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COUNCIL MEETING
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The Council Meeting of the Butler Mayor and Council was opened by Council President Verdonik 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: Councilman Calvi, Councilman Guzman, Councilman Meier, Councilwoman Orcutt, Councilman Piccirillo and Council President Verdonik.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

MEETING OF PUBLIC AND INVITATION FOR DISCUSSION

Council President Verdonik opened the meeting to the public.

Heather Rowens, 26 Spring Street approached – stated she moved here 5 years ago and didn't know about the parking ban until she had a ticket on her car one morning. She suggested a committee be formed to adjust/amend the winter parking ordinance.

Matt LoCicero, 36 High Street – also here regarding the parking ordinance. He states a lot of things have changed in 40 years including the Nixel alerts sent out by the Borough. He said if no permanent changes are made, maybe consider an amended time frame. He said wasting time to call in his license plate every night is a waste of dispatcher resources.

Lisa Volante, 19 Poplar Street – questioned why can't people just get towed or ticketed if they don't follow the law. Council President Verdonik said they will be, but tow trucks and police are likely handling bigger matters during a snow storm.

Dennis Goerner – 170 Main Street and 40 Manning Ave - stated this parking ban is an outdated law. He's been here for 50 years and states it doesn't matter if cars are parked on the street or not, our roads don't get cleaned anyway. Also wanted to know the status of the Main Street cameras. Said the neighboring store moved a trash can in front of his store. Said the front of the diner looks like a slop. Also said the new cans were a waste of money and wanted to know who actually looked at them before buying them, they're cheap.

Kurt Geiser – business owner on Main Street - wants to know why we even have cans on Main Street. Says they're nothing but a mess. Store owners don't clean up in front of their own business. Cans should have locks on them and they should be emptied daily or we shouldn't have cans at all.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

Council President Verdonik stated we will be presenting a transfer resolution later in the meeting. This is standard practice.

Councilman Calvi stated street paving is complete. The new street sweeper has been ordered but delivery time is appx. 9 months. For now the parking ban remains in effect.

Councilman Meier stated meters were read and reported for the month. Poles were set and transferred in various locations.

Councilman Piccirillo stated no report available at this time.

Councilman Guzman reported on various health inspections. Also stated the free rabies clinic was well attended last Saturday.

Councilwoman Orcutt stated there is no report at this time, we are too early in the month.

Brandi Greco reported on the following:

- Tax Collectors Report – October 2025 - \$ not available at time of meeting
- Power & Light/Water & Sewer Dept. – October 2025 - \$ not available at time of meeting

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APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS AND PAYROLL

A. R 2025-147 Authorization for Payment of the Bills List on November 16th instead of November 4th.

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

PRESENTATION OF CORRESPONDANCE, PETITIONS

None

ORDINANCE(S) FOR ADOPTION

None

ORDINANCE(S) FOR INTRODUCTION

RESOLUTION(S)

- A. **2025-148** NJ DOT Resolution
Moved: Piccirillo Second: Meier
All in favor
- B. **2025-149** Resolution Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation NJS 40A:4-87
Moved: Calvi Second: Guzman
Voted Aye: Calvi, Guzman, Meier, Orcutt, Piccirillo, Verdonik
Voted Nay: None
Absent: None
- C. **2025-150** Resolution Authorizing Refunds, Overpayment or Cancellation in the Electric Dept.
Moved: Orcutt Second: Calvi
All in favor
- D. **2025-151** Transfer Resolution
Moved: Calvi Second: Guzman
Voted Aye: Calvi, Guzman, Meier, Orcutt, Piccirillo, Verdonik
Voted Nay: None
Absent: None

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

- Clerk Greco asked who would need floor badges for the NJLOM

INVITATION FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE PUBLIC

Council President Verdonik opened the meeting to the public.

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

All in favor

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CLOSED SESSION R 2025-152 Resolution for Motion to meet in Executive Session – Personnel Matter

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

Council returned to Open Session at 7:40pm by a Motion from Guzman, Second by Orcutt and all in favor.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING

Moved: Orcutt
Second: Calvi
All in favor

Adjournment: 7:41 pm


Ryan Martinez, Mayor

Attest:


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

BOROUGH OF BUTLER
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-147

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PAYMENT OF A BILLS LIST ON NOVEMBER 16,
2025, IN LIEU OF NOVEMBER 4.**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body customarily approves a Bills List at each regular Council meeting,

WHEREAS, without an interim authorization, payment of bills would be occurring on November 4, 2025, with the following payment of bills not being until December 16, 2025, creating an unnecessary month-and-a-half gap between payment cycles; and

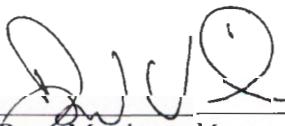
WHEREAS, to maintain continuity of operations, ensure timely vendor payments, and avoid interest or late fees, it is in the Borough's best interest to authorize the Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") to process a Bills List for payment on November 16, 2025, in lieu of November 4; and

