

Peter Morin
President
District 6

David M. Ringius, J
At Large

Julia C. Flaherty
At Large

Ryan Sterling
At Large



Elizabeth Maglio
Vice President
District 3

James Daiute
District 1

Joseph Reynolds
District 2

Annmary Quilty
District 4

Meredith Boericke
District 5

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Tuesday, May 26, 2026

MINUTES

The Annual Town Meeting of the Town Council was held in the Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Tuesday, May 26, 2026 beginning at 7:00p.m.

Council President Morin was in the chair.

Clerk of the Council, Susan Cimino conducted the roll call.

Present: Peter Morin, President
Elizabeth Maglio, Vice President
David M. Ringius, Jr.
Julia Flaherty
Ryan Sterling
James Daiute
Joseph Reynolds
Ann Quilty arrived @7:15pm
Meredith Boericke

Also Present: Erin V. Joyce, Mayor
Kara Nyman, COS
Michael Esmond, Finance Director
Freddie Viola, Fire Chief
Robert Joseph, Police Chief
Tim MacDonald, School Superintendent
Sara Kauffman, Director of Finance & Operations for Schools
Brendan Croke, Director Parks & Recreation
Peter Matchak, Director Planning & Community Development
Matt Jacques, DPW Director
Ben Hulke, Assistant DPW Director
Kenneth Rossetti, Town Solicitor
Marybeth McGrath, Director of the Department of Municipal Licenses & Inspections
Russ Forsberg, Building Inspector
Adam Yohe, Financial Analyst
Sharmila Biswas, Director Elder Affairs
Christopher Griffin, Asst. Parks & Recreation Director

Also Present: Corey Chambers, Sgt. Detective Police/Finance
Mary Kenney, Staff Executive BPD
Hilary Lawless, Finance Coordinator Fire Dept.
Lorraine See, Grant Writer/Procurement
John Thompson, Asst DPW Director/Town Engineer
Lou Dutton, Superintendent of Water & Sewer
Michelle Labadini, Acting HR Director
Shawn McGoldrick, Town Auditor/CLA
Patrick J. Leonard, Jr., Town Historian
David Miller, Town Historian
Jaclyn Gould, Director of Facilities
Justin Zahn, Asst Director of Facilities
Anna Deng, Communications Coordinator
Kate Naughton, Director of Communications

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- March 18, 2026
 - Motion:** by Councilor Maglio to approve the Minutes of March 18, 2026
 - Second:** by Councilor Boericke
 - Vote:** For (8 – Boericke, Daiute, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Reynolds, Ringius, Sterling),
Against (0), Absent (1 - Quilty), Abstain (0)
- April 7, 2026
 - Motion:** by Councilor Maglio to approve the Minutes of April 7, 2026
 - Second:** by Councilor Boericke
 - Vote:** For (8 – Boericke, Daiute, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Reynolds, Ringius, Sterling),
Against (0), Absent (1 - Quilty), Abstain (0)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **024 66** Council President: July 4th Councilor's Invitation - Time Capsule Inspection Ceremony
(Patrick J. Leonard, Jr. and David Miller)

David Miller, Town Historian, stated what happened July 4, 1776 changed the way the entire world would function for generations to come. It brought the idea of democracy not just to this land but to other nations as well because of a few good men and women from the Town of Braintree back in the 1700s. In 1976 a time capsule was placed on Town Hall Mall. It is a gift to the town's residents in 2076 and to hold some sort of a ceremony every 4th of July. This is called the Time Capsule Inspection Ceremony. This year being 250 years we hope to make this a bigger celebration.

Patrick J. Leonard, Jr. stated we started this meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. The flag of the United States was approved by John Hancock who was born in Braintree. The Declaration of Independence you see two things, July 4th and John Hancock, connected with the Town of Braintree. John Hancock appointed the committee of five that wrote the Declaration of Independence. John Adams from Braintree helped to write it and edit it. John Hancock is the person who signed it on July 4th; he and the secretary of the congress. This year 2026 is the 200th anniversary of the coincidental deaths of John Adams and Thomas Jefferson on the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. We are here to invite the Town Council to participate in our ceremony on July 4th of this year in honor of the 250th anniversary.

