MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEEHAWKEN, COUNTY OF HUDSON, MUNICIPAL BUILDING IN SAID TOWNSHIP ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 25th 2026

CONVENED: 7:06 PM

Mayor Turner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilpersons , Sosa, Silvestri-Ehret, Lavagnino, Curtis, Turner
Absent: None

Mayor Turner: The notice requirements provided for in the "Open Public Meetings Act" have been satisfied. Notice of this meeting was properly given in the Annual Notice which was adopted by the Township Council on **December 22ND 2025.** Said Resolution was transmitted by the Township Clerk and a notice is posted in the Council Chambers of this Municipal Building.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

DISCUSSIONS FROM OFFICIALS:

Mayor Turner: Pool update- 5500 people have signed up and will probably hit 6000. Louisa Park to re open in a couple of weeks, weather permitting

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Faye Boatright	***9 Bellevue Terrace***
Tina Iordamlis	***105 Jefferson St***

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None to be heard

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Sosa introduced the following resolution;

WHEREAS, the following have applied pursuant to Ordinance 34-1994 for renewal of the Municipal Rooming House License for their respective properties:

Michael Langdon	**17-48th Street**

and;

WHEREAS, a hearing on these applications was held on March 25th 2026, at which all interested parties were given the opportunity to present testimony and other evidence; and

WHEREAS, the Township Clerk reported on the procedural aspects of the applications, the Township attorney on the legal aspects, the Health, Housing and Fire Inspectors on the status of compliance with the applicable Health, Housing, Building, Fire and Safety Codes and a representative of the Police Department reported on the extent of Police involvement at the subject locations; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Township Council have reviewed the applications and considered and discussed the evidence presented,

NOW, based upon the testimony and other evidence presented, **IT WAS THEREUPON**

RESOLVED that the Council make the following findings and render the following decisions:

1. The applicants and the proposed licensed premises meet all of the substantive requirements for the Municipal Licensure;

2. The applications are complete in all respects and proper notice and publications have been made;

3. The subject premises are substantially free of all Health, Housing, Fire and Safety violations;

4. The nature and extent of the Police presence required at the subject premises does not give the Council any reason for concern and does not appear to be out of the ordinary or alarming; and

5. Not a single member of the public spoke against the subject applications for licensure in any respect.

The motion to grant the applications and approve a rooming house license for a term expiring on March 31st 2027 was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote of all those members of the Council present at the time and eligible to vote.

DATED: March 25th 2026

On motion by Councilman Sosa, seconded by Councilwoman Silvestri-Ehret, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilpersons Sosa, Silvestri-Ehret, Lavagnino, Curtis, Turner
Nays: None

Councilman Curtis introduced the following resolution;

WHEREAS, the following have applied pursuant to Ordinance 34-1994 for renewal of the Municipal Rooming House License for their respective properties:

Jesus Rodriguez **18-50th Street**

and;

WHEREAS, a hearing on these applications was held on March 25th 2026, at which all interested parties were given the opportunity to present testimony and other evidence; and

WHEREAS, the Township Clerk reported on the procedural aspects of the applications, the Township attorney on the legal aspects, the Health, Housing and Fire Inspectors on the status of compliance with the applicable Health, Housing, Building, Fire and Safety Codes and a representative of the Police Department reported on the extent of Police involvement at the subject locations; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Township Council have reviewed the applications and considered and discussed the evidence presented,

NOW, based upon the testimony and other evidence presented, **IT WAS THEREUPON RESOLVED** that the Council make the following findings and render the following decisions:

1. The applicants and the proposed licensed premises meet all of the substantive requirements for the Municipal Licensure;

2. The applications are complete in all respects and proper notice and publications have been made;

3. The subject premises are substantially free of all Health, Housing, Fire and Safety violations

4. The nature and extent of the Police presence required at the subject premises does not give the Council any reason for concern and does not appear to be out of the ordinary or alarming; and

5. Not a single member of the public spoke against the subject applications for licensure in any respect.

The motion to grant the applications and approve a rooming house license for a term expiring on March 31st 2027 was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote of all those members of the Council present at the time and eligible to vote.

