

AGENDA
BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING
JULY 21, 2026
8:00 P.M.

1. Meeting called to order at _____ p.m.

2. **OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT – Mayor Amatorio**

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the notice requirements have been satisfied. Meeting dates for the year are confirmed at the Annual Meeting. The Annual Notice was published in the Record Newspaper. Notice of this meeting was placed on a Municipal Bulletin Board, posted on the Borough website, and is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk. In case of an emergency, exits are in the back and to your right. Please turn off all cell phones.

3. Roll Call:

Roll Call	Present	Absent
Councilman Lodato		
Councilman Deauna		
Council President Almonte		
Councilwoman Kornbluth		
Councilman Rivera		
Councilman Pascual		
Mayor Amatorio		

4. Salute to the Flag

5. Agenda Changes – additions or revisions

6. Approval of Minutes

MOTION OFFERED by Council _____, **SECOND** by Council _____, to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2026 Regular Public Meeting and the June 16, 2026 Closed Session Minutes (not to be released). All present voting in favor _____.

7. Verbal Communications I

Mayor Amatorio opens the meeting and invites the public for comments on agenda items only and asks if anyone present wishes to be heard. Please be advised there will be a limit of five (5) minutes per speaker.

There being no one else who wishes to be heard, Mayor Amatorio closes Verbal Communications I.

8. Presentations

9. Capital Improvements/Borough Engineer
A. Engineering & Inspection Status Report

10. Correspondence

a.) Ferrer/Resident

RE: Request to Reserve Memorial Park Pavilion for
Picnic/Saturday, August 8, 2026/ 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

b.) Rugel/Fire Prevention RE: Resignation Letter

MOTION OFFERED by Council _____, **SECOND** by Council _____, to accept Correspondence. All present voting in favor _____.

11. Ordinances

A. Tabled Ordinance

ORDINANCE 26-2668 – AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILOT) SERVICE CHARGE SCHEDULE – Tabled 6/16/26

MOTION OFFERED by Council _____ **SECOND** by Council _____

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
LODATO					
DEAUNA					
ALMONTE					
KORNBLUTH					
RIVERA					
PASCUAL					
AMATORIO (tie)					

B. Adoption of Ordinance

The following ordinance published herewith was first read by title only on Tuesday, June 16, 2026 and posted on the bulletin board of the municipal center.

ORDINANCE 26-2669 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 299 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD, ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”

Public Comments on Ordinance 26-2669.

MOTION OFFERED by Council _____ **SECOND** by Council _____

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
LODATO					
DEAUNA					
ALMONTE					
KORNBLUTH					
RIVERA					
PASCUAL					
AMATORIO (tie)					

C. Introduction of Ordinances

Motion that the following ordinances be introduced and passed on first reading and setting August 18, 2026 at 8:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard as the date and time and the Council Chambers of the Bergenfield Borough Hall as the place for a hearing on said ordinances.

ORDINANCE 26-2670 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 299 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD, ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”

ORDINANCE 26-2671 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 186 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD, ENTITLED “LAND DEVELOPMENT”

ORDINANCE 26-2672 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 186 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD ENTITLED “LAND DEVELOPMENT”

MOTION OFFERED by Council_____ **SECOND** by Council_____

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
LODATO					
DEAUNA					
ALMONTE					
KORNBLUTH					
RIVERA					
PASCUAL					
AMATORIO (tie)					

12. Consent Agenda

A. CONSENT RESOLUTION 26-199. All matters listed below are considered by the Governing Body to be routine in nature. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If any discussion is desired by the Governing Body, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

