikes, jail or prison riots, train wrecks, aircraft crashes, major fires, ethnic disorders, riots, terrorist incidents and bombings, state, and national emergencies, and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Police Chiefs 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:14-156.1, 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 also recognized that Patrick Rotella, Chief of Police, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-118 and under the authority of the Bergen County Prosecutor, has the authority to assign officers to a Task Force, Rapid Deployment Team, or Regional SWAT Team operated in conjunction with the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Upper Saddle River to participate in a Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force in accordance with the Plan as submitted by the Bergen County Police Chiefs Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Upper Saddle River that the police Department of the Borough of Upper Saddle River under the direction of the Chief of Police, cooperate with the Bergen County Police Chiefs Association to create an Interlocal Services Agreement with all municipalities in the County of Bergen in order to put into place the Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the Resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, the Board of Chosen Freeholders, the County Prosecutor, and all municipalities in the County of Bergen.

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**BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
RESOLUTION #15-26
January 8, 2026**

Designation of Tax Searcher

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Upper Saddle River that Celina Checo being a bonded official of the Municipality , be and is hereby, designated as the Official Tax Searcher of the Borough of Upper Saddle River pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A..54:5-11.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all lawful fees collected by the said Celina Checo in her official capacity as Tax Searcher, be received and retained by the Borough of Upper Saddle River

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**BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
RESOLUTION #16-26
January 8, 2026**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
THROUGH THE UPPER SADDLE RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE
IN THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY, LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE,
1033 PROGRAM TO ENABLE THE UPPER SADDLE RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT
TO REQUEST AND ACQUIRE EXCESS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT**

WHEREAS, the United States Congress authorized the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) 1033 Program to make use of excess Department of Defense personal property by making that personal property available to municipal, county and State law enforcement agencies (LEAs); and

WHEREAS, DLA rules mandate that all equipment acquired through the 1033 Program remain under the control of the requesting LEA; and

WHEREAS, participation in the 1033 Program allows municipal and county LEAs to obtain property they might not otherwise be able to afford in order to enhance community preparedness, response, and resiliency; and

WHEREAS, although property is provided through the 1033 Program at no cost to municipal and county LEAs, these entities are responsible for the costs associated with delivery, maintenance, fueling, and upkeep of the property, and for specialized training on the operation of any acquired property; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-30.2 requires that the governing body of the municipality or county approve, by a majority of the full membership, both enrollment in, and the acquisition of any property through, the 1033 Program; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Upper Saddle River that the Upper Saddle River Police Department is hereby authorized to enroll in the 1033 Program for no more than a one-year period, with authorization to participate, effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Upper Saddle River Police Department is hereby authorized to acquire items of non-controlled property designated "DEMIL A," which may include office supplies, office furniture, computers, electronic equipment, generators, field packs, non-military vehicles, clothing, traffic and transit signal systems, exercise equipment, farming and moving equipment, storage devices and containers, tools, medical and first aid equipment and supplies, personal protection equipment and supplies, construction materials, lighting supplies, beds and sleeping mats, wet and cold weather equipment and supplies, respirators, binoculars, and any other supplies or equipment of a non-military nature identified by

the LEA, if it shall become available in the period of time for which this resolution authorizes, based on the needs of the Upper Saddle River Police Department, without restriction; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Upper Saddle River Police Department is hereby authorized to acquire the following “DEMIL B through Q” property, if it shall become available in the period of time for which this resolution authorizes: (1) utility truck (2) tractor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Upper Saddle River Police Department shall develop and implement a full training plan and policy for the maintenance and use of the acquired property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Upper Saddle River Police Department shall provide a quarterly accounting of all property obtained through the 1033 Program which shall be available to the public upon request; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately and shall be valid to authorize requests to acquire “DEMIL A” property and “DEMIL B through Q” property that may be made available through the 1033 Program during the period of time for which this resolution authorizes; with Program participation and all property request authorization effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

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**BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
RESOLUTION #17-26
January 8, 2026**

**Resolution Appointing Robert Fleshman
to Position of Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator**

WHEREAS, in accordance with Directive No. 102 issued by the State Office of Emergency Management, Division of State Police, each Emergency Management Coordinator shall appoint one and may appoint Deputy Emergency Management Coordinators with the advice and consent of the Mayor and Council, and;

WHEREAS, the Borough Emergency Management Coordinator has appointed Robert Fleshman to serve as the Borough’s Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Upper Saddle River that Robert Fleshman is hereby appointed to serve as the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator for the Borough of Upper Saddle River for the aforesaid term which expires December 31, 2026.

