

MARCH 3, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Runnemede was held on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. The following members were present at roll call: Mayor Kappatos; Council members: Passio, Kelly, Farrell, Cepero, & White. Absent: Murray. Borough Solicitor, Daniel Long; Borough Engineer, Mark Basehore & CFO, Shelley Strehle. Additional attendee(s): Deputy Higareda and Chief Sampolski.

STATEMENT: Mayor Kappatos read the notice of this meeting pursuant to the "Open Public Meetings Act."

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Passio, seconded by Farrell, that the minutes of the meetings 12/30/2026 and 01/02/2026 be approved as submitted by the Deputy clerk. The motion carried and Mayor Kappatos declared the minutes approved.

LICENSE APPROVAL: A used car lot application was received from Bellmawr Collision. The Borough Clerk confirmed all paperwork was in order. A motion was made by Passio, seconded by White, to approve the license. Mayor Kappatos requested a voice vote, resulting in 5 ayes.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 26-49: Authorizing The Release of A Maintenance Bond For Runnemede CVS Pharmacy, Inc. #836

A motion was made by Passio, seconded by Farrell, to adopt the resolution. The motion carried and Mayor Kappatos requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Passio, Kelly, Farrell, Cepero & White. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Murray. Mayor Kappatos declared the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION 26-50: Confirming Employment Status

A motion was made by Kelly, seconded by Passio, to adopt the resolution. The motion carried and Mayor Kappatos requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Passio, Kelly, Farrell, Cepero & White. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Murray. Mayor Kappatos declared the resolution adopted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION: Councilman Murray was absent. Ms. Strehle spoke in his absence about various budget and finance documents that are due within the next couple of weeks.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilwoman Kelly gave various statistics for each department.

PUBLIC EVENTS: Council President Passio gave details for upcoming events.

ENGINEERING: Councilman Farrell said he would rely on his Caucus report.

PUBLIC WORKS & CONSTRUCTION: Councilman White commended Public Works on their handling of snow removal and said they are progressing into the spring season.

Ms. Passio mentioned pet licenses are due March 31st.

PARKS & RECREATION: Councilman Cepero said he would rely on his Caucus report and mentioned that the RYAA cancer weekend was a great success.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. Long had nothing to report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Mr. Basehore said he would rely on his Caucus report and noted that CDBG applications are due 03/27. There was a discussion about which streets need work. Ms. Strehle suggested meeting with Mr. Wozunk before finalizing a roadway.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: A motion was made by Passio, seconded by Cepero, that the list of bills as submitted by the treasurer be approved for payment along with the monthly contractual bills when they become due. The motion carried and Mayor Kappatos requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Passio, Kelly, Farrell, Cepero & White. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Murray. Mayor Kappatos declared the bill list approved.

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GOOD AND WELFARE

Rebecca Naphys, Runnemedede: Ms. Naphys was concerned about the backyard chicken ordinance and videos posted to social media, showing rats in a coop. Mayor Kappatos addressed her concerns, explaining the process and the steps the town has taken to fix the situation.

Heather Farrell & Jennifer Ruiz, Runnemedede Chicken Advisory Board: Ms. Farrell and Ms. Ruiz spoke about the issue that was brought to their attention. Ms. Farrell mentioned that the only way for the town or the Chicken Board to know about issues is for people to contact either the Borough or the Board directly, so someone can take action.

Seeing no one else wishing to speak, a motion was made by Passio, seconded by Cepero to close the good and welfare portion of the meeting. The motion carried and Mayor Kappatos declared that portion of the meeting closed.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before Mayor and Council, a motion was made by Passio, seconded by Kelly, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and Mayor Kappatos declared the meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Approved by:


Nick Kappatos, Mayor

Attest:


Amanda Higareda, Deputy Borough Clerk

Range of Checking Accts: First to Last Range of Check Dates: 02/25/26 to 12/31/26
Report Type: All Checks Report Format: Condensed Check Type: Computer: Y Manual: Y Dir Deposit: Y

Check #	Check Date	Vendor	Amount Paid	Reconciled/Void	Ref Num
PO #		Description			Contract
CLEARING		CLEARING ACCOUNT ALL FUNDS			
30252	02/26/26	DANDR005 DANDREA CONSTRUCTION CO INC			6443
		25-01179 HARRY WILLIAMS BLDG ADDITION	174,335.63		
30253	03/02/26	BOROU057 BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON			6446
		26-00221 VEHICLE FUEL PD FD DPW SEWER	0.00		
30254	03/03/26	1STCOLCD 1ST COLONIAL COMM BANK VISA			6448
		26-00269 SENIOR MEETING SUPPLIES	54.71		
30255	03/03/26	AMAZO005 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC			6448
		25-01326 uniform allowance Thomas	14.00-		
		26-00138 UNIFORM ALLOWANCE J ANGELUCCI	685.81		
		26-00139 UNIFORM ALLOWANCE B MURRAY	32.99		
		26-00140 MOKO CASE	157.67		
		26-00144 PLOW MARKERS, AMBER, GREEN/AMBER	650.91		
		26-00161 PLOW MRKRS, BK UP HORNS, OFFICE	471.52		
		26-00172 Uniform Allowance BZimmer	159.99		
		26-00173 UNIFORM ALLOWANCE M WOOLLEN	371.82		
		26-00222 UNIFORM ALLOWANCE B MURRAY	326.27		
		26-00223 UNIFORM ALLOWANCE E SPEAKMAN	95.28		
		26-00224 CONFINED SPACE SIGNS	350.67		
		26-00247 UNIFORM ALLOWANCE W ORTIZ	54.03		
		26-00250 SEWER SAFETY SUPP;AWNING RPLC	844.88		
			<u>4,187.84</u>		
30256	03/03/26	ARHAS005 ARH ASSOCIATES, CIVIL SOLUTIONS			6448
		25-00061 2025 TAX MAP MAINT&GIS SUPPORT	250.00		
30257	03/03/26	ATLASFLA ATLAS FLASHER & SUPPLY CO INC			6448
		26-00263 CROSSING GUARD SUPPLIES	155.00		
30258	03/03/26	BEAUTI01 BEAUTIFUL RAGS			6448
		26-00157 Shop Supplies	776.50		
30259	03/03/26	BOROU057 BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON			6448
		26-00110 EMS SSA 2026	14,038.00		
30260	03/03/26	BOROU059 BOROUGH OF BELLMAWR			6448
		26-00042 TRASH COLLECTION SSA 2026	31,052.01		
30261	03/03/26	CASERTAC CHRISTINE CASERTA VMD			6448
		26-00074 2026 RABIES CLINIC	500.00		
30262	03/03/26	COMCAST COMCAST			6448
		26-00155 A/C 16028 INTERNET SVC SCOUT	178.69		
30263	03/03/26	COUNTYCO COUNTY CONSERVATION COMPANY			6448
		26-00091 yard Waste Disposal	120.00		
		26-00125 Yard Waste Disposal	229.48		

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PO #		Description			Contract
CLEARING CLEARING ACCOUNT ALL FUNDS Continued					
30263		COUNTY CONSERVATION COMPANY	Continued		
		26-00148 Road Sand	91.00		
		26-00185 Yard Waste Disposal	50.00		
		26-00254 Yard Waste Disposal	<u>30.00</u>		
			520.48		
30264	03/03/26	FIRES010 FIRE AND SAFETY SERVICES LTD			6448
		26-00183 SD7 OFFICER SEATBELT	361.34		
30265	03/03/26	GENERA50 GENERAL CODE			6448
		26-00145 MUNI CLERK TEXTBK SUPPLEMENTS	175.00		
30266	03/03/26	GLOUCE60 GLOUCESTER CO POLICE ACADEMY			6448
		26-00266 TRAINING - PTL THOMAS	150.00		
30267	03/03/26	HOMEDEPO HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES			6448
		26-00197 PVC Pipe for Brine	137.86		
		26-00234 4-4x4x8	<u>341.22</u>		
			479.08		
30268	03/03/26	HOUPE005 HOUPERT TRUCK SERVICE			6448
		26-00136 Vac Truck DOT Inspection	2,114.18		
30269	03/03/26	INDEP005 INDEPENDENT ANIMAL CARE SVCLLC			6448
		26-00041 ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES 2026	600.00		
30270	03/03/26	JOYCE060 JOYCEMEDIA LLC			6448
		26-00032 MEDIA PLATFORM COMMUNICATIONS	500.00		
30271	03/03/26	LOCAL010 LOCAL IT AND SECURITY LLC			6448
		26-00033 TOTAL IT CARE 2026	2,488.00		
30272	03/03/26	MARINO50 MARINO'S PIZZA INC			6448
		26-00246 FOOD SENIOR MEETING 2/21/26	65.00		
30273	03/03/26	MARTI005 MARTIN WEBLABS LLC			6448
		26-00186 SOCIAL MEDIA SVC JAN 2026	220.00		
30274	03/03/26	MATTBEND MATTHEW BENDER & CO INC			6448
		26-00264 LEXISNEXIS RENEWAL	79.00		
30275	03/03/26	NJAWC NEW JERSEY-AMERICAN WATER CO.,			6448
		26-00156 WATER SUPPLY&SVC HYDRANTS	10,033.20		
30276	03/03/26	NJSLM NEW JERSEY STATE LEAGUE OF MUN			6448
		26-00040 2026 MEMBERSHP DUES	803.00		
30277	03/03/26	RUNNEM30 RUNNEMEDE HEATING CO INC			6448
		26-00251 HOT WATER HEATER 3RD BORO HALL	3,280.00		
30278	03/03/26	SJGAS SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY			6448
		26-00275 NATURAL GAS SUPPLY & SVC BLDGS	12,806.42		

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CLEARING CLEARING ACCOUNT ALL FUNDS Continued					
30279	03/03/26	SUBURBAN SUBURBAN AUTO RADIO INC 26-00262 MAINTENANCE	116.60		6448
30280	03/03/26	USBAN005 US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE 26-00009 CONSTRUCTION OFF COPIER LEASE	115.00		6448
30281	03/03/26	USBAN005 US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE 26-00008 COURT OFFICE COPIER LEASE	59.00		6448
30282	03/03/26	USBAN005 US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE 26-00010 BH FRONT OFFICE COPIER LEASE	169.00		6448
30283	03/03/26	USBAN005 US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE 26-00012 POLICE CLERK COPIER LEASE	149.00		6448
30284	03/03/26	USBAN005 US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE 26-00013 BH MIDDLE OFFICE COPIER LEASE	171.00		6448
30285	03/03/26	USBAN005 US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE 26-00014 PUBLIC WORKS COPIER LEASE	131.00		6448
30286	03/03/26	USBAN005 US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE 26-00015 PD PATROL OFFICE COPIER LEASE	125.00		6448
30287	03/03/26	VERIZWIR VERIZON WIRELESS 26-00282 CELL, TABLET, MODEM SVC PWKS0577 26-00283 CELL, TABLET, MODEM SVC PDX5760	120.03 <u>231.15</u> 351.18		6448
30288	03/03/26	VFIS0050 VFIS 26-00268 VOLUNTEER ACCIDENT&SICKNESS IN	1,348.00		6448

Checking Account Totals	Paid	Void	Amount Paid	Amount Void
Checks:	37	0	262,937.86	0.00
Direct Deposit:	0	0	0.00	0.00
Total:	37	0	262,937.86	0.00

WIRES - CURRENT current fund wire account

20139	03/02/26	HEART005 HEARTLAND PAYMENT SYSTEMS LLC 26-00050 COURT CREDIT CARD FEES 2026	592.86		6444
20140	03/02/26	BOROU057 BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON 26-00221 VEHICLE FUEL PD FD DPW SEWER	616.26	03/02/26 VOID	6445 (Void Reason: DO OVER)

Checking Account Totals	Paid	Void	Amount Paid	Amount Void
Checks:	1	1	592.86	616.26
Direct Deposit:	0	0	0.00	0.00
Total:	1	1	592.86	616.26

