



**AGENDA**  
**BOROUGH OF EMERSON**  
**MAYOR & COUNCIL**  
**February 20, 2024**  
**7:30 PM**  
**Borough Hall Council Chambers**  
**1 Municipal Place, Emerson, NJ 07630**



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I. CALL TO ORDER

- Open Public Meeting Act Announcement
- Salute to Flag
- Moment of Silence

II. ROLL CALL

III. EXCUSED ABSENCE OF GOVERNING BODY MEMBER

- February 6, 2024 Regular Meeting – Councilwoman Kelly Moore

IV. PROCLAMATIONS & CITATIONS

- Certificates of Commendation for August 25, 2023 Life-Saving Action – Det. Sgt. Douglas Kearns & Patrolman Stephen Gildea
- American Heart Month

V. APPOINTMENTS

- **Resolution No. 76-24** BOROUGH PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS – AWARD PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACTS FOR ONE YEAR PERIOD USING THE ‘FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS’ in accordance with the ‘New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play’ Law, Pursuant to N.J.S.A 19:44A-20.4 et seq. “Fair and Open” for term 02/21/2024 through 12/31/2024  
Public Defender – Jon Kearney, Esq.  
Alternate Public Defender – Denise Travers, Esq.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Regular Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2024 *AS AMENDED*
- Regular Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2024
- Closed Session Minutes of February 6, 2024 (*NOT FOR RELEASE TO PUBLIC AT THIS TIME*)

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

VIII. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

- **Resolution 77-24** Approval of February 20, 2024 Bills List

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IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 2024 Bergen County Open Space Grant - Municipal Park Improvement Program
- FY 2024 NJ Department of Community Affairs – Local Recreation Improvement Grant

X. NEW BUSINESS

- Repurpose of Bergen County Open Space 2022 Municipal Park Improvement Program Grant
- FY 2025 Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (GCADA) Grant
- 2024 – 2026 Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) Grant Program for Counties & Municipalities
- Update of Mayor and Council By-Laws
- Update to Clerk’s Office Procedures regarding Agenda Posting

XI. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

XII. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

**Second Reading and Public Hearing:**

**1684-24:** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 274, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC; 274-44 SECTION VIII STOP INTERSECTIONS

XIII. REPORTS

- Mayor and Council
- Borough Administrator
- Borough Engineer
- Borough Attorney
- Acting Borough Clerk

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public are welcome to speak on any topic by coming to the table and stating your name for the record. In the interest of time, speakers are limited to three (3) minutes. In consideration of all who may wish to speak, please keep your comments brief and concise.

XV. RESOLUTIONS ON CONSENT AGENDA

Matters listed below are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion of the Council and one roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member requests an item be removed for consideration.

- CA 78-24** Authorize Extension of Appointment of Temporary Part-Time Fire Subcode HHS Inspector Charles Batch through March 31, 2024
- CA 79-24** Authorize Advertisement for Hire of a Part-Time Fire Subcode HHS Inspector
- CA 80-24** Authorize Police Chief Mark Savino as Representative to Bergen County Public Safety Communications Advisory Board for Calendar Year 2024
- CA 81-24** Authorize Cancellation of Taxes – 237 Ackerman Avenue, Block 506, Lot 1
- CA 82-24** Approve Cancellation of Grant Balances – Spotted Lantern Fly Grant
- CA 83-24** Authorize Additional Not To Exceed Limitations – New Jersey Legal for Processing of
- CA 84-24** Approve LOSAP for Calendar Year 2023
- CA 85-24** Authorize Preparation & Advertisement of Bids – Ackerman Park: Renovations of Basketball Courts Project

XVI. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION – **Resolution No. 86-24**

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| #24-02/20-07 | Litigation/Redevelopment/Attorney-Client Privilege | N.J.S.A. 10.4-12b(7) |
| #24-02/20-08 | Personnel  | N.J.S.A. 10.4-12b(8) |
| #24-02/20-09 | Contract Negotiations                              | N.J.S.A. 10.4-12b(4) |

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XVII. RECONVENE

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT