BOROUGH OF FLEMINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 20, 2026

Mayor Karrow called the meeting to order at 7:00 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	Absent
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
Sgt. McNally
Property Maintenance Officer, Dave Giuliani

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Karrow reported the following Ordinances will be adopted in the next few weeks:

- **Stop Sign:** The Police Department requested a stop sign on Maple Avenue at Spring Street to create a three-way stop.
- **Fire Zone:** An ordinance amendment is needed to designate Chorister Place as a "Fire Zone, No Parking at Any Time" for fire truck access.
- **Event Traffic Flow:** A request is pending to make Bloomfield Avenue a reverse one-way (east to west) from Broad to Spring during large events on Main Street to allow residents access to their homes.

Mayor Karrow also reported that the property for the veterans' homes has closed. Infrastructure work is ongoing, with the first townhouse lots expected to be ready in approximately two months. The developer must pay the Borough $1.75 million for infrastructure (well and other improvements) upon the first townhouse permit request.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

COUNCILMAN LEVITT:

Councilman Levitt reported on the Parking Committee Updates: They've been having issues with the new crosswalk in front of Courthouse Square, and are looking into a few updates with that, including striping the crosswalk, improving visibility of the pedestrian crossing signs being covered by trees, and possibly installing an RRFB there at some point depending on how some grants FID Director, Ally Norton is applying for goes.

Chief Rotella has appointed Officer Emanuele to be our new dedicated traffic officer.
His key areas will be:

* Traffic enforcement and crash-related work
* Reviewing traffic complaints
* Conducting field observations
* Collecting and reviewing traffic data
* Maintaining a visible enforcement presence
* Communicating with residents
* Following up complaints after investigations

The key thing is an effort to increase our effectiveness in responding to resident concerns by having one dedicated point of contact to address those issues. Officer Emanuele is also helping us better identify key areas of concern and overall trends, in terms of parking and traffic safety, and has already produced some good work.

A few updates on the new parking permit system:

* Approximately 600 vehicles have been registered under the new permit system
* Registrations are expected to increase in late August and early September when school resumes, particularly in the Broad Street area.
* Active enforcement has begun

Councilman Levitt also reported that the Shade Tree Ordinance has been transmitted to the Planning Board where it will be reviewed and then sent to Council for review.

Councilman Levitt continued that some residents are commenting that the new stickers for the new parking permits are defected or rapidly peeling. If any residents have already applied for a parking permit and the permit is peeling, please contact the Police Department for a new permit, the Borough will receive a flexible delineator post to install on the Park Ave. extension for illegal left turns, and the new state e-bike registration and insurance regulations went into effect on July 19, 2026, and are being enforced.

Council President Parker stated he doesn't understand why residents must show insurance information with the new parking software and residents expressed frustration over a new, uncommunicated requirement to provide insurance information during online registration. He stated residents never had to do this with the old system. Sgt. McNally explained this is a one-time check to ensure vehicles are insured.

Rollout Issues: Multiple participants acknowledged the rollout was "clunky" and lacked clear communication.

Software Problems: The system is reportedly limiting households to two vehicle registrations, conflicting with current rules and creating inequality.

Training Delays: The Chief reported delays in receiving training from the software provider, contributing to the problematic rollout.

COUNCILWOMAN FUSARO:
Councilwoman Fusaro reported the Fire Department has responded to 181 calls year-to-date and is transitioning to a digital log system. The Fire Department requested a $385,000 FEMA grant for radios and a $35,000 County grant for PPE, and she thanked Dave Giuliani and Sgt. McNally for the jobs they do for OEM and CERT.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PARKER:
Council President Parker stated the Corn, Tomato, and Beer Festival is short on volunteers, especially for beer sales. Council members and staff are encouraged to sign up for 2-hour shifts, and a liquor license application has been submitted for the one pocket license available.

Council President Parker reported the Borough received $175,000 in funding for Tuccamirigan Park, which, combined with an existing $40,000 grant, will cover all needed improvements. Estimates are being gathered to bring to the Council.

Council President Parker addressed the Union Hotel. Last night there was a fire outside the hotel caused by a JCP&L infrastructure issue, not hotel operations. Rumors about safety issues were clarified; the Hotel is addressing a Marriott corporate "punch list" for brand standards, which is separate from Borough safety or UCC requirements.

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT ENGELHARDT:
Council Vice President Engelhardt explained the Construction Department standpoint on the Marriott punch list and that the Borough's Construction Department would issue a COO versus a TCO, a temporary certificate of occupancy, the CCO is the final certificate that they won't do for quite some time. The things that Marriott might require now the UCCC doesn't require the Borough to have done until much later.

Council Vice President Engelhardt reported the Planning Board meeting will be held July 21, 2026, on the agenda includes a D variance for the Jaja warehouse on Route 12. The First Aid Rescue Squad has also applied for an addition, which is pending a completeness review.

Council Vice President Engelhardt thanked Assemblywoman Drulis because she was paramount in getting the Borough the $175,000 for Tuccamirigan Park.

Council Vice President Engelhardt continued that the Property Maintenance Officer, Dave Giuliani directed the Construction Code Official, John Tillson, to declare the building unsafe and secure it with fencing due to a hazardous roof. The owner intends to demolish it while saving some historic elements. Mr. Giuliani discussed the status of the building. Mr. Giuliani also thanked the residents of the Borough for keeping their lawns kept, reminding residents and contractors not to blow grass clippings into the streets. Mr. Giuliani is still keeping up on the properties that the Borough has liens on to make sure that the maintenance is being done.

Council Vice President Engelhardt discussed May and June's Animal Control reports.

COUNCILWOMAN HERBERT:
Councilwoman Herbert thanked Councilman Levitt for representing the needs of our North end pedestrian safety by bringing to the Parking Committee the issue of the illegal left turn from Park Avenue extension to North Main.

Councilwoman Herbert reported the Library Boad met June 26, 2026, and the Library Director has initiated the process for an architect to prepare a bid for the elevator project, and the FRSD Board meeting focused on summer staffing and minor policy updates.

Councilwoman Herbert also reported she and Council Vice President Engelhart are participating in an 11-month DCA program on supportive housing, with no obligation to the Borough. Councilwoman Herbert wrote an application and the Borough was accepted which can provide up to $20,000 for professional services, such as supportive housing studies.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – SESSION I:
Rick Hammond that visits his girlfriend on Spring Street, raised concerns about the two-guest-pass limit and requested it be increased to three. He also suggested 24-hour permit parking with towing enforcement. The Council will consult the Police Chief on these matters.

Tony Previte from Flemington Borough expressed disappointment with slow progress in the North end, citing "Steve's store" as an eyesore and suggesting the land be redeveloped into a park or angled parking.

Ally Norton, Director of FID, extending her gratitude to the community in particular, Sgt. McNally for the incredible help that he, the Police Department, OEM, and everyone gave for the World Cup event. It was an incredible event here in Flemington on June 19, 2026, and we had over 2400 people show up. The businesses let her know from an economic development standpoint that this was a boom for them that day. That's why she applied for the grant and did it and it worked. It just shows that the work we're putting in for the FID payed off for us. The State was so impressed with the event that the FID had in Flemington that they have asked to feature us, and so we're pulling together some information so that they can share that out with the press.

