

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR & COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF WALDWICK
HELD ON TUESDAY, December 16, 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 Craig Bossong, 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. Promotion of Police Officer Christopher Cron to Sergeant

Tonight, I have the honor, as Mayor, to promote Christopher Cron to Sergeant, Kyle Moore to Lieutenant, and swear in Chief of the Waldwick Police Department, Troy Seifert.

All three men, along with our entire Police Department, work tirelessly day in and day out to protect our residents and keep our community safe.

I have had the privilege of serving as both Councilman and now Mayor, and of witnessing each of you being sworn into our Police Department and progress through the ranks.

I would like to thank our former Police Chief, the Honorable Richard Brady, for being here tonight to administer the oaths of office, and our Borough Judge Helene Herbert for joining us as we celebrate this special evening.

Sergeant Christopher Cron was born and raised in Waldwick. After graduating from Waldwick High School, he attended DeSales University, where he earned a degree in Criminal Justice. He became a member of the Waldwick Police Department in July 2014.

In his 11-year career, Sgt. Cron has served as the department's Resiliency Officer and Bias Officer. He has been a D.A.R.E. and L.E.A.D. instructor since 2018, teaching 5th grade students at Traphagen and Crescent Schools.

Chris is assigned as a Field Training Officer, where he is responsible for training and mentoring newly hired police officers. He has also served on the PBA Executive Board since 2016, holding the positions of Recording Secretary and Vice President, and is currently serving his second term as President.

Chris resides in Waldwick with his wife, Alyssa, and their daughter, Avery.

At this time, I ask Sergeant Christopher Cron to come forward with his family to be sworn in.

B. Promotion of Sergeant Kyle Moore to Lieutenant

Lieutenant Kyle Moore was born and raised in Waldwick. After graduating from Waldwick High School, he attended Stockton University, majoring in Criminal Justice. Lt. Moore became a member of the Waldwick Police Department in September 2011.

He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2018, serving as a patrol supervisor and later as the Detective Bureau Supervisor.

Lt. Moore is a certified instructor in Pistol, Rifle, Active Shooter Response, Taser, and Red Dot optics, and has served as the department's supervising firearms instructor since 2014. In this role, he is responsible for all firearms and tactical training. He is also a certified Police Academy Instructor, assisting with firearms and tactical instruction. Lt. Moore has been an operator on the Bergen County Regional SWAT Team since 2015, where he currently serves as a Fire Team Leader.

He has served on the PBA Executive Board as Recording Secretary and Vice President. Kyle resides in Waldwick with his wife, Melanie, and their two children, Kelsey and Jack.

As I often say at promotional ceremonies for our Police Department members: People sleep peacefully in their beds at night only because people like you stand ready to protect them.

Police officers put their lives on the line every day. This is not simply something you do - it is something you are.

Thank you for protecting all of us. Your dedication and love for this profession are evident.

I know you will make a great Lieutenant, Kyle, and a great Sergeant, Chris. You will both lead with integrity and make a lasting difference within our Police Department.

At this time, I ask Lieutenant Kyle Moore to come forward with his family to be sworn in.

C. Promotion of Acting Police Chief Troy Seifert to Chief of Police

Tonight, the Borough of Waldwick will swear in its eighth Police Chief since its founding - Chief Troy Seifert.

Troy Seifert was born and raised in Waldwick. After graduating from Waldwick High School, he attended John Jay College and William Paterson University.

He began his law enforcement career in 1999 as a police dispatcher in Ho-Ho-Kus and became a Police Officer in 2000 and we will not hold that against him. He then followed the light in the woods, crossing over the border and became a Waldwick Police Officer in 2005, the smartest decision he ever made, and we thank you for that.

He was promoted to Sergeant in 2012 and served as a Patrol Sergeant until his assignment to the Detective Bureau in 2014. In 2019, Troy was promoted to Lieutenant, where he served as Patrol Commander and most recently as the officer in charge of the Administration Section of the Department.

Troy has served as the Department's Juvenile Officer, D.A.R.E. instructor, and Field Training Officer. He has also served on the PBA Executive Board as Recording Secretary and Treasurer.

He also serves as President of the Waldwick Baseball Softball Association and as a trustee on the Waldwick Board of Education.

Our new Chief resides in Waldwick with his wife, Erin, and their three daughters - Emma, Maggie, and Katie.

Troy, before you are a leader, success is all about growing yourself. When you become a leader, success is all about growing others. A leader's role is to build people, develop others, strengthen the organization from within, empower those around them, and encourage others to become leaders themselves. Chief, you have demonstrated time and again your love, service, and selfless dedication to the well-being of our community, our residents, and your fellow officers. You are truly a leader.

As Steve Jobs said:

"Your work is going to fill a large part of your life and the only way to be truly satisfied to do what you believe is great work and the only way to great work is to love what you do. "

Troy, I am proud and honored to call you my Police Chief and my friend. Please come forward with your family and be sworn in as our eighth Police Chief.

D. Presentation of Conceptual Site Plans, Ronald Durante, Block 114/Lots 1, 15, 24

Raymond J. Virgona and Bruce Whittaker made a presentation of their conceptual plans for the Harrison Avenue Redevelopment project. Council members discussed the plans and are concerned that there are too many apartments with no retail. They also asked about the water mains and supply lines.

MAYOR'S REPORT AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mayor's Report. Mayor Giordano wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. The Reorganization meeting establishing the 2026 year is the first Tuesday in January.

Financial & Administrative Committee. No report.

Fire & Police Protection Committee. Mr. Brennecke reported on the fire and police calls and utilities emergencies for the month of December. He reported a successful Operation Santa by the Fire Department.

Public Safety Committee. No Report.

