

**AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR & COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF WALDWICK
TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2026 AT 7:30 PM
IN THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS
63 FRANKLIN TURNPIKE, WALDWICK**

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I. CALL TO ORDER

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE - The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been satisfied with respect to this meeting. Specifically, the time, date, and location were included in a notice posted on our official website www.waldwicknj.gov/meetingdashboard as per P. L. 2025, C. 72 and posted on the bulletin board of the Administration Building.

Additionally, to the extent known, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the agenda for this meeting and whether formal action will be taken was posted in Administration Building, and as per P.L. 2025, c. 72, was also posted on our official Borough website www.waldwicknj.gov/meetingdashboard.

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Giordano ____, Mr. Brennecke ____, Ms. Cericola-Drake ____, Mr. Martinello ____, Mr. Ritchie ____, Ms. Smith ____, Ms. Wingate ____.

Also present: Borough Administrator Tatiana Marquis, CFO Colleen Ennis, Borough Clerk Kelley Halewicz and Borough Attorney Craig Bossong.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, MOMENT OF SILENCE HONORING VETERANS & PRAYER

IV. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- a. H2M - Water Quality Report Findings and Recommendations

V. MAYOR'S REPORT AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- a. Mayor's Report - Mayor Giordano
- b. Financial & Administrative Committee - Mr. Martinello
- c. Fire & Police Protection Committee - Mr. Brennecke
- d. Public Safety Committee - Ms. Wingate

- e. Recreational & Health Committee - Ms. Smith
- f. Public Works Committee - Mr. Ritchie
- g. Buildings & Grounds Committee - Ms. Cericola-Drake

VI. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

VII. CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

2026-99 Approval of Consent Agenda

2026-100 Approval of Minutes - Regular & Budget Meeting and Closed Session Meeting,
March 10, 2026

Policy Vote(s)

- a. Waldwick Tennis Camp requests to use one court at Veterans Park from July 6 to August 14, Monday through Friday from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
 - b. Superstar Tennis requests to rent two tennis courts at Veterans Park from June 2 to August 27 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 -7:00 pm at the cost of \$1,500 per court
 - c. Warriors Futbol Club requests to hold under 12 Practices Monday – Friday 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Games Sundays 4/12 1:30 pm – 6:00 pm; 4/19 8:30 am – 12:00 pm; 4/26 10:00 am – 12:00 pm; 5/3 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm; 5/10 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm; 5/17 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm; 5/31 9:00 am – 12:30 pm; 6/7 10:00 am – 12:30 pm; 6/14 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm.
 - d. Reese LaTorre request to hold a Block Party on October 10 from 2:00 pm - 9:00 pm with Smith Street to be closed between W. Prospect Street and Bohnert Place with alcoholic beverages being served
 - e. Waldwick Education Foundation request to hold a Townwide Garage Sale on April 25 & April 26 (rain date May 2), requests for those participating to waive fee; hang sign/banner on Route 17 crosswalk; sign/banner along Route 17 by Waldwick/Sheridan Avenue exit Route 17 North; April 24 - April 26 (rain date May 2) participants permitted to display Garage Sale signs on their property with removal by April 27 (May 3) as stated in March 11, 2026 letter
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 - g. Waldwick Community Alliance request waiver of fire inspection fees for the food service providers in connection with WCA Annual Car Show on June 7, 2026, rain date June 14, 2026
- 2026-101 Authorize Special Closed Session Meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, 6:00 pm
- 2026-102 Approval of Social Affairs Permit for Waldwick Community Alliance Annual Car Show
- 2026-103 Cancellation and Refund of Taxes, Block 136, Lot 9
- 2026-104 Emergency Resolution to Extend the 2026 Temporary Budget
- 2026-105 Approval of Appropriation Transfers
- 2026-106 Payment of Vouchers

VIII. PUBLIC HEARING & ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE(S)

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE(S)

- a. Ordinance No. 2026-#03 - BOROUGH OF WALDWICK BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY CALENDAR YEAR 2026 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)
- b. 2026-107 Introduction of the 2026 Budget

