

**MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**  
**OCTOBER 20, 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 20, 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                    (absent)  
Filipe Pedroso  
Christine Henderson Rose  
Council President Matthew C. Moench   (absent)

Also Present:            James T. Naples, Township Administrator  
Chris Corsini, Township Attorney  
Linda J. Doyle, Township Clerk

Acting Council President Pedroso led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes for Approval**

The minutes listed below were moved for approval during the October 20, 2014 Township council Session on motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla.

Regular Sessions - October 6, 2014  
Closed Sessions #1 and #2 - October 6, 2014

**Council Reports**

Councilwoman Christine Henderson Rose reported the following:

- She continues to work with the animal shelter
- She attended the Board of Chosen Freeholders meeting where she accepted a \$67,000.00 Ceremonial Check for the Lane Brokaw house.

Councilman Kurdyla reported he will be attending the Veterans Day Ceremony at the Martinsville Park with the Martinsville VFW Group. He reminded everyone this is a very solemn day for our country and asked that all attend in support.

Acting Council President Pedroso reported as follows:

- Attended the Centerbridge II Board meeting last week
- Went to the Devil's Home Opening Game
- The Creative Arts Committee will be hosting an event "Talent in the Town" on 10/21/2014 at 5pm to 7pm in the Municipal Building and invited all to attend

### **Mayor's Report**

Township Administrator Naples reported today we held our first of two flu clinics for our seniors scheduled at the Senior Center. 170 people registered to attend. On the 27<sup>th</sup>, we will hold the second series which has been extended to all first responders in the Township.

### **Public Comment**

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

Joyce Sunders, 56 Brahma Avenue was present. She expressed concern with speeding on Brahma Avenue noting it is very dangerous. Township Administrator Naples noted he will present this to Sergeant Payne who heads our traffic safety unit and he will assess the situation to rectify.

Dianne Pearly, 63 Beach Avenue was present. She advised the fire hydrant across the street from her house was snow covered most of the time due to heavy snow fall last winter and offered she was concerned with this in the event there is a fire. Township Administrator Naples advised he will look into it.

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

### **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**

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

Mike Duplak, Somerset Hills Towing

- Interpretation of the Ordinance is an issue

- Opposed to \$50 Admin fee
- Does not support the ordinance

Mike Bessapariou - Somerset Hills Towing, LLC

- Does not support ordinance as written. It is a burden, would like to be afforded the opportunity to discuss this ordinance
- Does not support the ordinance

William Polinger, Esq. representing Somerset Hills Towing

- He discussed his opposition to the proposed Ordinance noting it contains various violations of New Jersey Statutes.

Dolly Zampella 1688 Valley View Road in Martinsville.

- Expressed concern over identity theft as private information is being handled by many individuals
- Opposed to \$50 Admin Fees

Mark Sowden - Rescue Wreckers

- Opposed to \$50 Admin Fees
- He offered the NJ Statutes/regulations do not allow the Township to regulate any more than the tow itself not clean up, recovery or surcharges.

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

Council was in consensus to table this matter in order to allow adequate time to address the questions raised concerning the legality of some of the statutes that were referenced.

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

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

**Resolutions**

**AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL \$75,000 FOR A TOTAL OF AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$125,000 TO CONNELL FOLEY AS SPECIAL COUNSEL REPRESENTING THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER IN LITIGATION FILED BY AL FALAH**

**CENTER, ET AL THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014**

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

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #14-10-20-262 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. 40 A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P. L. 1948 - BODY ARMOR-\$6,742.00**

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

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #14-10-20-263 is appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET TO ASSIGN THE TOWNSHIP'S INTEREST IN A CONSERVATION EASEMENT FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 124, LOTS 3, 4, 5, 10 AND 11, BLOCK 125, LOTS 2 AND 3 BLOCK 126, LOTS 1, 2 AND 3 BLOCK 127, LOTS 1, 2 AND 3 BLOCK 128, LOTS 4 AND 5, BLOCK 129, LOTS 1, 3, 4, 5 AND 6, BLOCK 133, LOTS 2 AND 3 LOCATED ON EDGEWATER AVENUE**

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

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #14-10-20-264 is appended to the official minutes

On the motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

---

Matthew C. Moench  
Council President