

MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
June 5, 2014 COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in a regular session on Thursday, June 5, 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 (Absent)
Council President Matthew C. Moench

Also Present: James T. Naples, Township Administrator
Chris Corsini, Esq. for Township Attorney
Thomas Forsythe, Deputy Director of Municipal Services
Grace Karanja, Deputy Township Clerk

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

Minutes for Approval

The following minutes will be presented for Council approval at the next Council meeting:

Regular Session - May 5, 2014
Closed Session #1 - May 5, 2014
Closed Session #2 - May 5, 2014
Regular Session - May 19, 2014

Council Reports

Councilman Kurdyla reported he attended the Memorial Day Ceremony sponsored by Martinsville VFW. He also attended the Millstone/ Raritan Flood Control Commission meeting and the ground breaking ceremony for the Senior Wellness Center on East Main Street.

Councilman Norgalis reported as follows:

- Attended:
 - The Fifth Friday Friars
 - Memorial day parade
 - 200 Club Luncheon honoring EMS and Police
- Advised that Bob Vaucher has been honored on The Breeze
- Advised Kathy Healey sent a letter of appreciation for Council's support of the Somerset Regional Animal Shelter

Councilman Pedroso congratulated the candidates on the ballot this past election. He commended Stephanie Moench for her efforts in promoting Flag Day and her work on the Creative Arts Committee.

Council President Moench reported as follows:

- Attended the Memorial Day Parade at Bradley Gardens
- Attended the walk at the high school for the Somerset County Resource Center, an organization that helps victims of domestic violence
- Advised of the upcoming Somerset County Governing Officials picnic
- Advised the Township will be hosting the first Flag Day celebration sponsored by the Elks in conjunction with the Creative Arts Committee on 6/14/14
- He attended a dinner in Garfield for the Children's Therapy Center, an Organization that helps children with Special needs
- He will be attending a dinner for the legal center for the defense of life, a pro-bono group that handles pro-life legal cases

Mayor's Report

Township Administrator Naples advised that Mayor Hayes and Councilwoman Rose attended the ribbon cutting for junior achievement biztown where they received a million dollar grant from the Metlife foundation to support junior achievement efforts.

Public Comment

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the meeting was opened to the public.

Members of the public wishing to address the Council on any matter will be allowed two minutes to speak, unless there are unusual circumstances.

George Stafford, Outreach Director for the New Jersey Highlands Coalition was present. He stated his function is to approach communities asking them to support a resolution stating the Town is in favor of the Highlands Act as it exists. Mr. Stafford stated he will be providing more information via Thomas Forsythe, Deputy Director of Municipal Services for Council's review.

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

**Introduction
of New
Ordinances**

AN ORDINANCE TO SET THE COMPENSATION OF THE MAYOR, TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEMBERS, DEPARTMENT HEADS AND CERTAIN OTHER MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 374 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 1985; N.J.S.A. 2A:809; N.J.S.A. 2A:8-13; N.J.S.A. 40A:9-165; N.J.S.A.40A:9-135; N.J.S.A. 40A:9-146, AND CHAPTER 95 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 1996

Councilman Norgalis stated he would like to see the old salary adjacent to each of the titles on this Ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Pedroso, the foregoing Ordinance was tabled. The vote was as follows:

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

Resolutions

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER PLANNING BOARD TO UNDERTAKE A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF AN APPROXIMATELY 61.95 ACRES SITE KNOWN AS LOTS 17, 18 & 19, BLOCK 483 AS SHOWN ON THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER TAX MAP AND COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE "SANOFI AVENTIS" PROPERTY, LOCATED ON ROUTE 206

Council President Moench noted there has been extensive discussions in the past concerning this matter. This is the first step in a very long process that looks at the potential redevelopment of the sanofi aventis site.

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Council President Moench, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

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

THE MOTION FAILED.

A copy of resolution #14-06-05-132 is appended to the official minutes

Council President Moench opened up the hearing for a discussion on the following resolutions. Hearing none, he called for a consent motion.