DATED: March 25th 2026

On motion by Councilman Curtis seconded by Councilman Sosa, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilpersons Sosa, Silvestri-Ehret, Lavagnino, Curtis, Turner
Nays: None

Councilman Curtis read the following resolution;

WHEREAS, the following have applied pursuant to Ordinance 34-1994 for renewal of the Municipal Rooming House License for their respective properties:

Hans Kaspersetz 29-49th Street

and;

WHEREAS, a hearing on these applications was held on March 25th 2026, at which all interested parties were given the opportunity to present testimony and other evidence; and

WHEREAS, the Township Clerk reported on the procedural aspects of the applications, the Township attorney on the legal aspects, the Health, Housing and Fire Inspectors on the status of compliance with the applicable Health, Housing, Building, Fire and Safety Codes and a representative of the Police Department reported on the extent of Police involvement at the subject locations; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Township Council have reviewed the applications and considered and discussed the evidence presented,

NOW, based upon the testimony and other evidence presented, **IT WAS THEREUPON RESOLVED** that the Council make the following findings and render the following decisions:

1. The applicants and the proposed licensed premises meet all of the substantive requirements for the Municipal Licensure;

2. The applications are complete in all respects and proper notice and publications have been made;

3. The subject premises are substantially free of all Health, Housing, Fire and Safety violations;

4. The nature and extent of the Police presence required at the subject premises does not give the Council any reason for concern and does not appear to be out of the ordinary or alarming; and

5. Not a single member of the public spoke against the subject applications for licensure in any respect.

The motion to grant the applications and approve a rooming house license for a term expiring on March 31st 2027 was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote of all those members of the Council present at the time and eligible to vote.

DATED: March 25th 2026

On motion by Councilman Curtis seconded by Councilman Sosa, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilpersons Sosa, Silvestri-Ehret, Lavagnino, Curtis, Turner
Nays: None

Councilwoman Lavagnino read the following resolution;

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-19 authorizes a municipality to hold an **accelerated tax sale**, which was authorized by Resolution of this Council on January 14, 2026, and N.J.S.A. 54:5-19.1 authorizes a municipality to hold **electronic tax sales**, all in accordance with applicable rules and regulations of the Director of the Division of Government Services; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Division of Local Government Services has promulgated rules and regulations pursuant to which a municipality may hold electronic tax sales; and

WHEREAS, an electronic tax sale is innovative and provides a greater pool of potential lien buyers, thus creating the environment for a more complete tax sale process; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Weehawken has held electronic tax sales in the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025, and wishes to do so again for an electronic tax sale to be held in the year 2026; and

WHEREAS, RealAuction.com, LLC, through its Administrative Agent, ROK Industries, Inc., d/b/a NJ Tax Lien Investor.com [ROK], is a vendor qualified under applicable Rules and Regulations of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services of the N.J. Dept. of Community Affairs to conduct electronic tax sales, and is the approved vendor utilized by the Township for its electronic tax sales held in the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025; and

WHEREAS, applicable rules and regulations authorize the Township of Weehawken to hold an electronic tax sale for the year 2026; and

WHEREAS, ROK has submitted a proposal to the Township for the conduct of an electronic tax sale in the year 2026 at a cost of $15.00 per Certificate Advertised, and the members of the Weehawken Township Council have reviewed and considered the said proposal and the reports and/or recommendations of the Tax Collector, the Chief Financial Officer, the Township Manager, the Law Director and such other management personnel of the Township as may have been requested to review the same; and

WHEREAS, The Township wishes to hold an accelerated tax sale by way of an electronic tax sale, and the cost to the Township for ROK to conduct the proposed electronic tax sale is not expected to be in excess of the quote threshold under applicable Public Contracts laws, rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Township has determined that sufficient funds are available in the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget to fund this contract, in account #_____ _____, as evidenced by the attached Certificate of Availability of Funds, or if said funds have not been budgeted, or if this contract is to extend beyond the said fiscal year, the Council intends to make appropriate provision in the 2025-2026 and other fiscal year budgets to fund this contract,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Weehawken that the Township is hereby authorized, through its Tax Collector and other Finance Department employees, in consultation with the Township Manager and Law Director, to hold an electronic, accelerated tax sale, to be conducted by ROK, and to do all other things necessary or convenient to do so; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and/or Township Manager be, and they are hereby, authorized to execute and deliver an Agreement on behalf of the Township with ROK Industries, Inc. for the conduct of the upcoming electronic, accelerated tax sale, in substantially the form on file in the Office of the Township Clerk, subject to the approval of the Law Director as to form, and with a maximum cost not to exceed the sum of $7,950.00.