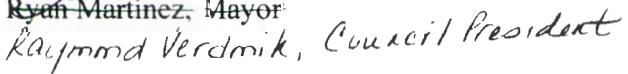
WHEREAS, all claims to be paid shall have been certified and approved by the CFO in accordance with the Local Fiscal Affairs Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-1 et seq., and Borough policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Butler, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that:

1. **Authorization to Pay.** The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to process and release payment of the November 16, 2025 Bills List, in the total amount of in lieu of the regularly scheduled November 4 Bills List.
2. **Certification.** Prior to payment, the CFO shall certify that all claims have been properly audited and that sufficient funds are available within the appropriate budgetary accounts.
3. **Ratification and Formal Approval.** The November 16 Bills List, together with the CFO's certification, shall be presented to the Governing Body at its workshop meeting of December 2, 2025, at which time the Mayor and Council shall consider and adopt a resolution formally approving and ratifying the November 16 Bills List and authorizing its inclusion in the official minutes.
4. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

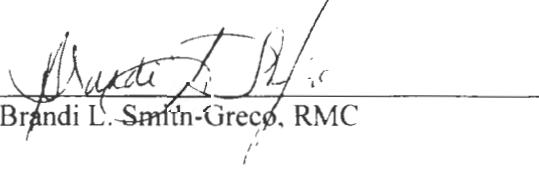
Approved: November 4, 2025



Ryan Martinez, Mayor


Raymond Verdmik, Council President

Attest:



Brandi L. Smith-Greco, RMC

**BOROUGH OF BUTLER
RESOLUTION R 2025-148**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE UTILITY ENGINEERING
AND CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT AND AMENDMENT WITH THE NEW
JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE GUIDERAIL
REPLACEMENT NORTH, CONTRACT 4 PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation ("NJDOT") is undertaking the Guiderail Replacement North, Contract-4 project, located in various municipalities including the Borough of Butler, Morris County, New Jersey, and has requested that the Borough's utility, Butler Power & Light, cooperate in connection with the protection, relocation, or adjustment of certain utility facilities impacted by the project; and

WHEREAS, NJDOT has submitted to the Borough a Utility Engineering and Construction Agreement (UECA) and a Utility Engineering and Construction Agreement Amendment (together, the "Agreements") for execution by Butler Power & Light; and

WHEREAS, the Agreements set forth the terms under which Butler Power & Light shall undertake design, protection, relocation, and/or adjustment of certain public utility facilities necessitated by the Project, and under which NJDOT will reimburse Butler Power & Light for its actual eligible costs incurred in connection with such work; and

WHEREAS, the Agreements further require compliance with the Buy America Federal Regulation and other federal procurement standards, and must be accompanied by a Buy America Commitment Letter and a Vendor Identification Verification Form; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Butler deems it in the best interest of the Borough and its utility operations to enter into said Agreements with the NJDOT;

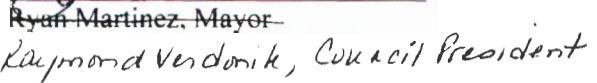
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Butler, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Authorization to Execute: The Mayor and/or Borough Administrator is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Borough, acting through Butler Power & Light, the Utility Engineering and Construction Agreement (UECA) and the Utility Engineering and Construction Agreement Amendment, together with all related documents including the Buy America Commitment Letter, Vendor Identification Verification Form, and any certifications required by NJDOT.

2. Filing and Distribution: A copy of this Resolution, along with the executed Agreements and attachments, shall be forwarded to the New Jersey Department of Transportation

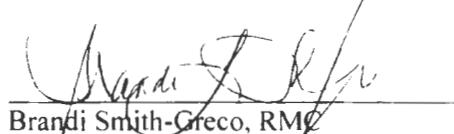
Adopted: November 3, 2025



Ryan Martinez, Mayor


Raymond Verdonik, Council President

ATTEST:



Brandi Smith-Greco, RMC

Dated: November 3, 2025

**Borough of Butler
Resolution 2025-149**

**Resolution Requesting Approval of items of Revenue and Appropriation
NJS 40A:4-87**

WHEREAS, NJS 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an appropriation for the equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BUTLER:

That the Borough of Butler, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of year 2025, which item available as a revenue in the amount of **\$1,120.00**:

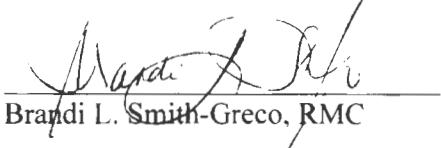
**North Jersey Foundation for Safety, Inc
Pedestrian Safety, Education & Enforcement Fund
Pedestrian Safety Grant**

BE IT RESOLVED that a like sum of **\$1,120.00** be and the same is hereby appropriated under the captions of:

**North Jersey Foundation for Safety, Inc
FY 2025 Pedestrian Safety Grant
Other Expenses**

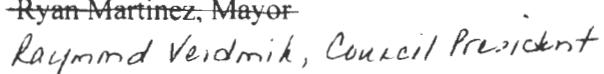
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that one certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services