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**BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
RESOLUTION #18-26
January 8, 2026**

Appoint Gerald Falotico – Full Time Zoning Official

BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Upper Saddle River, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, hereby appoints Gerald Falotico to serve as full time Zoning Official; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Zoning Official/Code Enforcement Officer shall serve from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026.

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**BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
RESOLUTION # 19-26
JANUARY 8, 2026**

RESOLUTION CANCELLING SMALL BALANCES

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.40A:5-17.1 provides that a municipality may authorize the processing of tax refunds to process the cancellation of tax refunds and/or delinquencies of less than ten (\$10.00) Dollars, and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the Municipality of the Borough of Upper Saddle River for Municipal Tax Collector to be authorized to process the cancellations of tax refunds and/or delinquencies of less than ten (\$10.00) Dollars in accordance with N.J.S.A.40a:5-17-1;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector is hereby authorize to process, without further action on part of the Governing Body, any property tax refund of less than ten (\$10.00 dollars);

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BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
RESOLUTION #20-26
January 8, 2026

Appointment of Part-Time Fire Official – Darryl DeMott

WHEREAS, there presently exists a need on the part of the Borough of Upper Saddle River to appoint a part-time Fire Prevention Official.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Upper Saddle River, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, hereby appoint Darryl DeMott to serve as a part-time Fire Prevention Official; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Fire Prevention Official shall serve from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026.

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**BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
RESOLUTION # 21-26
JANUARY 8, 2026**

RESOLUTION 6% YEAR END PENALTY

WHEREAS, 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 (6%) percent of the amount of the delinquency in excess of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector is hereby authorize to process, without further action on part of the Governing Body, the (6%) penalty on all open balances in excess of 10,000.00;

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**BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
 RESOLUTION #22-26
 January 8, 2026**

Authorizing Petty Cash Funds for the Police Department

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21 application is hereby made for permission to establish a petty cash fund for the following offices and amounts:

Police \$100.00

WHEREAS, the Petty Cash Funds will be used by the aforementioned offices or departments to pay claims for minor emergency purchases in amounts not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00). Certification is hereby made that the person having custody of the fund will be bonded with corporate surety in an amount not less than \$1,000.00 or the amount of the fund, whichever is greater. The custodian of such fund and the amount of surety bond will be as follows:

Patrick Rotella, Chief of Police \$1,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this application was authorized at a meeting of the Borough Council for the Borough of Upper Saddle River, County of Bergen, held on the 8th day of January 2026. Prior approval of the Director of Local Government Services has been obtained. Authorization will be given for the issuance of a check to the fund custodian in the amount set forth in this application.

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**BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
RESOLUTION #23-26
January 8, 2026**

Authorizing Approval of 2026 Tow Companies

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 128-2 of the Code of the Borough of Upper Saddle River, applications were received from six (6) tow companies for inclusion as an Official Tower of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, said applications were reviewed in accordance with the procedures set forth in said Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, after review and inspection by the Upper Saddle River Police Department, the Chief of Police has issued a report to the Municipal Clerk recommending approval by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has reviewed the recommendations and finds just cause to take action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Upper Saddle River that the following applications be and hereby are approved and the following vendors be and hereby are appointed as Official Towers of the Borough of Upper Saddle River for the period, January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026:

1. Big Tows, Inc.
35 Grant Street
Ramsey, New Jersey 07446
2. A-1 Auto Body & Collision, Inc.
34 Ramapo Valley Road
Mahwah, New Jersey 07430
3. Ramsey Auto Body & Collision, Inc.
265 Route 17 South
Upper Saddle River, New Jersey 07458
4. Rondale Towing, Inc.
41 Hewson Avenue
Waldwick, New Jersey 07463
5. Venusti Auto Body, Inc.
1 Ward Lane
Mahwah, New Jersey 07430

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that approval shall be granted to the aforementioned tow companies and that said approvals will remain in effect until December 31, 2025.

