

AGENDA
BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING
AUGUST 18, 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 July 21, 2026 Regular Public Meeting and the July 21, 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.) Naylis/Board of Fire Officers **RE:** Personnel Action Letter dated July 31, 2026
- b.) Martinez/Brotherhood Dominoes Club **RE:** Request to Reserve Hickory Field for BDC Family Fun Day/September 7, 2026/8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m./Rain Date: September 13, 2026
- c.) Gamss/Congregation Beth Abraham **RE:** Block Party Request/between Westminster Avenue and Thames Blvd/September 7, 2026/2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- d.) Gamss/Congregation Beth Abraham **RE:** Request to Reserve John Pall Park for Family Fun Day/September 7, 2026/2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- e.) Kwartar/Resident **RE:** Request to Reserve Memorial Park for Birthday Party/October 3, 2026/Rain Date: October 4, 2026
- f.) Hansen/Charity Hoops Inc. **RE:** Request to Reserve Memorial Field for Fundraiser for Bergenfield Fire Department Softball Tournament/October 25, 2026/8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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 Ordinances

The following ordinances published herewith were first read by title only on Tuesday, July 21, 2026 and posted on the bulletin board of the municipal center.

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”

Public Comments on Ordinances 26-2670, 26-2671, 26-2672.

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 September 15, 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 26-2673 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 232 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD, ENTITLED “PROPERTY MAINTENANCE”

ORDINANCE 26-2674 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 136 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD, ENTITLED “CONSTRUCTION CODES, UNIFORM”

ORDINANCE 26-2675 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 299 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD, ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”

MOTION OFFERED by Council_____ **SECOND** by Council_____

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

Motion that the following ordinances be introduced and passed on first reading and setting October 6, 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 26-2676 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 186 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD, ENTITLED “LAND DEVELOPMENT” – SECTION 186-40

ORDINANCE 26-2677 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 186 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD, ENTITLED “LAND DEVELOPMENT” – SECTION 186-10

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 26-220. 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) **26-221/**To Approve Bill List
- b) **26-222/**To Approve Cancellation of Grant Balance – Fiscal Year 2026 Municipal Alliance Grant *(Borough CFO)*
- c) **26-223/**To Authorize Tax Refund – 250-270 E. Main Street *(Tax Collector)*
- d) **26-224/**To Authorize Tax Refund – 93 John Place *(Tax Collector)*
- e) **26-225/**To Authorize Tax Refund – Fire Damaged Property - 166 W. Main Street *(Tax Collector)*
- f) **26-226/**To Approve Tax Settlement – N. Washington Avenue Block 85 Lot 22.01 *(Tax Appeal Counsel)*
- g) **26-227/**To Approve Parking Services Agreement - Municipal Parking Services Inc. *(Borough Administrator)*
- h) **26-228/**To Approve Change Order No. 1 – Sanitation Equipment Corporation *(Deputy CFO)*
- i) **26-229/**To Approve Engineering Proposal – Improvements at Twin Boro Park – Phase III – T&M Associates *(Borough Administrator)*
- j) **26-230/**To Approve Change Order No. 1 – General Engineering Services – T&M Associates *(Borough Administrator)*

MOTION OFFERED by Council_____ **SECOND** by Council_____

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
LODATO					
DEAUNA					
ALMONTE					
KORNBLUTH					

RIVERA					
PASCUAL					
AMATORIO (tie)					

B. Resolutions

26-231/To Hire Keyboard Clerk I – Edwin Ramirez (*Borough Administrator*)

MOTION OFFERED by Council_____ **SECOND** by Council_____

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

26-232/To Hire Part-Time Violations Clerk – Julie Amico (*Borough Administrator*)

MOTION OFFERED by Council_____ **SECOND** by Council_____

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

26-233/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 **26-234**/Authorizing the Governing Body to Enter into Closed Executive Session to discuss:

A.) Attorney-Client Privilege

1. Personnel Matter (*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_____.