

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
BOROUGH OF DEMAREST**

**SINE DIE MEETING**

**January 5, 2026**

**3:00 PM**

The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, have been satisfied by the publication of the date, time and place of this annual Reorganization meeting in in the Record and Star Ledger on December 4, 2025, notice posted at Borough Hall, on the Borough website was filed in the office of the Borough Clerk.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Bernstein, Council President Slowikowski, Councilmember Collins, Councilmember Fox, Councilmember Jiang, Councilmember Marks, Councilmember Reiss

**Roll Call:**

Present:

Absent:

Also Present:

**Consent Agenda**

Mayor Bernstein asks if any member would like to have any resolution removed from the consent agenda and voted on separately.

Mayor Bernstein asks if any member would like to abstain from voting on any resolution on the consent agenda.

Mayor Bernstein asks for a motion to accept the consent agenda (with any abstentions noted)

**Consent Agenda:**

Resolution No. 234-25

Authorizing Transfer of 2025 Budget Appropriations

Resolution No. 235-25

Payment of Bills

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

**Roll Call:**

**Minutes for approval:**

July 28, 2025

Regular Meeting

Closed Session

August 11, 2025

Work Session Meeting

Closed Session

September 8, 2025

Work Session

Closed Session

September 29, 2025

Closed Session

October 27, 2025

Closed Session Meeting

December 29, 2025

Regular Meeting

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

**Roll Call:**

Meeting Open to the Public

Adjournment

**Resolution of the Demarest Governing Body**

**Resolution No. 234-25**

**January 5, 2026**

| <b>Council Member</b> | <b>Motion</b> | <b>Second</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Abstain</b> | <b>Absent</b> |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|------------|-----------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>Slowikowski</b>    |               |               |            |           |                |               |
| <b>Collins</b>        |               |               |            |           |                |               |
| <b>Fox</b>            |               |               |            |           |                |               |
| <b>Jiang</b>          |               |               |            |           |                |               |
| <b>Marks</b>          |               |               |            |           |                |               |
| <b>Reiss</b>          |               |               |            |           |                |               |

**TITLE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF 2025 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS**

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**WHEREAS**, N.J.S. 40A:4-58 provides that should it become necessary, during the last two months of the fiscal year to expend for any of the purposes specified in the budget an amount in excess of the respective sums appropriated over and above the amount deemed to be necessary to fulfill the purpose of such appropriation, the Governing Body may by resolution setting forth the facts (adopted by not less than 2/3 vote of the full membership thereof) transfer the amount of such excess of those appropriations deemed to be insufficient.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Demarest that the transfer attached in the 2025 Budget Appropriations are authorized:

**Approved:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Brian Bernstein, Mayor**

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Julie Falkenstern, Borough Clerk, of the Borough of Demarest, in the County of Bergen and the State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true copy of the original resolution duly passed and adopted by the Governing Body at the meeting on January 5, 2026

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Julie Falkenstern, RMC**

Resolution No. 234-25 Budget Transfers

| <u>Account</u>           | <u>From</u>      | <u>To</u>        |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| General Administration   |                  |                  |
| Salaries and Wages       |                  | \$ 14,000        |
| Financial Administration |                  |                  |
| Salaries and Wages       |                  | 3,000            |
| Insurance                |                  |                  |
| Employee Group Health    | \$ 60,000        |                  |
| Streets and Roads        |                  |                  |
| Salaries and Wages       |                  | 55,000           |
| Utilities                |                  |                  |
| Gas (Natural or Propane) |                  | 1,000            |
| Municipal Court          |                  |                  |
| Salaries and Wages       | <u>13,000</u>    | <u>-</u>         |
|                          | <u>\$ 73,000</u> | <u>\$ 73,000</u> |

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| <b>Marks</b>          |               |               |            |           |                |               |
| <b>Reiss</b>          |               |               |            |           |                |               |

**TITLE: PAYMENT OF BILLS**

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**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Demarest that the following bills in the sum of \$618,178.00 on bill list dated 12/31/25 have been approved and authorized for payment and the that the Mayor, Borough Clerk and Borough Treasurer are hereby authorized to issue warrants in payment of same.

**Approved:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Brian Bernstein, Mayor**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
**Julie Falkenstern, RMC**

P.O. Type: All  
Range: First  
Format: Condensed  
Vendors: All  
Rcvd Batch Id Range: First to Last

Include Project Line Items: Yes  
to Last  
Received Date Range: 12/29/25 to 12/31/25  
Include Non-Budgeted: Y

Open: N  
Paid: Y  
Rcvd: Y  
Bid: Y  
Held: N  
State: Y  
Void: N  
Aprv: N  
Other: Y  
Exempt: Y

