BOROUGH OF FLEMINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2026

Mayor Karrow called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. announcing that all laws governing Open Public Meetings Act have been met and that this meeting has been duly advertised.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Karrow stated a notice was provided as required. The annual meeting notice is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk for public inspection.

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL:

Councilman Brandon Arias	Present
Councilwoman Susan Engelhardt	Present
Councilman Adrienne Fusaro	Present
Councilwoman Beth Herbert	Present
Councilman Trent Levitt	Present
Councilman Tony Parker	Present
Mayor Marcia Karrow	Present

Also Present:
Chris Corsini, Borough Attorney
Carla Conner, Borough Clerk

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Karrow reported for January the Police Department had 26 criminal investigation, nine harassment, one shoplifting, two theft, one burglary, one simple assault, one death, five trespassing, one stalking, one contempt of court order, one counterfeit money, one Ordinance violation, and two innocent persons. The Police Department had ten arrests. three ATS warrants, one ACS warrant, one simple assault, one hindering, arrest, two defiant trespassing, and 26 criminal mischiefs. There were 26 motor vehicle crashes. Three involving commercial vehicles. One crash involved injuries.

Mayor Karrow also reported that since she has been in office one of the main things that she ran on was the amount of debt that the Borough was in and the financial situation of the town. At that time on January 1st, 2023, the Borough had 2.596% debt. It was 11,977,914. As of this January 2026, the Borough's debt is at 1.739%. That is 8% less at 9,950,328. It's more than $2 million paid off and the Borough is still doing a very robust road program with money that is being refunded by the State of New Jersey.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PARKER:

Council President Parker reported he is working on a grant for improvements at Tuccamirigan Park and he will be meeting with Mike Campion to go over strategic plans for the Park for recreation, so moving forward everybody has the same vision, he is planning for grants or as he is working with Environmental and Shade Tree Commission those entities need to be involved with the Park.

Council President Parker also reported the Borough is still in negotiation with PBA and met with the shop owners and Stangl about the road closure, which is really, really, unnerving and totally unfair. This project was supposed to be an 8-week project that started in August and now it's February and there's no end in sight probably until the beginning of the summer. Council President Parker met with RVE and the pre-construction team and really laid it out that they need to get this done immediately. The Borough is putting the redeveloper under a little bit of pressure to come up with some alternatives. One alternative will be putting up more detour signs to get people to Stangl and give a list of businesses that are opened in Stangl, this also affects what's going to happen in the summer, such as Sip and Stroll, Corn, Beer, Tomato Festival and other things that they have

COUNCILMAN LEVITT:

Councilman Levitt reported the next Environmental Commission meeting will be held February 17, 2026, and the next Shade Tree Commission meeting will be held on February 11, 2026.

Councilman Levitt stated he wanted to bring up the issue with the cross walks. Most of the Council have spoken with him, sent emails or reached out and a lot of residents have as well. We are at a point two weeks now after the snow has fallen and our crosswalks still have not been cleared, and that is not acceptable. He knows very well that this snowstorm was difficult. He's been to many other towns throughout this region and in many ways, they are worse off than the Borough. He simply wants to acknowledge the fact that it's not done, and we need to make sure that it is going forward and ideally sooner rather than later because it's still there and hopefully discuss this further at a DPW meeting.

Council discussed who is responsible for clearing sidewalks and crosswalks during a snowstorm.

COUNCILWOMAN HERBERT:

Councilwoman Herbert reported there will be a development meeting on Cardinal on February 12, 2026, parking, traffic and communications aka community engagement meeting will be held on February 18, 2026, and the library board meeting will be held on February 20, 2026. Councilwoman Herbet had an excellent one-on-one with Dr. Cliff Burns from Flemington Raritan School District and is excited to collaborate with Council on serving the needs of our shared community.

