

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR & COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF WALDWICK
HELD ON TUESDAY, November 13, 2025 AT 7:30 PM**

Mayor Giordano called the meeting to order and read the Statement of Compliance.

Mayor Giordano asked for a roll call. Present on roll call: Mayor Giordano, Mr. Brennecke, Ms. Cericola-Drake, Mr. Martinello, Mr. Ramundo, Mr. Ritchie and Mrs. Weber.

Also present: Tatiana Marquis, Borough Administrator; Kelley Halewicz, Municipal Clerk and Rob Devaney, Municipal Attorney.

Mayor Giordano asked everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance, remain standing for a moment of silence honoring our Veterans and to remain standing for the prayer.

PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

a. Waldwick Community Alliance Presentation

Andrea Mistretta of the Waldwick Community Alliance provided a presentation with history boards, showcasing Waldwick's rich history and appreciation to each of the Borough's vitally important organizations including the Waldwick Fire Department, Waldwick Volunteer Ambulance Corp and the Waldwick Police Department.

MAYOR'S REPORT AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mayor's Report.

Financial & Administrative Committee. Mr. Ritchie spoke about the possibility of whether the Borough will negotiate a PILOT for the Harrison Avenue Development project. He spoke to the financial aspect and encouraged everyone to educate themselves on the advantages and not only of the disadvantages of the PILOT program.

Fire & Police Protection Committee. Mr. Brennecke had no report.

Public Safety Committee. Mrs. Cericola-Drake shared that WALVAC would like to thank the Borough and Tatiana for the invitation to Chief Messner's sendoff at the last meeting. They attended standbys for the No Kings Day Support for the Police Department and Ragamuffin Parade.

Recreational & Health Committee. Mr. Martinello had no report.

Public Works Committee. Mr. Ramundo had no report.

Buildings & Grounds Committee. Mrs. Weber reported that the Lion's Park project is continuing as planned and should be completed by the end of the month. She was unsure if the issues were still happening with the garage door at WALVAC.

Tatiana Marquis gave Mrs. Weber an update to next steps with the garage door.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Administrator. Mrs. Marquis provided a water timeline and update from H2M who was brought on board with the Borough to perform a Hydraulic Study. A final public presentation of the findings and future planning will be provided.

Municipal Clerk. Mrs. Halewicz thanked the Poll Workers, Super Board Workers, Melissa Librizzi, the DPW and Police Department for their help with a successful General Election. She provided insight into the extremely long day, but it went very well. In Bergen County, 338,335 votes were cast out of 672,163 registered voters, or 50.3%. Early voting saw 67,707 votes, 53,392 were mail in ballots and 5,010 provisionals. In Waldwick, 4,671 votes were cast, which were 60.15% of the total number of registered voters here in Waldwick.

The Emergency Food Drive took place last Saturday. She thanked all the residents who donated food and gift cards. With the great volume of donations, three loads had to be taken to Families 4 Families that day. She thanked Steve Weber and Mary Kirsch for driving those loads. She also wanted to thank all the volunteers who came forward. It was great to even see the students help and she will have their service letters ready shortly.

The work continues on the 2026 Calendar. Melissa is our lead on this and is doing an amazing job. The Calendar should be to the printer hopefully by Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Halewicz is working on the 2026 Reorganization meeting Resolutions.

She provided dates on exciting holiday events that will be taking place soon.

Attorney. Mr. Devaney had no report but Closed Session matters with no decisions being made.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-304****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:

2025-304 Approval of Consent Agenda

2025-305 Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting & Closed Session Meeting, October 14, 2025 and Closed Session Meeting, October 28, 2025

Policy Votes

- a. Waldwick Chamber of Commerce requests to hang the "Shop Small" banner on Rt17 fence and leave for the holiday season
 - b. Waldwick Lions Club requests the use of the Administration Building, Council Chambers for Annual Children's Christmas Party on December 7, 2025 from 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm, with permission to set up on Saturday, December 6, 2025 from 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
 - c. Waldwick Fire Department requests to use a firetruck to drive Santa Claus around town on December 7, 2025 as part of the Waldwick Lions Club Annual Children's Christmas Party
- 2025-306 Change Order No. 1-Final and Current Estimate No. 1-Final to D.S. Meyer Enterprises, LLC for 2025 Road Resurfacing Program, ADA Curb Ramp Upgrades, \$32,324.91
- 2025-307 Approval of Chapter 159 – BC PY2025-2026 CDBG Grant