Recreational & Health Committee. Mr. Martinello could not attend the Tree Lighting but reported that it was well attended and Santa did a great job. He reminded everyone about the Toys for Tots drop off at the American Legion Post.

Public Works Committee. Mr. Ramundo thanked the DPW for their work during the snowstorm and for setting up the Hannukah event, which was well received by the residents.

Buildings & Grounds Committee. Mrs. Weber thanked all the residents and Borough Employees that took care of the Tree Lighting on December 5. She also thanked the Lions Club for holding the Children's Christmas Party and the Fire Department for driving Santa Around. She wished everyone a Happy Holiday, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Administrator. Mrs. Marquis extended her congratulations to Chief Seifert, Lieutenant Moore and Sargent Cron. She also mentioned to mark calendars for the flushing schedule which has been posted on the website, social media and constant contact which will continue through the Holidays and the end of January at the recommendation of H2m.

Municipal Clerk. Mrs. Halewicz thanked the residents who donated to the Allendale Waldwick PBA Toys for Tots Drive, which was very successful.

She also thanked the residents who continue to donate food, toys and clothes to Families 4 Families. They are still picking up regularly and appreciate those donations.

The 2025 Calendar contains January of 2026. The Calendar will be mailed to all our residents once the printer is done with it.

She thanked the Mayor and Council for their support for the Annual Christmas Tree lighting as well as Tatiana, Melissa, DPW and Police Department for their behind-the-scenes assistance. She wished everyone a Happy Holiday season and safe, healthy Happy New Year.

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

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-314

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:

- 2025-314 Approval of Consent Agenda
- 2025-315 Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting, October 28, 2025; Regular Meeting & Closed Session Meeting, November 13, 2025
- 2025-316 Resolution Designating Harrison Avenue Redevelopment, LLC as Conditional Redeveloper and Authorizing the Execution of Memorandum of Understanding and Escrow Agreement ("MOU")
- 2025-317 Authorize Change of Signatory of PY 2024-2025 Grant Agreement with Bergen County Community Development Block Grant for ADA Curb Ramp Improvements
- 2025-318 Authorize Change of Signatory for all Bergen County Grant Agreements and County Vouchers
- 2025-319 Authorize Shared Services Agreement with Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority (NBCUA) for Pump Station Inspection Services 2025-2027
- 2025-320 Authorize Release of Dumpster Escrow - 74 Moore Avenue

- 2025-321 Approval of Council Reorganization Meeting, January 6, 2026
- 2025-322 Renewal of the Group Dental Benefits Program for Eligible Employees and Their Covered Dependents through Delta Dental of New Jersey, Inc.
- 2025-323 Authorize Refund Water Overpayment
- 2025-324 Approval of Budget Appropriation Transfers
- 2025-325 Payment of Vouchers

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

PUBLIC HEARING & ADOPTION 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. None.

Public comment. None.

Mayor Giordano closed the Public comment. Ordinance No. 2025-#23 was advertised and on second reading is adopted. This ordinance will go into effect immediately after approval and publication according to law.

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						

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE(S) – None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ester Miraglia asked if the Borough conducted a traffic analysis study regarding the townhouses on Harrison Avenue and if so, she would like to see a report. She is concerned about the number of units and traffic patterns. The area of the businesses on East Prospect has weeds growing out of bricks. Also, garbage blowing in the wind near the old Giant Farmers Market on Harrison Avenue and Wyckoff Avenue.

Richard Tirre spoke of Nathaniel Bogdanove who was elected Mayor in 1971 but passed away days before the election. He would like to see his son Seth be elected Mayor for the Day in honor of his late father who was unable to serve as Mayor even though he was elected. He also asked if the Borough had record of who designed the Boroughs logo (seal). He believes it was a friend of his, Richard Dreyer, and would like to see if he can receive credit.

He also spoke of an incident in Oakland where a man was beating up a woman in public, his friend who was a long time Waldwickian, Adam Weitemeir stepped in and was beaten to death. He feels heroes are not only military or policemen, but he considers him a hero for standing up to someone. He would like to see the Borough recognize him.

Mayor Giordano said that the Borough has paid tribute to Mr. Bogdanove pointing out photos around the Administration Building. He said he will take pictures of them and have them sent to him.

Mayor Giordano said they will contact the previous administrator, Gary Kratz, to find out who it was and will give credit to him on the website once confirmed.

Mayor Giordano said he would investigate it and will have the Borough Administrator reach out.

Debra Catunio shared that she was disturbed and discouraged by a letter circulating on social media prior to the election regarding allegations against Mr. Asta.

Pat Moore Theis expressed concerns of tractor trailers coming down her block on Pennington Avenue and getting stuck as this is not a through street to the Industrial park as Google tells them. She feels it is dangerous especially with young children in the area. She would like to see a sign at the top of the block with a weight limit or no trucks allowed.

Mrs. Marquis responded that this was the first time she had heard of this and will make a note to discuss with the Chief of Police and DPW Superintendent.

Helga Hauksdottir expressed that we should support the Council who have won the election.

Laura Litchult state she has information on Nathaniel Bogdanove.

Mayor Giordano asked if she could send what she has and the Mayor will make sure that they will get it to Seth.

Jim Schultz expressed his concerns regarding the effect of PILOT Programs on the Board of Education. He thinks it would be a good start if we can negotiate that the developers pay per student.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-326

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:

Possible Acquisition of Real Property

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			
Cericola-Drake	X		X			
Martinello		X	X			
Ramundo			X			
Ritchie			X			
Weber			X			
Mayor Giordano						

The Council convened into Closed Session at 9:30pm. At 9:40 pm 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.

Adopted: January 6, 2026

KELLEY HALEWICZ, RMC/CMC
MUNICIPAL CLERK