Councilwoman Herbert also reported Councilman Arias and she met over the weekend and decided both are going to focus on specific districts. Councilwoman Herbert will be the liaison to the Flemington Raritan School District focusing on district policy and initiatives as well as the schools

that our residents are zoned to in particular and Councilman Arias will be the liaison to Hunterdon Central High School and the Hunterdon Central Vocational School district i.e. Polytech. The FRSD Board meeting occurred on January 28, 2026, and it was a swift focus meeting standard Superintendent, Treasurer reports and all their committees reported. And they've introduced a recent feature where they have students from one of the schools come and present and recognize a teacher.

Councilwoman Herbert continued the communications and community engagement our RFP for the website has been issued and they have already received an indication of interest. Councilwoman Herbert discussed with Councilman Arias about Ferment Flemington Friday pizza nights in the summertime being takeout and having it in the park to get more people using the pavilion and the welcome package project will be partnered with students from Polytech.

COUNCILWOMAN FUSARO:

Councilwoman Fusaro reported that the redevelopment meeting will be held February 12, 2026, and she requested a copy of the Environmental Commission and Fire Department budgets from the CFO

Councilwoman Fusaro also reported she is receiving time sheet requests or rather notices from Officer McNally, OEM Coordinator Um, that I'm just kind of getting myself up to and used to seeing, it's just a little bit of a different thing than she's seen in the past with extra hours.

Councilwoman Fusaro thanked the Mayor for the nice drop in the debt, and thanked Councilwoman Herbert for taking the lead on the school district, or the schools because as someone who don't have kids, we've lived here for a long time, were completely in the dark and a lot of people who don't have children or have never had children in these districts, we just were kept in the dark.

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT ENGELHARDT:

Council Vice President Engelhardt reported a redevelopment meeting on Captiva will be held on February 12, 2026, and thanked the Mayor for breaking up the redevelopment committee from last year but would like to see a formal redevelopment committee be formed for Liberty Village after hearing Council President Parkers concerns. Council Vice President Engelhardt wants to make sure that as that project moves forward that the Planning Board resolutions are followed and any local communication is done better than the developer has done thus far.

Council Vice President Engelhardt also reported some Council members are planning to attend the HCHS strategic meeting on February 11, 2026, and gave a reminder to the residents to register their pets.

Council Vice President Engelhardt continued that there will be a Planning Board meeting on February 10, 2026 and on Council's agenda tonight is the resolution for a new Planning Board secretary.

Council Vice President Engelhardt stated she has to table Ordinance 2026-07 for a future meeting.

A ***MOTION*** was made by Council Vice President Engelhardt to table the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Levitt with a vote of all ayes.

COUNCILMAN ARIAS:
Councilman Arias reported he will be going to the HCRS meeting as well as the vocational school meetings, but first he wants to speak with the Superintendent and then go from there.

Councilman Arias also reported he did talk with the Council President and bounced ideas off what they both want to do with the park. Councilman Arias has a lot of support for a fairy trail which they will create on April 11, 2026, and once the weather gets better Councilman Arias would like to use the basketball court as a miniature soccer Saturday's game.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – SESSION I:
Sherrill Degenova from Flemington Borough complimented the new alert system and stated regarding the snow removal on Broad Street, there are some crosswalks or some places where there's no owners or no businesses and what will happen there. She sees little old ladies or men with canes walking all the way down to the end by Herman Kapp and then walking in the street in order to get across. So just bear in mind that there are places that do not have owners obligated to clear the snow.

Mayor Karrow answered that every place has an owner. The Borough has to find them.

Sherrill Degenova stated it's a wonderful idea of the increased park functions.

