

**TOWNSHIP OF BYRAM
TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 1, 2025
TRAINING SESSION – 6:30 P.M.
REGULAR SESSION – 7:30 P.M.**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER –Mayor Rubenstein called the meeting to order.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Both adequate and electronic notice of the meeting has been provided, specifying the time and place. In addition, a copy of this notice is available to the public and is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk, posted on the main door, the bulletin board of the Municipal Building, on the Township website at: https://www.byramtwp.org/index.php/town_hall/township_council, and has been forwarded to those persons requesting notice.

ROLL CALL OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL –Councilwoman Franco, here; Councilman Gallagher, here; Councilman Proctor, here; Councilman Roseff, here; Mayor Rubenstein. Also present was Township Manager Joseph Sabatini, Township Attorney Tom Collins, and Municipal Clerk, Cynthia Church

RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION – Motion by Councilwoman Franco, second by Councilman Proctor, to go into executive session and adopt the below resolution.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, P. L. 1975, Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

- a. Attorney Client Privilege Communication
 - General
- b. Contract Negotiations
 - Health Benefits Consultant - PSA
- c. Personnel

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Byram, that the public shall be excluded from discussion of the following matters:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Minutes will be kept on file in the Municipal Clerk’s office, and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then the minutes shall be made public.

BYRAM TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Certification: I certify that the Byram Township Council adopted the above resolution on July 1, 2025.

Cynthia Church, Municipal Clerk

	Councilwoman Franco	Councilman Gallagher	Councilman Proctor	Councilman Roseff	Mayor Rubenstein
Motion	x				
2nd			x		
Yes	x	x	x	x	x
No					
Abstain					
Absent					

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - Motion by Councilwoman Franco, second by Councilman Proctor to return to open session at 7:20 p.m. All members were in favor. Motion Carried.

FLAG SALUTE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion by Councilwoman Franco, second by Councilman Proctor to approve the agenda

	Councilwoman Franco	Councilman Gallagher	Councilman Proctor	Councilman Roseff	Mayor Rubenstein
Motion	x				
2nd			x		
Yes	x	x	x	x	x
No					
Abstain					
Absent					

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS, MISS BYRAM AND ROYALTY COURT

Miss Byram	Kylee McCracken
Young Miss Byram	Maddelyn Toscano
Little Miss Byram	Victoria Toscano

TOWNSHIP MANAGER, MAYOR, AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Township Manager – August 12th will be the only meeting in August. Mr. Sabatini sent out an email today regarding the 2026 Municipal Budget Goals and Objectives that will be discussed at the August 12, 2025, Township Council meeting. Mr. Sabatini is requesting the council to identify their individual goals and submit them to him by August 1st. ETG will be paving the lower section of Tamarack Road on Monday July 7th. No road closures.

Councilwoman Franco – Friday, recreation had the first of 2 Outdoor Movies at CO Johnson Park- they had 52 residents show and they all had a great time, plus free popcorn. The 2nd movie is on August 2nd at 8:30 pm. The Spring Programs are all doing well. Byram Fest is set for August 23rd, Deb is finalizing all details.

Councilman Gallagher – BOE July 16th

Councilman Proctor – Planning Board met on June 19th. The new House on South Shore Road was approved. Next Planning Board meeting on July 3rd.

Councilman Roseff – Historical Society was part of the Waterloo Canal History Day. It was well attended.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION I

Motion by Councilwoman Franco, second by Councilman Proctor to open to the public. All members were in favor.
No Comments.

Motion by Councilwoman Franco, second by Councilman Proctor to close to the public. All members were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 17, 2025, Regular & Closed Session Meeting Minutes - Councilwoman Franco, second by Councilman Proctor to approve minutes.

	Councilwoman Franco	Councilman Gallagher	Councilman Proctor	Councilman Roseff	Mayor Rubenstein
Motion	x				
2nd			x		
Yes	x	x	x	x	x
No					
Abstain					
Absent					

CONSENT AGENDA – All are considered to be routine by the Members of the Township Council and will be enacted on by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a citizen or Council member requests in which event the item may be removed from the general order of business and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda. Motion by Councilwoman Franco, second by Councilman Proctor to approve the consent agenda as presented.

- A. Resolution No. 127-2025 – Resolution of the Governing Body of the Township of Byram for Deer Hunting on Municipally-Owned Property for the 2025-2026 Hunting Season
- B. Resolution No. 128-2025 – Resolution Approving the Execution of a Shared Service Agreement Between Byram Township and Hardyston Township for Fire Prevention Services from July 1,2025 Through December 31, 2025
- C. Resolution No. 129-2025 – Resolution Authorizing the Township’s Zoning Officer to Confirm the Use of the Federal Firearms License at the Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation Camp and its Existing Accessory Firearm Ranges is in Compliance with Local Zoning Ordinances and Law
- D. Resolution No. 130-2025 – Authorization to Purchase one (1) John Deer Trackless MT7 Municipal Tractor & Accessories Under the Houston Galveston Area Council National Cooperative Purchasing System for Budget Year 2025 – Not to Exceed \$204,010.45
- E. Resolution No. 131-2025 – Authorization to Trim and Remove Storm Damaged Trees at CO Johnson Park Utilizing Open Space Trust Fund
- F. Resolution No. 132-2025 – Resolution Authorizing a Proposed Drainage Improvement with the County of Sussex for a Project that will include Birch Parkway
- G. Resolution No. 133-2025- Miss Byram Winner – Kaylee McCracken - \$500.00
- H. Resolution No. 134-2025 – Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Roseville Road Improvement Project – Sleepy Hollow Road

	Councilwoman Franco	Councilman Gallagher	Councilman Proctor	Councilman Roseff	Mayor Rubenstein
Motion	x				
2nd			x		
Yes	x	x	x	x	x
No					
Abstain					

Absent					
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BILL LIST – July 1, 2025 – Motion by Councilwoman Franco, second by Councilman Proctor to approve the bill list.

	Councilwoman Franco	Councilman Gallagher	Councilman Proctor	Councilman Roseff	Mayor Rubenstein
Motion	x				
2nd			x		
Yes	x	x	x	x	x
No					
Abstain					
Absent					

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Stamped Concrete Crosswalks / Turning Lane – Route 206 paving is expected to start Spring 2026. The state will redo the concrete turning lane and will be enhancing the crosswalks to high visibility. The council agreed that they would like to see it go back to asphalt and high visibility asphalt as the stamped concrete is an eye sore.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION II

Motion by Councilwoman Franco, second by Councilman Proctor to open to the public.

Patricial Moshella – Does not feel the stamped concrete is necessary. It is messy and lifts.

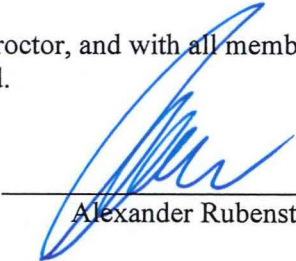
Bob Brady – President of Patriots Path Council. Thanked the Mayor, Council and Manager for their help with getting the resolution passed.

Motion by Councilwoman Franco, second by Councilman Proctor to close to the public.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilwoman Franco, second by Councilman Proctor, and with all members in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. All members were in favor. Motion carried.


Cynthia Church, RMC
Township Clerk


Alexander Rubenstein, Mayor