

TOWNSHIP OF BYRAM
TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 21, 2026
EXECUTIVE 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 –Councilman Esposito, here; Councilwoman Franco, here; Councilman Gallagher, here; Councilman Proctor, here; Mayor Rubenstein, here. Also present was Township Manager Joseph Sabatini, Township Attorney Tom Collins (virtually) and Township Clerk, Cynthia Church

RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION – Motion by Councilwoman Franco, second by Councilman Gallagher, 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
 - CO Field 8
 - 10 Johnson Blvd.
- B. Shared Services – Code Enforcement
- C. Anticipated Litigation

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 21, 2026.

Cynthia Church, Municipal Clerk

	Councilman Esposito	Councilwoman Franco	Councilman Gallagher	Councilman Proctor	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 7:38 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 with the removal of #8 rescheduled for August 11th.

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

TOWNSHIP MANAGER, MAYOR, AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Township Manager – There is only one meeting in August. This will be on August 11th. At this meeting Mr. Sabatini would like to have a discussion with the Township Council regarding the 2027 Goals and Objectives. Any input should be provided to him no later than July 31st. The state health care committee reviewed the 2027 rates. There is expected to be a 17.3% increase for health insurance for active employees; 19.3% for medicate retirees; 36.5% for early retiree group. There was a pre Byram Fest meeting that was held July 14. Byram Fest is scheduled for August 22nd at CO Johnson Field at 4pm.

Mayor Rubenstein – On July 11th participated in the grand opening of the trading post. Had attended a meeting with the county regarding radio issues, there will be upgrades made to the system.

Councilman Esposito – the next Historical Society meeting is this Thursday July 23rd.

Councilwoman Franco – The Kids Triathlon was held on July 11, 2026. Twenty-Six (26) kids participated and all went very well. The Recreation Committee and other volunteers came out and helped to make this event a great success. The Outdoor movie is this Saturday at 8:30pm at CO Johnson Park. Deb will continue to monitor the weather on this. The movie is American Underdog the Kurt Werner story. There was a pre Byram Fest meeting that was held July 14. Byram Fest is scheduled for August 22nd at CO Johnson Field.

Councilman Gallagher – The next Board of Education meeting is scheduled for August 19th.

Councilman Proctor – The next planning board meeting is scheduled for August 6th. Environmental Commission meeting is scheduled for this Thursday a 6pm.

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

July 7, 2026, Regular & Closed Session Meeting Minutes - Motion by Councilwoman Franco, second by Councilman Proctor to approve minutes.

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

ORDINANCE – 2nd Reading / Public Hearing

ORDINANCE NO. 007-2026 AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE A CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE INITIAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RENOVATION OF THE BYRAM TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BYRAM TO PROVIDE FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000.00

Purpose Statement: Initial costs associated with the renovation of the Byram Township Police Department.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Ordinance No. 007-2026 is passed on final reading and that a notice of final passage be published on the township website according to the law.

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. 140-2026 – 2026 Miss Byram Winner – Kiera Graham

- B. Resolution No. 141-2026 – Resolution Authorizing 100% Disabled Veteran Exempt Status to Owner of block 344 Lot 32 for Tax Year 2026 and the Cancellation of Taxes for the Second Half of 2026 and a Partial Refund of Taxes Paid for 2nd Quarter and 3rd Quarter in 2026
- C. Resolution No. 142-2026 – Resolution of the Township of Byram, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey “Authorizing a Refund for Duplicate Payment for 2nd Quarter 2026”
- D. Resolution No. 143-2026 – Resolution Authorizing 100% Disabled Veteran Exempt Status to Owner of Block 27 Lot 378 for Tax Year 2026 and the Partial Cancellation of 3rd Quarter Taxes as well as the Remaining Second Half of 2026
- E. Resolution No. 144-2026 – Resolution Accepting a Scope of Work with Harold E. Pelow & Associates, Inc. for Engineering Services Associated with the Byram Township Police Station Project
- F. Resolution No. 145-2026 – Resolution Accepting a Scope of Work with Fox Architectural Design P.C. for Architectural Services Associated with the Byram Township Police Station Project

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

BILL LIST – July 21, 2026 – Motion by Councilwoman Franco, second by Councilman Proctor to approve the bill list.

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION II

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

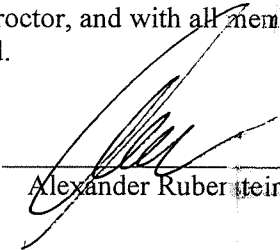
No Comments.

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 7:52 p.m. All members were in favor. Motion carried.


Cynthia Church, RMC
Township Clerk


Alexander Rubenstein, Mayor