Rob Schenk, Chief of the Flemington Fire Company, went over the accomplishment of 2025.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Reorg Session January 5, 2026

A ***MOTION*** was made by Council President Parker to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilman Levitt with a vote of all ayes.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:
1. ORDINANCE 2026-04 – AN ORDINANCE REPEALING EXISTING SECTION 2634, AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FEES, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FLEMINGTON, IN ITS ENTIRETY AND REPLACING IT WITH A NEW SECTION 2634, AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FEES, PROVIDING COMPREHENSIVE REGULATIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND ADDRESSING THE CURRENT REQUIREMENTS OF THE FAIR HOUSING ACT AND THE UNIFORM HOUSING AFFORDABILITY CONTROLS (UHAC) REGARDING FLEMINGTON BOROUGH AFFORDABLE HOUSING FAIR SHARE OBLIGATION

This Ordinances establishes standards for the collection, maintenance, and expenditure of development fees that are consistent with the amended Fair Housing Act (P.L.2024, c.2), N.J.A.C. 5:99, and the Statewide Non-Residential Development Fee Act (C. 40:55D-8.1 through 8.7). Fees collected pursuant to this Ordinance shall be used for the sole purpose of providing very low-, low- and moderate-income housing in accordance with a Court-approved Spending Plan.

A ***MOTION*** was made by Councilwoman Fusaro to introduce the Ordinance, second by Councilwoman Engelhardt and on Roll Call the following was recorded:

Councilman Arias	
Council Vice President Engelhardt	Yes
Councilwoman Fusaro	Yes
Councilwoman Herbert	Yes
Councilman Levitt	Yes
Council President Parker	Yes

Motion carried.

Public Hearing will be held on February 23, 2026

2. ORDINANCE 2026-05 – AN ORDINANCE REPEALING EXISTING SECTION 2632, AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROCEDURAL REQUIRMENTS, AND 2633, AFFIRMATIVE MARKETING PROCEDURES, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FLEMINGTON, IN ITS ENTIRETY AND REPLACING IT WITH A NEW SECTION 2632, AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROCEDURAL REQUIRMENTS, PROVIDING COMPREHENSIVE REGULATIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND ADDRESSING THE CURRENT REQUIREMENTS OF THE FAIR HOUSING ACT AND THE UNIFORM HOUSING AFFORDABILITY CONTROLS (UHAC) REGARDING FLEMINGTON BOROUGH AFFORDABLE HOUSING FAIR SHARE OBLIGATION

This Ordinance sets forth regulations regarding the very low-, low- and moderate-income housing units in Flemington Borough consistent with the provisions outlined in P.L 2024, Chapter 2, including the amended Fair Housing Act ("FHA") at N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq., as well as the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Planning Services ("LPS") at N.J.A.C. 5:99 et seq., statutorily upheld existing regulations of the now-defunct Council on Affordable Housing ("COAH") at N.J.A.C. 5:93 and 5:97, the Uniform Housing Affordability Controls ("UHAC") at N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et seq., and as reflected in the adopted municipal Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan ("HEFSP"). This Ordinance is intended to ensure that very low-, low- and moderate-income units ("affordable units") are created with controls on affordability over time and that very low-, low- and moderate-income households shall occupy these units pursuant to statutory requirements. This Ordinance shall apply to all inclusionary developments, individual affordable units, and 100% affordable housing developments except where inconsistent with applicable law.

A ***MOTION*** was made by Councilman Levitt to introduce the Ordinance, second by Councilwoman Fusaro and on Roll Call the following was recorded:

Councilman Arias	Yes
Council Vice President Engelhardt	Yes
Councilwoman Fusaro	Yes
Councilwoman Herbert	Yes
Councilman Levitt	Yes
Council President Parker	Yes

Motion carried.

Public Hearing will be held on February 23, 2026

3. ORDINANCE 2026-06 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 7A (TRAFFIC SCHEDULES) TO REVISE CERTAIN PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON SPRING STREET AND BLOOMFIELD AVENUE

WHEREAS, the Borough Council wishes to revise certain parking restrictions as found in 7A (Traffic Schedules) of the Borough's municipal code related to Spring Street and Bloomfield Avenue; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Flemington, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that Chapters 7 and 7A shall be amended to include new sections as follows:

SECTION I.

Section 7A-2 is hereby amended as follows (struck through portions are to be removed; bolded and underlined portions are to be added):

In accordance with the provisions of § 7-4.4, no person shall park between the hours specified upon any of the following described streets or parts of streets.

