BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER
REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL

AGENDA

March 16, 2026
6:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **PUBLIC NOTICE**
Clerk to read: This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting was included in a list of meetings sent to the Record-Herald News and Ridgewood News on January 6, 2026 and advertised in said newspapers on January 9, 2026 and January 16, 2026. Also posted on the borough website and bulletin board in the Municipal Building and has remained continuously posted as the required notices under the Statute. In addition, a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Notification of fire exits

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **ROLL CALL**

5. **CLOSED SESSION**
Elected Officials Training

Resolution

6. **REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND BOROUGH OFFICIALS**
   - MAYOR KURPIS
   - BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR
   - BOROUGH ENGINEER
   - BOROUGH ATTORNEY
   - BOROUGH CLERK

7. **OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT**
Anyone wishing to address the governing body please give your name (spelling the last name) and address. Please speak in an audible tone and address your comments to the Chair. There will be a three minute time limit per speaker, unless reduced because of the volume of business on the agenda. Please note, public comment is your time. Out of respect and fairness to all, there will be no interruptions or questions answered during your time. No time shall be ceded to anyone else and no time shall be saved for later use. Any responses

may be given during the governing body's comments later in the meeting, or as directed by the Chair.

8. **RESOLUTION 88-26**
Title read by Clerk

TRANSFER RESOLUTION

- DISCUSSION BY GOVERNING BODY
- MOTION
- SECOND
- ROLL CALL

Resolution

9. **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 26-1112-M**
Title read by Clerk

CALENDAR YEAR 2026 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

- DISCUSSION BY GOVERNING BODY
- MOTION
- SECOND
- ROLL CALL

STATEMENT: Ordinance 26-1112-M has been introduced upon first reading and will be posted on the borough website. Said Ordinance will be taken up for further consideration and final passage at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council to be held on the 20th day of April, 2026 at 7:00 pm or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached at which time and place all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

Ordinance

10. **RESOLUTION 89-26**
Title read by Clerk

LOCAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET OF THE BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER, COUNTY OF BERGEN, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026

- DISCUSSION BY GOVERNING BODY
- MOTION
- SECOND
- ROLL CALL

Resolution

11. **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 26-1113-M**

Title read by Clerk

CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF $284,000 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM A COUNTY GRANT AND FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE BOROUGH

- COMMENTS FROM GOVERNING BODY
- MOTION TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE
- SECOND
- ROLL CALL

STATEMENT: BE IT RESOLVED, that the ordinance entitled CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF $284,000 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM A COUNTY GRANT AND FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE BOROUGH, heretofore introduced, does now pass on first reading, and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 20th day of April, 2026 at 7:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, at the regular meeting place of the Borough Council and that at such time and place all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance, and that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance according to law with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading and of the time and place when and where said ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

Ordinance 26-1113-M

12. **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 26-1114-M**

Title read by Clerk

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $305,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

- COMMENTS FROM GOVERNING BODY

- MOTION TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE
- SECOND
- ROLL CALL

STATEMENT: BE IT RESOLVED, that the ordinance entitled

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $305,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS, heretofore introduced, does now pass on first reading, and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 20th day of April, 2026 at 7:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, at the regular meeting place of the Borough Council and that at such time and place all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance, and that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance according to law with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading and of the time and place when and where said ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

Ordinance 26-1114-M

13. **<u>INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 26-1115</u>**
Title read by Clerk

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 52, OF THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT"

- COMMENTS FROM GOVERNING BODY
- MOTION TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE
- SECOND
- ROLL CALL

STATEMENT: Ordinance 25-1115 has been introduced upon first reading and will be posted on the borough website. Said Ordinance will be taken up for further consideration and final passage at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council to be held on the 20th day of April, 2026 at 7:00 pm or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at which time and place all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

Ordinance 26-1115

14. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

November 17, 2025 - Regular Meeting

November 17, 2025 - Executive Session

February 9, 2026 - Regular Meeting

February 9, 2026 - Executive Session

- MOTION
- SECOND
- ROLL CALL

Minutes

15. **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

BE IT RESOLVED that the bill list attached hereto and made part of this resolution has been approved by the proper personnel, purchase orders were available for review by Council prior to the meeting, was audited by the CFO and has been found to be correct; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Saddle River hereby approve the bill list for payment.

