

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-71  
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**AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION 2026 GREEN ACRES PROGRAM FOR PLANNING INCENTIVE LAND ACQUISITION FUNDING (197 WYCKOFF AVENUE)**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program (“State”), provides grants and/or loans to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition, development, and stewardship of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Waldwick maintains an established Open Space Tax and an approved Open Space and Recreation Plan and therefore qualifies to apply under the Planning Incentive category of the Green Acres Program; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Waldwick desires to further the public interest by seeking Green Acres acquisition funding for real property known as 197 Wyckoff Avenue, Waldwick, New Jersey, identified on the official tax map as Block 136, Lot 6.02 (the “Project”), for the purpose of permanent preservation and use as public open space and recreational land; and,

**WHEREAS**, the total estimated eligible project cost for the acquisition of 197 Wyckoff Avenue, including eligible acquisition and allowable soft costs, is \$20,000 (rounded to the next \$1,000 as required by Green Acres regulations); and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough seeks Green Acres Planning Incentive acquisition funding in the amount of \$700,000, representing 50% of eligible project costs, subject to appraisal review and final program approval; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough understands that the final eligible Green Acres award amount is subject to appraisal review, funding round caps, and approval by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is willing to use State funds in accordance with all applicable rules, regulations, and statutes, including N.J.A.C. 7:36, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the State for the above-named Project.

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

1. Mayor Thomas Giordano, or the successor to the office of Mayor, is hereby authorized to:
  - a) Make application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, for Planning Incentive acquisition funding for the Project;
  - b) Provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required by the State; and
  - c) Act as the authorized correspondent of the Borough for all matters related to the Green Acres application.
2. The Borough acknowledges that the Green Acres acquisition grant award, if approved, shall not exceed the maximum eligible funding cap established by the State and shall be subject to appraisal review and final program approval.
3. The Borough certifies that sufficient funds have been appropriated or shall be appropriated to satisfy the Borough's required local matching share and any costs exceeding the approved Green Acres award amount.
4. The Borough agrees that, upon receipt of Green Acres funding, the Project property shall be permanently restricted for recreation and conservation purposes in accordance with Green Acres regulations and that all required deeds of dedication or conservation restrictions shall be recorded as required by the State.
5. The Borough agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in the performance of the Project.
6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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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 February 24, 2026.

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Kelley Halewicz, RMC/CMC  
Municipal Clerk

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

Reso book, Adm, CFO

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-72**

**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 as amended to include Resolution 2026-82:

- 2026-72 Approval of Consent Agenda
- 2026-73 Approval of Minutes - Amended Regular Meeting, December 16, 2025; Regular & Budget Meeting and Closed Session Meeting, February 10, 2026

Policy Vote(s)

- a. Melissa Avgerinos requests to use Pavilion A on June 20, 2026 from 3:00 pm - dusk for a graduation party with alcoholic beverages being served
- 2026-74 Authorize Renewal of Waldwick’s Accident & Sickness Policy for Waldwick Fire Department, OEM and WALVAC, Policy # VFP433105347G00
- 2026-75 Authorizing Approval of Waldwick Volunteer Fire Department By-law Amendments
- 2026-76 Award Open Ended Professional Service Contract to Valley Health System, Inc., for Drug and Alcohol Testing in an Amount not to Exceed \$5,000.00
- 2026-77 Appointment to Green Team
- 2026-78 Authorize Cancellation of Taxes, Block 162.02, Lot 13
- 2026-79 Approval of Appropriation Transfers
- 2026-80 Payment of Vouchers
- 2026-82 Authorize Redemption Tax Lien #23-00635**

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas A. Giordano, Mayor

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Kelley Halewicz, RMC/CMC  
Municipal Clerk

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-73**

**Approval of Minutes - Amended Regular Meeting, December 16, 2025; Regular & Budget Meeting and Closed Session Meeting, February 10, 2026**

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

Amended Regular Meeting - December 16, 2025

Regular & Budget Meeting - February 10, 2026

Closed Session Meeting - February 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 February 24, 2026.

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Kelley Halewicz, RMC/CMC  
Municipal Clerk

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-74**

**Authorize Renewal of Waldwick’s Accident & Sickness Policy for Waldwick Fire Department, OEM and WALVAC, Policy # VFP433105347G00**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Council of the Borough of Waldwick hereby authorizes the renewal of the Waldwick Accident & Sickness Policy for Waldwick Fire Department, OEM and WALVAC, Policy # VFP433105347G00 in the amount of \$5,522.24 effective March 16, 2026 through March 16, 2027; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Administrator is hereby authorized to execute documents for the above-stated policy.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas A. Giordano, Mayor

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Kelley Halewicz, RMC/CMC  
Municipal Clerk

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-75  
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**Authorizing Approval of a Portion of Waldwick Volunteer Fire Department By-laws Amendments**

WHEREAS, the Waldwick Volunteer Fire Department (“WFD”) have reviewed their by-laws and submitted to the Borough a comprehensive and substantial number of requested by-law amendments; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Waldwick Borough Ordinance 12-6, all amendments to the WFD by-laws must be reviewed and approved by the Mayor and Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Waldwick hereby approve the following WFD by-laws amendments; and,

Current language:

Article X - Uniforms

Section 3: Uniform Components

Dress “Class A” Uniform component shall adhere to regulations specified in Appendix III.  
(Revised 7/2023)

Revised to read:

Article X – Uniforms

Section 3: Uniform Components

Dress “Class A” Uniform component shall adhere to regulations specified in Appendix III.  
Revised 7/2023)

Station Wear “Class B” Uniform components shall adhere to regulations specified in Appendix IV.