SCHEDULE II:
PARKING PROHIBITED DURING CERTAIN HOURS ON CERTAIN STREETS

Name of Street	Sides	Hours	Location
Main Street	Both	1:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.	Between the Main Street Route 12 Circle to the Main Street-East Main Street-North Main Street intersections.
East Main Street	West	1:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.	Between the Main Street-Pennsylvania Avenue intersection to New Jersey Route 31.
North Main Street	West	1:00 am. to 6:00 a.m.	Between the Main Street-North Street intersection to the Borough line on the north.

SCHEDULE II:
PARKING PROHIBITED DURING CERTAIN HOURS ON CERTAIN STREETS

Name of Street	Sides	Hours	Location
North Main Street	East	1:00 am. to 6:00 a.m.	Between Hopewell Avenue to the Borough line on the north.
Bloomfield Avenue	**South**	**1:00 am to 6:00 am**	**Between Main Street and Spring Street.**

SECTION II.

Section 7A-17 is hereby amended as follows (struck through portions are to be removed; bolded and underlined portions are to be added):

In accordance with the provisions of § 7-4.13, no person shall park a vehicle for longer than the time limit shown except on Sundays and legal holidays on any of the following streets or parts of streets without a parking permit.

SCHEDULE XVII:
PARKING TIME LIMITED ON CERTAIN STREETS WITHOUT PARKING PERMIT

Name of Street	Sides	Time Limit	Hours	Location
Capner Street	North	2 hours	9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	From a point 149 feet west of the westerly curbline of Park Avenue to a point 25 feet east of the easterly curbline of Allen Street.
Mine Street	North	2 hours	9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	From a point 125 feet of the westerly curbline of Main Street to a point 25 feet east of the easterly curbline of Park Avenue.
Spring Street	West	~~2~~ **4** hours	9:00 a.m. to ~~6 p.m.~~ **1 a.m.**	From a point 25 feet south of the southerly curbline of Bloomfield Avenue to a point 280 feet south thereof.
Court Street	North	2 hours	9 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	From a point 242 feet west of the westerly curbline of Main Street to a point 50 east of the easterly curbline of Park Avenue.

SECTION III. If any part of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the ordinance.

SECTION IV. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, or clause of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reasons, the remaining portions of this ordinance shall not be

affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

SECTION V. This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication in the manner prescribed by New Jersey general law.

A ***MOTION*** was made by Councilwoman Fusaro to introduce the Ordinance, second by Councilwoman Herbert and on Roll Call the following was recorded:

Councilman Arias	Yes
Council Vice President Engelhardt	Yes
Councilwoman Fusaro	Yes
Councilwoman Herbert	Yes
Councilman Levitt	Yes
Council President Parker	Yes

Motion carried.

Public Hearing will be held on February 23, 2026

4. ORDINANCE 2026-07 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 34 (FILMING) OF THE BOROUGH'S MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE CLARIFICATION OF PERMITTING AND ROAD CLOSURE AUTHORIZATION

The Ordinance was tabled during Council Vice President Engelhardt's report.

PUBLIC HEARING:

5. ORDINANCE 2026-01 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 7 (TRAFFIC) AND 7A (TRAFFIC SCHEDULES) TO REVISE DAYTIME TIME-LIMITED PARKING AND EVENING RESIDENTIAL PARKING ON CERTAIN STREETS

A ***MOTION*** was made by Councilman Levitt to open the Public Hearing, second by Councilwoman Fusaro with a vote of all ayes.

