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COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 2025
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The Council Meeting of the Butler Mayor and Council was opened by Mayor Martinez who indicated that the meeting was being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act having been duly advertised and posted in Borough Hall and on the Borough website. This was followed by The Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for all that have passed.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Martinez, Councilman Calvi, Councilman Guzman, Councilman Meier, Councilman Piccirillo and Council President Verdonik.

Motion to excuse the absence of Councilwoman Orcutt by Piccirillo, second by Calvi and all in favor.

Also present are Matthew Guilder, Borough Administrator; Brandi Greco, Borough Clerk and Christopher Woods from the office of the Borough Attorney.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 7, 2025 (Piccirillo & Verdonik absent)

Moved: Guzman Second: Calvi

All in favor except Piccirillo and Verdonik abstain

October 21, 2025 (Calvi & Meier absent)

Moved: Verdonik Second: Piccirillo

All in favor except Calvi and Meier abstain

MEETING OF PUBLIC AND INVITATION FOR DISCUSSION

Mayor Martinez opened the meeting to the public.

Seeing no one come forward, a motion was made to close this public portion of the meeting.

Moved: Calvi Second: Verdonik

All in favor

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

Council President Verdonik said he was thrilled with the park lighting event. He thanked everyone involved. In Finance, he said budget meetings will begin after the first of the year.

Councilman Guzman reported on various health inspections.

Councilman Calvi stated in Roads, repairs to Hillside Ave have been completed. Routine maintenance is on-going. Several mild winter events have taken place and the first plowable snow of the season was just this last week. Weather equipment and salt supply remain adequate. In Water, routine maintenance and customer service continue, Spring Street water main is substantially completed. DPW crews repaired a minor water leak at BPD parking lot. Sewer maintenance and inspections continue as needed. No issues since last report.

Councilman Meier stated meters were read and reported for the month. The holiday decorations are up and park looks great. Poles were set and transferred in various locations. Tree trimming is on-going.

Councilman Piccirillo stated we had 13 MV accidents, 6 considered reportable with 1 injury and 2 summonses issued. Three DUI arrests. 189 summonses were issued from 264 stops and 9 arrests for a variety of offenses. 1737 service calls. 14 firearm applications processed.

Brandi Greco reported on the following:

- Tax Collectors Report – November 2025 - \$ 7,076,558.06
- Power & Light/Water & Sewer Dept. – November 2025 - \$ 1,972,960.85

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APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS AND PAYROLL

A. R 2025-157 Authorization for Payment of the Bills and Vouchers

Moved: Verdonik Second: Guzman
Voted Aye: Calvi, Guzman, Meier, Piccirillo, Verdonik
Voted Nay: None
Absent: Orcutt

PRESENTATION OF CORRESPONDANCE, PETITIONS

None

ORDINANCE(S) FOR ADOPTION

A. 2025-11 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 122 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BUTLER AND PROVIDING FOR FEES FOR PERMITS REQUIRED UNDER THE FIRE PREVENTION CODE
Advertised: November 19 and December 14
Now open for public comment
A motion was made to close public comment by Verdonik with a second by Calvi and all in favor.
A motion was made to move 2025-11 by Verdonik with a second by Guzman.
Voted Aye: Calvi, Guzman, Meier, Piccirillo, Verdonik
Voted Nay: None
Absent: Orcutt

ORDINANCE(S) FOR INTRODUCTION

None

RESOLUTION(S)

A. **2025-158** Governor's Council on Substance Use Disorder (GCSUD) Alliance to Prevent Substance Use Disorder
Moved: Verdonik Second: Piccirillo
All in favor

B. **2025-159** Resolution Authorizing Refunds, Overpayment or Cancellation in the Tax Office
Moved: Meier Second: Verdonik
All in favor

C. **2025-160** Resolution Authorizing Refunds, Overpayment or Cancellation in the Electric Dept.
Moved: Guzman Second: Piccirillo
All in favor

D. **2025-161** Resolution Appointing Part Time Dispatcher, Emily Butera
Moved: Calvi Second: Piccirillo
All in favor

E. **2025-162** Resolution Authorizing Officer Beyloune to Purchase his Service Weapons Due to Retirement
Moved: Calvi Second: Verdonik
All in favor

