

**MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**  
**AUGUST 18, 2014 COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

The Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in a regular session on Monday, August 18, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers in the Municipal Complex, Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807.

Council President Moench read the following announcement:

**Notice of Meeting**

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting was provided on January 7, 2014 by sending written and electronic notice to the Courier News and the Star Ledger, posting on the Township website and on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, and filing with the Township Clerk.

On call of the roll, the following Council members were present:

Allen Kurdyla  
Howard V. Norgalis  
Filipe Pedroso  
Christine Henderson Rose  
Council President Matthew C. Moench

Also Present:       James T. Naples, Township Administrator  
                          William B. Savo, Township Attorney  
                          Thomas Forsythe, Deputy Director of Municipal Services  
                          Natasha Turchan, Director of Finance  
                          Linda J. Doyle, Township Clerk

Council President Moench led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Closed Session**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bridgewater Township Council that this body will now hold a closed meeting to discuss contract negotiations.

When and if the matters discussed become public record, this will be made known to the public at that time.

The public is excluded from said meeting and further notice thereof is dispensed with all in accordance with Sections 8 and 4a of the Open Public Meetings Act.

On the motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, Council convened in closed session at 7:35 p.m.

A copy of resolution #14-08-18-202 is appended to the official minutes.

On the motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the meeting reconvened to open session at approximately 8:30 p.m.

**Introduction  
of New  
Ordinances**

**AMENDING CHAPTER 216 ENTITLED "WRECKERS," OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SO AS TO 1) CLARIFY THE TERMS "EXTRAORDINARY TOWING SERVICE," "LIGHT-MEDIUM DUTY WRECKER," AND "HEAVY DUTY WRECKER" 2) SET FORTH THE MINIMUM STANDARDS APPLICABLE TO WRECKERS AND STORAGE FACILITIES, 3) REVISE THE APPLICABLE FEE SCHEDULE FOR TOWING, STORAGE AND RELATED SERVICES AND 4) FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING MISCELLANEOUS OTHER REFINEMENTS TO SAID ORDINANCE**

The following were present to discuss the Ordinance:

Police Chief Manuel Caravella

Lieutenant Timothy Hoey

Sergeant Paul Payne

Officer Jason Dauton

John Glass, President of Garden State Towing Association

Chief Caravella noted the purpose of this Ordinance is to update the existing Ordinance from 2006.

Council held an in depth discussion of various components and sections of the Ordinance with those present. Council was in consensus to amend the Ordinance. Legal will incorporate the changes discussed and provide a revised Ordinance for Council's review prior to the public hearing and final action meeting.

**Public  
Comment**

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the meeting was opened to the public to discuss the Wreckers Ordinance.

Michael Bessasparis of Somerset Hills Towing was present. He expressed concern with how the Ordinance was constructed noting towers should have been involved in a round table discussion. He noted in his opinion, there are many flaws in the Ordinance and therefore does not support it.

Mark Sowden of Rescue Wreckers was present. He expressed concern with the \$50.00 township fee for a minor tow.

Richard Fendt of Rich's Off Road Towing was present. He expressed that opening the shops on Sundays to release cars would prove a safety concern.

John Glass, President of Garden State Towing Association offered he was available to provide his expertise on current legislation with regard to towing.

Mike Duplak of Somerset Hills Towing was present. He offered he did not support the Ordinance as written.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the public comment session was closed.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the foregoing Ordinance was proposed for introduction. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Aye
Councilwoman Rose	Nay
Council President Moench	Nay

Linda J. Doyle, Township Clerk read the following report:

BE IT RESOLVED that the said pending ordinance be passed on first reading and advertised as required by statute fixing the 4<sup>th</sup> of September 2014, at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time on said day and time and at Bridgewater Township Municipal Court Chambers - 100 Commons Way as the place for hearing and final action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk shall forthwith post on the bulletin board in the Township Municipal Building at 100 Commons Way, a true copy of said ordinance and make copies available to members of the general public and spread the same upon the minutes of the meeting.

**THE ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED.**

A copy of resolution #14-08-18-203 is appended to the official minutes.

**Minutes for Approval**

On Motion of Councilman Norgalis, second by Councilman Kurdyla, the following minutes were approved on a unanimous vote of those present and eligible to vote.

Regular Session - July 21, 2014  
Closed Session - July 21, 2014

**Council Reports**

Councilman Norgalis reported as follows:

- Attended the Planning Board meeting discussing the Advance Realty

proposal

- Attended the 4-H Fair
- Attended a baseball game at Patriots Stadium
- Attended the Street Smart Fair to see their new location at Bradley Gardens

Councilman Pedroso noted he has been on vacation and had nothing new to report.

Councilman Kurdyla reported he too attended the Planning Board meeting concerning the Advance Realty application.

Councilwoman Rose had nothing new to report.