Danielle Hardy, owner of Cut Hair Salon read a statement:

My name is Danielle Hardy and my husband Peach and I own Cut Artist and Hair Design here in Flemington, and you may also know that we've previously owned Hardy's Coffee Bar, which was right next door, and had to unfortunately close mainly due to the prolonged development construction that was happening next to our building. We have also experienced notable losses on the hair studio side during the same period. But earlier on, Peach and I originally opened Factory Fuel back in like 2014, which is now Alchemy Coffee. Together, these businesses reflect our long long-term commitment to Flemington. Altogether we have been investing in operating businesses in

and contributing to this town for about 15 years. I'm here this evening with our landlord Nick Ricco and partner and husband Peach to respectfully request an important change to the Borough's street parking Ordinance directly in front of our building at 29 Bloomfield. Specifically, we are requesting that the current 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. 2-hour parking be adjusted to 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. 2-hour parking. With the new development, the added residence, and increased demand for parking downtown, this change is critical to giving us a realistic opportunity to potentially reopen Hardy's Coffee Bar, stabilize our remaining businesses, and begin recovering from the losses that both of our businesses and our and our landlord Nick have experienced. Even with this adjustment, operating will still be challenging with the increased need for parking. But without it, continuing forward becomes nearly impossible and represents a level of stress and financial risk that we can no longer take on. Under the current parking rules, the 2-hour limit combined with the 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. enforcement window means that our business can realistically utilize shared on street parking only between approximately 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. This severely limits customer access during early morning and late afternoon hours, which are essential to both coffee and personal service businesses. Through research and conversations with other business owners, it's clear that 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. parking enforcement is widely used in townships and cities because it aligns with commerce business hours while still serving residents for late afternoon and overnight parking. This structure allows businesses to utilize parking from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. while still ensuring turnover during the day. After 5:00 p.m., parking begins to transition towards overnight residential use. Still, since vehicles are permitted to remain for up to 2 hours, which effectively is carrying parking availability through the 700 p.m. and into the evening. Again, this creates a balanced system that supports daytime commerce while still accommodating the residents overnight. Our building is mixed use and has a limited number, approximately six to eight, on street parking spaces directly in front of it. We are the only business that uses those spaces and access to them is essential. I also want to acknowledge that there is a parking lot located directly next to our building. While that is true, that is a privately owned lot by the developer and unfortunately without guaranteed access or protections which we do not have, we cannot rely on a privately owned lot to consistently service our business. What we can rely on is the historic long-standing cooperative and collaborative relationship that we have had with the Borough of Flemington and our ability to fairly utilize and share public on street parking through a modest and reasonable adjustment like the one that we have requested tonight. With 209 new condos and a 100-room hotel coming to Flemington combined with already limited parking and my understanding that the new condos will charge tenants for parking, demand is only going to continue to increase. Reasonable access to these on-street spaces during business hours could truly make or break our ability to operate. We love Flemington and want to continue doing business and reinvesting here. Serving residents and visitors and contributing to a vibrant downtown. Adjusting the parking hours from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. with a 2-hour limit is a modest change, but one that will have a tremendous meaningful impact by allowing our award-winning, long-standing local businesses to recover, to move forward, and continue working alongside the Borough to build a strong downtown Flemington. Together, we respectfully ask the Council to consider granting this request so that we can move forward and continue serving this community.

Nick Ricco, owner of 29-31 Bloomfield Ave. stated everything Danielle stated was real. Mr. Ricco thinks some of this might have been a missed as well. From Spring Street to Broad Street on Bloomfield Ave., his property is the only commercial property there and those spaces in front of his building are dependent for them to thrive and just watching what they went through and their family went through during the redevelopment, he really have their best interest in mind and they need those spaces to be able to provide for their family and that's really what it's about. Mr. Ricco thinks the request for parking from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. with the 2-hour grace period will help them and their customers. Mr. Ricco asked the Council to take this into consideration and support their request.

Mayor Karrow closed the public hearing.

A ***MOTION*** was made by Councilwoman Fusaro to close the Public Hearing, second by Councilwoman Engelhardt with a vote of all ayes.

A ***MOTION*** was made by Councilman Levitt to adopt the Ordinance, second by Councilwoman Fusaro and on Roll Call the following was recorded:

Councilman Arias	Yes
Council Vice President Engelhardt	Yes
Councilwoman Fusaro	Yes
Councilwoman Herbert	Yes
Councilman Levitt	Yes
Council President Parker	Yes

Council discussed the requested hours.