Dated: March 25, 2026

On motion by Councilwoman Lavagnino, seconded by Councilman Sosa, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilpersons Sosa, Silvestri-Ehret, Lavagnino, Curtis, Turner
Nays: None

Councilman Sosa read the following resolution;

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has certified that all real estate taxes and other municipal charges have been paid in full to date with respect to the property(ies) listed below; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Court of New Jersey/Hudson County Board of Taxation granted reduction(s) in the assessment(s) of such property(ies) for the year(s) indicated, by judgment(s) which is/are final and not the subject of any further appeal(s), and the time for filing any further appeal(s) has expired; and

WHEREAS, the taxpayer(s) listed has/have presented proof of overpayment to the satisfaction of the Tax Collector and are, therefore, entitled to the refund(s)/credit(s) shown below; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer or Finance Director of the Township has certified that sufficient funds are available for the payment thereof in account #_____, as evidenced by the attached Certificate of Availability of Funds, or if said funds have not been budgeted, or if these payments are to be made beyond the said fiscal year, the Council intends to make appropriate provision in the 2025 - 2026 fiscal year budget to provide for these payments,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Weehawken that warrant(s) be ordered drawn by the Township Treasurer in favor of the taxpayer(s) listed below in the amount(s) set forth opposite their name(s):

Block	Lot	Qual	Taxpayer/Attorney Property Address	Year(s)	Reduction	Assessment Tax Refund	Amount of

(SEE ATTACHED LIST)

TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REFUNDS: **$28,084.75**

DATED: March 25th 2026

On motion by Councilman Sosa, seconded by Councilman Curtis, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilpersons Sosa, Silvestri-Ehret, Lavagnino, Curtis, Turner
Nays: None

Councilman Sosa read the following resolution;

WHEREAS, the following listed Tax Sale Certificates of the Township of Weehawken, which were sold at the Tax Sale for delinquent taxes assessed against properties identified below, were redeemed by the person or entity and in the amount shown below for each redemption, which funds have been received by the Township, and the premiums, if any, for these certificates have been received by, and are being held by, the Township:

Tax Sale Certificate No.	Name of tax sale Certificate Purchaser	Block / Lot	Property Address	Name Redeeming Amount Amount of Owner/Taxpayer Redemption	Prope Premium
23-00006	Matthew Shaw	B50/L25	Liberty Place	Tzvi Rivkin	$2,442.76 N/A

TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REDEMPTIONS RECEIVED
TO BE REFUNDED UNDER THIS RESOLUTION Redemption $ 2,442.76
Premium $ N/A

WHEREAS, the proceeds of each such redemption are now required by law to be turned over by the Township to the said Purchaser of the Tax Sale Certificate, and the premium, if any, of each such redemption is now required by law to be returned by the Township to the said Purchaser of the Tax Sale Certificate,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Weehawken that the sums shown above for each of the Tax Sale Certificates listed be paid over by the Township to the Tax Sale Certificate Purchaser in each case; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the premium amounts, if any, shown above for each of the Tax Sale Certificates listed be returned by the Township to the Tax Sale Certificate Purchaser in each case.

DATED: March 25th 2026

On motion by Councilman Sosa, seconded by Councilwoman Silvestri-Ehret, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilpersons Sosa, Silvestri-Ehret, Lavagnino, Curtis, Turner
Nays: None

Councilwoman Silvestri-Ehret read the following resolution;

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEEHAWKEN AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP'S PARTICIPATION IN THE POOLED NOTE FINANCING PROGRAM OF THE HUDSON COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Township of Weehawken, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey (the "Township"), has previously duly adopted various bond ordinances authorizing the issuance of bonds or notes to finance the costs of various capital improvements (the "Capital Improvement Project");

WHEREAS, the Township either has issued or desires to issue notes to temporarily finance

the Capital Improvement Project;