| Vendor # | Name                          | PO #     | PO Date  | Description                    | Status | Amount     | Void Amount | Contract | PO Type |
|----------|-------------------------------|----------|----------|--------------------------------|--------|------------|-------------|----------|---------|
| AMAZ005  | AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES       | 25-02069 | 12/30/25 | borough coffee pods            | Open   | 37.99      | 0.00        |          |         |
| AQUAC010 | AQUA COOLERS, LLC             | 25-02070 | 12/30/25 | DECEMBER INVOICE               | Open   | 230.31     | 0.00        |          |         |
| BORO0010 | BORO OF DEMAREST PAYROLL      | 25-02064 | 12/29/25 | 12.30.25 pr                    | Clsd   | 258,744.34 | 0.00        |          |         |
| CHIES005 | CHIESA SHAHINIAN & GIANTOMASI | 25-02075 | 12/30/25 | 32 BROOKSIDE PROF SVCS         | Open   | 75.00      | 0.00        |          |         |
|          |                               | 25-02076 | 12/30/25 | 8 GLENWOOD AVE PROF SVCS       | Open   | 45.00      | 0.00        |          |         |
|          |                               | 25-02077 | 12/30/25 | SERVICE/ MONTHLY FEE           | Open   | 700.00     | 0.00        |          |         |
|          |                               |          |          |                                |        | 820.00     |             |          |         |
| CLIFF005 | CLIFFSIDE BODY CORP.          | 25-02082 | 12/31/25 | DPW plow parts/repair          | Open   | 1,504.44   | 0.00        |          |         |
| COLLI010 | COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN | 25-02072 | 12/30/25 | DEB001A GENERAL PLANNING       | Open   | 288.75     | 0.00        |          |         |
|          |                               | 25-02073 | 12/30/25 | DEB005A HEFSP VACANT LAND ASSE | Open   | 1,304.49   | 0.00        |          |         |
|          |                               | 25-02080 | 12/31/25 | DEP0143 35 ROBIN RD            | Open   | 570.00     | 0.00        |          |         |
|          |                               | 25-02081 | 12/31/25 | DEP0224 15 BRENNER PLACE       | Open   | 500.00     | 0.00        |          |         |
|          |                               |          |          |                                |        | 2,663.24   |             |          |         |
| COOPE010 | COOPER POWER SYSTEMS          | 25-02037 | 12/22/25 | generator service              | Open   | 647.36     | 0.00        |          |         |
| DLSCO005 | DLS CONTRACTING INC           | 25-00541 | 02/24/25 | BLANKET PO STEWART&STELFOX ST  | Open   | 300,000.00 | 0.00        |          | B       |
|          |                               | 25-02071 | 12/30/25 | DEB0064 PMT#3 RIVERSIDE COOP   | Open   | 4,596.14   | 0.00        |          |         |
|          |                               |          |          |                                |        | 304,596.14 |             |          |         |
| EBEMP005 | EB EMPLOYEE SOLUTIONS, LLC    | 25-02083 | 12/29/25 | DIFFERENCE CARD DEC FEE        | Open   | 1,520.95   | 0.00        |          |         |
|          |                               | 25-02084 | 12/31/25 | DEC DIFF CARD EMPLOYEE BILLING | Open   | 5,058.34   | 0.00        |          |         |
|          |                               |          |          |                                |        | 6,579.29   |             |          |         |
| FBOLE005 | FBI-LEEDA                     | 25-02067 | 12/30/25 | SLI WAYNE TRAINING CLASS       | Open   | 795.00     | 0.00        |          |         |
| IMCLE005 | I-M CLEANING, INC             | 25-02068 | 12/30/25 | DEC 2025 CLEANING SERVICE      | Open   | 2,600.00   | 0.00        |          |         |
| JENNI010 | JENNIFER R. JACOBUS, ESQ.     | 25-02079 | 12/31/25 | tax appeal refund 10 Borgert   | Open   | 4,986.08   | 0.00        |          |         |

| Vendor #               | Name                     | PO #     | PO Date                | Description                    | Status | Amount             | Void Amount | Contract           | PO Type |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|---------|
| TMOBI005               | T-MOBILE                 | 25-02074 | 12/30/25               | A#990625644 11/21/25-12/20/25  | Open   | 297.17             | 0.00        |                    |         |
| VANDI005               | VAN DINE MOTORS          | 25-02085 | 12/31/25               | PLOW PARTS + HARDWARE          | Open   | 1,027.88           | 0.00        |                    |         |
| WOODL005               | WOODLANDS HOLDING CO LLC | 25-02078 | 12/31/25               | 1st/2nd Qtr overpmt B119 L1.51 | Open   | 32,648.76          | 0.00        |                    |         |
| Total Purchase Orders: |                          | 22       | Total P.O. Line Items: |                                | 0      | Total List Amount: | 618,178.00  | Total Void Amount: | 0.00    |

| Totals by Year-Fund |      |              |               |           |            |
|---------------------|------|--------------|---------------|-----------|------------|
| Fund Description    | Fund | Budget Total | Revenue Total | G/L Total | Total      |
|                     | 5-01 | 269,337.82   | 0.00          | 37,634.84 | 306,972.66 |
|                     | 5-06 | 0.00         | 0.00          | 4,114.71  | 4,114.71   |
|                     | 5-12 | 0.00         | 0.00          | 1,304.49  | 1,304.49   |
| Year Total:         |      | 269,337.82   | 0.00          | 43,054.04 | 312,391.86 |
|                     | C-04 | 304,596.14   | 0.00          | 0.00      | 304,596.14 |
|                     | T-13 | 1,190.00     | 0.00          | 0.00      | 1,190.00   |
| Total of All Funds: |      | 575,123.96   | 0.00          | 43,054.04 | 618,178.00 |

A **consent agenda** bundles routine, non-controversial items (like meeting minutes, standard appointments, previously budget and routine payments, or minor permit approvals) into a single package, allowing the governing body to approve them all with one motion and vote, saving time for strategic discussions on more complex issues. Items are pre-vetted by staff and members; any member can pull an item for separate discussion and a separate vote, or abstain on any particular item while still casting one vote on the balance of the items but otherwise, they pass without debate as a block.