Check #	Check Date	Vendor	Reconciled/Void	Ref Num
PO #	Description	Amount Paid	Contract	
WIRES - PAYROLL PAYROLL ACCOUNT WIRE PAYMENTS				
169	03/02/26	POLICE50 POLICE & FIREMEN'S RETIREMENT		6447
26-00277	PFRS ANNUAL PAYMENT	609,505.00		
170	03/02/26	PUBLIC40 PUBLIC EMP RETIREMENT SYSTEM		6447
26-00276	PERS ANNUAL PAYMENT	184,268.00		
Checking Account Totals				
		<u>Paid</u>	<u>Void</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
	Checks:	2	0	793,773.00
	Direct Deposit:	0	0	0.00
	Total:	2	0	793,773.00
WIRES-UCC TRUST UCC TRUST FUND WIRE ACCOUNT				
42	02/25/26	BORORCUR BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE CURRENT		6442
26-00118	EMPLOYERS DCRP,PERS,HEALTH INS	3,806.42		
Checking Account Totals				
		<u>Paid</u>	<u>Void</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
	Checks:	1	0	3,806.42
	Direct Deposit:	0	0	0.00
	Total:	1	0	3,806.42
Report Totals				
		<u>Paid</u>	<u>Void</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
	Checks:	41	1	1,061,110.14
	Direct Deposit:	0	0	0.00
	Total:	41	1	1,061,110.14

Totals by Year-Fund Fund Description	Fund	Budget Total	Revenue Total	G/L Total	Total
GENERAL FUND	5-01	395.99	0.00	0.00	395.99
GENERAL FUND	6-01	875,993.85	0.00	0.00	875,993.85
SEWER UTILITY FUND	6-07	<u>5,714.45</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5,714.45</u>
Year Total:		881,708.30	0.00	0.00	881,708.30
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	C-04	174,335.63	0.00	0.00	174,335.63
DOG TRUST FUND	T-03	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
UCC TRUST FUND	T-22	<u>4,170.22</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4,170.22</u>
Year Total:		4,670.22	0.00	0.00	4,670.22
Total of All Funds:		<u>1,061,110.14</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,061,110.14</u>

**BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE
TREASURER'S REPORT FEBRUARY 28, 2026**

CURRENT FUND RECEIPTS:	February	Year to Date
TAXES:		
Prepaid 2027 Taxes	0.00	0.00
2026 Taxes	4,317,239.91	5,768,396.85
2025 Taxes	37,296.07	188,353.92
Homestead Benefit/Sr. Cit. & Vet. Programs	0.00	0.00
Other Prior Year Taxes/Arrears	0.00	316.99
Interest&Costs on Taxes(incl dup lien redemp cert, cost of sale fees)	4,202.36	12,064.90
6% Year End Penalty	630.27	5,558.62
Total Taxes	4,359,368.61	5,974,691.28
GRANTS:		
Municipal Alliance Grant	0.00	0.00
Municipal Alliance Youth Leadership Grant	0.00	0.00
Body Armor Grant - State	0.00	1,908.21
Clean Communities Grant	0.00	0.00
Distracted Driving Statewide Crackdown	0.00	0.00
DWI Patrol - Camden County	0.00	0.00
Firefighters Assistance Grant	0.00	0.00
Fire Safety Grant	0.00	0.00
DWI Patrol - New Jersey	0.00	0.00
Local Recreation Improvement Grant	0.00	77,000.00
Community Development Block Grant	0.00	0.00
ARP Firefighters Grant	0.00	0.00
Recycling Tonnage Grant	0.00	0.00
NJ DOT FY2023 FORREST PH2 PAYNE & HARDING	0.00	0.00
NJ DOT FY2024 WILLIAMS SHERRINGTON	0.00	0.00
Sustainable Jersey Grant	0.00	0.00
NJPDES Stormwater Water Quality Mgmt Map	0.00	0.00
BulletProof Vest federal	0.00	0.00
JIF Safety Incentive Grant	0.00	0.00
Body Worn Cameras	0.00	0.00
Open Space Grant-Recreation	0.00	0.00
Open Space Grant-Historical	0.00	0.00
Safe & Secure Comm. Grant	0.00	0.00
Unappropriated grant funding	0.00	0.00
Total Grants	0.00	78,908.21

