

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR & COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF WALDWICK
HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 9 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, Ms. Cericola-Drake Mr. Martinello, Mr. Ritchie, Ms. Smith and Ms. Wingate. Mr. Brennecke was absent.

Also present: 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 – None.

MAYOR'S REPORT AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mayor's Report.

Mayor Giordano thanked the Council members who attended the Memorial Day ceremony and the Waldwick Public Library's 250th Anniversary presentation featuring George Washington and the Revolutionary War.

He thanked Chuck Wanamaker for another successful car show.

Mayor Giordano announced he will be attending the ECLC High School graduation ceremony in Ho-Ho-Kus.

The first summer concert featuring Blues Chambers, a Waldwick resident, will take place on Wednesday, weather permitting.

Mayor Giordano advised that beginning next month, members of the Governing Body will wear their blue shirts at meetings.

He also announced that a discussion regarding the Borough's finances will be held under new business in place of the Mayor's Report at the next June meeting to maintain transparency.

Financial & Administrative Committee.

Mr. Martinello reported that the Finance Committee continues to work on negotiations for the PILOT program and is focused on securing the best agreement for the Borough.

He noted that the Administrator and Clerk are continuing to work with the Board of Education to schedule a meeting. They are trying to coordinate a date that works for everyone, including the Borough's redevelopment attorney and financial advisors.

He noted that two new police vehicle leases are on tonight's agenda. These vehicles were included in the 2026 budget and will allow the department to retire and auction three older vehicles. The lease payments will be funded through the police vehicle fund, which is supported by fees generated through the departments outside employment program.

He also noted that the certification of the audit report is on the agenda and reflects the Borough's continued commitment to financial accountability and transparency.

Fire & Police Protection Committee.

Mayor Giordano noted that Mr. Brennecke was absent and would provide his report at the next meeting.

Public Safety Committee.

Ms. Wingate reported that WALVAC responded to 19 calls in May, resulting in a saving of approximately \$20,000 to the Borough. She thanked WALVAC for its continued service.

WALVAC was on standby at the Community Alliance Car Show and Crescent Day, and no incidents were reported.

She noted that WALVAC and the Police Department are planning events for the upcoming Junior Police Academy.

She reported that field usage fees were discussed at the Board of Education meeting and were tabled until August for further discussion.

Ms. Wingate also noted that the Borough and Board of Education are working to schedule a meeting regarding the PILOT program to ensure both entities remain informed.

Recreational & Health Committee.

Ms. Smith thanked Bruce and Joann Mitchell for another successful library event and noted that it was well attended.

She also thanked Chuck Wanamaker and the volunteers for another successful Car Show.

Ms. Smith said she will be unable to attend the first summer concert but hopes for good weather and a great turnout at Borough Park.

She noted that Tim Gysin is scheduled to perform at the August concert.

She shared information on upcoming library events, including dog caricatures.

Ms. Smith congratulated all Waldwick student athletes on a successful spring season and wished them a great summer.

Public Works Committee.

Mr. Ritchie noted that the Finance Committee meets weekly to discuss financial and administrative matters and thanked Council President Martinello and Administrator Marquis for their efforts.

He was unable to attend the recent Sewer Authority meeting due to business travel. He reviewed the Borough's ongoing efforts to address concerns regarding odors and possible health impacts.

He noted that the Borough does not have control over the Sewer Authority or the sewage that flows through town but stressed that the issue needs to be addressed. He encouraged residents to continue making their concerns known.

Buildings & Grounds Committee.

Mrs. Cericola-Drake reported that a contractor recently inspected the HVAC issue on the second floor of the Administration Building and will provide a quote for repairs.

She thanked Kelley and Borough administration for another successful Primary Election and was pleased that County Committee results were received promptly.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Borough Administrator:

Mayor Giordano asked Ms. Halewicz to provide the Borough Administrators report in the absence of Mrs. Marquis. She had no report.

Municipal Clerk.

Ms. Halewicz reported that the Primary Election ran smoothly and thanked the board workers and super board workers for their efforts. She also thanked the Police Department for returning election materials to the County and the DPW for assisting with the setup and cleanup.

Attorney.

Mr. Bossong had no report but noted a Closed Session item regarding contract negotiations for about fifteen minutes.

Mayor Giordano noted that he will have to recuse himself from Closed Session and will turn it over to Council President to run the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-173****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:

2026-173 Approval of Consent Agenda

2026-174 Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting & Closed Session Meeting, May 12, 2026, and Regular Meeting, May 26, 2026

Policy Vote(s)