OLD BUSINESS

- **26 033** Mayor: FY2027 Operating Budget or take up any action relative thereto (*Public Hearing*)

Council President Morin asked for a Motion to Open the Public Hearing on Order 26 033

Motion by Councilor Maglio to Open Public Hearing for Order 26 033

Motion: by Councilor Maglio to Open the Public Hearing for Order 26 033

Second: by Councilor Ringius

Vote: For (8 – Boericke, Daiute, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Reynolds, Ringius, Sterling),
Against (0), Absent (1 - Quilty), Abstain (0)

Council President Morin asked for a recommendation from Councilor Boericke, Chairwoman of the Committee of Ways & Means.

Chairwoman Boericke stated the Committee of Ways & Means met over the course of eight evenings during the last three weeks of May and we are sending the Operating Budget to the Council with a favorable recommendation 4 in favor and 1 abstention.

President Morin asked if anyone from the mayors staff would like to speak on Order 26 033.

Mayor Joyce stated this is my third budget. The budget this evening is forward-looking, strategic, goal-focused and responsible. My budget plans for the upcoming years but also sets sight on the forecast for the next three years. In the budget we get to see a sneak peak at projections through fiscal year 2030. The punchline is we have some challenges. We do project an operational gap that we're going to continue to talk about and work on. We will be ready with honest and transparent conversations with our residents and the Council in the years ahead. As we continue to stare down the future of reductions to service, overrides, debt exclusions, we are not rushing to that conclusion just yet.

The budget this year is \$182.3 million. This is 3.8% growth from our FY26 budget. New growth is a critical aspect. We strive to prioritize efforts of new growth and economic development. No revenue comes from our free cash or rainy-day reserves. We do continue to feel the pressures of inflation, rising healthcare costs and new bargaining unit contracts. 90% of the spending growth occurs at our schools and in the town's pension system, health insurance and general insurance costs, and within the collective bargaining contracts. We continue to be mindful of just how challenging the years ahead will be.

Council President Morin asked if any member of the council would like to speak on Order 26 034.

Councilor Reynolds stated we have no means of collecting fines, what options do we have and what is the reason behind the fact that we do not have the means to enforce fines that we levy upon violators of the Town of Braintree's ordinances.

Mayor Joyce stated we do not really want to represent fines as a revenue source. We want people to comply with the ordinances and rules of the town. This was referred out to committee and our complete finance team will be available to talk through the complete process.

Councilor Boericke reminded residents that the council has no authority to cut any line item and have no authority to move money around between departments.

Councilor Boericke read a quote from our Town Auditor who states, "the fiscal year 2027 budget addresses need, but certainly not all wants. Proposition 2 ½ and stagnant state aid growth coupled with

inflationary pressures and rising healthcare costs continue to plague most municipalities in the Commonwealth.”

Councilor Flaherty explained we have vetted this budget over 20 hours of time just in meetings never mind the time spent reviewing the budget outside of meetings and doing our homework so we can ask the right questions in the committee meetings.

Council President Morin asked if any member of the general public would like to speak on Order 26 033.

John Cass, Washington Street, Braintree stated thank you for your service. I ask you to consider not only the numbers but the structure of the budget itself, the economic forces shaping it and how you should respond to those forces. We need a path that allows Braintree to maintain its buildings and support its workers and restore confidence in local government.

Robert Toma, Tremont Street, Braintree stated two years ago I came before you and asked you to reconsider the override. Thankfully you didn’t listen. You did a good job. You guys need to dig in and find a way to get money. We should develop our relationship with Thayer. I look forward to your leadership and stewardship of the town.

Council President Morin asked for a Motion to CLOSE the Public Hearing for Order 26 033

Motion by Councilor Maglio to CLOSE the Public Hearing for Order 26 033

Motion: by Councilor Maglio to CLOSE the Public Hearing for Order 26 033

Second: by Councilor Ringius

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Daiute, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Sterling),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

President Morin asked is there a Motion for Order 26 033.