F. **2025-163** Resolution to Cancel Unexpended Appropriation Balances
Moved: Meier Second: Calvi
Voted Aye: Calvi, Guzman, Meier, Piccirillo, Verdonik
Voted Nay: None
Absent: Orcutt

G. **2025-164** Transfer Resolution
Moved: Verdonik Second: Meier
Voted Aye: Calvi, Guzman, Meier, Piccirillo, Verdonik
Voted Nay: None
Absent: Orcutt

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UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

- Clerk Greco asked for clarification/confirmation on the new 2026 committees and appointments. Council President recommended putting Councilman Guzman in where Orcutt was. The new Councilman will fill in Orcutt's current roles. All agreed. Discussion ensued over other roles as well and full report will be presented at re-org.
- Mayor Martinez said Senator Bucco advised him the BPU bill passed both Senate and Assembly and will be voted upon on Thursday.

INVITATION FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE PUBLIC

Mayor Martinez opened the meeting to the public.

Seeing no one come forward a motion was made to close public comment.

Moved: Calvi Second: Verdonik

All in favor

CLOSED SESSION

None

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING

All in favor

Adjournment: 7:15 pm

Ryan Martinez, Mayor

Attest:

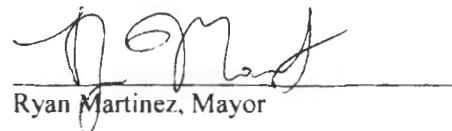
Brandi L. Smith-Greco, RMC
Adopted: January 20, 2026

BOROUGH OF BUTLER
RESOLUTION R 2025-157

AUTHORIZATION FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS

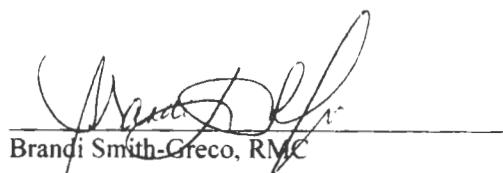
RESOLUTION THAT THE BILLS AS ATTACHED AND PRESENTED BY THE FINANCE OFFICER
AND APPROVED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE BE AUTHORIZED FOR PAYMENT

Name	Moved	Second	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
A. Calvi			✓			
J. Guzman		✓	✓			
R. Meier			✓			
B. Orcutt					✓	
M. Piccirillo			✓			
R. Verdonik	✓		✓			



Ryan Martinez, Mayor

Attest:



Brandi Smith-Greco, RMC

Dated: December 16, 2025

Governor's Council on Substance Use Disorder (GCSUD)
Alliance to Prevent Substance Use Disorder

Butler Borough

Resolution Number 2025-158

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Substance Use Disorder (GCSUD) established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Substance Use Disorder in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent substance use disorder in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, The Borough Council of the Borough of Butler, County of Morris, State of New Jersey recognizes that substance use disorder is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent substance use disorder in our community; and,

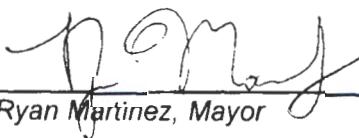
WHEREAS, the Borough Council has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Substance Use Disorder through the County of Morris;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Butler, County of Morris, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Borough Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Butler Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2027 in the amount of:

GCSUD Grant	\$2,790.00
Cash Match	\$697.50
In-Kind	\$2,092.50
2. The Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

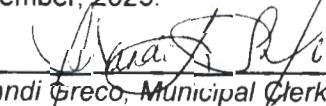
APPROVED:



Ryan Martinez, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Brandi Greco, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Butler, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of a resolution duly authorized by the Borough Council on the 16th day of December, 2025.



Brandi Greco, Municipal Clerk

BOROUGH OF BUTLER
RESOLUTION R-2025-159

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS, OVERPAYMENTS OR
CANCELLATIONS IN THE TAX OFFICE**

WHEREAS, there appears on the tax records overpayments or credits as shown below; and

WHEREAS, the adjustments were created by the reasons indicated below, and the Collector of Taxes recommends the refund of such overpayments and cancellation of credit balances as indicated;

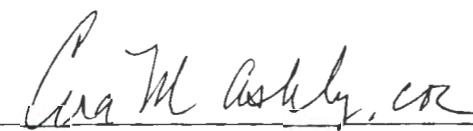
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Butler that the proper officers be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to issue checks refunding such overpayments as hereafter shown below:

CODE OF REASONS

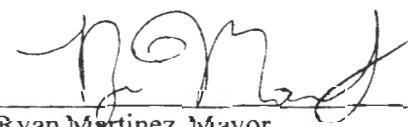
1. Overpayment-Refund	5. Cancellation of Taxes
2. Vets, SR Citizen Refund/Allow	6. Cancellation of Certificate
3. Cancellation of Credit Balance	7. Tax Title Lien Redemption
4. Tax Appeal	8. Municipal Lien Redemption

*Totally Disabled Vet

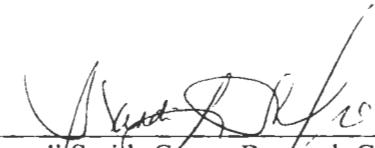
BLK/LOT/SUB	NAME	AMOUNT	YEAR	REASON
7/2.01	Kathleen Lenihan	\$2,237.08	2025	1
77/20	Kristian & Stevan Budinoski	\$3,642.36	2025	1
23/7	Crescent Butler LLC	\$10,652.28	2025	7
47/11.01	R Square Realty LLC	\$17,228.83	2025	7
72.02/9.0108	Ethan & Heather Oguss	\$16,854.93	2025	5*
37/47	46 Valley Rd	\$11,040.34	2025	5*


Cora M. Ashley, C.T.C.

ADOPTED: Dec 16, 2025


Ryan Martinez, Mayor

ATTEST:


Brandi Smith-Greco, Borough Clerk
Date:

BOROUGH OF BUTLER
RESOLUTION R-2025-160

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS, OVERPAYMENTS OR
CANCELLATIONS IN THE ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, there appears on the utility records overpayments or credits as shown below; and

WHEREAS, the adjustments were created by the reasons indicated below, and the Supervisor of Accounts recommends the refund of such overpayments and cancellation of credit balances as indicated;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Butler that the proper officers be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to issue checks refunding such overpayments as hereafter shown below:

CODE OF REASONS

1. Overpayment-Refund	3. Cancellation of Debit Balance
2. Cancellation of Uncollectible Amount	4. Cancellation of Credit Balance
*Lifeline Credit Returned to State	

ACCT #	Name	Location	Amount	Year	Reason
100777	John Taggart	9 Ace Rd Apt 506	\$179.80	2025	1*
204170	Linda Hicks	James Jameson	\$111.39	2025	1

Cora M. Ashley, C.C.
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ADOPTED: Dec. 16, 2025

Ryan Martinez
Ryan Martinez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brandi Smith Greco
Brandi Smith Greco, Borough Clerk

Date:

**BOROUGH OF BUTLER
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-161**

APPOINTMENT OF PART-TIME DISPATCHER – EMILY BUTERA

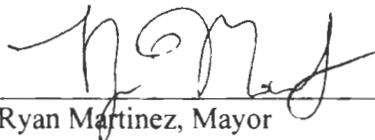
WHEREAS, the Borough of Butler is in need of a part-time dispatcher to assist with dispatching services throughout the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Butler Chief of Police Scott Riker and Borough Administrator Matthew Guilder have recommended that the Borough hire EMILY BUTERA as a part-time dispatcher.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Butler do hereby authorize the appointment of Emily Butera as a part-time dispatcher; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Emily Butera's effective hire date shall be December 17, 2025, and per the Borough of Butler blue-collar salary scale shall receive compensation of \$24.25 per hour.

Approved: December 16, 2025



Ryan Martinez, Mayor

Attest:



Brandi L. Smith-Greco, RMC

**BOROUGH OF BUTLER
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-162**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BUTLER AUTHORIZING OFFICER
GEORGE BEYLOUNE TO PURCHASE HIS SERVICE WEAPONS
DUE TO RETIREMENT**

WHEREAS, it is the intention of George Beyloune to retire from the Butler Police Department effective December 31, 2025, and

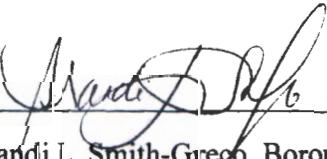
WHEREAS, The Chief of Police received a request from Officer Beyloune to purchase his service weapons, Glock model 22 serial #ZUZ550 and Glock model 42 serial #AAVZ755 due to such retirement, and