Ally Norton stated the Corn Tomato & Beer will be held on August 8, 2026. Safety is of utmost importance, and the FID is working along the same path again getting input from OEM, the Police Department and the County as well.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Session June 22, 2026

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

Executive Session June 22, 2026

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

CONSENT:

1. RESOLUTION 2026-119 – CHAPTER 159 – STATE OF NJ NPP GRANT

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Flemington has received $123,062.33 from the State of New Jersey and wishes to amend its 2026 budget to include this amount as revenue,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Flemington requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to

approve the insertion of this item of revenue in the budget for the year 2026 in the amount of $123,062.33.00 which is now available as revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues: Section F: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services - Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:

State of NJ NPP Grant $123,062.33

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of $123,062.33 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations: (A) Operations - Excluded from "CAPS": Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:

State of NJ NPP Grant $123,062.33

2. RESOLUTION 2026-120 – CHAPTER 159 – ELIZABETHTOWN GAS SHADE TREE GRANT

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Flemington has received $5,000.00 from Elizabethtown Gas for a Shade Tree Grant and wishes to amend its 2026 budget to include this amount as revenue,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Flemington requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of this item of revenue in the budget of the year 2026 in the amount of $5,000.00 which is now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues: Section F: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services - Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:

Elizabethtown Gas Shade Tree Grant $5,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of $5,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations: (A) Operations - Excluded from "CAPS": Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:

Elizabethtown Gas Shade Tree Grant $5,000.00

3. RESOLUTION 2026-121 – CHAPTER 159 – ALCOHOL EDUCATION, REHABILITATION AND ENFORCEMENT GRANT

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Flemington has received $892.52 for the State of New Jersey Alcohol Education, Rehabilitation, and Enforcement Grant and wishes to amend its 2026 budget to include this amount as revenue,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Flemington requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of this item of revenue in the budget of the year 2026 in the amount of $892.52 which is now available as revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues: Section F: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services - Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:

Alcohol Education, Rehabilitation, and Enforcement Grant $892.52

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of $892.52 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations: (A) Operations - Excluded from "CAPS": Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:

Alcohol Education, Rehabilitation, and Enforcement Grant $892.52

4. RESOLUTION 2026-122 – RESOLUTION APPROVING A REFUND FOR THE REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE ON BLOCK 5, LOT 1

WHEREAS, funds have been remitted by the property owner to redeem tax sale certificate #24-00003 held by Pro Cap 8, LLC on Block 5 Lot 1, 35 N. Main Street, assessed in the name Captiva Main St Urban Renewal LLC, and the Mayor and Council must approve the distribution of these funds.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Flemington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the Treasurer is authorized to remit payment to the lienholder as follows:

Pro Cap 8 LLC
PO Box 774
Fort Washington, PA 19034

Principal	$ 63,705.93
Premium	$ 44,100.00
Interest & Fees	$ 23,092.43
Total:	$ 130,898.36

5. RESOLUTION 2026-123 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH CARRAGA LANDSCAPING LLC TO ABATE PUBLIC SAFETY HAZARDS AT 309 HIGHWAY 202, BLOCK 44, LOT 7, AND AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO LIEN THE PROPERTY

WHEREAS, 309 Hwy 202 Block 44 Lot 7 is in disrepair; and

WHEREAS, there is extremely high grass; and

WHEREAS, letters have been sent to the property owner of record by the property maintenance officer but have been returned undelivered; and

WHEREAS, the safety hazards need to be abated; and

WHEREAS, a quote was received from Caraga Properties LLC in the amount of $850.00 to abate current hazards and ongoing lawn mowing, snow removal, not to exceed $3,000.00; and

WHEREAS, future mowing and snow removal may be needed; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to State Statutes, a municipality can abate safety hazards on private property and authorize the tax collector to place a lien on the property to recover the costs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Flemington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that a contract be awarded to Caraga Properties LLC in the amount of $350.00 to abate the current hazards on Block 44 Lot 7, known as 309 Hwy 202.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the property maintenance officer is authorized to have the property landscaped and future safety hazards abated in the future if necessary for an additional amount not to exceed $4,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the tax collector is authorized to place a tax lien on the property for any Borough funds expended not to exceed $4,000.00 in total, to maintain the property and abate hazards.

6. RESOLUTION 2026-124 - RESOLUTION APPROVING A REFUND FOR THE REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE ON BLOCK 4, LOT 1

WHEREAS, funds have been remitted by the property owner to redeem tax sale certificate #25-00001 held by Ram Tax Lien Fund II LP. on Block 4 Lot 1, 58 N Main St, assessed in the name Marcos Guaman, and the Mayor and Council must approve the distribution of these funds.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Flemington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the Treasurer is authorized to remit payment to the lienholder as follows:

Ram Tax Lien Fund II LP
RTLF-NJ II LLC
PO Box 71054
Chicago, Il 60694-1054

Principal	$ 13,396.82
Premium	$ 31,300.00
Interest & Fees	$ 1,382.68
Total:	$ 46,079.50

A ***MOTION*** was made by Council Vice President Engelhardt to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilman Levitt and on Roll Call the following was recorded:

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

Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

7. ORDINANCE 2026-14 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3-9 (OBSTRUCTION OF STREET AND SIDEWALK) OF CHAPTER 3 (POLICE REGULATIONS) OF THE BOROUGH'S MUNICIPAL CODE TO CLARIFY OBSTRUCTIONS NOT PERMITTED IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY

WHEREAS, the Borough Council wishes to amend Section 3-9 (Obstruction of Street and Sidewalk) of Chapter 3 (Police Regulations) to clarify certain obstructions that are not permitted to block the public right-of-way; 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 Chapter 3 (Police Regulations) shall be amended as follows:

SECTION I.

Section 3-9.1 ("Obstructions Defined") is hereby amended as follows (struck through portions are to be removed; bolded and underlined portions are to be added):

No person shall obstruct the free and lawful passage of pedestrians and vehicles on the streets**, right-of-ways,** and sidewalks **or cause any object to obstruct any portion of any street, right-of-way, or sidewalk of the Borough of Flemington** ~~of the city~~ by placing thereon any **temporary impediment, including any temporary moveable equipment or apparatus, or any** goods, wares, merchandise or other articles of trade or sale, or in any other manner ~~whatsoever~~ **detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of the public.**

The owner or tenant of lands abutting or bordering upon the public streets, right-of-ways, or sidewalks in the Borough shall remove or cause to be removed all grass, weeds, brush or other impediments from that part of said street, right-of-way, or sidewalk abutting or bordering upon their respective lands, where necessary for purposes of traffic safety or to otherwise protect the health, safety and welfare of the public traveling along such street, right-of-way, or sidewalk.

SECTION II.

Section 3-9.2 ("Exceptions") is hereby amended as follows (struck through portions are to be removed; bolded and underlined portions are to be added):

This section shall not apply:

a. Where the obstruction is caused by the loading or unloading of goods, wares or merchandise to and from vehicles in such a manner as to cause a minimum of obstruction which is necessary and unavoidable.

b. To receptacles for garbage, ashes or refuse lawfully placed on or in sidewalk areas for collection.

c. **To any vehicle that is lawfully parked within on a public street and is not in violation of any applicable statutes, regulations, and ordinances.**

SECTION III.

Section 3-9.3 ("Police Powers") is hereby renamed "Violations and Penalties" and is amended as follows (struck through portions are to be removed; bolded and underlined portions are to be added):

Any person who violates any provision of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof in the Municipal Court, be punished by a fine not exceeding $500. A separate offense may be deemed committed for each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.

The police department **and the property maintenance officer are** ~~is~~ given full power and authority to prevent obstructions in violation of this section and to remove any such obstruction after giving to the owner of the premises abutting the area so obstructed a reasonable notice to remove the obstruction.

SECTION IV.

The title of Section 3-9 shall be amended to read as "Obstruction of Streets, Right-Of-Ways, and Sidewalks."

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

Council Vice President Engelhardt explained the Ordinance is clarifying that obstructions, including permanent items and sports equipment like soccer goals, are not permitted in the public right-of-way. The Ordinance is intended for Borough-wide application with common-sense enforcement. Outdoor dining and A-frame signs are governed by existing, separate ordinances. A compromise was reached to remove jail sentences and set the maximum fine at $500.

