

**MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**  
**SEPTEMBER 8, 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, September 8, 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      (arrived at 7:32pm)  
Christine Henderson Rose (arrived at 7:35pm)  
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.

**Minutes for Approval**

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

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**Council Reports**

Councilman Norgalis reported he attended a republican caucus. He also advised JCP&L which covers a portion of the Township has put out an alert that residents take precaution as they use generators.

Councilman Kurdyla reported he represented Bridgewater at the Bridgewater football opening day and was involved in the coin toss in which Bridgewater was a winner. He advised he met with Administration and Chief of Police to discuss

the emergency services operation and equipment and feels assured everything is in good order.

Council President Moench reported as follows:

- Will be attending a Planning Board meeting to continue deliberations on the Al Falah application
- The next Somerset County governing officials meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday, 9/17
- The Township will be holding a memorial ceremony on 9/11 at 4pm
- The Heritage Trail Association on 9/14/2014 at 10am and 2pm will host a hidden Bridgewater- narrated bus tour which is a historic tour of Bridgewater.
- He wished Rutgers good luck against Penn-State on 9/13

Councilman Pedroso reported he attended the Somerset Republican family picnic.

## Mayor's Report

Township Administrator Naples had nothing new to report.

## Presentation

### **PURPLE PURSE CHALLENGE - RESOURCE CTR OF SOMERSET**

Veronica Finley was present to conduct the presentation. She advised the Resource Center of Somerset County provides services to domestic violence victims and their families throughout Somerset County. Their services include a safe house, transitional housing, and an outreach center that provides individual and group counseling for women, men and children. They also have legal advocates who walk clients thru the legal system.

The purple purse challenge is an opportunity for the resource center to gain financial support thru the Allstate foundation. The Allstate foundation has allocated over \$500,000 in prizes to the 140 organizations across the country who are involved in the challenge and Resource Center of Somerset is one of them. This challenge will provide direct financial support to the Resource Center of Somerset and it runs from September 2, 2014 until October 3, 2014. Ms. Finley encouraged everyone to make a donation by visiting their team page at <https://www.crowdrise.com/PurplePurse-RCS>

Council expressed appreciation for the work the Resource Center of Somerset County is doing. The purple purse challenge information will be posted on Township website.

Public  
Hearing &  
Final Action  
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 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

After a lengthy discussion involving the public input the Council was in consensus to table this matter and re-introduce it at the next Council meeting.

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the foregoing Ordinance was tabled and scheduled for re-introduction at the next Council meeting. The vote was as follows:

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

Closed  
Session

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

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 Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, Council convened in closed session at 7:40 p.m.

A copy of resolution #14-09-08-218 is appended to the official minutes.

On the motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the meeting reconvened to open session at approximately 8:10 p.m

**Presentation**

**REASSESSMENT TUTORIAL - ANTHONY DIRADO, TAX ASSESSOR**

Tax Assessor Dirado explained the property re-assessment program noting Bridgewater’s reassessment started in 2001 at which time home values started to increase while the ratios between the sale and assessment values started to decline. The re-assessment program was reinstated in 2004 and we have been maintaining value at 100% ever since. Twenty five percent of the homes and businesses are visited each year and the other 75 percent are adjusted via real estate transactions. Appeals decline every year and we continue to be proactive in keeping the costs down.

**Resolutions**

**AWARD OF CONTRACT TO MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF RADIO EQUIPMENT, ACCESORIES AND FLASH UPGRADES FOR THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND RESCUE SQUADS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$618,588.28, PURSUANT TO NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT NO. 83909**

Township Administrator Naples and Chief Caravella explained this contract noting discounts have been applied and the price is below the projected anticipated expense. The Chief added he met with all fire and rescue squads who all agree the proposed equipment and pricing is in good order.

Councilman Kurdyla acknowledged there was hard work that went into putting this together and is satisfied with the outcome. Councilman Kurdyla commended all involved in putting this together.

Council President Moench noted he will be voting negatively as he does not support the migration.

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	Aye
Council President Moench	Nay

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #14-09-08-220 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.

Mike Duplak of Somerset Hills Towing was present. He expressed concerns over the Ordinance as written.

Michael Bessasparis of Somerset Hills Towing was present. He noted he sent many emails relating to proposed changes to each section of the Ordinance and offered he is available to provide further input.

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

**Public  
Hearing &  
Final Action  
Ordinance**

**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**

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

No one wished to speak.

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

Councilman Norgalis asked for language in the Ordinance stating any additional expense incurred due to razing the existing structure and closing costs will come out of the Open Space funds. Township Attorney Savo was in agreement.

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, 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 #14-09-08-219 is appended to the official minutes.

**Introduction  
of New  
Ordinances**

**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**

Council was in consensus to table this matter.