- 2025-308 Authorize Execution of PY2025-2026 Grant Agreement with Bergen County Community Development Block Grant for ADA Curb Ramp Improvements
- 2025-309 Endorsing Resolution to Apply for a PY2026-2027 Bergen County Community Development Block Grant for ADA Curb Ramp Installation - Zazzetti Street
- 2025-310 Authorizing Payment to Ennis for Reimbursement of HSA Contribution due to Health Care Plan Switch
- 2025-311 Refund Tax Overpayments - various
- 2025-312 Payment of Vouchers

Council Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Brennecke	X		X			
Cericola-Drake			X			
Martinello			X			
Ramundo		X	X			
Ritchie			X			
Weber			X			
Mayor Giordano						

PUBLIC HEARING & ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE(S) – None.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE(S)

Mayor Giordano asked the Clerk to read Ordinance No. 2025-#23 by title.

Ordinance No. 2025-#23 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 64 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WALDWICK ENTITLED “PARKS” ADDING THAT ALL DOGS MUST REMAIN LEASHED WITHIN A PARK

Council Comments.

Mayor Giordano stated that a motion is in order to move and pass the ordinance on first reading and that it be advertised in the official newspaper of the municipality as required by law, setting a public hearing for December 13 at 7:30 pm or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

Council Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Brennecke			X			
Cericola-Drake			X			
Martinello			X			
Ramundo		X	X			
Ritchie			X			
Weber	X		X			
Mayor Giordano						

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mrs. Cericola-Drake asked when the last Water Committee meeting took place.

Mrs. Marquis said that internally she, Kelley, Colleen, Mike LaTorre met with H2M as early as last week.

Mrs. Cericola-Drake asked if the entire committee had met recently.

Mayor Giordano responded that it was decided that this would be taken care of internally and the committee would meet as a whole council.

Mrs. Cericola-Drake asked when the broader Town Hall would be scheduled for.

Mrs. Marquis said once the final report is given to us, then we can set the date.

Mrs. Cericola-Drake suggested that the status and timeline of the study be put out to provide insight for the residents and ease concerns.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Ritchie followed up from the last meeting in which the referendum and a potential PILOT were discussed. He asked Mayor Giordano why he recused himself from the conversation on Harrison Avenue and if he had met with developers.

Mayor Giordano deferred to his attorney and suggested that he can OPRA him.

Mr. DeVaney clarified that the choice to recuse himself is the Mayor's decision, and once he has made that decision, he is not required by law to disclose those reasons.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Giordano asked if any member of the public wished to come forward and to discuss anything and if so, please state your name only for the record.

Nadia Luppino questioned the Mayor and requested justification about the public statements he made on social media regarding her campaign and the general election.

Charles Asta expressed his frustration to the Mayor with regard to his campaign and the general election.

Frank Magurno spoke to the quality of the water, the taxes, the esthetic of West Prospect Street and the odor coming from Wyckoff Avenue.

Robert Ferrari spoke to the signage and speed limit on West Prospect Street. He requested a speed bump be put up for the safety of the children playing in the area.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-313

Authorize Closed Session

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(1-9)) permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council is of the opinion that such circumstances exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Waldwick, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

The public shall be excluded from discussions of the Closed Session.

The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

Contract Negotiations

It is anticipated at this time that the above-mentioned subject matter will be made public within 60 days or as soon thereafter as it is deemed to be in the public interest to do so based on the conclusion of the matter.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Council Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Brennecke	X		X			
Cericola-Drake			X			
Martinello			X			
Ramundo		X	X			
Ritchie			X			
Weber			X			
Mayor Giordano						

The Council convened into Closed Session at 8:10 pm. At 8:11pm the Mayor and Council came back on the record of the Regular Meeting. Present on roll call: Mayor Giordano, Mr. Brennecke, Ms. Cericola-Drake, Mr. Martinello, Mr. Ramundo, Mr. Ritchie and Mrs. Weber.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council at its Regular Meeting on MOTION by Mr. Martinello, seconded by Mr. Brennecke and on roll call carried the meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Adopted: December 16, 2025

KELLEY HALEWICZ, RMC/CMC
MUNICIPAL CLERK