

**MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 6, 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, October 6, 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  
                          Robert C. Bogart, Township Engineer  
                          Linda J. Doyle, Township Clerk

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

**Closed Session**

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On the motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, Council convened in closed session at 7:00 p.m.

A copy of resolution #14-10-06-246 is appended to the official minutes.

On the motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Pedroso, the meeting reconvened to open session at approximately 7:40 p.m.

## Minutes for Approval

The minutes listed below were moved for approval during the October 6, 2014 Township council Session.

Regular Sessions - September 8, September 15, 2014

Closed Sessions #1 and #2 - September 8, September 15, 2014

## Council Reports

Councilman Norgalis reported the following:

- Reminded everyone to promptly report street light outages
- Attended a breast cancer awareness meeting at the County.
- He thanked the Bridgewater sewer department for fixing a sewer main block in his neighborhood.
- Attended the Somerset County Alliance meeting which highlighted the happenings in Bridgewater and the County
- Met with Evan Lerner of the Board of Education to obtain information on what is happening in the school system
- Reminded everyone of the upcoming Halloween Season
- The Health Fair is scheduled for October 23<sup>rd</sup>

Councilman Pedroso reported he attended back to school nights for his daughters. He added his TV-show is back on the air for a second season on SBTTV

Councilman Kurdyla reported we hosted a very successful shred event on 9/20/2014 and shred 22,800 lbs of paper. He then advised there will be a Township's fireman inspection at the Bradley Gardens Firehouse

Councilwoman Christine Henderson Rose reported the following:

- The County will be issuing a check on 10/14/2014 to the Historic Committee for the Elaine Browkaw house in the amount of \$60,000.00 which will be used for the historic structures report and in order to submit an application for the placement of the home on the historic registry.
- She will be having breakfast with Evan Lerner of the Board of Education to discuss the happenings in the school system
- Attended a board meeting of the animal shelter. Details will follow.

Council President Moench reported the following:

- Attended a Planning Board meeting at the end of last month
- Attended the Turn the Town Teal Event hosted by the Township to bring awareness to ovarian cancer

- Attended the Somerset County bar association annual installation dinner. Frank Taddeo, a Bridgewater resident and public defender for the Township was sworn in as the president of the bar association
- Attended the 1770's festival in Basking Ridge
- He reminded everyone of the following upcoming events:
  - Somerset County Governing Officials Meeting
  - The Martinsville Community Center has scheduled their October Festival for 10/11/2014
  - A walk in honor of Pete Bondi who had served Bridgewater for many years is scheduled for 10/11/2014 in Hillsborough
  - The Elks have scheduled a Sunday afternoon brunch on 10/12/14

**Mayor's Report**

Township Administrator Naples was pleased to announce our credit rating has improved from AA to AA+. He attributed this to the hard work of Natasha Turchan, Finance Director, Administration and Council.

**Resolutions**

**BRIDGEWATER AND VONES REAL ESTATE ASSOCIATES, RELATED TO 7 BARBARA DRIVE AND THE UNCONSTRUCTED PORTION OF BARBARA DRIVE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER**

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the following resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #14-10-06-247 is appended to the official minutes

**Discussion**

**2014 BEST PRACTICE INVENTORY**

Township Administrator Naples advised that every year we are required to review the best practice inventory in order to continue to qualify for full receipt of State Aid monies. A handout of our 2014 best practice inventory was provided to the governing body.

**Resolutions**

**AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIPS USAGE OF P-CARD FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE AUTHORIZED PROGRAM N.J.S.A. 40: A-5.16(C)**

Township Administrator Naples together with CFO Turchan explained this is for

the purpose of enhancing our flexibility through e-commerce in order to strengthen our purchasing control. This option was investigated and it was found that many municipalities utilize P-Cards and found them to be efficient.

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

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #14-10-06-248 is appended to the official minutes

**Public  
Comment**

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the meeting was opened to the public for discussion.

Jane Schocklin, 1127 Concord Drive.

She noted her intent was to question a \$16,450.00 contract between the animal shelter board and Jersey Professional Management. She provided a handout of questions and asked Council to consider them. She noted concern that the contract was awarded in private.

Elizabeth McConville - 2708 Lindsley Road

She expressed concern with the proposal to put in a train ride to New York City on Milltown Road. She discussed the impact of this proposal to the residential homes in the area including traffic and change in lifestyle. She asked to be provided more information on this proposal.

Mike Duplak, 582 Union Ave - Somerset Hills Towing, LLC

He discussed his concerns with the towing ordinance noting he is opposed to the \$50.00 admin fee and technical problems throughout the ordinance.

Andy Leven, 2 Holmes Court

He discussed resolution 12A noting concern with the proposed mixed use concept. He asked for actual data supporting it, where it has been tried and with what result. Council President Moench explained the redevelopment process noting at this time, there is no specific plan for the property in question.

Madelyn Etzel, 14 Hastings Court

She expressed concern with resolution 12A.