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

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

**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 Kurdyla, 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

**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) BULLETPROOF VEST-\$7,397.77**

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #14-09-08-221 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) DRIVE SOBER-\$5,000.00**

The administration agreed to provide a timely report back to Council on the citation and location of any tickets based upon this program.

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #14-09-08-222 is appended to the official minutes.

**AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER THROUGH THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET**

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #14-09-08-223 is appended to the official minutes

**AWARD OF CONTRACT TO JESCO INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE 2014 JOHN DEERE WHEEL LOADER BACKHOE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$110,141.00 APPROVED CAPITAL PURCHASE**

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #14-09-08-224 is appended to the official minutes

**AWARD OF CONTRACT TO CAMPBELL FREIGHTLINER, LLC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE 2015 SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK WITH CHASSIS AND PLOW IN THE AMOUNT OF \$136,763.00 APPROVED CAPITAL PURCHASE**

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #14-09-08-225 is appended to the official minutes

**AWARD OF CONTRACT TO TOP LINE CONSTRUCTION CORP. FOR PRINCE RODGERS ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, IN THE SUM OF \$603,391.85**

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #14-09-08-226 is appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1/FINAL CHANGE ORDER IN THE SUM OF \$37,679.18, DECREASING THE AMENDED CONTRACT PRICE FROM THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT PRICE OF \$148,675.50 to \$110,996.32, WHICH IS A 25.34% DECREASE FROM THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT PRICE, AND FINAL PAYMENT TO STILO EXCAVATION, INC., 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 AND INCIDENTAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS FOR MINE ROAD RESURFACING AND IMPROVEMENTS - CRIM ROAD TO MOUNTAINTOP ROAD BY STILO EXCAVATION, INC.**

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #14-09-08-227 is appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF THE FORMER PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$43,620 FROM NGM INSURANCE COMPANY (SURETY BOND 06-0285457 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,258 AND CASH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,362), AND ACCEPTANCE OF A REPLACEMENT PERFORMANCE BOND FROM THE NEW PROPERTY OWNER FOR SALVATI, BLOCK 820, LOT 5 MIDDLE BROOK ROAD**

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #14-09-08-228 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 2015 MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM FOR THE VOSSELLER AVENUE SECTION IV-ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #14-09-08-229 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 2015 MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM FOR THE COUNTRY CLUB ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - SECTION VI**

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #14-09-08-230 is appended to the official minutes

**WAIVER OF FIRE PERMIT FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50 FOR BRIDGEWATER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN CONNECTION WITH ITS TENT EVENT FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2014**

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #14-09-08-231 is appended to the official minutes

**REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF FIRE PERMIT FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50 FOR THE BRIDGEWATER SENIORS COUNCIL IN CONNECTION WITH A HINDU NEW YEAR EVENT HELD AT THE BRIDGEWATER-RARITAN MIDDLE SCHOOL ON OCTOBER 18, 2014**

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #14-09-08-232 is appended to the official minutes

**REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF FIRE PERMIT FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200 FOR THE BRIDGEWATER SOCCER ASSOCIATION 26<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL KICK-OFF SOCCER TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 6 AND 7, 2014**

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #14-09-08-233 is appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AND FSG BRIDGEWATER HOTEL, LLC FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF A FOUR STORY 133 ROOM HAMPTON INN & SUITES HOTEL WITH FRONTAGE ON THREE ROADS;: THE NORTHERLY SIDE OF HIGHWAY ROUTE 22 WEST, THE WESTERLY SIDE OF RONSON ROAD AND THE SOUTHERLY SIDE OF FOOTHILL ROAD ON LOTS 4, 8 & 9 IN BLOCK 581 ON THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP TAX MAP**

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #14-09-08-234 is appended to the official minutes

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER RATIFYING AND AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP TO DAVID A. STIRES OF DAVID A. STIRES ASSOCIATES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$51,000**

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #14-09-08-235 is appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZING A PRELIMINARY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR THE ROUTE 22 SUSTAINABLE CORRIDOR LONG TERM IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AND BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET**

Township Engineer Bogart explained the project noting it extends on Route 22 from US 202/206 to I-287 which is the section of 22 that carries more traffic than I-287. The purpose of the project is to improve over-all safety corridor, reduce congestion and improve traffic operations.

Councilman Moench and Councilman Pedroso offered they would prefer to have someone from the County explain this project further.

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

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #14-09-08-236 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 Open Space.

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 9:00 p.m.

A copy of resolution #14-09-08-237 is appended to the official minutes.

On the motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the meeting reconvened to open session at approximately 9:30 p.m.

On the motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Pedroso, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

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Matthew C. Moench  
Council President