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

XIII. CLOSED SESSION - Any matter permitted to be discussed in Closed Session pursuant
N.J.S.A. 10:4-12

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

KELLEY HALEWICZ, RMC/CMC
MUNICIPAL CLERK

****NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026, 7:30 PM, COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING****

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE
BOROUGH OF WALDWICK
Bergen County, New Jersey**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-99
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Approval of Consent Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED that the following resolutions herewith listed by consent having been considered by the Governing Body of the Borough of Waldwick are hereby passed and approved:

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2026-100 Approval of Minutes - Regular & Budget Meeting and Closed Session Meeting, March 10, 2026

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2026-104 Emergency Resolution to Extend the 2026 Temporary Budget

2026-105 Approval of Appropriation Transfers

2026-106 Payment of Vouchers

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
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Bergen County, New Jersey**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-99
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Approved: _____
Thomas A. Giordano, Mayor

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Waldwick at its Regular Meeting of March 24, 2026.

Kelley Halewicz, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk

Council Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Brennecke						
Cericola-Drake						
Martinello						
Ritchie						
Smith						
Wingate						
Mayor Giordano						

Reso book, Adm, CFO

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE
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Bergen County, New Jersey**

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-100

Approval of Minutes - Regular & Budget Meeting and Closed Session Meeting, March 10, 2026

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Waldwick hereby approve the following Minutes:

Regular & Budget Meeting - March 10, 2026

Closed Session Meeting - March 10, 2026

Approved: _____
Thomas A. Giordano, Mayor

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Waldwick at its Regular Meeting of March 24, 2026.

Kelley Halewicz, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk

Council Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Brennecke						
Cericola-Drake						
Martinello						
Ritchie						
Smith						
Wingate						
Mayor Giordano						

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**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
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Bergen County, New Jersey**

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-101

Authorize Special Closed Session Meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, 6:00 pm

BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Council of the Borough of Waldwick hereby approve a Special Closed Session Meeting on April 14, 2026 at 6:00 pm in the Administration Building, Conference Room for the purpose of Tactics and Techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public; provided that their disclosure could impair such protection - Elected Officials Training.

Approved: _____
Thomas A. Giordano, Mayor

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Waldwick at its Regular Meeting of March 24, 2026.

Kelley Halewicz, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk

Council Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Brennecke						
Cericola-Drake						
Martinello						
Ritchie						
Smith						
Wingate						
Mayor Giordano						

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**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
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Bergen County, New Jersey**

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-102

Approval of Social Affairs Permit for Waldwick Community Alliance Annual Car Show

BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Council of the Borough of Waldwick hereby approves the Social Affairs Permit for the Waldwick Community Alliance Car Show to be held June 7 (rain date June 14) from 9:30 am - 3:00 pm at the Train Station; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Council authorizes the Municipal Clerk to execute the Social Affairs Permit for this event with the State of New Jersey, Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission.

Approved: _____
Thomas A. Giordano, Mayor

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Waldwick at its Regular Meeting of March 24, 2026.

Kelley Halewicz, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk

Council Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Brennecke						
Cericola-Drake						
Martinello						
Ritchie						
Smith						
Wingate						
Mayor Giordano						

Reso book, Clerk

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
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Bergen County, New Jersey**

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-103

Cancellation and Refund of Taxes, Block 136, Lot 9

WHEREAS, Emanuel Tarazi who resides at Block 136, Lot 9, 32 Hopper Avenue has been granted a 100% Disabled Veteran as so stated by the Veterans Administration; and,

WHEREAS, this parcel becomes eligible for this exemption as of March 5, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Waldwick hereby authorize the Tax Collector to cancel 1nd quarter taxes in the amount of \$ 1,274.40 and furthermore authorize the Tax Collector to cancel the taxes for second, third and fourth quarter for Tax Year 2026; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said property shall remain exempt as long as it qualifies for the 100% Disabled Veterans exemption pursuant to law.

Approved: _____
Thomas A. Giordano, Mayor

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Waldwick at its Regular Meeting of March 24, 2026.