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**BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
RESOLUTION #24-26
January 8, 2026**

**Appointment of Joint Insurance Fund Commissioner
Borough Administrator – Theodore F. Preusch**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Upper Saddle River is a member of the Municipal Joint Insurance Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is required to appoint a Fund Commissioner as its representative to the Municipal Joint Insurance Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Upper Saddle River that Theodore F. Preusch be and is hereby appointed as the Borough’s Fund Commissioner for the Municipal Joint Insurance Fund for the year 2026.

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BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
RESOLUTION #25-26
January 8, 2026

Appoint Recycling Tonnage Coordinator – Helena Loveless

WHEREAS, the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L. 1987, c. 102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grant may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and to expand existing programs; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Dept. of Environmental Protection is promulgating recycling regulations to implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

WHEREAS, the recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, a resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for such tonnage grants for the year 2020 will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of the Mayor and Council to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

WHEREAS, such a resolution designates **Helena Loveless** as the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed for the year 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Upper Saddle River that said Borough hereby endorses the submission of a recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Dept. of Environmental Protection and designates the Bergen County Utilities Authority to serve as Recycling Coordinator to ensure that the application is properly filed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the monies received from the recycling tonnage grant be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purposes of recycling.

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**BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
RESOLUTION #26-26
January 8, 2026**

**Authorizing User Agreement
Use of Borough of North Arlington Pistol Range for 2026**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Upper Saddle River wishes to enter into a User Agreement with the Borough of North Arlington for use of the North Arlington Police Department Pistol Range for the year 2026; and

WHEREAS, it is contemplated that the 2026 budget will contain the necessary appropriations estimated to be reasonably required for such services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Arlington has agreed to allow the Upper Saddle River Police Department to use the pistol range for a daily fee of 250.00 per day; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Upper Saddle River has agreed to enter into such an agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Upper Saddle River hereby approves and authorizes the execution of a User Agreement with the Borough of North Arlington at a cost set forth in the Agreement for the year 2026.

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**BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
RESOLUTION #27-26
January 8, 2026**

**Appointment of Public Agency Compliance Officer (PACO)
Borough Attorney Robert T. Regan, Esq.**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Division of Contract Compliance and Equal Employment Opportunity, enforces N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., providing that no public contract be awarded until the contractor complies with the approved Affirmative Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 17-27-3.5 requires each public agency to designate a Public Agency Compliance Officer (PACO);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Upper Saddle River hereby appoints **Borough Attorney Robert T. Regan, Esq.** as Public Agency Compliance Officer for the year 2026.

Councilperson	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
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I hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted by the Mayor and Council on January 8, 2026.

Joy C. Convertini, R.M.C., Municipal Clerk

**BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
 RESOLUTION #28-26
 January 8, 2026**

**Professional Services Agreement
Rogut, McCarthy, LLC - Bond Counsel**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Upper Saddle River requires services of a professional Bond Counsel for the year 2026; and

WHEREAS, it is contemplated that the 2026 budget will contain the necessary appropriations estimated to be reasonable required for such services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Upper Saddle River requires the resolution authorizing the award of contract for "Professional Services" without competitive bids must be publicly advertised;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Upper Saddle River as follows:

- 1) The Mayor and Council do hereby engage the services of:

**Rogut McCarthy LLC
 37 Alden Street
 Cranford, New Jersey 07016**

Per the Fee Schedule attached to the Contract;

- 2) The engagement of such services is made without competitive bidding under the provisions of N.J.S.A.40A:11-51 which exempts from competitive bidding "Professional Services" rendered by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute a contract for such services.

Councilperson	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
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 Joy C. Convertini, R.M.C., Municipal Clerk

**BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
RESOLUTION #29-26
January 8, 2026**

**Professional Services Agreement
Nelson Patterson Agency – Risk Management Consultant**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Upper Saddle River requires services of a professional Risk Management Consultant for the year 2026; and

WHEREAS, it is contemplated that the 2026 budget will contain the necessary appropriations estimated to be reasonable required for such services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Upper Saddle River requires the resolution authorizing the award of contract for "Professional Services" without competitive bids must be publicly advertised;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Upper Saddle River as follows:

- 1) The Mayor and Council do hereby engage the services of:

**Nelson-Patterson Agency
746 River Road
New Milford, New Jersey 07646**

Fee to be paid by the Fund on behalf of the Municipality;

- 2) The engagement of such services is made without competitive bidding under the provisions of N.J.S.A.40A:11-51 which exempts from competitive bidding "Professional Services" rendered by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute a contract for such services.