WHEREAS, the local economic climate has caused volatility in the municipal note market resulting in the following problems: (1) market access due to liquidity issues of traditional investors; (2) shrinking investor pools available to purchase of municipal notes; (3) reduced numbers of bids and in some instances no bids in response to municipal note sales; (4) unpredictable interest rates causing interest rate risk and budgeting problems; and (5) increased costs due to investors unwilling to purchase unrated municipal notes and municipal notes without disclosure, causing municipalities to have municipal notes rated and disclosure documents prepared;

WHEREAS, the Township has reviewed the Pooled Note Financing Program proposed by The Hudson County Improvement Authority (the "HCIA"), whereby the Township would issue its notes (the "Township Notes") through the Pooled Note Financing Program of the HCIA;

WHEREAS, the Township believes that the HCIA's Pooled Note Financing Program cures many of the problems of the volatile municipal note market by providing: (1) market access to sell the Township Notes; (2) a certain investor pool to purchase the Township Notes; (3) a guaranteed purchaser of the Township Notes; (4) a more predictable interest rate, whereby the Township will benefit from reduced interest costs as a result of a guaranty by the County of Hudson, State of New Jersey (the "County Guaranty") on the debt service of the HCIA Pooled Note Financing Program; and (5) decreased costs due to all of the municipalities participating in the Pooled Note Financing Program sharing in the costs of the HCIA Pooled Note Financing Program;

WHEREAS, the Township further believes that any savings that the Township can achieve for its taxpayers, particularly given the aforementioned volatility in the municipal note market, is of utmost importance to its community and accordingly, the Township desires to issue the Township Notes through the Pooled Note Financing Program of the HCIA; and

WHEREAS, the Township Notes shall be issued in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEEHAWKEN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Township hereby authorizes the Township's participation in the HCIA Pooled Note Financing Program.

Section 2. The Township consents to the HCIA's application to the Local Finance Board of the Division of Local Government Services, in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs in connection with the Pooled Note Financing Program.

Section 3. The Chief Financial Officer of the Township is hereby authorized to enter into one or more loans with the HCIA, and is further authorized to execute one or more note purchase contracts, loan agreements and any and all documents, certificates, opinions and other instruments that are necessary and as may be reasonably required by the HCIA in connection with such loan, after consultation with Bond Counsel to the Township.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

On motion by Councilwoman Silvestri-Ehret, seconded by Councilwoman Lavagnino, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilpersons Sosa, Silvestri-Ehret, Lavagnino, Curtis, Turner
Nays: None

Councilman Curtis read the following resolution;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Weehawken that Ordinance # **03-2026** entitled:

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WEEHAWKEN PURSUANT

TO A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEEHAWKEN, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF $1,500,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $1,428,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Hereto for introduced does now pass on first reading and said Ordinance be further considered for final passage at a public hearing to be held at a meeting beginning at 7:00 PM April 8th 2026 at the regular meeting place of the Township Council, and that at such time and place all persons interested to be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance, and that the Township Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to publish said Ordinance according to law.

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WEEHAWKEN PURSUANT TO A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEEHAWKEN, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF $1,500,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $1,428,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEEHAWKEN (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Weehawken, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey (the "Township") as general improvements for the Board of Education of the Township of Weehawken pursuant to a Shared Services Agreement filed in the Clerk's Office. For the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance, there is hereby appropriated the sum of $1,500,000 (which is the aggregate amount of the sums of money appropriated for each respective improvement or purpose), including the sum of $72,000 as the down payment for the improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law. The down payment is now available by virtue of the provision for a down payment for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the improvements or purposes not covered by the application of the down payment, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of $1,428,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. The improvements or purposes hereby authorized for which bonds or notes are to be issued, the estimated cost of each improvement or purpose and the appropriation therefor, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each improvement or purpose, and the period of usefulness of each improvement or purpose are as follows:

(a) Purchase and installation of park and playground improvements for the Woodrow Wilson Elementary School as set forth on the project list filed in the Finance Office, including all work and materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

APPROPRIATION	BOND AUTHORIZATION	PERIOD OF USEFULNESS
$700,000	$666,500	15 years

(b) Purchase and installation of furnishings for the pre-K art, music, stem and multipurpose rooms at the Daniel Webster Elementary School, Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School, Woodrow Wilson Elementary School and Weehawken High School as set forth on the project list filed in the Finance Office, including all work and materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