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

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

**AUTHORIZATION FOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY RARITAN VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB,
747 STATE ROUTE 28, BRIDGEWATER, NJ - JULY 4, 2014**

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #14-06-05-125 is appended to the official minutes

**REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF FIRE PERMIT FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$331.00 AND
AUTHORIZATION FOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY FOR THE SOMERSET COUNTY PARK
COMMISSION, 355 MILLTOWN ROAD, BRIDGEWATER, NJ ON JULY 4, 2014**

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #14-06-05-126 is appended to the official minutes

**PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2014
BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948)
MUNICIPAL AID-\$170,000.00-COUNTRY CLUB V**

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #14-06-05-127 is appended to the official minutes

**PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2014
BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948)
DISTRACTED DRIVING- 5,000.00**

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #14-06-05-128 is appended to the official minutes

PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2014 BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948) CLICK IT OR TICKET GRANT-\$4,000.00

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #14-06-05-129 is appended to the official minutes

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO WINNER FORD FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO 2015 FORD F250 4WD CREW CAB UTILITY BODY WITH PLOW PICKUP TRUCKS AND ONE F250 EXTENDED CAB 4WD PICKUP TRUCK WITH PLOW ON STATE CONTRACT FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$115,896.00

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #14-06-05-130 is appended to the official minutes

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL \$7,229.55 TO DENIS KOWAL ARCHITECTS OF THE FIRM OF DENNIS KOWAL ARCHITECTS.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #14-06-05-131 is appended to the official minutes

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UNDER THEIR 2014 SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS PROGRAM FOR THE PINE STREET SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #14-06-05-133 is appended to the official minutes

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UNDER THEIR 2014 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM FOR THE MIDDLEBROOK PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE PROJECT

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #14-06-05-134 is appended to the official minutes

AWARD OF CONTRACT (WITHOUT ALTERNATE) TO A&A CURBING, INC. FOR THE IVY LANE - TIFFIN PLACE SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, IN THE SUM OF \$130,544.00

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #14-06-05-135 is appended to the official minutes

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO TOP LINE CONSTRUCTION CORP. FOR COUNTRY CLUB ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, PHASE IV (ROUTE 22 TO GARRETSON ROAD) IN THE SUM OF \$832,129.03

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #14-06-05-136 is appended to the official minutes

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO REIVAX CONTRACTING CORP. FOR VOSSELLER AVENUE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, SECTION II IN THE SUM OF \$914,563.20

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #14-06-05-137 is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING/SURVEYING/INSPECTION SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE VAN HOLTEN ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, PHASE III (FOXCROFT TO SCHOOL DRIVEWAY) TO CARROLL ENGINEERING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$62,200

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #14-06-05-138 is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING/SURVEYING/INSPECTION SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE GREGORY AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PROJCT, PHASE I TO KELLER & KIRKPATRICK, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$53,200.00

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #14-06-05-139 is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING/SURVEYING/INSPECTION SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE MEADOW ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CHURCH ROAD TO VAN HOLTEN) TO CHA CONSULTING, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,700.00

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #14-06-05-140 is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING/SURVEYING SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE NORTH BRIDGE STREET SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO KELLER AND KIRKPATRICK, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63,600.00

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #14-06-05-141 is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING/SURVEYING/INSPECTION SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE PAPER ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (MINE ROAD TO GATESHEAD DRIVE) TO CARROLL ENGINEERING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,540

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #14-06-05-142 is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING/SURVEYING/INSPECTION SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE GARRETSON ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, SECTION IV (COUNTRY CLUB ROAD TO HILL LANE) TO MASER CONSULTING, PA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,945

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #14-06-05-143 is appended to the official minutes

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL JOINT POWERS ALLIANCE, A NATIONAL COOPERATIVE CONTRACTING ENTITY AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH NATIONAL JOINT POWERS ALLIANCE FOR MEMBERSHIP FOR THE PERIOD FROM JUNE 16, 2014 UNTIL THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER ELECTS TO TERMINATE THE AGREEMENT BY WRITTEN NOTICE

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #14-06-05-144 is appended to the official minutes

**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 Councilman Kurdyla, Council convened in closed session at 7:48 p.m.

A copy of resolution #14-06-05-145 is appended to the official minutes.

On the motion of Councilman Pedroso, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the meeting reconvened to open session at approximately 8:05 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Matthew C. Moench
Council President