- a. Waldwick Chamber of Commerce requests to "Turn the Town Teal" for the month of September for Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month as per letter dated May 27, 2026
 - b. Jessica Colucci requests to use Pavilion A on August 15, 2026, from 1:00 pm – 6:30 pm for a birthday with alcoholic beverages being served
 - c. Teresa Impemba requests to use Pavilion B on September 13, 2026, from 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm for a family reunion with alcoholic beverages being served
 - d. Appointment of Kristin Haddad as Senior Member of the Waldwick Volunteer Fire Department
- 2026-175 Authorizing Annual Appointment of Municipal Representatives to Bergen County Community Development Regional Committees, FY 2026-2027 Covering Period July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027
- 2026-176 Authorize Waiver of Permit Fees for Waldwick Public Library for the Installation of a Gazebo
- 2026-177 Award Fair and Open Contract to All American Ford of Paramus for the Lease of a 2026 Ford Expedition Vehicle, \$70,659.60
- 2026-178 Award Fair and Open Contract to All American Ford of Paramus for the Lease of a 2027 Police Interceptor Utility AWD Vehicle, \$49,559.81
- 2026-179 Authorize Liquor License Renewal 2026/2027 - Italindia LLC
- 2026-180 Approve Raffle License 2026-04 for Waldwick Baseball Association - On Premise Draw
- 2026-181 Approval of Raffle License 2026-05 for Waldwick Lions Club - Off Premise 50/50
- 2026-182 Appointment of 2026 Pool Lifeguards
- 2026-183 Accept Resignation of Part Time Clerk - Typist, Deborah Lyon
- 2026-184 Appointments for Clerk 1, Recreation
- 2026-185 Certification of the Annual Audit
- 2026-186 Approval of Corrective Action Plan
- 2026-187 Authorizing the Borough of Waldwick's Tax Collector to Prepare and Mail Estimated Tax Bills in Accordance with P.L. 1994, c. 72
- 2026-188 Payment of Vouchers

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

PUBLIC HEARING & ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE(S)

Mayor Giordano asked the Clerk to read Ordinance No. 2026-#07 by title.

Ordinance No. 2026-#07 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 63 PARK & RIDE LOTS IN ITS ENTIRETY

Council comments. Mrs. Cericola-Drake acknowledged concerns expressed in emails regarding the changes to the Park and Ride lot. She noted that permit fees had not increased in approximately 20 years despite rising costs and inflation.

Mayor Giordano reminded residents that the lot is owned by NJ Transit and not the Borough. As a result, the Borough cannot give preference to Waldwick residents or control who parks in the lot.

Mrs. Halewicz added that the lot has been underutilized for several years, primarily since COVID. She noted that the Borough has received positive feedback regarding the transition from permits to daily parking and that the first come, first serve will allow better use of the lot.

Mr. Martinello noted that parking rates are comparable to surrounding communities. He stated that the current permit system results in an oversold but underutilized lot and that daily parking will provide everyone with a fair opportunity to park.

Mayor Giordano closed the Public comment. Ordinance No. 2026-#07 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
Cericola-Drake			X			
Martinello		X	X			
Ritchie	X		X			
Smith			X			
Wingate			X			
Mayor Giordano						

Mayor Giordano asked the Clerk to read Ordinance No. 2026-#08 by title.

Ordinance No. 2026-#08 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 48 FEES, SECTION 63-3 PARK & RIDE IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SECTION 91-12.2 VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC - PAID PARKING FEES TO UPDATE FEES

Council comments.

Mayor Giordano noted that this Ordinance is related to the first Ordinance previously discussed.

Public comment. None.

Mayor Giordano closed the Public comment. Ordinance No. 2026-#08 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
Cericola-Drake			X			
Martinello		X	X			
Ritchie	X		X			
Smith			X			
Wingate			X			
Mayor Giordano						

Mayor Giordano asked the Clerk to read Ordinance No. 2026-#09 by title.

Ordinance No. 2026-#09 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 48 FEES, SECTION 52 WALDWICK JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY TO SET FEES FOR 2026 WITH ANNUAL INCREASE THEREAFTER AND SECTION 65 POLICE TRAINING FACILITY, NONPARTICIPATING MUNICIPAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY USE FEE TO INCREASE FEE

Council comments. Mayor Giordano noted that the Junior Police Academy is entering its fourth successful year. He thanked the Police, Fire Department, and WALVAC for their involvement and thanked the new Chief and Police Department for continuing to support the program.

Public comment. None.

Mayor Giordano closed the Public comment. Ordinance No. 2026-#09 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
Cericola-Drake	X		X			
Martinello			X			
Ritchie			X			
Smith		X	X			
Wingate			X			
Mayor Giordano						

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE(S) – None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ms. Wingate extended her congratulations to the teachers who received Teacher of the Year.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Martinello added his congratulations to the Class of 2026 for all grade levels. He looks forward to seeing everyone at graduation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Laura Litchult expressed concerns regarding the PILOT program and the scheduling issues between the Borough and Board of Education. She questioned the financial impact, the status of negotiations, potential effects on school taxes and enrollment, and asked whether the developer has participated in other successful PILOT projects.

Jim Shultz expressed concerns regarding the funding of the Board of Education and referenced State guidance regarding redevelopment review committees.

Chuck Wanamaker thanked the Governing Body, Police Department, and WALVAC for their support of the Community Alliance Car Show. He also expressed concerns regarding the changes to the train station parking lot.

Joann Mitchell requested improved visibility of the pedestrian crossing signs near the library.

Ester and Gino Giomaralli thanked Chuck Wanamaker and the Community Alliance for another successful Car Show. They also expressed concerns regarding increased truck traffic on Harrison Avenue and suggested no truck signage.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-189**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
Cericola-Drake			X			
Martinello			X			
Ritchie	X		X			
Smith			X			
Wingate		X	X			
Mayor Giordano						

The Council convened into Closed Session at 8:50 pm. At 9:16 pm the Council came back on the record of the Regular Meeting. Present on roll call: Ms. Cericola-Drake, Mr. Martinello, Mr. Ritchie, Ms. Smith and Ms. Wingate.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council at its Regular Meeting on MOTION by Mr. Ritchie, seconded by Ms. Cericola-Drake and on roll call carried the meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Adopted: June 23, 2026

KELLEY HALEWICZ, RMC/CMC
MUNICIPAL CLERK