Councilor Maglio read the Motions 1 thru 7:

1. That the Town of Braintree raise and appropriate the sum of \$182,306,345 to provide for all of the expenses for the maintenance and operation of the Town’s several departments and programs for the Fiscal Year 2027 and that the several sums herein set forth are hereby approved for the several purposes and are subject to the source of funding for said expenditures as outlined on Exhibit A, specifically, that the sum of \$118,000 be transferred from Golf Course receipts, that the sum of \$300,000 be transferred from the Overlay Surplus Account, that the sum of \$25,500 be transferred from the Sale of Cemetery Lots, that the sum of \$1,140,000 be transferred from Water and Sewer receipts, that the sum of \$64,000 be transferred from Stormwater receipts, that the sum of \$115,000 be transferred from the Override Stabilization Fund to the General Fund, and the balance to be raised in the tax levy, which shall include \$3,013,012 from the debt exclusion.

Motion: by Councilor Maglio to approve Order 26 033(1)

Second: by Councilor Ringius

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Daiute, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Sterling),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

Discussion on Order 26 033 (1) after seconded:

Councilor Maglio stated I have significant concerns about the budget and the process that produced it and I want those concerns on the record before I vote. There have been a number of issues that we have attempted to surface out and process and understand during the Ways and Means committee meetings. Those meetings are really critical opportunities for some of the details to emerge and for there to be conversations back and forth between councilors that have decision making and voting authority over the particular budget as well as staff who are the content experts who are doing the work. The importance of that is really what Braintree is founded upon, the United States is founded upon. It's about democracy. It's about having sometimes difficult conversations and digging a little deeper. Part of that results sometimes in situations where there is a bit of "butting heads". What becomes really difficult about that is when there are procedural reasons or non-answers or non-information that is given. That just continues fueling it. I'm someone who really needs to get an answer when I have a question. Particularly when it's a question I'm asking on behalf of people who voted for me to ask their questions for them and to vote on their behalf. One item is around surveillance and FLOCK cameras and the technology involved in those FLOCK cameras. The fact that we are going to have a follow-up meeting on that is very promising and it allows me to basically put this on the record and knowing that that meeting is going to come up is a way that I can move forward on that particular issue.

Schools – changing of the school footprint, the statement of interest for the high school, the ongoing plans but no plan but vote but we haven't had the vote but we don't know which school is going to be closed by Ross is on every plan strikes me as a way that could have been used to build goodwill, to build information, to build people behind this effort rather than being peppered with questions at every minute at every forum that I attend that want to know what is happening with Ross and what am I doing about Ross. Submitting questions and raising it, it's not comfortable to do that. It's time consuming, it's stressful and it's the job that we sign up for and I'm happy to do it but I'm really disappointed when those good faith efforts are not met with what I believe are real information or accurate information or when replies are vague.

The other pieces around the permitting and the licensing – you know, we have been in court with Skyline for years. There have been inspection requests that have been made for years or help because of situations in that building. We have left disabled people in their apartments and they couldn't get out and nothing was happening for those folks. My questions about this are being met with being redirected to Executive Session. I'm not asking about legislative strategy and I would look forward to a legislative session all about legislative strategy. I would like to know that a department that has existed year after year after year that is responsible for responding to violations and resolving them, that there's actually a path to do that and evidently there hasn't been, which is why now a different division of the Attorney General's office is suing Skyline Management and we're named in the case. These are not good outcomes. These are not good situations. These are the kinds of things that bring us further away from this goal that we are trying to get to which is affordability of our budget and our services, buy-in of what's being proposed and presented and how the money is being spent and who gets to participate in that. Engaging in good faith and waiting for answers. I feel the process is broken. The fact is the residents who depend on this budget shouldn't bear the cost of a broken process. What I would vote yes on are the kinds of things that are clear, that have been improved, that other councilors have spoke of. The fact that we have goals now, connected to the amount of money that's spent and that those goals are measured and that there's follow-up. I'm very disappointed to hear that some departments are rolling that back. I think it's a mistake. I want to go on record as saying that just as we get goals, I don't know why anyone would want to roll that back. Ultimately I have grave concerns, but I'm comfortable with the follow-up meetings that I will name again: around our Municipal Licensing and Inspections

Department on goals, on Police surveillance around Flock cameras and the work to date has been great in identifying grant funding, although I think we do deserve to know who is behind those funds. I don't think it needs to be Executive Session on who the funders are. That should be public information. So with those four caveats and conditions I will move ahead tonight and I will close my remarks.

President Morin commented thank you to the members of the Committee of Ways & Means for your work for those eight crazy nights. Looking at the budget, asking hard questions and getting good information and then following up. I am supporting this budget because one of the key characteristics of it is it is responsible. It is staying within projected revenues. There are caution signs that are clearly ahead. Next year's budget we are projecting a 2.8% revenue increase but a 4.1% projected increase in expenditures. That means we are going to have to find 1.3%. That doesn't sound like a lot but that's \$2.3 million in additional revenue and that's just a start if inflation doesn't get worse and if there are outside factors that don't exacerbate current conditions. Drivers in the budget are schools, pensions, collective bargaining agreements, health insurance, trash removal costs, nothing new but the external pressures that we face are worse than what we have seen in recent years. It is unlikely that additional revenue will come from some outside source external to Braintree. We will have to do the work on our own. We will have to grow and we'll hopefully we will begin to see some of the benefits of developments that have been approved and permitted. I would compliment the mayor and her staff and her departments that in this budget we are being responsible in setting aside money in reserve funds in several areas, collective bargaining, emergencies, reserve funds where we haven't funded previously, we are doing that now. We are being fiscally responsible. There are things that we are not able to address right now that I wish we could. Maybe if incrementally we see some growth in unexpected revenue, we can at some point address some of the things that have been brought up by the councilors. My goal in going forward in the coming fiscal year is to get to the next step. I think that is important in our fiscal responsibility. We've created new revenue with an override. We've shown fiscal discipline in keeping the growth of our budget within identified revenue growth. We're doing those important steps. Now we've created the reserves that responsible municipalities use to address emergencies. The next step I would like to see is additional relief to our seniors, older residents of our community that are getting stretched by inflation with fixed incomes that aren't being adjusted to accommodate the cost of inflation. That we provide an additional measure of tax relief to them. What I have advocated in years past and we haven't been in the position to provide it is special legislation that would provide a local option tax break on property taxes to those individuals that are eligible for the circuit breaker tax relief from the state in which where your income is impacted by a combination of your utility bills and your property taxes making up a certain percentage of your income and that makes you eligible for property tax credit from that the state provides. There are approximately 40 communities in Massachusetts that have adopted local options to supplement that circuit breaker relief on a local level. I would like to see if we can get there in the coming fiscal year so that when we address the budget next year we can announce that we are providing that level of relief. I am pleased we created the special education stabilization fund. I am pleased that we are providing another stabilization fund for the schools. I applaud the policy directives that have been put out and how that new fund will be accessed and controlled. I think that's smart and prudent guidance. I applaud the work of the mayor on this budget and the work of the councilors to scrutinize it. If the department heads and the mayor will take the comments that the council has presented them as good faith critiques, I think we will all be better off for it.

2. That the Town of Braintree appropriate the sum of \$2,317,873 to provide for all of the expenses for the maintenance and operation of the Town's Golf Course and related programs for the Fiscal Year 2027 and that the several sums herein set forth are hereby approved for the several purposes as outlined on Exhibit A, specifically, and that the sum of \$2,317,873 be raised in the Golf Course receipts.

Motion: by Councilor Maglio to approve Order 26 033(2)

Second: by Councilor Ringius

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Daiute, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Sterling),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

3. That the Town of Braintree appropriate the sum of \$28,909,075 to provide for all of the expenses for the maintenance and operation of the Town's Water and Sewer Division and related programs for the Fiscal Year 2027, including for the operations on the Tri-Town Water Treatment Plant, and that the several sums herein set forth are hereby approved for the several purposes as outlined on Exhibit A, specifically, that the sum of \$146,000 be transferred from the Water Sewer Rehabilitation Fund, that a sum of \$4,293,897 shall be received from the Tri-Town Water District for plant operations, and the balance of \$24,469,178 be raised in Water and Sewer receipts.

Motion: by Councilor Maglio to approve Order 26 033(3)

Second: by Councilor Ringius

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Daiute, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Sterling),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

4. That the Town of Braintree appropriate the sum of \$1,715,007 to provide for all of the expenses for the maintenance and operation of the Town's Stormwater Division and related programs for the Fiscal Year 2027 and that the several sums herein set forth are hereby approved for the several purposes as outlined on Exhibit A, specifically, and that the sum of \$1,715,007 be raised in the Stormwater receipts.

Motion: by Councilor Maglio to approve Order 26 033(4)

Second: by Councilor Ringius

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Daiute, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Sterling),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

5. That the Town of Braintree appropriate the sum of \$540,000 to provide for all of the expenses for the maintenance and operation of the Town's Cable Television Public, Education and Government Access and related programs for the Fiscal Year 2027 and that the several sums herein set forth are hereby approved for the several purposes as outlined on Exhibit A, specifically, and that the sum of \$540,000 be raised in the Cable Franchise Fees receipts.

Motion: by Councilor Maglio to approve Order 26 033(5)

Second: by Councilor Ringius

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Daiute, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Sterling),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

6. Pursuant to General Law Chapter 44, Section 31D, the town is authorized to incur a liability in excess of the amount appropriated for snow and ice for Fiscal Year 2027.

Motion: by Councilor Maglio to approve Order 26 033(6)

Second: by Councilor Ringius

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Daiute, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Sterling),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

7. That a sum of \$650,000 be transferred from Sale of Real Estate Fund 3502 to the General Fund to reimburse the General Fund for debt service for the East Middle School Renovation; provided, that such transfer shall occur no later than June 30, 2027.

Motion: by Councilor Maglio to approve Order 26 033(7)

Second: by Councilor Ringius

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Daiute, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Sterling),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

8. That a sum of \$650,000 be transferred from the General Fund to the BPS Educational Stabilization Fund; provided, that such transfer shall occur no later than June 30, 2027.

Motion: by Councilor Maglio to approve Order 26 033(8)

Second: by Councilor Ringius

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Daiute, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Sterling),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

9. That the sum of \$100,000 be transferred from the Overlay Surplus Account for the purposes of a Town Council operating reserve.

Motion: by Councilor Maglio to approve Order 26 033(9)

Second: by Councilor Ringius

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Daiute, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Sterling),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

- **26 034** Mayor: FY2027 Budget – Community Preservation Committee or take up any action relative thereto (*Public Hearing*)

Council President Morin asked for a Motion to Open the Public Hearing on Order 26 034

Motion by Councilor Maglio to Open Public Hearing for Order 26 034

Motion: by Councilor Maglio to Open the Public Hearing for Order 26 034

Second: by Councilor Ringius

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Daiute, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Sterling),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

Council President Morin asked for a recommendation from Councilor Boericke, Chairwoman of the Committee of Ways & Means.

Chairwoman Boericke stated the Committee of Ways & Means met over the course of eight evenings during the last three weeks of May and we are sending this to the full Council with a favorable recommendation for the Community Preservation Funds.

President Morin asked if anyone from the mayors staff would like to speak on Order 26 034.

Director Esmond explained these five motions essentially enact the transfer of funds for the various purposes that are authorized under state law for the use of Community Preservation Act Funds.

Council President Morin asked if any member of the council would like to speak on Order 26 034.

Council President Morin asked if any member of the general public would like to speak on Order 26 034. Seeing none.

Council President Morin asked for a Motion to CLOSE the Public Hearing for Order 26 034

Motion by Councilor Maglio to CLOSE the Public Hearing for Order 26 034

Motion: by Councilor Maglio to CLOSE the Public Hearing for Order 26 034

Second: by Councilor Ringius

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Daiute, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Sterling),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

President Morin asked is there a Motion on Order 26 034.

Councilor Maglio read Motions C1 thru C5:

MOTIONS FOR TOWN COUNCIL APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2027 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE BUDGET

C1. In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44b, section 5 and the recommendation of the community preservation committee, that the sum of \$150,000 be appropriated from the community preservation fund to the community housing reserve for acquisition, creation, preservation, or support of community housing or the rehabilitation or restoration of community housing that is acquired or created as provided in Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44b, section 5.

Motion: by Councilor Maglio to approve Order 26 034(C1)

Second: by Councilor Ringius

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Daiute, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Sterling),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

C2. In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44b, section 5 and the recommendation of the community preservation committee, that the sum of \$150,000 be appropriated from the community preservation fund to the open space reserve for the acquisition, creation, or preservation of open space or the rehabilitation or restoration of open space that is acquired or created as provided in Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44b, section 5.