APPROPRIATION	BOND AUTHORIZATION	PERIOD OF USEFULNESS
$800,000	$761,500	5 years

TOTAL APPROPRIATION	TOTAL BOND AUTHORIZATION	AVERAGE PERIOD OF USEFULNESS
$1,500,000	$1,428,000	9.67 years

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date. The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with the bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the Chief Financial Officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell a part, or all, of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale, and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest, if any, from their dates to the dates of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale of bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses. They are all improvements or purposes that the Township may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the costs thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance, computed on the basis of the amounts of obligations authorized for each improvement or purpose and the reasonable life thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, is 9.67 years.

(c) An aggregate amount not exceeding $75,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost of the improvements or purposes set forth in Section 3 of this bond ordinance.

(d) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and submitted to the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township is increased by $1,428,000 (the amount of the authorization of the obligations provided for in this bond ordinance). The obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 7. The Township reasonably expects to commence the acquisition and/or construction of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance, and to advance all or a portion of the costs in respect thereof, prior to the issuance of bonds or notes hereunder. To the extent such costs are advanced, the Township further reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditures from the proceeds of the obligations authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is intended to be and hereby is a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

Section 8. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 9. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law

On motion by Councilman Curtis, seconded by Councilman Sosa, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilpersons Sosa, Silvestri-Ehret, Lavagnino, Curtis, Turner
Nays: None

Councilman Sosa read the following resolution;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Weehawken that the Township Manager or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to arrange for specifications to be drafted by the appropriate municipal employees, with the aid of such professionals as may have been engaged by the Township and, thereafter, to cause to be advertised a Request for Sealed Bids, and to distribute such specifications in the appropriate manner to seek bids for the **SEASONAL REMOVAL AND RE-INSTALLATION OF THE ENCLOSURE ("Bubble") FOR THE LAP POOL AT THE WEEHAWKEN WATERFRONT PARK - POOL AND RECREATION COMPLEX (SOUTH PARK).**

The Request For Bids shall be substantially in the usual form used by the Township and may be for multiple years as alternate bids, all as may be approved by the Township Manager in consultation with the CFO and Township Attorney, and shall include notice that: A) bidders must comply with all applicable laws, rules and regulations; B) they will be required to provide, with their bid, either a certified check or a Bid Bond in the amount of ten per cent (10%) of their bid, but not in excess of twenty thousand dollars ($20,000), and a surety's consent to provide the appropriate performance and payments bonds if the bidder is successful; and C) that all bonds must be issued by a properly approved and qualified bonding company.

On motion by Councilman Sosa, seconded by Councilwoman Silvestri-Ehret, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilpersons Sosa, Silvestri-Ehret, Lavagnino, Curtis, Turner
Nays: None

Councilwoman Silvestri-Ehret read the following resolution;

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WEEHAWKEN, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF $1,200,000 THEREFOR, INCLUDING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $775,000 EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $1,142,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEEHAWKEN (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Weehawken, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey (the "Township") as general improvements. For the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance, there is hereby appropriated the sum of $1,200,000 (which is the aggregate amount of the sums of money appropriated for each respective improvement or purpose), including a grant in the amount of $775,000 expected to be received from the United States Department of Justice, and the sum of $58,000 as the down payment for the improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law. The down payment is now available by virtue of the provision for a down payment for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the improvements or purposes not covered by the application of the down payment, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of $1,142,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. The improvements or purposes hereby authorized for which bonds or notes are to be issued, the estimated cost of each improvement or purpose and the appropriation therefor, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each improvement or purpose, and the period of usefulness of each improvement or purpose are as follows:

(a) The Weehawken Police Department Public Safety Communications Project as set forth on the project list filed in the Finance Office, including the purchase and installation of information technology and telecommunications equipment for the Police Department, and all work and materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

APPROPRIATION	BOND AUTHORIZATION	PERIOD OF USEFULNESS
$995,000 (including a grant in the amount of $775,000 expected to be received from the United States Department of Justice)	$947,000	7 years

(b) The purchase of an automotive vehicle and equipment for the Police Department as set forth on the project list filed in the Finance Office.