- a) **26-200**/To Approve Bill List
- b) **26-201**/To Approve Liquor License Renewal – Maya Reyan Inc *(Borough Clerk)*
- c) **26-202**/To Approve the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the 2026 Budget for a Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant – Chapter 159 *(Borough CFO)*
- d) **26-203**/To Approve the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the 2026 Budget for Pedestrian Safety Grant – Chapter 159 *(Borough CFO)*
- e) **26-204**/To Approve Veteran’s Tax Exemption – 73 Murray Hill Terrace *(Tax Collector)*
- f) **26-205**/To Approve Veteran’s Tax Exemption – 225 West Main Street *(Tax Collector)*
- g) **26-206**/To Approve Veteran’s Tax Exemption – 186 Merritt Avenue *(Tax Collector)*
- h) **26-207**/To Approve Veteran’s Tax Exemption – 12 New York Avenue *(Tax Collector)*
- i) **26-208**/To Authorize Tax Refund – Exempt Veteran Tax Overpayment – 77 Haring Street *(Tax Collector)*
- j) **26-209**/To Authorize the Cancellation of Improvement Assessment and Approve Tax Refund for Fire Damaged Property – 9 Brown Place *(Tax Collector)*
- k) **26-210**/To Approve Shared Services Agreement for Special Law Enforcement Office (SLEO) Contract – Bergenfield Board of Education *(Police Chief)*
- l) **26-211**/To Authorize the Submission of the New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Application *(Grant Consultants)*

- m) **26-212**/To Approve an Award to Dutra Excavating & Sewer Inc. for Sewer Line Cleaning and Installation at Vivyen Field *(Deputy CFO)*
- n) **26-213**/To Approve Change Order #2 – Police Athletic League Field Rain Garden – Puntasecca Contractors Inc. *(Deputy CFO)*

MOTION OFFERED by Council_____ **SECOND** by Council_____

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
LODATO					
DEAUNA					
ALMONTE					
KORNBLUTH					
RIVERA					
PASCUAL					
AMATORIO (tie)					

B. Resolutions

26-214/To Approve Provisional Appointments to Carpenter/Mason in the Department of Public Works *(Borough Administrator)*

MOTION OFFERED by Council_____ **SECOND** by Council_____

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
LODATO					
DEAUNA					
ALMONTE					
KORNBLUTH					
RIVERA					
PASCUAL					
AMATORIO (tie)					

26-215/To Hire Full – Time Code Enforcement Officer – Anthony Agudelo *(Borough Administrator)*

MOTION OFFERED by Council_____ **SECOND** by Council_____

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
LODATO					
DEAUNA					
ALMONTE					
KORNBLUTH					
RIVERA					
PASCUAL					
AMATORIO (tie)					

26-216/To Hire Full-time Keyboard Clerk I in Fire Prevention – Bernice Aguirre *(Borough Administrator)*

MOTION OFFERED by Council_____ **SECOND** by Council_____

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
LODATO					
DEAUNA					
ALMONTE					
KORNBLUTH					
RIVERA					
PASCUAL					
AMATORIO (tie)					

26-217/To Hire Crossing Guards for 2026-2027 School Year *(Lt. DeLeon)*

MOTION OFFERED by Council_____ **SECOND** by Council_____

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
LODATO					
DEAUNA					
ALMONTE					
KORNBLUTH					
RIVERA					
PASCUAL					
AMATORIO (tie)					

26-218/To Hire Part-Time Laborers *(Borough Administrator)*

MOTION OFFERED by Council_____ **SECOND** by Council_____

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
LODATO					
DEAUNA					
ALMONTE					
KORNBLUTH					
RIVERA					
PASCUAL					
AMATORIO (tie)					

13. Unfinished Business

14. New Business

15. Committee/Department Reports

MOTION offered by Council President Almonte that the Committee/Department Reports be spread upon the minutes in full and filed. **SECOND** by _____. All in favor_____.

16. Verbal Communications II

Mayor Amatorio opens the meeting to Verbal Communications II and invites the public to comment on any subject matter, limited to five (5) minutes per speaker.

There being no one else who wishes to be heard, Mayor Amatorio closes Verbal Communications II.

17. Council Comments

18. Closed Session

RESOLUTION **26-219**/Authorizing the Governing Body to Enter into Closed Executive Session to discuss:

A. Personnel

1. Police Department Personnel Matters (*Borough Administrator*)
2. Health Department Personnel Matters (*Borough Administrator*)
3. Building Department Personnel Matters (*Borough Administrator*)

19. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Mayor and Council, on a **MOTION** offered by _____, **SECOND** by _____, the meeting is adjourned at _____ p.m. All in favor _____.