Motion: by Councilor Maglio to approve Order 26 034(C2)

Second: by Councilor Ringius

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Daiute, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Sterling),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

C3. In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44b, section 5 and the recommendation of the community preservation committee, that the sum of \$150,000 be appropriated from the community preservation fund to the historic resources reserve for the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation, or restoration of historic resources as provided in Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44b, section 5.

Motion: by Councilor Maglio to approve Order 26 034(C3)

Second: by Councilor Ringius

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Daiute, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Sterling),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

C4. In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44b, section 5 and the recommendation of the community preservation committee, that the sum of \$781,251 be appropriated from the community preservation fund to the community preservation budgeted reserve as provided in Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44b, section 5.

Motion: by Councilor Maglio to approve Order 26 034(C4)

Second: by Councilor Ringius

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Daiute, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Sterling),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

C5. In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44b, section 5 and the recommendation of the community preservation committee, that the sum of \$64,803 be appropriated from the community preservation fund to the Fiscal Year 2027 administrative operating fund as provided in Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44b, section 5 said funds to be expended under the direction of community preservation committee and by the director of planning and community development.

Motion: by Councilor Maglio to approve Order 26 034(C5)

Second: by Councilor Ringius

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Daiute, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Sterling),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

- **26 035** Mayor: FY2027 Budget - Continuation of Revolving Funds or take up any action relative thereto
(Public Hearing)

Council President Morin asked for a Motion to Open the Public Hearing on Order 26 035

Motion by Councilor Maglio to Open Public Hearing for Order 26 035

Motion: by Councilor Maglio to Open the Public Hearing for Order 26 035

Second: by Councilor Ringius

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Daiute, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Sterling),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

Council President Morin asked for a recommendation from Councilor Boericke, Chairwoman of the Committee of Ways & Means.

Chairwoman Boericke stated the Committee of Ways & Means we are sending this to the full Council with a unanimous favorable recommendation.

President Morin asked if anyone from the mayors staff would like to speak on Order 26 035.

Director Esmond explained these motions represent essentially what we call our revolving fund. This is creating an up-to-ceiling that can be expended within fiscal 27 by each of the departments that are indicated. What this authorization allows is that these dedicated revenues that are authorized in town ordinances for this purpose are collected for this dedicated reason deposited into this fund and expended up to these amounts. If a department doesn't spend these full amounts at these levels, any unused funds will remain in the indicated fund and a further authorization is required every year in order for any funds to be expended.

Council President Morin asked if any member of the council would like to speak on Order 26 035.

Council President Morin asked if any member of the general public would like to speak on Order 26 035.
Seeing none.

Council President Morin asked for a Motion to CLOSE the Public Hearing for Order 26 035

Motion by Councilor Maglio to CLOSE the Public Hearing for Order 26 035

Motion: by Councilor Maglio to CLOSE the Public Hearing for Order 26 035

Second: by Councilor Ringius

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Daiute, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Sterling),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

President Morin asked is there a Motion for Order 26 035.

Councilor Maglio read the following Motion for Order 26 035:

MOTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 CONTINUATION OF REVOLVING FUNDS

R1. That, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 of the General Laws, the Town of Braintree hereby sets the maximum amount that may be spent during Fiscal Year 2027 beginning on July 1, 2026 for the revolving funds established by ordinance for certain departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers, as follows:

Revolving Fund	Department, Board, Committee, Agency or Officer	FY2027 Spending Limit
Elder Affairs Services and Activities (Fund 3002)	Department of Elder Affairs	\$30,000
Immunization (Fund 3001)	Board of Health	\$60,000
Library Materials (Fund 3006)	Library Trustees	\$45,000
Library Room Rental (Fund 3007)	Library Trustees	\$5,000
Recycling Materials (Fund 3004)	Mayor, in conjunction with Recycling Coordinator	\$4,800
Household Hazardous Waste (Fund 3005)	Mayor, in conjunction with Recycling Coordinator	\$50,000
Full Day Kindergarten (Fund 1008)	School Committee	\$1,100,000
Pro Shop (Fund 7103)	Mayor, in conjunction with Director of Golf Operations	\$300,000
Food and Beverage (Fund 7104)	Mayor, in conjunction with Director of Golf Operations	\$700,000
School Bus (Fund 2011)	School Committee	\$600,000
Tree Replacement (Fund 3013)	Mayor, in conjunction with Department of Public Works	\$100,000
Building Maintenance (Fund 3014)	Mayor, in conjunction with Department of Public Works	\$200,000

Motion: by Councilor Maglio to approve Order 26 035

Second: by Councilor Ringius

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Daiute, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Sterling),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

- **26 038** Mayor: Transfer Funds to Implement Terms of Agreement with Braintree Library Staff Association (BLSA) or take up any action relative thereto (*Public Hearing*)

Council President Morin asked for a Motion to Open the Public Hearing on Order 26 038

Motion by Councilor Maglio to Open Public Hearing for Order 26 038

Motion: by Councilor Maglio to Open the Public Hearing for Order 26 038

Second: by Councilor Ringius

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Daiute, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Sterling),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

Council President Morin asked for a recommendation from Councilor Boericke, Chairwoman of the Committee of Ways & Means.

Chairwoman Boericke stated the Committee of Ways & Means is sending this to the full Council with a unanimous favorable recommendation. This is a transfer of funds. Not a request for new funds.

President Morin asked if anyone from the mayors staff would like to speak on Order 26 038.

Director Esmond explained this group is less than 20 members. Negotiations went on for many months. We had a number of negotiation points to work through. The MOA was adopted unanimously. This adopts the 2.75% COLAs that we have for each of the fiscal years 26, 27 and 28 which is consistent with a number of other agreements. We agreed to revise the vacation accrual schedule and allotment of sick time to be consistent with other units in the town.

Council President Morin asked if any member of the council would like to speak on Order 26 038.

Council President Morin asked if any member of the general public would like to speak on Order 26 038. Seeing none.

Council President Morin asked for a Motion to CLOSE the Public Hearing for Order 26 038

Motion by Councilor Maglio to CLOSE the Public Hearing for Order 26 038

Motion: by Councilor Maglio to CLOSE the Public Hearing for Order 26 038

Second: by Councilor Ringius

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Daiute, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Sterling),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

President Morin asked is there a Motion for Order 26 038.

Councilor Maglio read Motion for Order 26 038:

Motion: That a sum of \$27,000 be transferred from the Finance Department / Administration program to the Library Department payroll accounts; provided, that the Director of Municipal Finance is authorized to allocate said sums to and among various accounts affected thereby in such amounts as are proper and required.

Motion: by Councilor Maglio to approve Order 26 038

Second: by Councilor Ringius

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Daiute, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Sterling),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

- **26 039** Mayor: Establish a Special Purpose Education Stabilization Fund or take up any action relative thereto (*Public Hearing*)

Council President Morin asked for a Motion to Open the Public Hearing on Order 26 039

Motion by Councilor Maglio to Open Public Hearing for Order 26 039

Motion: by Councilor Maglio to Open the Public Hearing for Order 26 039

Second: by Councilor Ringius

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Daiute, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Sterling),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

President Morin noted a 2/3rds vote of the full Council is required to establish this fund.

Council President Morin asked for a recommendation from Councilor Boericke, Chairwoman of the Committee of Ways & Means.

Chairwoman Boericke stated the Committee of Ways & Means are sending this to the full Council with a unanimous favorable recommendation.

President Morin asked if anyone from the mayors staff would like to speak on Order 26 039.

Director Esmond explained this is to establish a special purpose education stabilization fund. It will essentially serve as a financial vehicle allowing for the deposit of revenues that are dedicated for the school district. The goal being to support growth where it's above 3 ½ percent and not have a repeat of the cycle we've been faced with.

President Morin stated the guidance that has been drafted provides me with assurances of my concerns.

Council President Morin asked if any member of the council would like to speak on Order 26 039.

Council President Morin asked if any member of the general public would like to speak on Order 26 039.

Robert Toma, Tremont Street stated if you are giving the schools \$87 million and they need another slush fund beyond that, your point should be considered as well.

Council President Morin asked for a Motion to CLOSE the Public Hearing for Order 26 039

Motion by Councilor Maglio to CLOSE the Public Hearing for Order 26 039

Motion: by Councilor Maglio to CLOSE the Public Hearing for Order 26 039

Second: by Councilor Ringius

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Daiute, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Sterling),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

President Morin asked is there a Motion for Order 26 039.