APPROPRIATION	BOND AUTHORIZATION	PERIOD OF USEFULNESS
$205,000	$195,000	5 years

TOTAL APPROPRIATION	TOTAL BOND AUTHORIZATION	AVERAGE PERIOD OF USEFULNESS
$1,200,000	$1,142,000	6.66 years

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date. The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with the bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the Chief Financial Officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell a part, or all, of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale, and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest, if any, from their dates to the dates of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale of bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses. They are all improvements or purposes that the Township may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the costs thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance, computed on the basis of the amounts of obligations authorized for each improvement or purpose and the reasonable life thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, is 6.66 years.

(c) An aggregate amount not exceeding $115,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost of the improvements or purposes set forth in Section 3 of this bond ordinance.

(d) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and submitted to the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township is increased by $1,142,000 (the amount of the authorization of the obligations provided for in this bond ordinance). The obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 7. The Township reasonably expects to commence the acquisition and/or construction of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance, and to advance all or a portion of the costs in respect thereof, prior to the issuance of bonds or notes hereunder. To the extent such costs are advanced, the Township further reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditures from the proceeds of the obligations authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is intended to be and hereby is a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

Section 8. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 9. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Weehawken that Ordinance # **04-2026** entitled:

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WEEHAWKEN, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF $1,200,000 THEREFOR, INCLUDING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $775,000 EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $1,142,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Hereto for introduced does now pass on first reading and said Ordinance be further considered for final passage at a public hearing to be held at a meeting beginning at 7:00 PM April 8th 2026 at the regular meeting place of the Township Council, and that at such time and place all persons interested to be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance, and that the Township Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to publish said Ordinance according to law.

DATED: March 25th 2026

Councilwoman Lavagnino read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the current contracts of the Township for the COLLECTION and MARKETING of RECYCLABLE MATERIALS with Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc. (Waste Management) (the Waste Management Contracts) are set to expire on or about March 31, 2026 and April 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Township is not in a position to award any new contracts for these services which could commence upon the expiration of the Waste Management Contracts, and the Township is desirous of seeking extensions of the Waste Management Contracts, on a month-to-month basis, for a period up to 4 months from the said expiration dates, in order to accommodate the process of developing appropriate bid specifications for the new contracts and for the public bidding process itself, provided Waste Management is willing to extend same, and the cost of same is reasonable in the judgment of the Township Manager, in consultation with the Township Recycling Consultant, and otherwise on substantially the same terms and conditions as are in effect under the current contracts between the Township and Waste Management; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Township has determined that sufficient funds are available in the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget to fund this obligation, in account # 4114-00-7562 , as evidenced by the attached Certificate of Availability of Funds or, if said funds have not been budgeted, or if this obligation extends beyond the said fiscal year, the Council intends to make appropriate provision in the 2025-2026 and other fiscal year budgets to fund this obligation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Weehawken that the contracts for the COLLECTION and MARKETING of RECYCLABLE MATERIALS with Waste Management be and are hereby extended, on a month-to-month, as needed basis, for a period up to four (4) months following expiration of the current contracts, in order to accommodate the bid specifications development and public bidding process for the new contracts, provided Waste Management is willing to extend same, and the cost of same is reasonable in the judgment of the Township Manager, in consultation with the Township Recycling Consultant, and

otherwise on substantially the same terms and conditions as are in effect under the current contracts between the Township and Waste Management; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Manager shall enter into such extension(s) as are authorized hereunder; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Manager is hereby authorized and directed to arrange for specifications to be drafted by the appropriate municipal employees, with the aid of such professionals as may have been engaged by the Township, and thereafter, to cause to be advertised a Request for Sealed Bids, and to distribute such specifications in the appropriate manner to seek bids for a Contract for the COLLECTION OF, OR FOR THE COLLECTION AND MARKETING or other DISPOSAL OF, RECYCLABLE MATERIALS within the Township, as may determined to be in the best interests of the Township by the Township Manager, in consultation with the Township Attorney/Law Director and the Township's Recycling Consultant.