Kelley Halewicz, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk

Council Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Brennecke						
Cericola-Drake						
Martinello						
Ritchie						
Smith						
Wingate						
Mayor Giordano						

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**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
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BOROUGH OF WALDWICK
Bergen County, New Jersey**

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-104

Emergency Resolution to Extend the 2026 Temporary Budget

WHEREAS, the 2026 Budget for the Borough of Waldwick has not been adopted; and,

WHEREAS, appropriation balances provided for under the 2026 Temporary Budget are not sufficient to meet the needs of the Borough of Waldwick, until the adoption of the 2026 budget; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation for said purpose; and,

WHEREAS, the total emergency temporary appropriation resolutions adopted in the year 2026 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20) including this resolution total \$1,808,000 for Current Fund and \$223,000 for the Water Utility Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipal Council of the Borough of Waldwick in Bergen County, State of New Jersey, (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20:

Emergency temporary appropriations be and the same is hereby made for the amount indicated as follows:

Current Fund	\$1,808,000
Water Utility	\$223,000

That said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided for in the 2026 budget.

That one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director, Division of Local Government Services.

Approved: _____
Thomas A. Giordano, Mayor

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Waldwick at its Regular Meeting of March 24, 2026.

Kelley Halewicz, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk

Reso book, Adm, CFO, Clerk

Council Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Brennecke						
Cericola-Drake						
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Ritchie						
Smith						
Wingate						
Mayor Giordano						

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
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RESOLUTION NO. 2026-105

Approval of Appropriation Transfers

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-59 allows for transfer of budget appropriations during the first three months of the succeeding budget year under certain circumstances; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that certain accounts need additional funds to pay certain commitments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that transfer of appropriations be made as follows:

Approved: _____
Thomas A. Giordano, Mayor

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Waldwick at its Regular Meeting of March 24, 2026.

Kelley Halewicz, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk

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Wingate						
Mayor Giordano						

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**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
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Bergen County, New Jersey**

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-106

Payment of Vouchers

Approved: _____
Thomas A. Giordano, Mayor

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Waldwick at its Regular Meeting of March 24, 2026.

Kelley Halewicz, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk

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Wingate						
Mayor Giordano						

Reso book, CFO

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

Date: March 24, 2026

Mayor Giordano asked the Clerk to read Ordinance No. 2026-#03 by title:

Ordinance No. 2026-#03 - CALENDAR YEAR 2026 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A-4-45.14)

Mayor: A motion is in order to move and pass the ordinance on first reading, and that the Municipal Clerk be authorized to publish said Ordinance and Notice of Hearing in accordance with law, with the Public Hearing on said Ordinance to be held at 7:30 pm or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard on Tuesday, April 14, 2026.

Motion: _____

Seconded: _____

Roll Call:

Brennecke Cericola-Drake Martinello Ritchie Smith Wingate Giordano

Ordinance No. 2026-#03 - CALENDAR YEAR 2026 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A-4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.5% or the cost of living adjustment, whichever is less, unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, the cost-of-living adjustment for calendar year 2026 budgets is calculated at 2.0% pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Waldwick in the County of Bergen finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2026 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby determines that a 1.5% increase in the budget of said year, amounting to \$172,152 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Waldwick, in the County of Bergen, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2026 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Waldwick shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$401,688 and that the CY 2026 municipal budget for the Borough of Waldwick be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE
BOROUGH OF WALDWICK
Bergen County, New Jersey**

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-107

Introduction of 2026 Budget

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations attached hereto constitute the local Budget of the Borough of Waldwick, Bergen County, New Jersey for the year 2026; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said budget be published on the official website of the Borough of Waldwick at www.waldwicknj.gov on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, and that a hearing on the Budget will be held in the Administration Building, Council Chambers on Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 7:30 o'clock (PM) or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached.

Approved: _____
Thomas A. Giordano, Mayor

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Waldwick at its Regular Meeting of March 24, 2026.

Kelley Halewicz, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk

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