A ***MOTION*** was made by Councilwoman Engelhardt to table Ordinances 2026-01 and 2026-06, second by Councilman Levitt with a vote of all ayes.

REGULAR AGENDA:

6. RESOLUTION 2026-39 – RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HIRING OF CAITLIN HAUGHEY AS THE PART-TIME BOARD SECRETARY POSITION

WHEREAS, the Flemington Borough Planning Board is in need of a Planning Board secretary; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council approve the hiring Caitlin Haughey to the part-time position as Planning Board secretary.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Cailtin Haughey be hired to the part-time Planning Board secretary position effective February 9, 2026 with an annual salary of $30,000.

A ***MOTION*** was made by Councilwoman Engelhardt to to approve the Resolution, second by Councilwoman Herbert and on Roll Call the following was recorded:

Councilman Arias	Yes
Council Vice President Engelhardt	Yes
Councilwoman Fusaro	Yes
Councilwoman Herbert	Yes
Councilman Levitt	Yes
Council President Parker	Yes

Motion carried.

7. RESOLUTION 2026-40 – RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, every February, Black History Month is recognized to encourage the study of African American life and history and to reaffirm that Black history is an integral part of the history of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, what began as Negro History Week, championed by Dr. Carter G. Woodson and minister Jesse E. Moorland following the founding of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), evolved into Black History Month by 1976 after official recognition by President Gerald R. Ford; and

WHEREAS, each year ASALH presents a national theme, and the theme for 2026, *"A Century of Black History Commemorations,"* marks one hundred years since the launch of organized efforts to study, preserve, and publicly commemorate Black history; and

WHEREAS, over the past century, these commemorations have grown from a week-long observance into a cornerstone of American civic and cultural life, affirming the central role of Black history in shaping the United States and the global community; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 theme invites reflection on how public commemorations of Black history have advanced education, challenged historical erasure, strengthened democracy, and affirmed the dignity, resilience, and contributions of people of African descent across generations; and

WHEREAS, historian and archivist Arthur A. Schomburg devoted his life to collecting and preserving the global history of people of African descent, underscoring the importance of safeguarding Black historical records in libraries, archives, and public institutions as a means of preserving collective memory; and

WHEREAS, civic leaders and organizers including Fannie Lou Hamer, Barbara Jordan, Bayard Rustin, and Shirley Chisholm expanded democratic participation and political representation, demonstrating that the commemoration of Black history is inseparable from the ongoing work of strengthening American democracy; and

WHEREAS, Black innovators such as Rebecca Lee Crumpler, Charles Drew, and Mae Jemison made transformative contributions to medicine, science, and public health, advancing the public good and illustrating the lasting societal impact highlighted through a century of Black history commemorations; and

WHEREAS, journalists, writers, and intellectuals including Ida B. Wells, James Baldwin, Toni Morrison, and Gwendolyn Brooks preserved Black experiences through truth-telling, literature, and scholarship, ensuring that Black history remains a vital and honest part of the nation's cultural and moral understanding; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey has been home to Black artists, athletes, and cultural leaders whose influence has reached far beyond the state, including Paul Robeson, Count Basie, Sarah Vaughan, Whitney Houston, Melba Moore, and Althea Gibson, whose achievements in music, theater, athletics, and representation reflect the enduring cultural impact celebrated through Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, Black inventors with strong ties to New Jersey made lasting contributions to science, engineering, and everyday life, including Alice H. Parker of Morristown, whose patented natural-gas heating system anticipated modern central heating; James E. West, who while working at Bell Laboratories in Murray Hill co-invented the foil electret microphone now used in the majority of microphones worldwide; Charles B. Brooks of Newark, who patented innovations in street-cleaning and sanitation technology; and John Stanard of Newark, who patented improvements to refrigeration and oil stove design—demonstrating New Jersey's role in advancing Black innovation over the past century; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Flemington recognizes that honoring and celebrating Black history is not limited to a single month, but is an ongoing commitment to education, inclusion, and historical truth, and affirms the importance of acknowledging the contributions, resilience, and lived experiences of Black Americans as an integral part of the community's shared past, present, and future; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on behalf of the Flemington Borough Council, that these individuals and contributions are recognized in honor of Black History Month, and that residents are encouraged to further educate themselves about those named and the many others who have shaped our nation and the world.

