

The Workshop Meeting of the Borough of 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.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Mayor Martinez, Councilman Guzman, Councilman MacDonald, Councilman Meier, Councilman Piccirillo.

ALSO PRESENT: Matthew Guilder, Borough Administrator; Robert Oostdyk, Borough Attorney and Brandi Greco, Borough Clerk.

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

Council requested to again carry the voting of Council President until all members are present.

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**R 2026-36 Consent Agenda\***

Moved: Piccirillo                      Second: Meier

All in favor

- a. **R 2026-37** Resolution Accepting the Resignation of Tax Assessor John Gillooly
- b. **R 2026-38** Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Matthew Topp – Water Treatment Plant Operator
- c. **R 2026-39** Resolution Approving Safe & Secure Communities Program 26-1403
- d. **R 2026-40** Resolution Authorizing Application for FY 2026 Local Improvement Recreation Grant
- e. **R 2026-41** Resolution Authorizing Refund, Overpayment or Cancellation in the Tax Office

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS AND PAYROLLS**

**R 2026-42** Authorization for Payment of Bills and Vouchers

Moved: Guzman                      Second: MacDonald

Voted Aye: Guzman, MacDonald, Meier, Piccirillo

Voted Nay: None

Absent: Calvi, Verdonik

Discussion – Badaan Liquor License – Mayor Freda from Kinnelon Borough stepped forward and started by congratulating Butler on their football championship victory over Kinnelon. He then introduced Kinnelon Councilman Sean Maybe and resident, Brendan Badaan. Mr. Freda provided handouts showing a projected land use rendering behind Meadtown Plaza. As NJ Statute now allows neighboring towns to acquire inactive liquor licenses, he would like the Butler pocket license held by Mr. Badaan to be transferred for use in Kinnelon, potentially at this new project. The law states that it must support a redevelopment area and this property meets that criteria. With the Smoke Rise Inn, Cypress, Country Liquors, and Roserne’s northbound, Kinnelon is maxed out and has reached its cap. Butler has two licenses that are inactive for more than 2 years. Kinnelon would like to acquire one. Mr. Badaan then addressed the council and said the building that formerly housed Butler Bowl with the license is too small for a restaurant – he attempted to rent and sell but too small. His hope is to redevelop the old movie theater to an Arca, Novelli’s, Krios style restaurant to benefit both towns. Council agreed to have the attorneys meet and move forward with the process.

Discussion – Winter parking restrictions are now in effect from Nov 1<sup>st</sup> – April 15<sup>th</sup>. Based on residents’ comments at other meetings, the Borough is considering shortening that time. Councilman Guzman suggested December 1<sup>st</sup> – March 1<sup>st</sup> in order to alleviate parking issues throughout the Borough. All agreed with the stipulation that if a late or early storm is in the forecast, we would put out a NIXLE notifying residents of no street parking. Clerk Greco clarified that a permit for the winter ban will remain at \$300.00 for the 3 months.

Discussion - Duffy’s Expansion Permit – No one from Duffy’s was present so we will carry this until they are present at a meeting.

Discussion – Mayor Martinez said we would like to consider Redevelopment of Main Street properties. Matthew Guilder provided images of the area in question. He explained the process that needs to take place in order to move

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forward. The business owner from 15 Boonton, Daskal, said he would be interested in redeveloping it. Councilman Piccirillo said owners on Main St. complain but no one puts their own money into updating it. All agreed to have Mr. Guilder send a notice inviting property owners to come voice their opinion at a future meeting.

**OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Mayor Martinez opened the meeting to the public at this time.

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

Moved: Piccirillo                      Second: Guzman

All in favor

**UNFINISHED/ NEW BUSINESS:** Clerk Greco reminded everyone of the upcoming Special Election on Thursday. She then polled council to see who wanted to renew their print edition of NJLOM Magazine.

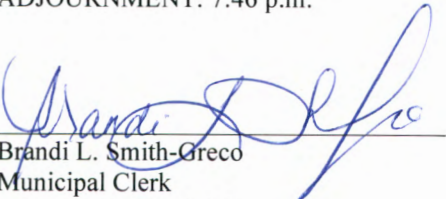
Mr. Oostdyk announced there would be 2 upcoming ordinances at the next meeting. One for the storage of towed vehicles, one for BPU electric rates.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

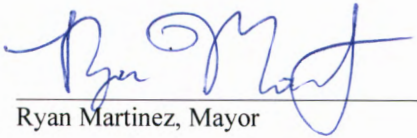
Moved: Guzman                      Second: Piccirillo

All in favor

ADJOURNMENT: 7:46 p.m.



Brandi L. Smith-Greco  
Municipal Clerk  
Adopted May 5, 2026



Ryan Martinez, Mayor

**BOROUGH OF BUTLER  
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-36**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PASSAGE OF A CONSENT AGENDA**

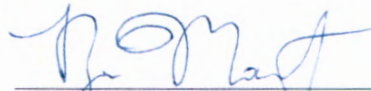
WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Butler has reviewed the Consent Agenda consisting of various proposed Resolutions and/or Motions; and

WHEREAS, should any of the members of the Council request, an item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following Resolutions and/or Motions on the Consent Agenda are hereby approved:

1. **R 2026-37** Resolution Accepting the Resignation of Tax Assessor John Gillooly
2. **R 2026-38** Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Matthew Topp – Water Treatment Plant Operator
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Approved: February 3, 2026

  
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Ryan Martinez, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Brandi L. Smith-Greco, RMC

**BOROUGH OF BUTLER  
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-37**

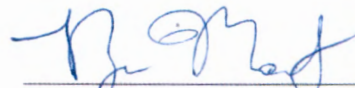
**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF TAX ASSESSOR JOHN GILLOOLY**