Councilor Maglio read Motion for Order 26 039:

Motion: That the Town Council vote, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, to create a special purpose Education Stabilization Fund to fund any lawful educational purpose, including, but not limited to, faculty, staff, program, services, and curriculum and any such expenditures that relate to the provision of educational services by the Braintree Public School District. This Fund shall be known as the BPS Educational Stabilization Fund.

Motion: by Councilor Maglio to approve Order 26 039

Second: by Councilor Ringius

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Daiute, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Sterling),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

NEW BUSINESS

President Morin stated we have a request for Same Night Action on Order **26 042** Mayor: Appointment - to the Braintree Contributory Retirement Board, Stephen Pugsley or take up any action relative thereto. Does any Councilor object to Same Night Action on Order 26 042
Ok - Seeing none we will take up Order 26 042.

Refer to the Committee of Ways & Means

- **26 042** Mayor: Appointment - to the Braintree Contributory Retirement Board, Stephen Pugsley or take up any action relative thereto (*Same Night Action Request*)

Motion was read by Councilor Maglio:

MOTION: UPON THE REQUEST OF HER HONOR, MAYOR JOYCE, THE TOWN OF BRAINTREE, THROUGH THE BRAINTREE TOWN COUNCIL, IT IS SO ORDERED:

In accordance with Sections 2-10 and 3-3 of the Town Charter, approves the appointment of Stephen Pugsley to the Braintree Contributory Retirement Board.

Motion: by Councilor Maglio to approve Order 26 042

Second: by Councilor Ringius

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Daiute, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Sterling),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

NEW BUSINESS

President Morin asked is there a Motion to move all remaining items under New Business to their respective committee(s)?

Motion read by Councilor Maglio:

MOTION: to refer all New Business to their respective committee(s)

Refer to the Committee of Ways & Means

- **26 040** Mayor: Appointment - Director of Human Resources, Michelle Labadini or take up any action relative thereto

Motion: by Councilor Maglio to refer to the Committee of Ways & Means Order 26 040

Second: by Councilor Ringius

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Daiute, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Sterling),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

- **26 041** Mayor: Request for Appropriation - Braintree Fire Headquarters Roof and Facade Restoration Project FY26 - CPA Application or take up any action relative thereto (*Public Hearing - June 2*)

Motion: by Councilor Maglio to refer to the Committee of Ways & Means Order 26 041

Second: by Councilor Ringius

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Daiute, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Sterling),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

- **26 044** Mayor: Motion to Transfer Funds to Implement Terms of Agreement with AFSCME Custodians or take up any action relative thereto (*Public Hearing – June 16*)

Motion: by Councilor Maglio to refer to the Committee of Ways & Means Order 26 044

Second: by Councilor Ringius

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Daiute, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Sterling),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

- **26 045** Mayor: Authorization for Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure, Parcel 3020-0-83B 50 Elmwood Park or take up any action relative thereto
 - Motion:** by Councilor Maglio to refer to the Committee of Ways & Means Order 26 045
 - Second:** by Councilor Ringius
 - Vote:** For (9 – Boericke, Daiute, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Sterling), Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

- **022 26** Mayor: Q3 Update or take up any action relative thereto
 - Motion:** by Councilor Maglio to refer to the Committee of Ways & Means item 022 26
 - Second:** by Councilor Ringius
 - Vote:** For (9 – Boericke, Daiute, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Sterling), Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

- **025 26** Councilor Maglio: Fines and How They Are Determined and Collected (Municipal Licenses & Inspections) or take up any action relative thereto
 - Motion:** by Councilor Maglio to refer to the Committee of Ways & Means item 025 26
 - Second:** by Councilor Ringius
 - Vote:** For (9 – Boericke, Daiute, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Sterling), Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

Refer to the Committee on Public Safety

- **026 26** Councilor Flaherty: Implementation of the LPR Reader Program (License Plate Reader) or take up any action relative thereto
 - Motion:** by Councilor Maglio to refer to the Committee on Public Safety item 026 26
 - Second:** by Councilor Ringius
 - Vote:** For (9 – Boericke, Daiute, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Sterling), Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

Next Council Meeting is scheduled for: Tuesday, June 2, 2026 @ 7:30pm

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:28p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan M. Cimino, Clerk of the Council