

BOROUGH OF BUTLER REORGANIZATION MEETING

JANUARY 6, 2026 ~ 6:00 P.M.

1. Call Meeting to Order – Pledge to the Flag – Moment of Reflection – Sunshine Notice
2. Oath of Office:
Councilman Calvi *Clerk calls to mic, MAYOR issues oath*
Councilman MacDonald *Clerk calls to mic, MAYOR issues oath*
3. Roll Call by Brandi: Mayor, Calvi, Guzman, MacDonald, Meier, Piccirillo, Verdonik **Also:**
4. Mayor's Address – *Acknowledge Dignitaries in attendance*
5. Address by newly elected Council Members: *Mayor Intro Calvi, Mayor Intro MacDonald*
6. Election of Council President * **M: 2: RC:**
7. **R 2026-001** Re-Appointment of Brandi Smith Greco as RMC and CMR *Bob Intro? - Oath*
8. **R 2026-01** Appointment of Chris Finelli as Fire Chief for the Butler Fire Department **M: 2: AIF**

Clerk invites Chief to come forward, Mayor issues Oath

BUTLER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Deputy Chief	Doug Morse
Battalion Chief	Vacant
Captain 1	Dakota Sheehan
Captain 2	Kyle Finelli
Lieutenant 1	Eric Gorecki
Lieutenant 2	Mark Finelli
Lieutenant 3	Pauline Nassimos
Lieutenant 4	Vacant

Clerk will introduce Officers – Mayor to Issue Oath

FIRE POLICE – One Year Term – Chris Finelli, Joe Usinowicz, Robert Krill, John Fletcher, Phil Soules, Bob Carola, Dakota Sheehan, Lester Soltys, Michael Dunlap

Clerk will introduce Fire Police – Mayor to Issue Oath

FIRE POLICE CHIEF – to be elected at FD meeting

8. **R 2026-02 ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS:**

BOROUGH ATTORNEY

One Year Term – Robert H. Oostdyk, Jr.

BOROUGH ENGINEER

One Year Term – Thomas Boorady of Darmofalski Engineering

BOROUGH AUDITOR

One Year Term –Valerie Dolan of Nisivoccia LLP

MUNICIPAL TAX SEARCH OFFICER

One Year Term – Cora Ashley

ASSESSMENT SEARCH OFFICER

One Year Term – Brandi Smith-Greco

POLICE MATRON

One Year Term – Leslie Usinowicz

Alternates - Samantha Defina and Rebecca Hammonds

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

One Year Term – Christopher Finelli, Joe Costello, Brandi Smith-Greco, Peter Tabbot, Rebecca Hammonds, Matthew Guilder, Brian Pumo, Joe Scapparo, Kyle Finelli, Ed Vath, Sal Ciccone, Stefanie Schmidt, Bloomingdale Code Official

BLOOD BANK

One Year Term – Butler Fire Department

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

One Year Term – VFW Post 8096

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE JOINT INSURANCE FUND

One Year Term – Matthew Guilder and Melissa Berger

REPRESENTATIVES TO PUBLIC POWER ASSOCIATION and NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC POWER AUTHORITY

One Year Term – James Lampmann

ALTERNATIVE REPRESENTATIVE TO PUBLIC POWER ASSOCIATION and NEW
JERSEY PUBLIC POWER AUTHORITY

One Year Term – Jeff Ricker

DIAL-A-RIDE REPRESENTATIVE

One Year Term - Brandi Greco

SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

One Year Term – Bill Landon, Isabelle Rimmer, Barbara Tavano, Pat Wojtecki, Jeannette Shahenkari, Nancy Solomon, Frank Blatterman, 3 Vacancies.

PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER*

One Year Term – Matthew Guilder

Motion for R 2026-02 Appointments:

Second:

AIF:

9. **R 2026-03** **APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNING BODY LIAISONS,**
REPRESENTATIVES & STANDING COMMITTEES:


SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mayor Ryan Martinez

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Councilman Jose Guzman

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REVENUE SHARING COMMITTEE

Matthew Guilder, Melissa Berger and 

CLEAN COMMUNITIES	Councilman Alex Calvi
BOARD OF HEALTH	Councilman Michael MacDonald
MORRIS TOMORROW	Councilman Robert Meier
MUSEUM COMMITTEE	Councilman Robert Meier
RECREATION COMMITTEE	Councilman Raymond Verdonik
MORRIS COUNTY League of Municipalities	Councilman Michael MacDonald

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

FINANCIAL, ORDINANCE & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Councilman Verdonik, Chairman
Councilman Calvi, Vice Chairman
Councilman Piccirillo, Member

