

Statement by Mayor and Township Committee:

The open public meetings act took effect on January 19th 1976. Advance notice of this meeting was provided by notifying the South Jersey Times within the time prescribed by law. Notice was also posted on the bulletin board and website at the Elsinboro Municipal Building.

Mayor Elwell called the June 25, 2026 township committee meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Please stand for the flag salute

Roll Call Mayor Elwell, Committeeman Hogate, Acting Clerk Willadsen

APPLICATIONS

Motion to approve Raffle License Applications For:

1. Elsinboro Fire Company
2. Salem County Historical Society

RESOLUTIONS TO BE APPROVED

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-45

RESOLUTION APPROVING ABC LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL OF BROWN DERBY, CORPORAL JOSEPH TOLSON POST 253 VFW, and HRYAD, LLC, t/a KURTS PACKAGE STORE.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Elsinboro Township, Salem County, New Jersey that the following have made application for renewal of their existing Plenary Retail Consumption Licenses, their Plenary Retail Distribution Licenses and Club Licenses in the Township of Elsinboro and they have complied with all the requirements and regulations of the Alcoholic Beverage Commission Laws, the Rules and Regulations as promulgated by the Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the applications in form are complete in all respects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the applicants are qualified to be licensed according to all statutory, regulatory and local governmental Alcoholic Beverage Laws and Regulations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Club License Applications are complete in all respects, including submission of the Club Member List and the Officers and Directors of the Club are qualified according to all statutory, regulatory and local Governmental Alcoholic Beverage Laws and Regulations and the Clubs maintain all records required by the New Jersey Alcoholic Beverage Commission 12:2-8.8, and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, certified by the Clerk, be forwarded to the office of the Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, Trenton, New Jersey and he is hereby authorized to deliver said licenses for the period July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following applications are approved for renewal and licenses be granted to:

1. Little Brown Derby, Inc. 248 Salem/Hancocks Bridge Rd., Salem, N.J.08079, License #1703-33-003-003 Fee \$636.00
2. Corporal Joseph C. Toulson Post #253 Veterans of the Foreign Wars, 20 Phillip Drive, Salem, N.J. 08079 License #1703-31-005-001 Fee \$150.00
3. Hryad, LLC, t/a Kurts Package Store 441 Fort Elfsborg Road, Elsinboro Twp., Salem, N.J. 08079 License # 1703-44-002-006 Fee \$318.00

Motion Second RCV

**Township of Elsinboro
Resolution No. 2026-46**

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FRIENDSHIP DRIVE AND STUART DRIVE SECTION II RESURFACING PROJECT.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Elsinboro Township Committee formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Elsinboro Township Committee and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as **MA-2027 Friendship Drive and Stuart Drive Section II Resurfacing- 00113** to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of Elsinboro Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Elsinboro Township Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Elsinboro Township and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Certified as a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Council
On this 25th day of June, 2026

Motion Second RCV

**TOWNSHIP OF ELSINBORO
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-47**

Resolution Calling for the Restoration of Energy Tax Receipts and Increased Municipal Aid to Provide Real Property Tax Relief

WHEREAS, taxes on gas and electric utilities were originally collected by the host municipalities to be used for local purposes and to compensate the public for the use of their rights of way; and

WHEREAS, when the State made itself the collection agent for these taxes, it promised to dedicate the proceeds to municipal property tax relief; since, just as municipalities collect property taxes for the benefit of school districts, counties and other entities, the State is supposed to collect Energy Taxes for the benefit of municipal governments; and

WHEREAS, under various administrations through the years, the State budget has diverted funding from Energy Taxes to fund State programs; and instead of being spent on local programs and services and used to offset property taxes, the money has been spent as successive Legislatures and Administrations have seen fit; and

WHEREAS, while the State may need to have the right to override the statutory dedication of these revenues to local governments, in order to deal with emergencies and crises that may occur; current State policymakers should not exercise that right automatically; and

WHEREAS, while that right should be the exception, it has become the rule; and

WHEREAS, by keeping flat funding of the appropriation for CMPTRA year-over-year, State Budget makers have been able to continue collecting Energy Taxes, while keeping additional revenue that should have been returned to provide property tax relief; and

WHEREAS, in SFY 2023, the State did provide some much-needed relief in the allocation of \$75 million of new funds identified as the Municipal Relief Fund; and

WHEREAS, in SFY 2024, the State allocated \$150 million in Municipal Relief Funds, however, in SFY 2025 and, as proposed in SFY2026, no allocation will exist; and

WHEREAS, in the proposed SFY budget is \$60.7 billion, but Energy Tax Receipt funding is remaining flat at \$1.45 billion, a level that has remained largely unchanged despite inflation and rising operational costs; and

WHEREAS, the cumulative impact of years of flat funding and underfunding has left many municipalities with serious needs and burdensome property taxes; and

WHEREAS, local elected officials are in the best position to decide the best use of these resources that were always intended to fund local programs and services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Elsinboro Township Committee in the county of Salem calls for the immediate restoration of funding of Energy Taxes consistent with the State's original commitments; increase formula based municipal aid to reflect inflation and rising service costs; and reestablish a fair and reliable fiscal partnership between the State and local governments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution is forwarded to Assemblywoman Heather Simmons, Assemblyman David Bailey, Jr., Senator John J. Burzichelli, the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs Jacquelyn Suárez, the State Treasurer Aaron Binder, the Lieutenant Governor Dale Caldwell, the Governor of the State of New Jersey Mikie Sherrill, and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities

Motion **Second** **RCV**

Open to Public Comment

Date of Next Meeting: July 6, 2026 6:30PM

Motion for Adjournment made at, **Second**, **RCV**