- MOTION
- SECOND
- ROLL CALL

Resolution

16. **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 26-1111-M**
Title read by Clerk

CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE RECONSTRUCTION OF LOWER CROSS ROAD IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF $395,386 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANTS AND FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE BOROUGH

- COMMENTS FROM GOVERNING BODY

- PUBLIC COMMENT
- MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE
- SECOND
- ROLL CALL

STATEMENT: Ordinance 26-1111-M has been approved upon second reading and will be posted on the Saddle River website.

Ordinance

17. CONSENT AGENDA

18. CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

91-26 Tax Refund for B. 1611 L. 17

92-26 Approve Raffle License for Saddle River Day School

93-26 Approve Soil Movement Resolution - 10 Eckert Farm Rd.

94-26 Approve Susan Zabransky Hughes Memorial Run

95-26 Appoint Vladik Shapsis as Regular Member of ZBA

96-26 Appoint George Tashji to RevolutionNJ Committee

Resolutions

19. DOES ANY MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BODY WISH TO PULL RESOLUTION(S) FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION?

20. VOTE ON CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

- MOTION
- SECOND
- ROLL CALL

21. NON CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

97-26 ADOPT BERGEN COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

- DISCUSSION AMONG GOVERNING BODY
- MOTION

- SECOND
- ROLL CALL

98-26 AWARD CONTRACT TO ROUTE 23 AUTOMALL FOR AUTO REPAIR AND UPFITTING

- DISCUSSION AMONG GOVERNING BODY
- MOTION
- SECOND
- ROLL CALL

99-26 AUTHORIZE CONTRACT FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION CONSULTANT SERVICES TO BARTON ROSS & PARTNERS LLC

- DISCUSSION AMONG GOVERNING BODY
- MOTION
- SECOND
- ROLL CALL

100-26 APPOINT ROBERT SHERROW AS FULL-TIME CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL, BUILDING SUB CODE OFFICIAL, AND BUILDING INSPECTOR

- DISCUSSION AMONG GOVERNING BODY
- MOTION
- SECOND
- ROLL CALL

101-26 APPOINT STEPHANIE LUTZ-GEISLER AS CONTROL PERSON

- DISCUSSION AMONG GOVERNING BODY
- MOTION
- SECOND
- ROLL CALL

102-26 AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF CONSERVATION EASEMENT REGARDING 125 WEST SADDLE RIVER ROAD ACQUISITION

- DISCUSSION AMONG GOVERNING BODY
- MOTION
- SECOND
- ROLL CALL

Resolutions

22. <u>COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS</u>
Council President Christopher DiGirolamo

- Affordable Housing

- Ordinance Review

- Public Safety - Fire
- Re-organization
- Special Events

Councilman Duncan Carpenter

- Zoning Board of Adjustment
- Finance - see attached reports
- Wildlife Management

Councilman David Hekemian

- Planning Board
- Personnel
- Public Safety - Police

Councilman Jonathan Kurpis

- Parks and Recreation
- Landmarks
- OEM/Emergency Mgmt

Councilman Jeffrey Liva

- Board of Education
- Board of Health
- Environmental
- Construction and Zoning Enforcement

Councilman Ravi Sachdev

- Beautification
- Public Information and Transparency
- Water

Reports

Budget Reports

23. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

24. CLOSED SESSION

Veolia Litigation

Sewer Agreement – Allendale and Avalon Bay

Resolution

25. NEW BUSINESS FROM CLOSED SESSION

26. ADJOURNMENT