Councilperson	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
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Joy C. Convertini, R.M.C., Municipal Clerk

**BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
 RESOLUTION #30-26
 January 8, 2026**

**Professional Services Agreement
Burgis & Associates – Borough Planner**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Upper Saddle River requires professional planning services for the year 2026 and

WHEREAS, it is contemplated that the 2026 budget will contain the necessary appropriations estimated to be reasonably required for such services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Upper Saddle River requires the resolution authorizing the award of contract for “Professional Services” without competitive bids must be publicly advertised;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Upper Saddle River as follows:

- 1) The Mayor and Council do hereby engage the services of:

**Burgis Associates, Inc.
 25 Westwood Avenue
 Westwood, New Jersey 07675**

Cost and an hourly rate as set forth in the Agreement for additional services.

- 2) The engagement of such services is made without competitive bidding under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-51 which excepts from competitive bidding “Professional Services” rendered by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.

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Joy C. Convertini, R.M.C., Municipal Clerk

**BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
 RESOLUTION #31-26
 January 8, 2026**

**Professional Services Agreement
BBG/Izenberg Appraisal Associates**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Upper Saddle River requires professional appraisal services for the year 2026; and

WHEREAS, it is contemplated that the 2026 budget will contain the necessary appropriations estimated to be reasonable required for such services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Upper Saddle River requires the resolution authorizing the award of contract for “Professional Services” without competitive bids must be publicly advertised; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Upper Saddle River as follows:

1) The Mayor and Council do hereby engage the services of:

**BBG/Izenberg Appraisal Associates
 205 Main Street
 Chatham, New Jersey 07928**

At a cost and hourly rate as set forth in the Agreement for additional services.

2) The engagement of such services is made without competitive bidding under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-51 which excepts from competitive bidding “Professional Services” rendered by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute a contract for such services.

Councilperson	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
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 Joy C. Convertini, R.M.C., Municipal Clerk

**BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
 RESOLUTION #32-26
 January 8, 2026**

**Professional Services Agreement
Piazza & Associates – Affordable Housing Agent**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Upper Saddle River requires professional appraisal services for the year 2024 and

WHEREAS, it is contemplated that the 2026 budget will contain the necessary appropriations estimated to be reasonably required for such services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Upper Saddle River requires the resolution authorizing the award of contract for “Professional Services” without competitive bids must be publicly advertised;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Upper Saddle River as follows:

- 1) The Mayor and Council do hereby engage the services of:

**Piazza & Associates
 201 Rockingham Row
 Princeton, NJ 08540**

Cost and hourly rate as set forth in the Agreement for additional services.

- 2) The engagement of such services is made without competitive bidding under the provisions of N.J.S.A.40A:11-51 which exempts from competitive bidding “Professional Services” rendered by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute a contract for such services for the year 2026.

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 Joy C. Convertini, R.M.C., Municipal Clerk

**BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
RESOLUTION #33-26
January 2, 2026**

**Professional Services Agreement
Robert T. Regan, Esq., Borough Attorney**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Upper Saddle River requires professional legal services for the year 2024; and

WHEREAS, it is contemplated that the 2026 budget will contain the necessary appropriations estimated to be reasonably required for such services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Upper Saddle River requires the resolution authorizing the award of contract for “Professional Services” without competitive bids must be publicly advertised;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Upper Saddle River as follows:

1) The Mayor and Council do hereby engage the services of:

**Robert T. Regan, Esq.
P O Box 214
Westwood, New Jersey 07675**

At an annual salary and an hourly rate as set forth in the Agreement for additional services.

2) The engagement of such services is made without competitive bidding under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-51 which excepts from competitive bidding “Professional Services” rendered by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk be and are hereby authorized to authorized to execute a contract for such services for the year 2026.

Councilperson	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
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Joy C. Convertini, R.M.C., Municipal Clerk

**BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
RESOLUTION #34-26
January 8, 2026**

**Professional Services Agreement
Nisivoccia LLP, Municipal Auditor**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Upper Saddle River requires professional auditing services for the year 2026; and

WHEREAS, it is contemplated that the 2026 budget will contain the necessary appropriations estimated to be reasonably required for such services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Upper Saddle River requires the resolution authorizing the award of contract for “Professional Services” without competitive bids must be publicly advertised;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Upper Saddle River as follows:

- 1) The Mayor and Council do hereby engage the services of:

**Nisivoccia LLP
200 Valley Road #300
Mt. Arlington, NJ 07856**

At a cost and hourly rate as set forth in the Agreement for additional services.

