

The Alternate Acting Mayor and Common Council convened in open session in the Hackettstown Municipal Building, 215 Stiger Street, Hackettstown, New Jersey at 7:00 PM on February 12, 2026. The meeting opened with the salute to the Flag.

Alternate Acting Mayor Lambo announced that this meeting was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by:

- (1) Posting a notice of said meeting on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Municipal Building;
- (2) Causing a notice of said meeting to be sent to the Daily Record and NJ Herald;
- (3) Posting notice on the Municipal website [www.Hackettstown.net](http://www.Hackettstown.net).
- (4) Furnishing a notice of said meeting to anyone requesting it in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act; and
- (5) Filing a notice of said meeting with the Town Clerk.

Roll Call: Present – Councilpersons Engelau, Kunz, Lambo and Tynan

Absent – Mayor DiMaio, Councilperson Sheldon and Becker

Motion was made (Engelau) and seconded (Tynan) to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2026 regular meeting as submitted.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Engelau, Kunz, Lambo and Tynan

Alternate Acting Mayor Lambo opened the public hearing on ordinance #26-01 entitled, ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK, which was introduced and passed on first reading on January 8, 2026, and offered a copy of the ordinance to anyone who desired a copy. The title of the ordinance was read aloud, and the Town Attorney explained the contents and purpose of the ordinance. The Town Clerk stated that the ordinance and the Notice of Hearing were duly published in the Daily Record; and posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Municipal building, and that copies of the ordinance were made available to members of the general public who requested such copies.

There being no comments from the public, Alternate Acting Mayor Lambo closed the public hearing and discussion returned to Council.

Motion was made (Engelau) and seconded (Kunz) that ordinance #2026-01 entitled, ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK be adopted on second and final reading and that Notice of Final Adoption be published.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Engelau, Kunz, Lambo and Tynan

Motion was made (Engelau) and seconded (Tynan) that Ordinance # 2026-02 entitled, ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN AMENDING CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE 2, SECTION 13-8, SCHEDULE II, OF THE TOWN CODE ESTABLISHING THREE NEW PARKING SPACES ON CHURCH STREET DESIGNATED FOR LIBRARY PARKING DURING CERTAIN HOURS, be introduced and passed on first reading and that a public hearing be held thereon and it be considered for final passage at 7:00 PM on March 12, 2026; the Town Clerk to publish the ordinance together with Notice of Hearing in the Daily Record, to post the ordinance and Notice of Hearing on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Municipal Building, and to make copies of the ordinance available to members of the general public who requested such copies.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Engelau, Kunz, Lambo and Tynan

Motion was made (Tynan) and seconded (Kunz) to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution #2026-24

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Town of Hackettstown has been paid the amount necessary to redeem with interest calculated in accordance with the New Jersey Statutes the tax lien on property known on the Tax Map and in the Tax Duplicate as the following:

Block 21, Lot 27 94 E. Stiger St  
Tax Sale Certificate #24-00158  
Assessed to: Clarke, Joseph & Patricia

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026 that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to issue a check for \$38,659.94 plus a \$25,000.00 premium to total \$63,659.94 to the lienholder:

Christiana T C/F CE1/Firsttrust  
PO Box 5021  
Philadelphia, PA 19111

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Engelau, Kunz, Lambo and Tynan

Motion was made (Engelau) and seconded (Tynan) to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution #2026-25

WHEREAS, the Warren Heritage Scenic Byway Committee (“Committee”) is a regional body established to preserve, promote and enhance the cultural, historic, scenic, and recreational resources along the Warren Heritage Scenic Byway; and

WHEREAS, the bylaws of the Warren Heritage Scenic Byway Committee provide that each municipality represented on the Scenic Byway shall have one (1) voting membership position, appointed by the municipal governing body; and

WHEREAS, the Committee conducts quarterly meetings, which are held virtually, and works collaboratively with the County Tourism and Economic Development Committee; and

WHEREAS, participation by all municipalities along the Scenic Byway is encouraged in order to foster productive collaboration, coordinated planning efforts, and effective promotion of regional assets; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hackettstown desire to appoint a municipal representative to serve as the Town’s voting member on the Warren Heritage Scenic Byway Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hackettstown, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that Gregory Gaertner is hereby appointed as the Town of Hackettstown’s voting representative to the Warren Heritage Scenic Byway Committee, effective immediately; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk is authorized and directed to transmit the name and contact information of the appointed representative to the Warren Heritage Scenic Byway Committee.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Engelau, Kunz, Lambo and Tynan

Motion was made (Engelau) and seconded (Kunz) to approve the NJ ABC Permit for Temporary Extension of Premises – Class A to Czig Meister Brewery to hold a Czig Meister’s Stout Festival on February 14, 2026.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Engelau, Kunz, Lambo and Tynan

Motion was made (Tynan) and seconded (Engelau) to approve the Letter of Support and Letter of Access and Authority for the Musconetcong Watershed Association.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Engelau, Kunz, Lambo and Tynan

Motion was made (Kunz) and seconded (Engelau) to approve the Coin Toss Permit application for the First Aid Squad to hold a coin toss on February 28, 2026.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Engelau, Kunz, Lambo and Tynan

Motion was made (Engelau) and seconded (Tynan) to approve raffle license #1344 for the New Jersey Civic Youth Ballet to hold an off premise 50/50, raffle license #1345 for the HHS Band Boosters, Inc. to hold an on premise 50/50, raffle license #1346 for HHS Band Boosters, Inc. to hold a Tricky Tray, raffle license #1347 for Hackettstown Moose Lodge 816 to hold a pull tab raffle and raffle license #1348 for the Church of the Assumption of the BVM to hold an off premise 50/50.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Engelau, Kunz, Lambo and Tynan

Motion was made (Tynan) and seconded (Kunz) to approve the amended special event license for the Hackettstown Bid to hold an Annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade on March 8, 2026 with the amendment to include food trucks and food vendors cooking under a tent in the David’s County Inn parking lot, to waive the \$50.00 application fee and to charge Town costs in the amount of \$1,400.00.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Engelau, Kunz, Lambo and Tynan

Motion was made (Engelau) and seconded (Kunz) to approve the special event license application for the Hackettstown BID to hold a Hackettstown Community Day on June 6, 2026 with a rain date of June 7, 2026, to waive the \$50.00 application fee and charge no Town costs.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Engelau, Kunz, Lambo and Tynan

Motion was made (Kunz) and seconded (Engelau) to approve check register #2026-02 in the amount of \$2,539,813.85.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Engelau, Kunz, Lambo and Tynan

Alternate Acting Mayor Lambo asked if anyone from the public would like to speak at this time.

No one from the public wished to speak at this time.

Motion was made (Engelau) and seconded (Tynan) to adjourn this meeting at 7:10 PM.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Engelau, Kunz, Lambo and Tynan

This is to certify that the ordinances and resolutions contained herein have been approved by me in accordance with law.

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Gerald DiMaio, Jr., Mayor

This is to certify that all proper notices, postings and filings required by the Open Public Meetings Act (Chapter 231, P.L. 1975) were provided for this meeting.

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P.J. Reilly, Town Clerk/Administrator