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Councilman Piccirillo, Chairman
Councilman Guzman, Vice Chairman
Councilman Meier, Member

ELECTRIC LIGHT & PUBLIC LIGHTING COMMITTEE

Councilman Meier, Chairman
Councilman Piccirillo, Vice Chairman
Councilman Guzman, Member

WATER AND WASTEWATER COMMITTEE

Councilman Guzman Chairman
Councilman MacDonald, Vice Chairman
Councilman Verdonik, Member

HEALTH, SANITATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Councilman MacDonald, Chairman
Councilman Meier, Vice Chairman
Councilman Piccirillo, Member

ROADS AND BUILDINGS/GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Councilman Calvi, Chairman
Councilman Verdonik, Vice Chairman
Councilman MacDonald, Member

Motion for R 2026-03 Appointments: Second: AIF:

OATH OF OFFICE Any Appointed Officials in Attendance Receive the Oath of Office

10. R 2026-04 MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Three Year Term – Scott Ricker

Class IV, Four Year Term – Edwin Vath and Duane Reger
Class II Member , One Year Term– Chris Finelli

CLASS III Member, One Year Term – Marc Piccirillo

One Year Term – Liza Waer

Five Year Term – Kristy Ricker, William Hanisch and Chris Ziegler

Three Year Term – Thomas Fox, Maryanne Hanisch, Katie Nafz, Tom Decker,
One Vacancy

Three Year Term – Alexander Calvi and Mark Piccirillo

Motion for R 2026-04 Appointments: Second: AIF:

OATH OF OFFICE Any Appointed Officials in Attendance May Receive the Oath of Office

11. ADDITIONAL RESOLUTIONS

R 2026-05 RESOLVED, THAT THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR THE BOROUGH BE THE SUBURBAN TRENDS, HERALD NEWS, THE STAR-LEDGER, DAILY RECORD AND BERGEN RECORD

Moved: Second:

R 2026-06 RESOLVED, THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BUTLER HEREBY DESIGNATE THE FOLLOWING BANKING INSTITUTIONS AS DEPOSITORIES FOR MONEY BELONGING TO THE BOROUGH OF BUTLER FOR THE YEAR 2026: PROVIDENT BANK, MONEY MARKET INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS and/or CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT AND N.J. CASH MANAGEMENT FUND

Moved: Second:

R 2026-07 RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING OFFICIALS SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN DISBURSEMENT CHECKS FOR THE VARIOUS ACCOUNTS: THE ADMINISTRATOR, Matthew Guilder; THE FINANCE CHAIRMAN, Raymond Verdonik; AND THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, Melissa Berger. ALL ACCOUNTS REQUIRE TWO SIGNATURES, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE PAYROLL ACCOUNT WHICH REQUIRES ONLY THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS SIGNATURE.

Moved: Second:

R 2026-08 RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING SURETY BONDS BE SECURED AND THE BOROUGH PAY ALL CHARGES FOR THE BONDS REQUIRED BY BOROUGH OFFICIALS: Tax Collector/Utility Supervisor \$517,000; Clerk Typist/Tax Collectors Office \$110,000; Chief Financial Officer \$450,000; Public Employees Blanket \$25,000 per occurrence (excluding Tax Collector/Utility Supervisor and Chief Financial Officer).

Moved: Second: RC:

R 2026-09 RESOLVED THAT THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES FOR THE BOROUGH OF BUTLER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT THE ANNUAL SALE OF

DELINQUENT TAXES AND OTHER MUNICIPAL CHARGES DUE ON A GIVEN PROPERTY COVERING ANY NUMBER OF QUARTERS AND PERMITS A MAXIMUM FEE OF \$25 FOR MAKING OF NOTICE OF TAX SALE FOR EACH OF TWO WEEKS PRECEDING THE DATE OF THE TAX SALE.

