

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF DEMAREST
WORK SESSION AGENDA**

January 12, 2026

7:30 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 inclusion of the date, time and place of this meeting in the annual schedule of meetings of this Governing Body. Such schedule of meetings was published as required by law and is posted at Borough Hall, on the Borough website and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Roll Call:

Present:

Absent:

Also Present:

ORDINANCE (INTRODUCTION): (none)

ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING (ADOPTION): (none)

Work Session Discussion Items:

Engineering Report

Downtown Redevelopment-Former Bank Building

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. 032-26 Appointment of Labor Counsel for 2026
- Resolution No. 033-26 Finance Department Salaries
- Resolution No. 034-26 Mutual Aid and Rapid Deployment
- Resolution No. 035-26 Return of Escrow
- Resolution No. 036-26 Capital Purchase – Public Works
- Resolution No. 037-26 Capital Purchase – Police Department

A motion was made by _____ and seconded by _____

Roll Call:

Approval of Minutes:

January 5, 2026 Sine Die and Reorganization Meetings

A motion was made by _____ and seconded by _____

Roll Call:

Meeting Open to the Public

Closed Session Resolution

Adjournment

Resolution of the Demarest Governing Body

Resolution No. 032-26

January 12, 2026

Council Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Slowikowski						
Carmeli						
Collins						
Fox						
Marks						
Reiss						

TITLE: RESOLUTION APPOINTING LABOR ATTORNEY

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WHEREAS, the Borough of Demarest requires the professional service of an attorney to serve as Labor Counsel; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to appoint Deena Rosendahl, Esq., of Cleary Jacobbe Alfieri Jacobs LLC, 169 Ramapo Valley Road, Upper Level - Suite 105, Oakland, NJ 07436 as Labor Counsel for the year 2026; and

WHEREAS, the appointment and the contract are exempted from the competitive bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, (NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq.) as "Professional Services," pursuant to NJSA 40A:11-5 (1)(a); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have chosen to award this contract as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract is one (1) year; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Demarest that the above appointment is hereby ratified and confirmed and the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute a contract on behalf of the Borough of Demarest, said contract to be in the form as approved by the Borough Attorney; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the vendor shall supply the Borough of Demarest with Federal Affirmative Action Plan Approval or State Certificate of Employee Information Report within the time period specified by NJAC 17:27; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Notice of this action shall be published in the newspaper, The Bergen Record, within ten (10) days of adoption

APPROVED:

Mayor Brian Bernstein

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 12, 2026

Julie Falkenstern, RMC
Borough Clerk

Resolution of the Demarest Governing Body

Resolution No. 033-26

January 12, 2026

Council Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Slowikowski						
Carmeli						
Collins						
Fox						
Marks						
Reiss						

TITLE: A RESOLUTION TO ADJUST SALARIES IN THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Demarest that the following salary adjustments be made to account for extra work performed by the Borough Finance Department Employees:

Andrea Diekmann Johe one time payment \$11,250.00
Shivam Patel one time payment to adjust 2025 salary to \$55,000 retroactive to 10/1/2025
Shivam Patel Finance Assistant 2026 Annual Salary shall be set at \$60,000

APPROVED:

Mayor Brian Bernstein

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Resolution of the Demarest Governing Body

Resolution No. 034-26

January 12, 2026

Council Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Slowikowski						
Carmeli						
Collins						
Fox						
Marks						
Reiss						

TITLE: MUTUAL AID PLAN & RAPID DEPLOYMENT FORCE INTERLOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT

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WHEREAS, the police departments in Bergen County have a day-to-day responsibility to provide for the security of lives and property, for the maintenance and preservation of the public peace and order, and

WHEREAS, Law Enforcement Officials also have a responsibility to provide for preparedness against natural emergencies, such as floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, major storms, etc., man-made causes, civil unrest, and civil disobedience such as riot, strikes, jail or prison riots, train wrecks, aircraft crashes, major fires, ethnic disorders, riots, terrorist incidents and bombings, state and national emergencies, and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Police Chiefs Association has proposed a Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force to deal with these emergencies, and

WHEREAS, this Plan is adopted in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.I, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.4 and N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40.6, and

WHEREAS, this Plan will provide a uniform procedure for the coordination of the requesting, dispatching, and utilization of law enforcement personnel and equipment whenever a local law enforcement agency requires mutual aid assistance from any other jurisdiction, both contiguous and non-contiguous, in the event of an emergency, riot or disorder, in order to protect life and property, and

WHEREAS, it is also recognized that the Demarest Police Department Chief of Police, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-18 and under the authority of the Bergen County Prosecutor, has the authority to assign officers to a Task Force, Rapid Deployment Team, or Regional SWAT Team operated in conjunction with the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Demarest to participate in a Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force in accordance with the Plan as submitted by the Bergen County Police Chiefs Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Demarest that the Police Department of the Borough of Demarest, under the direction of the Chief of Police, cooperate with the Bergen County Police Chiefs Association to create an Interlocal Services Agreement with all municipalities in the County of Bergen in order to put into place the Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the Resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, the Board of County Commissioners, the County Prosecutor, and all municipalities in the County of Bergen.