- 2) The engagement of such services is made without competitive bidding under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-51 which excepts from competitive bidding “Professional Services” rendered by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk be and are hereby authorized to authorized to execute a contract for such services for the year 2026.

Councilperson	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
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Joy C. Convertini, R.M.C., Municipal Clerk

**BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
 RESOLUTION #35-26
 January 8, 2026**

**Professional Services Agreement
Colliers Engineering & Design- Borough Engineer**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Upper Saddle River requires professional engineering services for the year 2024 and

WHEREAS, it is contemplated that the 2026 budget will contain the necessary appropriations estimated to be reasonably required for such services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Upper Saddle River requires the resolution authorizing the award of contract for “Professional Services” without competitive bids must be publicly advertised;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Upper Saddle River as follows:

- 1) The Mayor and Council do hereby engage the services of:

**Colliers Engineering & Design
 400 Valley Road Ste. 304
 Mt. Arlington, NJ 07856**

At a cost and an hourly rate as set forth in the Agreement for additional services.

- 2) The engagement of such services is made without competitive bidding under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-51 which exempts from competitive bidding “Professional Services” rendered by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute a contract for such services.

Councilperson	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
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 Joy C. Convertini, R.M.C. Municipal Clerk

**BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
 RESOLUTION #36-26
 January 8, 2026**

**Professional Services Agreement
Edward Buzak, Esq., Affordable Housing Counsel**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Upper Saddle River requires professional legal services for the year 2026; and

WHEREAS, it is contemplated that the 2026 budget will contain the necessary appropriations estimated to be reasonably required for such services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Upper Saddle River requires the resolution authorizing the award of contract for “Professional Services” without competitive bids must be publicly advertised;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Upper Saddle River as follows:

- 1) The Mayor and Council do hereby engage the services of:

**Edward Buzak, Esq.
 Surenian, Edwards, Buzak & Nolan, LLC
 311 Broadway, Suite A
 Point Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742**

At an annual salary and an hourly rate as set forth in the Agreement for additional services.

- 2) The engagement of such services is made without competitive bidding under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-51 which excepts from competitive bidding “Professional Services” rendered by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk be and are hereby authorized to authorized to execute a contract for such services for the year 2026.

Councilperson	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
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Joy C. Convertini, R.M.C., Municipal Clerk

**BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
RESOLUTION #37-26
January 8, 2026**

**Professional Services Agreement
Ray Wiss, Esq., Labor Attorney**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Upper Saddle River requires professional legal services for the year 2026; and

WHEREAS, it is contemplated that the 2026 budget will contain the necessary appropriations estimated to be reasonably required for such services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Upper Saddle River requires the resolution authorizing the award of contract for “Professional Services” without competitive bids must be publicly advertised;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Upper Saddle River as follows:

1) The Mayor and Council do hereby engage the services of:

**Ray Wiss, Esq.
Wiss Law, PC
345 Kinderkamack Road
Westwood, NJ 07675**

At an annual salary and an hourly rate as set forth in the Agreement for additional services.

2) The engagement of such services is made without competitive bidding under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-51 which exempts from competitive bidding “Professional Services” rendered by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk be and are hereby authorized to authorized to execute a contract for such services for the year 2026.

Councilperson	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
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Joy C. Convertini, R.M.C., Municipal Clerk

BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
RESOLUTION #38-26
January 8, 2026

Transfer of Funds

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 49:4-58 permits the transfer of appropriations during the last two months of the fiscal year or first three months of the reserve year from accounts showing unexpended balances to accounts in which commitments may exceed the original budget appropriations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Upper Saddle River in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to affect the following transfers, retroactive to December 31, 2025:

To:

Health Benefit Waivers	OE	5-01-23-739-000	\$2,000
Fire	S&W	5-01-25-749-010	\$1,000
Sewer Maint	OE	5-01-26-773-030	\$3,000
Electricity	OE	5-01-31-720-212	\$4,000
Fire Hydrants	OE	5-01-31-720-216	\$1,500
	Total		<u>\$11,500</u>

From:

Planning Board	OE	5-01-21-720-030	\$3,000
Buildings & Grnds	OE	5-01-26-772-030	\$3,000
Social Security	OE	5-01-36-837-000	\$5,500
	Total		<u>\$11,500</u>

Councilperson	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
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I hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted by the Mayor and Council on January 8, 2026.