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2026 John Gillooly submitted his notice of resignation as Tax Assessor for the Borough of Butler, effective January 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS John Gillooly has provided dedicated and valuable service to the Borough of Butler, and the Mayor and Council wish to express their appreciation for his contributions; and

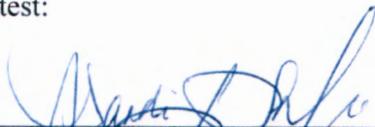
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Butler hereby accept the resignation of John Gillooly as Tax Assessor, effective January 31, 2026

Approved: February 3rd, 2026



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Ryan Martinez, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Brandi L. Smith-Greco, RMC

BOROUGH OF BUTLER  
RESOLUTION NO. R 2026-38

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF  
MATTHEW TOPP – WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR

WHEREAS, the Borough of Butler has a need to fill the position of Water Treatment Plant Operator within the Butler Water Department; and

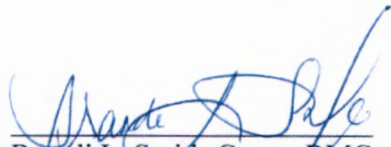
WHEREAS, after conducting interviews and evaluating candidates, the Borough has determined that Matthew Topp is qualified to assume the role; and

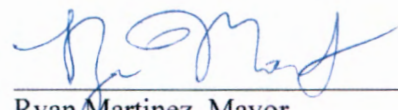
WHEREAS, this position is governed under the Butler Blue Collar Union Agreement, and Matthew Topp will be compensated at the hourly rate of \$35.67 in accordance with said agreement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Butler do hereby authorize the appointment of Matthew Topp as Water Treatment Plant Operator in the Butler Water Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the effective date of hire shall be February 18, 2026.

Adopted: February 3, 2026

  
Brandi L. Smith-Greco, RMC

  
Ryan Martinez, Mayor

**BOROUGH OF BUTLER  
RESOLUTION R 2026-39**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY  
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

**SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM 26-1403**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY SAFE AND  
SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND  
PUBLIC SAFETY, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Butler wishes to apply for funding of approximately \$45,150 with a match of \$ 438,242 for an approximate project total cost of \$ 483,392 for a project under the Safe and Secure Communities Program 26-1403 for the grant period of December 29, 2025 through December 28, 2026; and

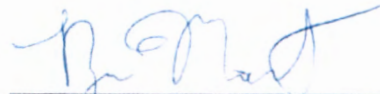
WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council has reviewed the accompanying application and has approved said request; and

WHEREAS, the project is a joint effort between the Dept. of Law & Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General and the Borough of Butler for the purpose described in the application;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that

- 1) As a matter of public policy, the Borough of Butler wishes to participate to the fullest extent possible with the Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General and is authorized to accept the funding.
- 2) The Attorney General of New Jersey will receive funds on behalf of the applicant.
- 3) The Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General shall be responsible for the receipt and review of the application for said funds.
- 4) The Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General shall initiate allocations to each applicant as authorized by law.

Adopted: February 3, 2026



Ryan Martinez, Mayor

Attest:



Brandi Smith-Greco, RMC

**BOROUGH OF BUTLER  
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-40**

**AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR  
FY 2026 LOCAL IMPROVEMENT RECREATION GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Butler desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs in the amount of approximately \$75,000 to carry out a project to improve the Stonybrook Recreational Facility.

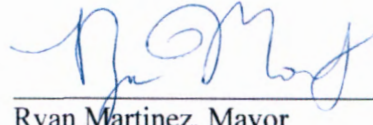
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Butler does hereby authorize the application for such a grant, and the Borough of Butler recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and, therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Borough of Butler and the Department of Community Affairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement and any other documents necessary in connection therewith:

Matthew Guilder  
Borough Administrator

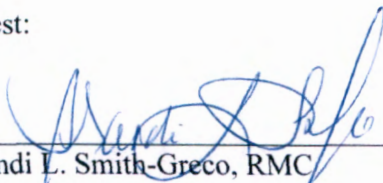
Melissa Berger  
Chief Financial Officer

Approved: February 3rd, 2026



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Ryan Martinez, Mayor

Attest:



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Brandi L. Smith-Greco, RMC

**BOROUGH OF BUTLER  
RESOLUTION R-2026-41**

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

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

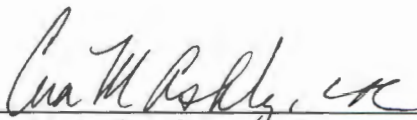
WHEREAS, the adjustments were created by the reasons indicated below, and the Collector of Taxes recommends the refund of such overpayments and cancellation of credit balances as indicated;

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:

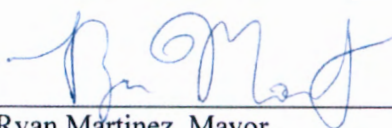
**CODE OF REASONS**

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| 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   |
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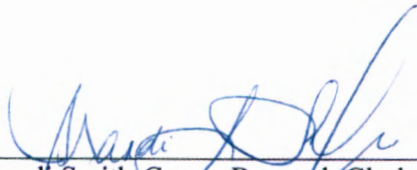
BLK/LOT/SUB	NAME	AMOUNT	YEAR	REASON
74/1	James & Darlene Robinson	\$8,500.00	2018	7

  
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Cora M. Ashley, C.T.C.

ADOPTED: 2/3/26

  
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Ryan Martínez, Mayor

ATTEST:


  
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Brandi Smith-Greco, Borough Clerk  
Date:

BOROUGH OF BUTLER  
RESOLUTION R 2026-42

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					X	
J. Guzman	X		X			
R. Meier			X			
M. MacDonald		X	X			
M. Piccirillo			X			
R. Verdonik					X	

  
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Ryan Martinez, Mayor

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Dated: February 3, 2026