APPROVED:

Mayor Brian Bernstein

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Resolution of the Demarest Governing Body

Resolution No. 035-26

January 12, 2026

Council Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Slowikowski						
Carmeli						
Collins						
Fox						
Marks						
Reiss						

TITLE: RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZING ACTION TO RELEASE ESCROW

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WHEREAS, the following applicant(s) posted escrow monies with the Borough for payment to Borough professionals in conjunction with development and/or tree removal; and

WHEREAS, Borough Professionals have determined that all required improvements have been satisfactorily completed and all fees due for services rendered have been received;

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Yael Cohen	38 Evergreen Pl.	13-7000-00-7224-06	\$25,610.40
		13-8000-00-8224-06	\$1,006.77

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer is and hereby authorized to return the balance of escrow monies to the applicant(s).

APPROVED:

Mayor Brian Bernstein

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Borough Clerk

Resolution of the Demarest Governing Body

Resolution No. 036-26

January 12, 2026

Council Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Slowikowski						
Carmeli						
Collins						
Fox						
Marks						
Reiss						

TITLE: AUTHORIZING CAPITAL PURCHASE OF A LEAF VACUUM FOR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the DPW Director is in need of a leaf vacuum; and

WHEREAS, the purchase was included in the 2025 Capital Budget pursuant to ordinance no. 1168-25; and

WHEREAS, the DPW Director has solicited quotes and after required cost analysis has recommended purchasing per proposal from Timmerman Equipment Company through Sourcewell National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement per quote dated December 3, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the publication required by New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law was provided by the Borough's Qualified Purchasing Agent and the 10 ten comment period has expired; and

WHEREAS, the CFO has certified that funds are available in account no. C-04-02150-25-116-8001; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Demarest that the CFO is authorized to purchase a new Leaf Vacuum for the Department of Public Works for \$145,543.42

APPROVED:

Mayor Brian Bernstein

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Borough Clerk



W.E. Timmerman Co, Inc.

PO Box 71 • Whitehouse, NJ 08888

www.timmermanequipment.com

908-534-4126 • fax 908-534-2320

December 3, 2025

Mr. Jason Gangi, Manager
Borough of Demarest
Department of Public Works
118 Serpentine Road
Demarest, NJ 07627

Dear Mr. Gangi:

For budget purposes, we are pleased to quote you for a ODB DCL800TM25 Trailer Mounted Self-Contained Vacuum Debris Collector equipped as follows:

- John Deere 4045TFC03 Diesel Engine 74HP
- Upgrade includes block heater and remote oil drain standard
- 25 cubic yard hopper
- 28" SHREDMASTER impeller with (6) 3/8" thick T-1 steel blades
- 3 groove power band belt driven
- 40 gallon polyethylene fuel tank
- Electronic engine controls with safety shut downs
- 13" clutch assembly with 2.25" PTO shaft and safety engagement
- 16" x 120" Rubber suction hose with steel nozzle
- Straight intake ducting
- 1/4" thick skid deck with channel members on ends
- Dual Side Hinge Doors
- LED DOT lights
- Gear driven Hydraulic pump powers 15.2 ton capacity hoist
- Heavy Duty height adjustable pintle eye with 3 quick pins
- Manual parking jack with drop foot
- 2 amber LED oval flashers
- Electric brakes with break-away actuator
- Combined Rating 24,000lbs
- Auxiliary Engine Warranty: 5 Years / 5,000 Hours
- Color: White

The Price of this Equipment Is	\$ 150,200.00
Timmerman / Sourcewell Discount	<u>(\$ 4,656.58)</u>
Total Quote	\$ 145,543.42

****Please Note: This unit is available for purchase by formal bid or on Sourcewell contract #112624-ODB. If purchased by formal bid, we will provide detailed bid specifications for your use.***



If you need any additional information or have any further questions, please contact our Account Manager, Stephen R. Bumball, or me.

Thank you for your interest in our equipment.

Very truly yours,
W.E. Timmerman Co., Inc.