WHEREAS, Officer Beyloune agrees to take full responsibility in arranging the proper transfer through a licensed firearms dealer, and

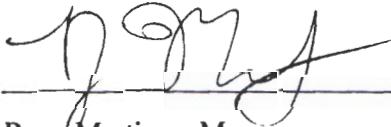
WHEREAS, Officer Beyloune has provided the Borough of Butler with a copy of the appraisal in order to establish a fair purchase price.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Butler, in the County of Morris, and State of New Jersey, that Officer George Beyloune of the Butler Police Department be allowed to purchase his BPD issued service weapons described above due to his retirement as Butler Police Patrolman which will become effective on December 31, 2025.

ADOPTED: December 16, 2025



Brandi L. Smith-Green, Borough Clerk



Ryan Martinez, Mayor

Borough of Butler
Resolution R 2025-163

RESOLUTION TO CANCEL UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATION BALANCES

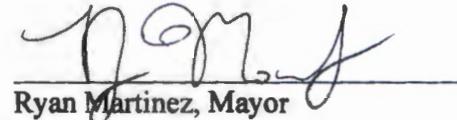
WHEREAS, the following Appropriation balances remain unexpended:

Current Fund

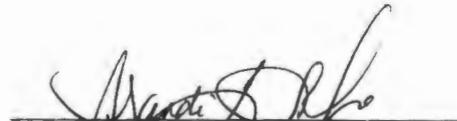
<u>Electric Utility</u>	
Purchased Power	\$800,000.00
	\$800,000.00

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances so that the unexpended balance may be credited to surplus,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Butler, New Jersey, that the above listed unexpended balances of the Electric Utility be cancelled.



Ryan Martinez, Mayor



Brandi L. Smith-Greco, RMC
Dated: December 16, 2025

**BOROUGH OF BUTLER
COUNTY OF MORRIS
TRANSFER RESOLUTION 2025-164**

WHEREAS, transfers are permitted between budget appropriations during the last two months of the fiscal year:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Butler in The County of Morris, New Jersey, that transfers between 2025 Budget Appropriations be made as follows:

Current Fund

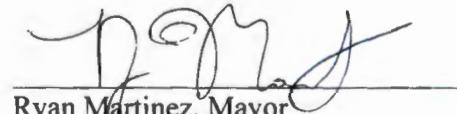
<u>Title</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Group Health Ins	\$46,000.00	
Amin. & Exec. S&W		\$2,500.00
Finance O&E		\$7,000.00
Police O&E		\$5,000.00
Zoning Officer S&W		\$500.00
Electric		\$6,000.00
Buildings & Grounds O&E		\$2,500.00
Recreation S&W		\$2,500.00
Mel Jif Workers Comp		\$1,000.00
FICA		\$13,000.00
PRBSA S&W		\$6,000.00
Total Current Fund Transfers	\$46,000.00	\$46,000.00

Electric Fund

Electric Ops S&W	\$100,000.00
Electric Ops O&E	\$20,000.00
Electric Ops Note	\$3,240.00
Electric B&G	\$5,000.00
Electric Health Ins	\$120,000.00
Electric Operating Bond Int	\$3,240.00
Electric FICA	\$5,000.00
Total Electric Fund Transfers	\$128,240.00
	\$128,240.00



Brandi L. Smith-Greco/RMC
Dated: December 16, 2025



Ryan Martinez, Mayor

BOROUGH OF BUTLER

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 11

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 122 OF THE REVISED GENERAL
ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BUTLER AND PROVIDING FOR FEES
FOR PERMITS REQUIRED UNDER THE FIRE PREVENTION CODE**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Butler, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Chapter 122 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Butler shall be amended by the following amendment to Subsection 122-16, "Additional inspections and fees," which shall read in its entirety as follows:

§ 122-16. Additional inspections and fees.

The following yearly Registration/Inspection fees shall be required for all non-life-hazard uses: \$75.00 which shall be paid to the Borough of Butler on or before January 31 of each calendar year.

2. If any section or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid in any Court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the other sections or provisions of this Ordinance, except so far as the section or provision so declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remainder or any portion thereof.

3. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage and publication in the manner provided by law.

Adopted this 16th day of
December, 2025.

Brandi Smith-Greco, Borough Clerk

Ryan Martinez, Mayor