

**BOROUGH OF CARTERET COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING:**

Feb. 23, 2026

<b>A. ATTENDANCE:</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Mayor Reiman	_____	_____
Councilmember Krum	_____	_____
Carmela Pogorzelski	_____	_____
Joe Norris	_____	_____
Taqualla Lowman	_____	_____
Brian Chen	_____	_____
Bob Makin	_____	_____
Frank Bellino	_____	_____

**B. SILENT PRAYER and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**C. STATEMENT OF MEETING NOTICE:** A Public Notice was emailed to the Home News Tribune and Star Ledger on Feb. 11, 2026; posted to [www.carteret.net](http://www.carteret.net) on Feb. 12, published in the Home News Tribune on Feb. 15, 2026 and NJ.com on Feb. 16, 2026, and distributed throughout the municipal building on Feb. 12.

**D. PUBLIC HEARING:** Application of the 2026-27 Community Development Block Grant totaling \$900,000 is for three improvement projects: **an Indoor Municipal Recreation Center** at the municipally-owned Holy Family Gym, as well as its Parish Center and School, and **Capital Improvements to Carteret Public Library, Carteret Community Center, and West Carteret Firehouse**. The Borough is requesting \$300,000 for each project.

Holy Family is in Census Tract 46, Block Group 2, which is a certified LMA census tract. The Holy Family Gym, School and Parish Center no longer are in use. Since the Borough owns the buildings and is in great need of an Indoor Municipal Recreation Center, the \$1.5 million redevelopment of the site will greatly enhance the quality of life for all Carteret youth and their families. The Borough has a \$525,000 state match, has spent a \$500,000 on the roof of these buildings and is setting up money to reconstruct the gymnasium floor, as well as paint the interior of the building and replace the ceiling lights and tiles. The Borough also will have a local match. Carteret has a great need for an Indoor Municipal Recreation Center to provide additional afterschool activities to local youth and increase their physical fitness. The Borough is looking for \$300,000 from the CDBG to make the front entrance of the gym handicap accessible off of Pershing Avenue and to make the gymnasium restrooms handicap accessible.

Carteret Public Library and Community Center is in Census Tract 36.01, Block Group 3008, also a certified LMA census tract. The library and community center share the Thomas J. Deverin Community Center, which was built in 1999 and also serves as the Borough's Senior Center, Warming Center and Disaster Shelter. The Community Center now is in need of repair and refurbishment, especially the generator and the electric panel. Improvements will include an upgrade and relocation of the electrical panel and

generator. Carteret Public Library and Community Center services thousands of residents annually with media services and special events.

While West Carteret Firehouse is not in an LMA census tract, the fact that it is invaluable to and widely used by the Borough on behalf of its residents, makes it eligible. The Firehouse has served the Borough since 1964. Major renovations are needed or an all-new firehouse. The truck room needs to be gutted and repainted. Walls are dilapidated with original insulation decaying. Kitchen, bathrooms, radio room and living quarters have not ever been upgraded and need to be gutted. Walls need to be replaced with new sheetrock. All new concrete driveway and walkways are needed. Backyard parking area is sinking. Windows are original and need to be replaced. Garage door keeps breaking. More improvements may be needed based on recommendations of Borough architect.

**E. PUBLIC PORTION:** Three (3) minutes per person.

**F. MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC**

**G. BUSINESS TO BE ADDED**

**H. ADJOURNMENT**