Nathan H. McCraney
Sales Manager

Resolution of the Demarest Governing Body

Resolution No. 037-26

January 12, 2026

Council Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Slowikowski						
Carmeli						
Collins						
Fox						
Marks						
Reiss						

TITLE: AUTHORIZING CAPITAL PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

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WHEREAS, the Police Department is in need of additional equipment to be installed on a police car; and

WHEREAS, the purchase was included in the 2025 Capital Budget pursuant to ordinance no. 1168-25; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has recommended purchasing per proposal #2116289 dated 12/22/25 from Stalker Radar; and

WHEREAS, the CFO has certified that funds are available in account no. C-04-2150-25-116-8002; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Demarest that the CFO is authorized to purchase a new radar equipment for installation in the previously purchased police car for the Police Department for \$3,185.00.

APPROVED:

Mayor Brian Bernstein

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Borough Clerk



Quote

2116289

855 E. Collins Blvd.
Richardson, TX75081
Phone: 972-398-3780
Fax: 972-398-3781

National Toll Free: 1-800- STALKER

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Date: 12/22/2025

Inside Sales Partner: Anthony Greene
+1-972-801-4892
anthony.greene@stalkerradar.com

Reg Sales Mgr: Jacob Boyle
717-371-4380
jacobb@stalkerradar.com

Effective From: 12/22/2025

Valid Through: 03/22/2026

Lead Time: 55 working days

Bill To: Borough of Demarest 118 Serpentine Rd Demarest, NJ 07627-2155	Customer ID: 010619 Accounts Payable	Ship To: Demarest Police Dept 118 Serpentine Rd Demarest, NJ 07627-2155	<i>FedEx Ground</i> Sergeant, Traffic Michael Krynicky
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Grp	Qty	Package	Description	Wrnty/Mo	Price	Ext Price
1	1	807-0001-00	DSR 2X Radar with Fast Lock Remote	36	\$3,185.00	\$3,185.00
Ln	Qty	Part Number	Description		Price	Ext Price
1	1	200-0965-60	ASSY, 2X COUNTING UNIT, 1.5 PCB, ARM PROCESSOR			\$0.00
2	1	200-1570-00	2X Modular OSC Display			\$0.00
3	1	200-1468-00	Dual DSR Ka Antenna			\$0.00
4	1	200-1468-01	2X Rear Antenna			\$0.00
5	1	200-0919-00	2X Fast Lock Remote w/Screw Latch			\$0.00
6	1	200-0769-00	25 MPH/40 KPH KA Tuning Fork			\$0.00
7	1	200-0770-00	40 MPH/64 KPH KA Tuning Fork			\$0.00
8	1	200-0648-00	Display Sun Shield			\$0.00
9	1	200-0243-00	Counting/Display Tall Mount			\$0.00
10	1	200-0244-00	Antenna Dash Mount			\$0.00
11	1	200-0245-00	Antenna Tall Deck Mount			\$0.00
12	1	155-2591-08	8 Foot Antenna Cable, IP67			\$0.00
13	1	155-2591-20	20 Foot Antenna Cable, IP67			\$0.00
14	1	200-0622-00	VSS Cable Kit			\$0.00
15	1	200-0619-00	2X Documentation Kit			\$0.00
16	1	006-0094-00	Fan Noise Suppression Addendum - 2X			\$0.00
17	1	035-0361-00	Shipping Container, Dash Mounted Radar			\$0.00
18	1	060-1000-36	36 Month Warranty			\$0.00
19	1	006-0147-00	Certificate of Accuracy, Stalker Dual/DSR/SII/2X			\$0.00
Group Total						\$3,185.00

Product	\$3,185.00	Sub-Total:	\$3,185.00
Discount	\$0.00	Sales Tax 0%	\$0.00
		Shipping & Handling:	\$0.00
Payment Terms: Net 30 days		Total: USD	\$3,185.00

This Quote or Purchase Order is subject in all respects to the Terms and Conditions detailed at the back of this document. These Terms and Conditions contain limitations of liability, waivers of liability even for our own negligence, and indemnification provisions, all of which may affect your rights. Please review these terms and Conditions carefully before proceeding.

Resolution of the Demarest Governing Body

Resolution No. 2026-001

January 12, 2026

Council Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Slowikowski						
Carmeli						
Collins						
Fox						
Marks						
Reiss						

TITLE: TO AUTHORIZE THE CONVENING OF A CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 provides for a Public Body to go into a Closed Session during a Public Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Demarest has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss matters which are exempted from the public.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough of Demarest that the Governing Body shall go into closed session on January 12, 2026 for the following reasons as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

1. Negotiations

APPROVED:

Mayor Brian Bernstein

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