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OTHER REVENUES:	February	Year to Date
Alcoholic Beverage Licenses	0.00	0.00
Clerks Licenses	160.00	460.00
Cannibas License	0.00	0.00
Tower License	0.00	0.00
Fees & Permits - Other	10.00	10.00
Tax Searches	10.00	30.00
Planning Board Application Fee	0.00	0.00
Police Department	385.00	795.00
Vital Statistic Fees	2,300.00	5,510.00
Zoning Permit Fee	1,150.00	1,300.00
Business License	1,800.00	4,925.00
Housing Fees-BHI SLCHIP	0.00	0.00
Change of Occupancy Inspection fees	1,700.00	3,550.00
NJ L.E.A. Fees	1,113.00	2,988.00
Hotel Tax	2,237.04	4,596.96
Abandoned Property Registration Fee	900.00	1,800.00
Property Maintenance	0.00	0.00
Municipal Court Fines	4,897.16	9,126.28
Interest on Deposits	4,157.46	7,986.54
Cable TV Franchise Fee	7,089.95	31,246.01
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	17,953.32	17,953.32
Street Opening Fees	1,300.00	2,700.00
E.M.S. Billing	0.00	0.00
Recycle Revenue	0.00	0.00
Property Lease	3,400.00	15,903.50
Local Cannibas Tax	0.00	87,063.65
Insurance Dividend	0.00	4,261.00
Runsen House	0.00	0.00
LFRF ARP COVID relief	0.00	0.00
Energy Receipts Tax	0.00	0.00
Supplemental Energy Tax Receipts/Municipal Relief Fund	0.00	0.00
Reserve for Municipal Relief Fund Aid	0.00	0.00
SRO RUNNEMEDE BOARD OF EDUCATION SSA	5,659.50	11,319.00
MAGNOLIA I/L DPW SUPERINTENDENT	0.00	0.00
COURT INTERLOCAL	0.00	0.00
SOMERDALE INTERLOCAL-COURT FACILITIES	2,500.00	2,500.00
TRITON INTERLOCAL POLICE SSA	0.00	0.00
DMV Agreement	0.00	0.00
Con. Mun. Prop. Tax Relief Act	0.00	0.00
NJ Transportation Trust Fund	0.00	0.00
Sale of Municipal Assets	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated	7,611.95	11,540.13
Surplus Anticipated	0.00	0.00
Due To CCMUA	0.00	0.00
Total Other Revenue	66,334.38	227,564.39
TOTAL CURRENT FUND REVENUE:	4,425,702.99	6,281,163.88

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DISBURSEMENTS:	February	Year to Date
Salary & Wages	227,256.26	461,513.72
Shared Services personnel exp: COURT ADMIN direct	4,540.62	9,081.23
Shared Services personnel+operating exp: COURT SVC SSA	14,083.79	14,156.77
Shared Services personnel expenses: SRO, DMV,EMS	29,952.10	51,485.50
Shared Services personnel expenses: PWKS SUPR	0.00	0.00
Other Expenses	265,014.21	623,091.16
Appropriation Reserves	54,157.39	336,828.55
Local School Taxes	705,767.33	1,411,534.66
Regional School Taxes	338,946.00	677,892.00
County Taxes	1,227,929.54	1,227,929.54
County Taxes-Pilot %	897.67	897.67
Debt Service	0.00	164,062.50
Accounts Payable	0.00	0.00
State of NJ-Marriage License	0.00	0.00
Refund Tax Overpayments	0.00	0.00
Refund EMS Billing	0.00	0.00
Refund of Court Fees	0.00	0.00
Refund of Clerk Fees	0.00	0.00
General Capital Account-Capital Improvement Fund	0.00	0.00
Due to CCMUA	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00
TOTAL CURRENT FUND DISBURSEMENTS:	2,868,544.91	4,978,473.30

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SEWER FUND RECEIPTS:	February	Year to Date
Sewer Fees 2026	1,113.01	1,113.01
Sewer Fees-2025	3,388.99	25,102.16
Sewer Fees-Prepaid 2027	0.00	0.00
Arrears/Other	2,753.07	4,659.40
Interest & Costs	313.51	1,568.64
Connection Fees	27,350.00	27,350.00
Interest on Deposits	247.04	600.51
MRNA Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated -07-08-503-698	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Revenues -0708505699	0.00	750.00
Surplus Anticipated	0.00	0.00
TOTAL SEWER FUND REVENUE:	35,165.62	61,143.72
DISBURSEMENTS:	February	Year to Date
Salaries & Wages	36,935.36	73,455.45
Other Expenses	3,612.22	8,995.97
Debt Service	0.00	79,365.00
Statutory Expenditures	2,623.25	5,209.78
Accounts Payable	0.00	0.00
Refund Sewer Overpayments	0.00	0.00
Appropriation Reserves	1,318.28	69,809.67
Sewer Capital Improvement	0.00	0.00
TOTAL SEWER FUND DISBURSEMENTS:	44,489.11	236,835.87