Moved:

Second:

R 2026-10 RESOLVED THAT THE GOVERNING BODY MAY FIX THE RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES, ASSESSMENTS OR MUNICIPAL UTILITY CHARGES ON OR BEFORE THE DATE THEY WOULD BECOME DELINQUENT, AND MAY PROVIDE THAT WITHIN THE TENTH CALENDAR DAY FOLLOWING THE DATE UPON WHICH THE SAME BECAME PAYABLE, THE RATE SO FIXED SHALL NOT EXCEED 18% PER ANNUM ON ANY AMOUNT IN EXCESS OF \$1,500 TO BE CALCULATED FROM THE DATE THE TAX WAS PAYABLE, UNTIL THE DATE OF THE ACTUAL PAYMENT. THE INTEREST TO BE CHARGED A DELINQUENT TAXPAYER FOR NON-PAYMENT OF REAL PROPERTY TAXES SHALL BE AN ADDITIONAL PENALTY OF 6% IF THE AMOUNT OF DELINQUENCY IS IN EXCESS OF \$10,000 AT THE END OF A CALENDAR YEAR

Moved:

Second:

R 2026-11 RESOLVED THAT THERE IS HEREBY IMPOSED A SERVICE CHARGE OF \$27.00 PER CHECK OR OTHER WRITTEN INSTRUMENT WHICH SHALL BE ADDED TO ANY ACCOUNT OWING TO THE BOROUGH IF PAYMENT TENDERED ON THE ACCOUNT WAS BY A CHECK OR OTHER WRITTEN INSTRUMENT WHICH WAS RETURNED TO THE BOROUGH FOR INSUFFICIENT FUNDS. THE SERVICE CHARGE AUTHORIZED BY THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE COLLECTED IN THE SAME MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW FOR THE COLLECTION OF THE ACCOUNT FOR WHICH THE CHECK OR OTHER WRITTEN INSTRUMENT WAS TENDERED.

Moved:

Second:

R 2026-12 RESOLVED, THAT THE TAX COLLECTOR IS PERMITTED TO PROCESS CANCELLATIONS OF PROPERTY TAX REFUNDS OR DELINQUENCIES OF LESS THAN \$10.00 WITHOUT FURTHER ACTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 82, PUBLIC LAW OF 1987, KNOWN AS N.J.S.A. 40A:5-017.1.

Moved:

Second:

R 2026-13 RESOLVED, THAT THE SALARIES OF THE BOROUGH EMPLOYEES AND PAID OFFICIALS OF THE BOROUGH BE PAID EVERY TWO WEEKS FOR THE YEAR 2026 AND THAT THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN PAYROLLS ON BEHALF OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AND BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE THE NECESSARY CHECKS.

Moved:

Second:

R 2026-14 RESOLVED THAT THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL BE HELD ON: January 20, February 17, March 17, April 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, August 18, September 15, October 20, November 2*, and December 15, 2026. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE FOLLOWING ORDER OF BUSINESS SHALL BE ALLOWED AT THE MEETINGS: 1. ROLL CALL; 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES; 3. GREETING OF PUBLIC AND INVITATION FOR DISCUSSION; 4. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENT HEADS; 5. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS AND PAYROLLS; 6. PRESENTATION OF CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS; 7. PUBLIC HEARINGS; 8. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION; 9. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION; 10. RESOLUTIONS; 11. NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS; 12. INVITATION FOR DISCUSSION FROM PUBLIC; 13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved:

Second:

12. R 2026-15 CONSENT AGENDA AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS

- R 2026-15.1 RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH AUDITOR, NISIVOCIA, LLP
- R 2026-15.2 RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH ENGINEER, DARMOFALSKI ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, INC.
- R 2026-15.3 RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH ATTORNEY, MURPHY McKEON, PC
- R 2026-15.4 RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AN AGREEMENT WITH BOND COUNSEL, HAWKINS, DELAFIELD & WOOD, LLP
- R 2026-15.5 RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AN AGREEMENT WITH DMC ASSOC.
- R 2026-15.6 RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AN AGREEMENT WITH ANDERSON & DENZLER
- R 2026-15.7 RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AN AGREEMENT WITH SPECIAL LABOR COUNSEL DORSEY AND SEMRAU
- R 2026-15.8 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH PHOENIX ADVISORS, LLC FOR MUNICIPAL BOND RELATED ISSUES
- R 2026-15.9 RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AN AGREEMENT WITH JINKS ENGINEERING, LLC

Motion to approve 2026-15: Second:

- R 2026-16 TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR 2026
M: 2: RC:
- R 2026-17 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF MASTER POWER PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENTS AND CONFIRMATION TRANSACTIONS THEREUNDER WITH VARIOUS SUPPLIERS
M: 2:
- R 2026-18 RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE BOROUGH OF BUTLER'S OPPOSITION TO DISCRIMINATION
M: 2:
- R 2026-19 RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THAT THE BOROUGH OF BUTLER IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S ENFORCEMENT GUIDANCE ON THE CONSIDERATION OF ARREST AND CONVICTION RECORDS IN EMPLOYMENT DECISIONS UNDER TITLE VII OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964 M: 2:

13. OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION

14. ADJOURNMENT