The Request For Bids shall be substantially in the usual form used by the Township, as may be approved by the Township Law Director, and shall include notice that: (1) bidders must comply with all applicable laws, rules and regulations; (2) they will be required to provide, with their bid, either a certified check or a Bid Bond in the amount of ten per cent (10%) of their bid, but not in excess of twenty thousand dollars ($20,000), and a surety's consent to provide the appropriate performance and payments bonds if the bidder is successful; and (3) that all bonds must be issued by a properly approved and qualified bonding company..

DATED: March 25, 2026

On motion by Councilwoman Lavagnino, seconded by Councilman Sosa, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilpersons Sosa, Silvestri-Ehret, Lavagnino, Curtis, Turner
Nays: None

Councilwoman Lavagnino read the following resolution;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Weehawken that the Township Manager or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to arrange for specifications to be drafted by the appropriate municipal employees, with the aid of such professionals as may have been engaged by the Township and, thereafter, to cause to be advertised a Request for Sealed Bids, and to distribute such specifications in the appropriate manner to seek bids for the **Purchase of the Automotive Gasoline and Diesel Requirements** of the Township for the period from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029, alternatively for periods of one (1), two (2) or for all three (3) of those years.

The Request For Bids shall be substantially in the usual form used by the Township, as may be approved by the Township Attorney, and shall include notice that: A) bidders must comply with all applicable laws, rules and regulations; B) they will be required to provide, with their bid, either a certified check or a Bid Bond in the amount of ten per cent (10%) of their bid, but not in excess of twenty thousand dollars ($20,000), and a surety's consent to provide the appropriate performance and payments bonds if the bidder is successful; and C) that all bonds must be issued by a properly approved and qualified bonding company.

On motion by Councilwoman Lavagnino, seconded by Councilwoman Silvestri-Ehret the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilpersons Sosa, Silvestri-Ehret, Lavagnino, Curtis, Turner
Nays: None

Councilwoman Lavagnino read the following resolution;

WHEREAS, the Township Manager has requested authorization from the Township Council to **have a sale conducted at public auction of certain personal property**, more specifically identified below, which belongs to the Township, utilized by the **Department of Public Works** (DPW) and which is no longer needed by, or useful to, the Township (**Surplus Property**); and

WHEREAS, the Township Council is desirous of selling said Surplus Property (listed in the schedule below) in "as is / where is" condition without express or implied warranties and with certain Minimum Bids / Reserve Prices id and as may be set forth in the schedule below,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Weehawken, County of Hudson, as follows:

(1) The following listed personal property of the Township of Weehawken is hereby determined to be surplus property (and may hereinafter be referred to as the "Surplus Property"), is no longer needed or desired to be owned or maintained by the Township, and therefore, is hereby authorized to be sold.

(2) A list of the Surplus Property to be sold is as follows:

LIC PLATE No.	**MAKE / Model - VIN**	**Year**	**Mileage** ---------- **Condition**	**DEPT**	**Min. Bid / Reserve Price**
MG92567	GMC 3500 - 1GTO2ZCG2BZ414211	2011	_____,000 ---------- Fair / Poor / Runs	DPW $_____	
MG60247	GMC Mason - 1GDJK34U43E210763	2003	_____,000 ---------- Fair / Poor / Runs	DPW $_____	
MG87536	Chev Mason – 1GB6KZBK3AF128369	2010	_____,000 ---------- Fair // Poor / Runs	DPW $_____	
MG87537	Chev Mason - 1GB6KZBK1AF128368	2010	_____,000 ---------- Fair / Poor / Runs	DPW $_____	
MG92588	GMC 3500 - 1GT12ZCG7FZ511683	2012	_____,000 ---------- Fair / Poor / Runs	DPW $_____	
13546MG	GMC 3500 - 1GT321CG7FZ511683	2015	_____,000 ---------- Fair / Poor / Runs	DPW $_____	
MG74479	Dodge Caravan – 1D4GP25E27B220204	2007	_____,000 ---------- Fair / Poor / Runs	DPW $_____	

(3) The sale of the Surplus Property and the Found Property shall be conducted through **Municibid** pursuant to **State Contract** in accordance with the terms and conditions of the State Contract, which is hereby approved and adopted by the Township. The sale will be conducted online. The terms and conditions of the said auction and the address of the auction site can be made available by the Township

Clerk.

(5) The Surplus Property shall be sold in an "as-is" condition without express or implied warranties of any kind. The successful bidder shall be required to execute a Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement in favor of the Township concerning the ownership, operation and use of the Surplus Property purchased.

