

MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
May 19, 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, May 19, 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
Chris Corsini, Esq. for Township Attorney
Linda J. Doyle, 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

Council Reports

Councilman Norgalis reported he met with Counsel to discuss pending litigation and had a second meeting with the Mayor and administration to discuss property issues.

Councilman Pedroso went to McGuire Air Force Base to see the air show.

Councilman Kurdyla reported he too attended the meeting with Counsel and will be attending the Memorial Day Service this coming Monday.

Councilwoman Rose reported as follows:

- Attended the meeting with Councilman Kurdyla and Norgalis concerning pending litigation.
- Spent most of the last two weeks working with Jerry Staub, Nikki Dawson and Sheri Lynn from the animal shelter gathering the information Council had requested concerning the animal shelter.
- The historical Ad- HOC committee will host their second official meeting tomorrow

Councilman Moench reported as follows:

- Met with Nikki Dawson and Sheri Lynn to discuss the financials concerning the animal shelter
- Attended a Planning Board meeting to discuss the Al-Falah application.
- Had a meeting with representatives from NJ Pace. There is a corporate citizen in Bridgewater that wants to take advantage of this program and in order to do so, Council has to vote to agree to utilize them.
- Attended Somerset County Governing Officials meeting this past week
- 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
- Will be attending the Memorial Day parade in Bradley Gardens
- Advised the Bernards Township republican chairman passed away. He did a lot for the community and will be dearly missed.

Mayor's Report

Township Administrator Naples reported he along with Councilman Kurdyla are the Township's representatives on the Community Development Block Grant Committee which recently met and awarded a number of grants to both public and private entities.

Discussion

SOMERSET REGIONAL ANIMAL SHELTER

Council president Moench noted in his opinion, following the meetings and discussions he has had with the Somerset Regional Animal Shelter representatives, maintaining the animal shelter as a shared service with Manville is the proper course to take.

Councilwoman Rose concurred with Council president Moench. She thanked the shelter representatives including Jerry Staub, Nikki Dawson, Sheri Lynn, Kathey Healey and her group for their efforts in providing and investigating the information necessary for Council to make an informed decision. She appreciated the interest the community has had in reference to the shelter showing the shelter is an important part of the community and something we

should respect, honor and keep. She added under the current leadership, there is assurance the shelter shall continue to flourish.

Councilman Pedroso concurred noting the shelter provides an important service to the community.

Councilman Norgalis also concurred noting that based on the projected financials for 2015 as provided by Jerry Staub, he is hopeful the shelter can be a very successful operation.

Councilman Kurdyla opined that based on the business plan and financial report provided, a tremendous amount of work and improvements are going on at the shelter and therefore he is for maintaining the shelter.

Councilwoman Rose made motion to confirm Bridgewater Township's commitment to continuing a shared services agreement providing animal control services with the Borough of Manville at the Somerset Regional Animal Shelter located at 100 Commons Way in Bridgewater. Councilman Pedroso seconded the Motion which carried on the following roll call vote:

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #14-05-19-117 is appended to the official minutes.

**Public
Comment**

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Pedroso, 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.

No one wished to be heard

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

Resolutions

Council President Moench opened up the hearing for a discussion on the following resolutions then 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
Council President Moench

Aye
Aye

CERTIFICATION OF 2013 AUDIT

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #14-05-19-118 is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO ACCEPT FUNDS FROM A SUBGRANT AWARD OF THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2013 OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00 AND FOR THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER TO AMEND THE BUDGET AND CERTIFY THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #14-05-19-119 is appended to the official minutes

APPOINTMENT TO THE CREATIVE ARTS COMMITTEE - CELESTE R. PRICE

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #14-05-19-120 is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING/SURVEYING SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE PRINCE ROGERS ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO THE REYNOLDS GROUP, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$61,400.00

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #14-05-19-121 is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1/FINAL CHANGE ORDER IN THE SUM OF \$2,121.55, INCREASING THE AMENDED CONTRACT PRICE FROM THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT PRICE OF \$ 300,776.44 TO \$ 302,897.99, WHICH IS A 0.71% INCREASE FROM THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT PRICE, AND FINAL PAYMENT TO TOP LINE CONSTRUCTION CORP., AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT AND RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE ROAD REPAVING, CURB, DRAINAGE AND INCIDENTAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR GARRETSON ROAD PROJECT - PHASE I (COUNTRY CLUB ROAD TO THE WESTERLY EXIT DRIVEWAY AT THE BRIDGEWATER - RARITAN HIGH SCHOOL PROPERTY) BY TOP LINE CONSTRUCTION CORP

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #14-05-19-122 is appended to the official minutes

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF FIRE PERMIT FEES FOR THE ARC OF SOMERSET COUNTY IN CONNECTION WITH THE "STEP UP FOR THE ARC" WALK AND 5K RUN HOSTED AT DUKE ISLAND PARK ON SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2014 FROM 8:30 AM TO NOON

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #14-05-19-123 is appended to the official minutes

APPOINTMENT TO THE CREATIVE ARTS COMMITTEE - CAITLIN P. ANNESE

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #14-05-19-124 is appended to the official minutes

On the motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Pedroso, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Matthew C. Moench
Council President