A ***MOTION*** was made by Councilwoman Fusaro to to approve the Resolution, second by Councilman Arias and on Roll Call the following was recorded:

Councilman Arias	Yes
Council Vice President Engelhardt	Yes
Councilwoman Fusaro	Yes
Councilwoman Herbert	Yes
Councilman Levitt	Yes
Council President Parker	Yes

Motion carried.

8. RESOLUTION 2026-41 – RESOLUTION APPLYING FOR A GRANT FOR TUCCAMIRGAN PARK

WHEREAS, the Historic Borough of Flemington, County of Hunterdon, New Jersey qualifies as an overburdened community, desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately $ 100,000.00 to carry out a project to: execute site improvements within the municipal owned boundaries of Tuccamirgan Park, which includes, but may not be limited to, soccer field, basketball court, multi-purpose court for pickleball and volleyball, picnic shelter, concrete game tables (chess/checkers/Marjon), and sledding hill/amphitheater repairs and renovations and improving trail connectivity routes to neighboring parks, schools and residential neighborhoods and professional services costs associated with said scope of work.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED,

1) that the Historic Borough of Flemington, County of Hunterdon, New Jersey does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and,

2) Recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Historic Borough of Flemington, County of Hunterdon, New Jersey and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith:

A ***MOTION*** was made by Councilman Arias to to approve the Resolution, second by Council President Parker and on Roll Call the following was recorded:

Councilman Arias	Yes
Council Vice President Engelhardt	Yes
Councilwoman Fusaro	Yes
Councilwoman Herbert	Yes
Councilman Levitt	Yes
Council President Parker	Yes

Motion carried.

9. RESOLUTION 2026-42 – AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF TAXI LICENSES FOR 2026

WHEREAS, Ordinance 2017-3 sets eligibility criteria for obtaining a Taxi Owner's License in Flemington Borough, including vehicle insurance and registration, vehicle inspection, criminal background checks, and driver's license history and provides for 10 licenses to be issued; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 2018-21 describes the renewal process for Taxi Owner's Licenses; and

WHEREAS, the following company have met the renewal criteria and submitted all necessary fees for renewal of Taxi Owner's Licenses in 2026:

Los Amigos Taxi, License 26-32

Arturo's Taxi Service, License 26-28

Damas Taxi, License 26-01

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Flemington in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, hereby approve the renewal of the above-listed Taxi Owner's Licenses, which will be effective from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

A ***MOTION*** was made by Councilman Arias to to approve the Resolution, second by Councilwoman Engelhardt and on Roll Call the following was recorded:

Councilman Arias	Yes
Council Vice President Engelhardt	Yes
Councilwoman Fusaro	Yes
Councilwoman Herbert	Yes
Councilman Levitt	Yes
Council President Parker	Yes

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – SESSION II:
There were no public comments.

APPROVAL TO PAY THE BILLS:
AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF $865,767.17

A ***MOTION*** was made by Councilwoman Engelhardt to pay the bills, seconded by Councilman Levitt and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Councilman Arias	Yes
Council Vice President Engelhardt	Yes
Councilwoman Fusaro	Yes
Councilwoman Herbert	Yes
Councilman Levitt	Yes
Council President Parker	Yes

ADJOURNMENT:

A ***MOTION*** was made by Council President Parker to adjourn the meeting. and was seconded by Councilman Arias with a vote of all ayes.

ATTEST:

Carla Conner, Borough Clerk

Marcia A. Karrow, Mayor

Adopted: March 9, 2026