Mike Bessapariious - Somerset Hills Towing, LLC

He noted he does not support the towing ordinance as written and offered round table discussion to work together

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the meeting was closed to the public for discussion.

Public  
Hearing &  
Final Action  
Ordinance

**ORDINANCE OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR THE TOWNSHIP TO ACQUIRE LAND, IN THE FUTURE, IDENTIFIED AS LOT 2, IN BLOCK 165, KNOWN AS 360 MILLTOWN ROAD FOR THE PURCHASE PRICE OF \$1,500,000.00 TO BE PAID FROM THE PROCEEDS OF A BOND ORDINANCE TO BE ADOPTED**

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

Richard Balling, 246 Vanderveer Rd. was present. He expressed traffic concerns and issues with the bridge.

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the public comment portion was closed.

Council President Moench and Councilman Pedroso agreed that although there are some things that are open ended at this point, it is better to start the process and address those issues as we proceed. The New Jersey Transit Study for one has the potential to address some of those concerns but in order for that to be done, we must move the process along.

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the foregoing Ordinance was proposed. The vote was as follows:

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

**THE ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #14-10-06-249 is appended to the official minutes.

Introduction  
of Ordinance

**AN ORDINANCE 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 AND ADD CERTAIN DEFINITIONS WITHIN THE ORDINANCE, 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**

Township Attorney Savo stated the issues raised by Council in previous meetings have been addressed. It was also confirmed that should other issues arise in the future, same will be presented to Council for amending. Councilwoman Rose recommended that a system is set in place to monitor the progress of the items discussed in the Ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Pedroso, 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	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 20<sup>th</sup> of October 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 #14-10-06-250 is appended to the official minutes.

Resolutions

**RESOLUTION OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF A 61.95+ ACRE PORTION OF BLOCK 483, LOTS 17, 18 AND**

**19 ALSO KNOWN AS 1041 US HWY. 206 AS AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT UNDER THE NEW JERSEY LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW (N.J.S.A 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ)**

Council commended Township Planner Scarlett Doyle for the comprehensive and inclusive report she prepared for determination whether this property is in need of redevelopment.

Councilman Pedroso stated he did not support multi housing complex on this property. He made motion to approve this resolution with the condition that redevelopment would be limited to single family homes. This motion failed as there was no second.

Council’s preference is that Planner Doyle and Mr. Banish would prepare the plan and that Council would see the plan before public viewing.

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the following resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #14-10-06-251 is appended to the official minutes

**YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION FY2014 COMPETITIVE GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500**

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

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #14-10-06-252 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**

**2014 MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$90.00**

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the following resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #14-10-06-253 is appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZING SUNESYS TO INSTALL OPERATE AND MAINTAIN FIBER OPTIC CABLE WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER**

It was confirmed that the installation would all be above ground.

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the following resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #14-10-06-254 is appended to the official minutes

**AWARD OF CONTRACT TO TOP LINE CONSTRUCTION CORP. FOR MEADOW ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CHURCH ROAD TO VAN HOLTEN ROAD), IN THE SUM OF \$270,178.78**

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the following resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #14-10-06-255 is appended to the official minutes



**AWARD OF CONTRACT TO JTG CONSTRUCTION INC. FOR JUNIPER LANE EAST ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (COUNTRY CLUB ROAD TO 500 FEET +/- WESTERLY) , IN THE SUM OF \$90,804.00**

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the following resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #14-10-06-256 is appended to the official minutes

**AWARD OF CONTRACT TO JTG CONSTRUCTION INC. FOR GREGORY AVENUE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN THE SUM OF \$271,484.00**

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the following resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #14-10-06-257 is appended to the official minutes

**AWARD OF CONTRACT TO JTG CONSTRUCTION INC. FOR CHURCH ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, IN THE SUM OF \$157,735.00**

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the following resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #14-10-06-258 is appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$135,098.52 (SELECTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA SURETY BOND NO. 202274) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$121,588.66 AND CASH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,509.86, ACCEPTANCE OF THE SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,096 (SELECTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA NO. B1149464) FOR SOMERSET DEVELOPERS, INC BLOCK 418.01, LOT 20 & 21 REAGAN DRIVE**

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the following resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #14-10-06-259 is appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$265,838.70 FULTON BANK OF NEW JERSEY LETTER OF CREDIT NO. S040614 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$239,254.83 (TYPICALLY 90%) ACCEPTANCE OF THE SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,229.84 CASH FOR VILLAGE AT BRIDGEWATER III, BLOCK 520, LOT 17 & BLOCK 526, LOT 16**

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the following resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #14-10-06-260 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 litigation.

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On the motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, Council convened in closed session at 9:10 p.m.

A copy of resolution #14-10-06-261 is appended to the official minutes.

On the motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the meeting reconvened to open session at approximately 9:18 p.m.

On the motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

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Matthew C. Moench  
Council President