(6) It shall be the responsibility of the successful bidder in each instance to pay the bid amount as required under the terms and conditions of the auction and to pick the item(s) up from the Township within thirty (30) days following the end of the auction.

(7) The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any bid submitted.

On motion by Councilwoman Lavagnino, seconded by Councilman Curtis the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilpersons Sosa, Silvestri-Ehret, Lavagnino, Curtis, Turner
Nays: None

Councilman Sosa read the following resolution;

WHEREAS, the Township of Weehawken is a member of the Statewide Insurance Fund ("the FUND"), a joint insurance fund as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36, *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the FUND require participating members to appoint a Risk Management Consultant, as that position is defined therein, if requested to do so by the FUND; and

WHEREAS, the FUND has requested its members to appoint a Risk Management Consultant and the Township wishes to do so for its General Insurance Program, for all or substantially all its insurance needs, and to serve as Risk Management Consultant for purposes of the Township's membership in the FUND; and

WHEREAS, the Township has considered proposal(s), as well as the recommendations of the Township officials involved in the selection process, and is satisfied that acceptance of the proposal submitted by **Brown & Brown Metro LLC** [which has previously served the Township in that capacity] to serve as the Township's Risk Management Consultant for a one [1] year period beginning January 1, 2026, is in the best interest of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the fees for services of the Risk Management Consultant are paid from the Statewide Insurance Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Township Manager has certified that the provision of Risk Management Consultant Services qualifies as Extraordinary Unspecifiable Services as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(7) and as evidenced by the attached Certificate; and

WHEREAS, under the Local Public Contract's Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(m), a Contract of this nature may be awarded without competitive bidding where it qualifies as Extraordinary Unspecifiable Services, and that the Contract must be available for public inspection,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Weehawken that **Brown & Brown Metro LLC** be, and is hereby, appointed to serve as Risk Management Consultant for the Township's General Insurance Program and for purposes of the Township's membership in the FUND, for a one [1] year period beginning January 1, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of the Township is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver a contract with **Brown & Brown Metro LLC** under the terms and conditions contained in its proposal and in substantially the form of the current Risk Management Consultant's Agreement, subject to the approval of the Township Attorney as to final form, and the Clerk is to make the contract available immediately thereafter for public inspection as required by law.

This Contract is made without competitive bidding as an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law.

On motion by Councilman Sosa seconded by Councilwoman Silvestri-Ehret, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilpersons Sosa, Silvestri-Ehret, Lavagnino, Curtis, Turner
Nays: None

Councilwoman Lavagnino read the following resolution;

WHEREAS, the Township is a member of the Statewide Insurance Fund (the "Fund"), a joint insurance fund as defined by N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36, *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the Fund's bylaws require each participating member to appoint a Fund Commissioner,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Weehawken that the Township does hereby appoint MARK DENFELD as the Fund Commissioner and further appoints GIOVANNI D. AHMAD as Alternate Fund Commissioner for the Township of Weehawken for the year 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Township's Fund Commissioner (or Alternate Fund Commissioners, and each of them) are hereby authorized to execute and deliver such documents as may be required by the Fund, including but not limited to an application for membership therein on behalf of the Township, following approval thereof by the Township Manager in consultation with the Township Attorney.

DATED: March 25th 2026

On motion by Councilwoman Lavagnino, seconded by Councilwoman Silvestri-Ehret the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilpersons Sosa, Silvestri-Ehret, Lavagnino, Curtis, Turner
Nays: None

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

On motion by Councilman Sosa , seconded by Councilman Curtis , all bills found to be correct and properly audited with all proper exemptions and recusals be paid provided funds are sufficient and appropriated.

Ayes: Sosa, Silvestri-Ehret, Lavagnino, Curtis, Turner
Nays: None

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

At this time Mayor Turner asked the public if anyone wished to address the Council;

Faye Boatright ***9 Bellevue Terrace- Low credit rating, transparency, no Starbucks Taxes, Wilson School***

There being no further business to come before the Township Council, motion was duly made and seconded to adjourn. So moved.

Mayor Turner announced the next Regular Meeting will be held on April 8th 2026

ADJOURNMENT: 8:00 PM