Joy C. Convertini, R.M.C., Borough Clerk

**BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
 RESOLUTION #39-26
 January 8, 2026**

Chief Financial Officer’s Approval to Release Escrow Funds

WHEREAS, a request has been received for the return of any professional review escrow funds and/or bonds for the projects listed below; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined the appropriate balances as shown below; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is in receipt of a certification as to the completeness of the project from the Building / Land Use Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Upper Saddle River that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby directed to return the balance of professional review escrow funds and/or bonds as indicated below:

54 Pleasant Avenue, LLC	54 Pleasant Avenue	Blk. 1305 Lots 3.01, 3.02, 3.03, 3.04, 30.5	\$45,300.15

Councilperson	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
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I hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted by the Mayor and Council on January 8, 2026.

 Joy C. Convertini, R.M.C., Borough Clerk

**BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
 RESOLUTION #40-26
 January 8, 2026**

**CONSENT AND AGREEMENT TO THE EXECUTION OF AN ORDER OF PROVISIONAL
 AUTHORIZATION AND DESIGNATION OF AN ACTING MUNICIPAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR
 BETWEEN THE MUNICIPALITY OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER AND THE PASCACK JOINT
 MUNICIPAL COURT**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A.2C:12-10 the Municipality of Upper Saddle River and the Municipality of Montvale are required to provide for a Municipal Court Administrator; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:65-1 et. seq., any municipality of the State of New Jersey may contract with any other municipality or municipalities to share services that any party to the agreement is empowered to provide within its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A.2C:12-1 (c) the Municipality of Upper Saddle River and the Municipality of Montvale consent and agree to share the professional services of the Municipal Court Administrators on a provisional basis to undertake the duties of the absent Municipal Court Administrator during scheduled and/or unscheduled leaves, within the two respective municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the rate of pay shall be \$30.00 per hour as established by N.J.S.A.2C:12-10(b), not to exceed \$2,000 annually.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipality of Upper Saddle River and the Municipality of Montvale consent to the above agreement.

Councilperson	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
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I hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted by the Mayor and Council on January 8, 2026.

Witness/Attest

Borough of Upper Saddle River

 Municipal Clerk

 Mayor

Witness/Attest

Borough of Montvale

 Municipal Clerk

 Mayor

**BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
RESOLUTION #41-26
January 8, 2026**

Appointment Part Time Dispatcher Parker Talman

WHEREAS, the Borough of Upper Saddle River finds it is necessary to employ part-time dispatchers; and

WHEREAS, Parker Talman was interviewed by the Police Chief Patrick Rotella and Borough Administrator Theodore Preusch; and

WHEREAS, Police Chief Rotella and Borough Administrator Theodore Preusch approve the hiring of Parker Talman as a part-time Police Dispatcher; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Upper Saddle River hereby authorizes the employment of Parker Talman as a part-time Police dispatcher, effective January 2, 2026 at an hourly rate of \$23.72, with no additional benefits included;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be provided to the Chief of Police, Chief Financial Officer, and Parker Talman.

Councilperson	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
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I hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted by the Mayor and Council on January 8, 2026.

Joy C. Convertini, R.M.C., Municipal Clerk

**BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
RESOLUTION #42-26
January 8, 2026**

Appointment Part Time Dispatcher Troy Essmann

WHEREAS, the Borough of Upper Saddle River finds it is necessary to employ part-time dispatchers; and

WHEREAS, Troy Essmann was interviewed by the Police Chief Patrick Rotella and Borough Administrator Theodore Preusch; and

WHEREAS, Police Chief Rotella and Borough Administrator Theodore Preusch approve the hiring of Troy Essmann as a part-time Police Dispatcher; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Upper Saddle River hereby authorizes the employment of Troy Essmann as a part-time Police dispatcher, effective January 2, 2026 at an hourly rate of \$23.72, with no additional benefits included;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be provided to the Chief of Police, Chief Financial Officer, and Troy Essmann.

Councilperson	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
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I hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted by the Mayor and Council on January 8, 2026.