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**Appendix IV Waldwick Fire Department Class B Uniform Standard**

The Waldwick Fire Department Class B Uniform (Station Wear) is to be used for special details and standby as directed by the Line or Company Officers. It will consist of the following:

- 5.11 Helios Short Sleeve Polo in navy (or equivalent)
  - Embroidered station patch on left breast
  - Embroidered member’s name in white (first name initial; last name) on right breast
  - Embroidered forward facing stars, white bordered American flag on right sleeve
- 5.11 Icon Pants in navy (or equivalent)

The above items will be paid for and issued by the department after an Active member has completed their probationary year. Belt and shoes to be purchased by the member and must be black.

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NOTE: Any previously purchased station shirts are acceptable to be worn for special details/standby as long as it is still in good condition and dependent upon the direction of Line and Company Officers. Any previously purchased station shirts will only be replaced with the new department standard outlined above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be provided to the WFD for their records.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas A. Giordano, Mayor

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Kelley Halewicz, RMC/CMC  
Municipal Clerk

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-76**

**Award Professional Services Contract to Valley Health System, Inc., for Drug and Alcohol Testing in an Amount not to Exceed \$5,000.00**

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to contract for drug and alcohol testing for municipal workers, including CDL drivers where testing is a federal requirement; and,

WHEREAS, Valley Health System, Inc., has submitted the attached agreement, dated February 9, 2026, to perform services; and,

WHEREAS, the contract will take effect April 1, 2026 and expire April 1, 2027 and the fees shall be charged according to the Contract Fee Schedule; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Waldwick has certified that \$5,000.00 is available in the following appropriation: 6-01-23-220-098 and has further certified that this commitment together with all previous commitments and payments does not exceed the funds available in said appropriation; and,

WHEREAS, this contract award is subject to the availability and appropriation of sufficient funds in the 2026/2027 budgets. Upon adoption of the future year temporary and calendar year appropriations, the Chief Financial Officer will review the same to determine whether sufficient funds are available.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Waldwick authorize Valley Health System, Inc., Occupational Health, 1400 MacArthur Boulevard, Mahwah, NJ 07430 for drug and alcohol testing for municipal workers, including CDL drivers where testing is a federal requirement in an open-ended contract not to exceed \$5,000.00.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas A. Giordano, Mayor

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Kelley Halewicz, RMC/CMC  
Municipal Clerk

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-77**

**Appointment to the Waldwick Green Team**

WHEREAS, Caleb Isaacs has completed the Citizen Leadership form and expressed an interest in being appointed to the Waldwick Green Team.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Waldwick hereby appoint Caleb Isaacs to the Waldwick Green Team.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas A. Giordano, Mayor

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Kelley Halewicz, RMC/CMC  
Municipal Clerk

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-78**

**Authorize Cancelation of Taxes, Block 162.02, Lot 13**

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Hayes who resides at Block 162.02 Lot 13, 11 Wilson Terrace, 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 January 1, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Waldwick hereby authorize the Tax Collector to cancel the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarters 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

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Kelley Halewicz, RMC/CMC  
Municipal Clerk

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Brennecke		X	X			
Cericola-Drake			X			
Martinello	X		X			
Ritchie			X			
Smith			X			
Wingate			X			
Mayor Giordano						

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-79**

**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:

Current Fund Transfers			
From		To	
Police – S&W	\$5,000	Police – O/E	\$8,900
Planning Board-O/E	\$4,400	Vehicle Maintenance – O/E	\$1,000
Administration-O/E	\$5,000	Electricity	\$665
M&C-O/E	\$2590	Street Lighting	\$6,425
Total	\$16,990		\$16,990

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Thomas A. Giordano, Mayor

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Brennecke		X	X			
Cericola-Drake			X			
Martinello	X		X			
Ritchie			X			
Smith			X			
Wingate			X			
Mayor Giordano						

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-80**

**Payment of Vouchers**

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas A. Giordano, Mayor

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Kelley Halewicz, RMC/CMC  
Municipal Clerk

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Brennecke		X	X			
Cericola-Drake			X			
Martinello	X		X			
Ritchie			X			
Smith			X			
Wingate			X			
Mayor Giordano						

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-81**

**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:

Potential Litigation

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.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas A. Giordano, Mayor

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Kelley Halewicz, RMC/CMC  
Municipal Clerk

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						

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-82**

**Authorize Redemption Tax Title Lien #23-00635**

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has been paid the necessary amount to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #23-00635, in the amount of \$2,043.06; and,

WHEREAS, Pro Cap 8 FBO Firsttrust Bank holds Tax Sale Certificate #23-00635; and,

WHEREAS, Tax Sale Certificate #23-00635, for Block 133 Lot 15 (79 Hopper Avenue) has been declared to be redeemed in full by the Tax Collector of the Borough of Waldwick.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Waldwick be and is hereby authorized to issue checks in the amount of \$2,043.06 from the Current Fund and \$1,000.00 from the Premium Trust Account to:

Pro Cap 8 Firsttrust Bank  
PO Box 774  
Fort Washington PA, 19034-0774

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector be and is hereby authorized to cancel said Tax Sale Certificate #23-00635, Block 133 Lot 15 from the record.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas A. Giordano, Mayor

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Kelley Halewicz, RMC/CMC  
Municipal Clerk

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