A ***MOTION*** was made by Councilman Levitt to intoduce the Ordinance, second by Council Vice President Engelhardt and on Roll Call the following was recorded:

Council Vice President Engelhardt	Yes
Councilwoman Fusaro	Yes
Councilwoman Herbert	No
Councilman Levitt	Yes
Council President Parker	Yes

Public Hearing will be held August 10, 2026.

Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA:

8. RESOLUTION 2026-125 – RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A 2026 FORD INTERCEPTOR UTILITY VEHICLE FROM WINNER FORD FROM STATE CONTRACT #20-FLEET-01189 WITH AN NTE AMOUNT OF $41,611.00

WHEREAS, the Borough of Flemington has received a quote for a 2026 Police Interceptor Utility all wheel drive vehicle on state contract # 20-Fleet-01189; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Police Department that the vehicle meets the needs of the Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Flemington authorize the Chief Financial Officer to process a purchase order in the amount of $41,611.00 to Winner Ford for the purchase of the vehicle.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer certifies that funds are available in 6-01-630-218.

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

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

Motion carried.

9. RESOLUTION 2026-126 – RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A 2026 FORD INTERCEPTOR UTILITY VEHICLE FROM ELITE VEHICLE SOLUTIONS FROM STATE CONTRACT #17-FLEET-00749 WITH AN NTE AMOUNT OF $32,059.20

WHEREAS, the Borough of Flemington has received a quote for equipment for the 2026 Police Interceptor Utility all wheel drive vehicle on state contract # 17-FLEET-00749; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Police Department that the equipment meets the needs of the Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Flemington authorize the Chief Financial Officer to process a purchase order in the amount of $32,059.20 to Elite Vehicle Solutions for the purchase of the equipment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer certifies that funds are available in 6-01-630-218.

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

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

Motion carried.

10. RESOLUTION 2026-127- RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL TAX PAYMENTS TO HUNTERDON CENTRAL REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the total levy for the 2026-2027 school year for the Hunterdon Central Regional High School has been certified at $2,798,321.00 and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Flemington that the 2026-2027 school tax be paid as follows:

July 10, 2026	$466,387.00
September 10, 2026	$466,387.00
November 10, 2026	$466,387.00
January 10, 2027	$466,386.67
March 10, 2027	$466,386.67
May 10, 2027	$466,386.66

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

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

Motion carried.

11. RESOLUTION 2026-128 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL TAX PAYMENTS TO THE FLEMINGTON-RARITAN REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD

WHEREAS, the total levy for the 2026-2027 school year for the Flemington-Raritan Regional School Board of Education has been certified at $6,594,601.00 and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Flemington that the 2026-2027 school tax be paid as follows:

August 14, 2026	$1,099,101
October 15, 2026	$1,099,100
November 13, 2026	$1,099,100
February 12, 2027	$1,099,100
April 15, 2027	$1,099,100
May 14, 2027	$1,099,100

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

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

Motion carried.

12. RESOLUTION 2026-129 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TO EXTEND THE GRACE PERIOD FOR THE THIRD QUARTER TAX PAYMENT TO SEPTEMBER 11, 2026

WHEREAS, the 2026 Municipal Budget was adopted on May 11, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey did not approve the budget in time for the Hunterdon County Tax Board to establish the 2026 Tax Rate in time for the August 1, 2026, due date as tax bills require payment twenty-five days after mailing of same.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Flemington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to extend the grace period for the third quarter tax payment of 2026 to September 11, 2026, as per NJ State Statute provisions, with the fourth quarter tax payment remaining due on the established date of November 1, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the normal 10-day grace period for payments received after the due date, does not apply, as the grace period is already being extended.

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

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

Motion carried.

13. RESOLUTION 2026-130 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF FLEMINGTON TO ENTER INTO THE NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING ALLIANCE COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency " has offered voluntary participation in the New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance # CK04- a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;

WHEREAS, on (July 20, 2026) the governing body of the (Borough of Flemington), County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

TITLE

This Resolution shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Borough of Flemington.

AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)*, the mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

CONTRACTING UNIT

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the *Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.)* and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

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

Motion carried.

14. RESOLUTION 2026-131 – RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2026 SALARY RESOLUTION

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Common Council of the Borough of Flemington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1: The rate of compensation of the following employees shall be on a yearly basis, payable quarterly and effective January 1, 2026:

Mayor	$6,120
Council Member	$4,935

Section 2: The rate of compensation of the following non-union employees shall be on a yearly basis, payable bi-weekly and effective January 1, 2025:

Borough Clerk (To include Registrar of Vital Statistics)	$92,875
Deputy Clerk / Technical Assistant to Construction Official	$78,671
Chief Financial Officer / Tax Collector	$66,791
Police Secretary	$43,470
Tax Assessor	$36,427
Deputy Treasurer / Deputy Tax Collector	$65,392
Construction Official / Building Sub-Code Inspector / Zoning Official	$55,036
Property Maintenance Officer (per hour rate)	$26.23
Fire Sub-Code Inspector	$13,184
Plumbing Sub-Code Inspector	$13,184
Electric Sub-Code Inspector	$14,728

Fire Marshal	$50,265
Planning Board Secretary	$30,000
Office of Emergency Management	$2,610
Department of Public Works Director / Recycling Coordinator	$141,785
Library Director (per hour rate)	$44.00
	$43,920
Librarian	$44.00
Library Finance Administrator (per hour rate)	

Fire Prevention Inspector (per hour rate)	$24.24
Right to Know Officer	$2,500
Library Aide (per hour rate)	$16- $20
Adult Crossing Guards (per hour rate)	$16 - $30
Tax Assessor Assistant (per hour rate)	$29.56
Parking Enforcement Officer (per hour rate)	$16 - $30
Special Police Officer: Class III (per hour rate)	$35 - $45
Casual Employees (per hour rate)	$16 - $60
Zoning Official	$4,000
Certified Zoning Official	$6,000

Section 3: The rate of compensation of the following police non-union employee shall be on a yearly basis, payable bi-weekly:

Chief of Police	$174,281

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

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

Motion carried.

15. RESOLUTION 2026-132 – APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE NJDOT FY27 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, North Main Street is in need of improvement.

WHEREAS, Terence Vogt P.E., Borough of Flemington Engineer, has prepared a cost estimate for improvements to this street.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Borough of Flemington formally approved the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as LA-2027 MA NJDOT FY27 – North Main Street to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Flemington.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Flemington and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approved the execution of the grant agreement.

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

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

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT – SESSION II:
Tim Herlihy from Flemington Borough asked if Ordinance 2026-14 was approved. Mayor Karrow stated the Public Hearing is on August 10, 2026.

Tony Previte from Flemington Borough suggested moving Steve's store since it's an eyesore and have it as an area of redevelopment.

Joey Novick from Flemington Borough stated Carmen Grimes, founder of the Flemington Business Association (FBA) and key volunteer in saving the Samuel Fleming House passed away.

APPROVAL TO PAY THE BILLS:
AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,798,367.74

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

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

Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor & Council will now convene in a closed session that will be limited only to consideration of items with respect to which the public may be excluded pursuant to Section 7B of the Open Public Meetings Act.

1. POTENTIAL LITIGATION – WATER EASEMENT

- It is unknown precisely when the matters discussed in this session will be disclosed to the public.
- Formal action may or may not be taken after the conclusion of the closed session.
- Matters concerning litigation may be announced upon the conclusion of any trial or settlement of the litigation. Other matters may be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists. Action will not be taken.

The Mayor and Council entered into Executive Session and a ***MOTION*** was made by Councilman Levitt, seconded by Councilwoman Fusaro with a vote of all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ATTEST:

Carla Conner, Borough Clerk

Marcia A. Karrow, Mayor

Adopted: August 10, 2026