Joy C. Convertini, R.M.C., Municipal Clerk

**BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
 RESOLUTION #43-26
 January 8, 2026**

Redeem Third Party Tax Lien – Blk. 211 Lot 8

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has advised that payment has been received in the amount of \$51,283.24 to redeem TTL #23-00001 and subsequent taxes on Block 211 Lot 8 located at 20 Barnfield Court in Upper Saddle River, within the Borough, and

WHEREAS, Tax Lien Fund LP is the holder of said Certificate **TTL#23-00001** and is therefore entitle to payment of \$103,083.24; and

WHEREAS, the lienholder also paid a premium at the time of purchase and is entitled to a refund of same in the amount of **\$51,800.00**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Upper Saddle River, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey to issue a check in the amount of \$103,083.24 payable to the abovenamed lienholder, representing the redemption amount of said Certificate.

Councilperson	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
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I hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted by the Mayor and Council on January 8, 2025

Joy C. Convertini, R.M.C., Borough Clerk

**BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
RESOLUTION #44-26
January 8, 2026**

Tax Appeal Refund – Blk. 1203 Lot 16

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has advised Elmers Sta, LP by Lukoil North America LLC owner of Block 1203 Lot 6 located at 359 East Saddle River Rd. in the Borough of Upper Saddle River that a reduction of assessment by the Tax Court of New Jersey for the year 2024 & 2025 in the amount of \$ 15,151.20

WHEREAS, Taxes were paid through the 4th quarter of 2024 & 2025 on this property; and

WHEREAS, the application of these credits resulted in Tax overpayments in the above amount for the listed year amounting to \$15,151.20

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Upper Saddle River, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that approval be granted to issue a check in the amount of \$15,151.20, payable to:

Lukoil North America LLC
359 E. Saddle River Rd
Upper Saddle River, NJ 07458

Councilperson	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
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Joy C. Convertini, R.M.C., Borough Clerk

**BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
RESOLUTION #45-26
January 8, 2026**

Tax Exemption for a Disabled Veteran – Blk. 1223 Lot 1

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:40-3.30 provides that a disabled veteran shall be entitled to a full exemption from property taxes on the dwelling house and lot whereon same has been constructed; and

WHEREAS, Gail Combs Oglesby (the disabled veteran) is a disabled veteran and the owner of Block 1223 Lot 1 as depicted on the Borough map, being more commonly known as 90 Locust Lane; and

WHEREAS, the disabled veteran has filed an application for tax exemption in accordance with the aforesaid statute.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Upper Saddle River, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that taxes are hereby cancelled of record.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the within resolution shall be forwarded to the disabled veteran, to the Tax Collector, and to the Tax Assessor

Councilperson	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
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Joy C. Convertini, R.M.C., Borough Clerk

**BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
RESOLUTION #46-26
January 8, 2026**

Tax Exemption For a Disabled Veteran Block 501, Lot 13

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 54:40-3.30a* provides that a disabled veteran shall be entitled to a full exemption from property taxes on the dwelling house and lot whereon same has been constructed; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Waters. (“the disabled veteran”) is a disabled veteran and the owner of Block 501, Lot 13 as depicted on the Borough tax map, being more commonly known as 75 Ripplewood Lane; and

WHEREAS, the disabled veteran has filed an application for tax exemption in accordance with the aforesaid statute.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Upper Saddle River that taxes as of June 25, 2025, in the amount \$9,213.70 to be refunded and going forward be and are hereby cancelled of record.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the within resolution shall be forwarded to the disabled veteran, to the Tax Collector, and to the Tax Assessor.

Councilperson	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
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Joy C. Convertini, R.M.C., Borough Clerk

**BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
RESOLUTION #47-26
January 8, 2026**

Chief Financial Officer’s Approval to Release Escrow Funds

WHEREAS, a request has been received for the return of any professional review escrow funds and/or bonds for the projects listed below; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined the appropriate balances as shown below; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is in receipt of a certification as to the completeness of the project from the Building / Land Use Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Upper Saddle River that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby directed to return the balance of professional review escrow funds and/or bonds as indicated below:

54 Pleasant Avenue, LLC	54 Pleasant Avenue	Blk. 1305 Lots 3.01, 3.02, 3.03, 3.04, 30.5	\$45,300.15

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Joy C. Convertini, R.M.C., Borough Clerk