Council President Moench reported as follows:

- He was unable to attend the Planning Board meeting as he was tending to his new born baby girl
- Attended the 4-H Fair
- Attended a Planning Board meeting to continue the hearings concerning Al-Falah, LLC
- Attended a Somerville Spray park opening right off main street behind the County building
- Council President Moench asked that administration have the Tax Assessor provide Council a presentation concerning the reassessment program
- He asked the legal department to provide an opinion concerning the NJ PACE program
- He asked legal to investigate the bi-local program that Hillsborough has just signed up for which entails savings for residents when they shop in local & participating stores

## Mayor's Report

Township Administrator Naples had nothing new to report.

## Introduction of New Ordinances

**ORDINANCE OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF LAND IDENTIFIED AS LOT 61.1, IN BLOCK 254, KNOWN AS 67 PEARL STREET (650 SLAYTON AVENUE) FOR THE PURCHASE PRICE OF \$180,000.00 TO BE PAID FROM THE OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND**

Township Administrator Naples advised this purchase was recommended by the Open Space committee. Open Space funds will pay for the purchase and demolition of the building.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the

foregoing Ordinance was proposed for introduction. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Aye
Councilwoman Rose	Aye
Council President Moench	Aye

Linda J. Doyle, Township Clerk read the following report:

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**THE ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED.**

A copy of resolution #14-08-18-204 is appended to the official minutes.

**Resolutions**

**Councilman President Moench read the following resolutions by title and allowed for discussions/questions. He then called for a consent motion.**

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the following resolutions were proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Aye
Councilwoman Rose	Aye
Council President Moench	Aye

**AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF INTEREST ON SEWER CHARGES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63.84 FOR BLOCK 348 LOT 17 LOCATED ON FOOTHILL ROAD**

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #14-08-18-205 is appended to the official minutes

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER DIRECTING THE UNDERTAKING OF A CONTINUING DISCLOSURE REVIEW AND AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE MUNICIPALITIES CONTINUING DISCLOSURE COOPERATION INITIATIVE OF THE DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT OF THE U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #14-08-18-206 is appended to the official minutes

**APPOINTMENT OF NADINE BELNAY AS REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS**

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #14-08-18-207 is appended to the official minutes

**APPOINTMENT TO THE SHADE TREE BOARD OF MICHAEL HASKELL, 57 GLEN ROAD, BOUND BROOK, NJ 08805 TO FILL A VACANCY FOR SAID TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2015**

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #14-08-18-208 is appended to the official minutes

**APPOINTMENT TO THE PARK BOARD OF CHRISTOPHER CASINI, 1381 TULLO ROAD, MARTINSVILLE NJ 08836 TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF WALTER RUSAK FOR SAID TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2015**

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #14-08-18-209 is appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZING A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AGREEMENT AT THE INTERSECTION OF CHIMNEY ROCK ROAD (CR 675) AND FRONTIER ROAD BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET AND TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER**

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #14-08-18-210 is appended to the official minutes

**AWARD OF CONTRACT TO ASPHALT PAVING SYSTEMS, INC. FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR WORK (CHIP SEAL AND MICRO SURFACING) PROJECT IN THE SUM OF \$85,738.00**

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #14-08-18-211 is appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE, 100% CASH IN**

**THE AMOUNT OF \$54,897.60, ACCEPTANCE OF THE SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,298.96 CASH MAINTENANCE BOND FOR BRIDGEWAY, INC., BLOCK 170, LOT 4.01, LOCATED AT 270 ROUTE 22**

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #14-08-18-212 is appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING/SURVEYING/ INSPECTION SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE COUNTRY CLUB ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - PHASE V (GARRETSON ROAD TO ROLLING HILLS ROAD) TO MASER CONSULTING, P.A. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$61,330.00**

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #14-08-18-213 is appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING/ SURVEYING/ INSPECTION SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE ASCOT LANE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (FOOTHILL ROAD TO GRAYBAR DRIVE) TO IH ENGINEERS, P.C. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$43,477.00**

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #14-08-18-214 is appended to the official minutes

**PERSON TO PERSON AND PLACE TO PLACE TRANSFER OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE 1806-33-018-007 FROM RARE HOSPITALITY INTERNATIONAL, INC. CURRENTLY HELD AS A POCKET LICENSE TO GMRI, INC. d/b/a AS SEASON'S 52 FRESH GRILL TO BE SITED AT 405 COMMONS WAY, BRIDGEWATER COMMONS MALL, BRIDGEWATER, NJ**

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #14-08-18-215 is appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZATION FOR FIREWORK DISPLAYS AT SOMERSET PATRIOTS STADIUM ON AUGUST 20, AUGUST 28, SEPTEMBER 5, SEPTEMBER 20, SEPTEMBER 26 AND OCTOBER 3, 2014**

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #14-08-18-216 is appended to the official minutes

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AS REGULAR MEMBER BETH POWERS AND ALTERNATE #4 DAWN GUTTSCHALL**

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #14-08-18-217 is appended to the official minutes

On the motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

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Matthew C. Moench  
Council President