Adopted: November 3, 2025



Brandi L. Smith-Greco, RMC



Ryan Martinez, Mayor


Raymond Verdinik, Council President

**BOROUGH OF BUTLER
RESOLUTION R-2025-150**

**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;

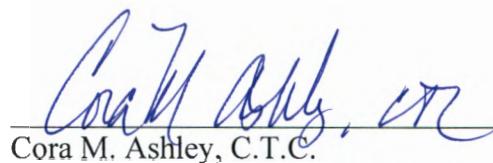
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Butler that the proper officers be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to issue checks refunding such overpayments as hereafter shown below:

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
100739	Jennie Raymond	9 Ace Rd Apt 416	\$141.45	2025	1*
204170	Linda Hicks	9 Ace Rd Apt 413	\$120.15	2025	1*
100738	Abagail Laboy	9 Ace Rd Apt 514	\$365.39	2025	1*



Cora M. Ashley, C.T.C.

ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

Brandi Smith Greco, Borough Clerk
Date: 11/5/25

Ryan Martinez, Mayor
RAYMOND VERDONIK, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

BOROUGH OF BUTLER
TRANSFER RESOLUTION 2025-151

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

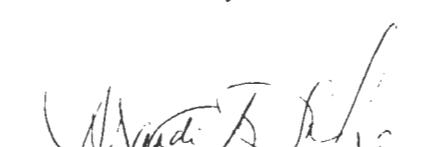
<u>Title</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Tax Collector S&W	\$10,000.00	
Zoning Officer S&W	\$1,000.00	
Police S&W	\$50,000.00	
Health S&W	\$19,000.00	
Emergency Management S&W	\$2,000.00	
Emergency Management OE	\$2,000.00	
Fire OE	\$20,000.00	
Vehicle Maintenance S&W	\$10,000.00	
Buildings & Grounds S&W	\$9,000.00	
Senior Transport OE	\$950.00	
Street Lighting OE	\$36,100.00	
Amin. & Exec. S&W		\$2,500.00
Clerk S&W		\$4,000.00
Finance S&W		\$3,500.00
Finance OE		\$10,000.00
Planning Board S&W		\$1,000.00
Zoning Office OE		\$1,000.00
SUI Unemployment OE		\$450.00
Police OE		\$40,000.00
Sewer S&W		\$10,000.00
Recreation S&W		\$3,000.00
Animal Control OE		\$6,500.00
Electric		\$36,100.00
DCRP		\$10,000.00
Riverdale Water Coll. S&W		\$32,000.00
Total Current Fund Transfers	<u>\$160,050.00</u>	<u>\$160,050.00</u>

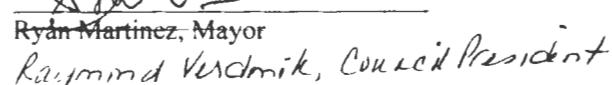
Water Utility

<u>Title</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Water Operations S&W	\$18,000.00	
Water Admin S&W		\$18,000.00
	<u>\$18,000.00</u>	<u>\$18,000.00</u>

Electric Utility

<u>Title</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Electric FICA	\$10,000.00	
Electric Admin S&W		\$10,000.00
Total Electric Utility Transfers	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>


Brandi L. Smith-Greco, RMC
Dated: November 3, 2025


Ryan Martinez, Mayor

Raymond Verdinik, Council President

BOROUGH OF BUTLER
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-152
MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Butler in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, on the 3rd day of November, 2025, that:

1. Prior to conclusion of the business meeting, the Borough Council shall meet in Executive Session, from which the public shall be excluded, to discuss matters as permitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, sub-section (s):

() B. (1) Confidential or excluded matters, by express provision of Federal law or State statute or rule of court.

() B. (2) A matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the Government of the United States.

() B. (3) A matter the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy.

() B. (4) A collective bargaining agreement including negotiations.

() B. (5) Purchase, lease or acquisition of real property, setting of banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if disclosed.

() B. (6) Tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, if disclosure would impact such protection. Investigation of violations of the law.

() B. (7) Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations other than in Subsection b. (4) herein or matters falling within the attorney-client privilege

(X) B. (8) Personnel matters.

() B. (9) Deliberations after a public hearing that may result in penalties.

2. The time when the matter(s) discussed pursuant to Paragraph 1 hereof can be disclosed to the public is as soon as practicable after final resolution of the aforesaid matter(s).

Date: November 3, 2025

Moved: *Brentt*

Second: *Calvi*

Roll Call: *Calvi, Guzman, Main, Brentt, Piccinillo, Verdmik*

Absent: *NONE*

Brandi L. Smith-Greco, BMC

Ryan Martinez, Mayor
Raymond Verdmik, Council President

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.

Introduced this 3rd day of
November, 2025.

Brandi L. Smith-Greco, Borough Clerk

Ryan Martinez, Mayor