

**MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**  
**JANUARY 22, 2015      COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

The Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in a regular session on Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers in the Municipal Complex, Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807.

Council President Norgalis 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, 2015 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  
Matthew C. Moench (absent)  
Filipe Pedroso  
Christine Henderson Rose  
Council President Norgalis

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

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

**Minutes for Approval**

On motion of Councilman Pedroso, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the following minutes were moved for approval and passed unanimously:

Regular Session - December 1, 2014  
Closed Session - December 1, 2014  
Regular Session - December 15, 2014  
Reorganizational Minutes - January 5, 2015

**Council Reports**

Councilwoman Rose reported as follows:

- The animal shelter board has established a task force based on the work that needs to be done. Their first meeting will be held at the high school on Thursday at 7:30pm.
- The historic committee is very excited as they have found more information about the readout in Martinsville and are working with Spring

Run to make it special. They are also excited about working on the Lane Brokaw house.

Councilman Kurdyla reported he attended the re-organization meetings of the Board of Education and the Planning Board.

Councilman Pedroso reported he attended the Martinsville and Green Knoll installation dinner at Maggianos. Another season of his TV show on SPT TV is scheduled to run on Thursday nights at 8:30pm.

Councilman Norgalis reported the following:

- The Clerk's office will be open on Saturday, 1/24/2015 to process dog and cat licenses from 8am to 2pm.
- Bridgewater police Chief Caravela issued a warning that scams are going on where folks are phoned with the caller saying they need to pay money to avoid arrest. He advises residents to hang up and then call the police dept that the caller says they are from.
- Attended the Governing Official meeting where Claudio Marchese, Executive Director of the States Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund discussed the help they can provide.
- Attended the Police Promotion and Retirement ceremony. There were two retirements Lts. Bauman and Duane and numerous "Outstanding Service to Duty" awards. The following were recognized:

Medal of Merit

Officer Jeff Savare

Exceptional Service Award:

Detective Thomas Rice  
Detective James Edwards  
Detective Scott Slepokura  
Officer Anthony DiGraziano

Certificate of Commendation:

Officer Brian Blath  
Officer Brian Schubert  
Officer Joseph Greco  
Officer Patrick Knapp  
Officer Rusell Yarnell

CPR/Defibrillator Save Award

Officer Randy Pelley  
Officer Vincent Stetsko

Civilian Awards, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree  
Dispatcher Allison Cavallo  
Dispatcher Brianna Retsis

- Read in the paper that Bridgewater was recognized as the 2nd safest town in the 45,000+ population.
- Reminded everyone that a recent memo from Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno reaffirmed the issue that states "No holder of a public office or position shall demand payment or contribution from another holder of a public office or position for the campaign purposes of any candidate..." That notice should be distributed to all employees
- Attended the Martinsville and Green Knoll Rescue Squads annual installation dinner. He stated he was sure that the average Bridgewater resident has no idea of the amount of time and energy spent by these volunteers in support of the township.

**Mayor's  
Report**

Township Administrator Naples reported the Mayor attended the Martin Luther King service held by the Faith in Action Church.

**Public  
Comment**

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

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

Kathy Healy, 514 Jackson Avenue, Manville, NJ was present. She is the president of the Friends of Somerset Regional Animal Shelter. She noted her concern that the animal shelter does not have a contract stating this causes a problem when they need to apply for grants. She also asked for continued support from Council for the animal shelter. Ms. Healy was advised the contract situation is being handled.

Chuck McClellan, 390 Burnt Mills Road, Branchburg, NJ was present. He stated he received a letter but was unsure of how to interpret its content. McClellan was offered to meet with Town Counsel after the meeting.

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

**Introduction  
of  
Ordinances**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 206 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC), ARTICLE XIV (SCHEDULES), SECTION 206-29 ENTITLED SCHEDULE I: NO PARKING OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER SO AS TO PROHIBIT PARKING ALONG EITHER SIDE OF THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF BARTLE**

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

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

**THE ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED.**

A copy of resolution #15-01-22-031 is appended to the official minutes

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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2015, 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.

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,985,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF LAND IDENTIFIED AS LOT 18, IN BLOCK 477 CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 15 ACRES LOCATED ON ROUTE 202-206 NORTH BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,885,750 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION.**

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

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

**THE ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED.**

A copy of resolution #15-01-22-032 is appended to the official minutes

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 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 2015, 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.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Finance will forward the Supplemental Debt Statement received this date electronically to the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, Trenton, New Jersey

**Resolutions**

**AWARD OF CONTRACT TO NEW WORLD SYSTEMS FOR THE ANNUAL PROPRIETARY MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR THE CAD/RMS SYSTEM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,050.00**

Township Administrator Naples advised we awarded a contract for CAD/RMS system to New World Systems in 2003. This resolution will allow for a 10-month contract for software maintenance services.

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

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #15-01-22-033 is appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AND STANDARD ALTERNATIVE, LLC (APPLICANT) AND FISHER SCIENTIFIC COMPANY, LLC (PROPERTY OWNER) TO CONSTRUCT AN ELEVATED GROUND MOUNTED SOLAR AND PHOTOVOLTAIC ENERGY FACILITY ON LOT 1 IN BLOCK 163 ON THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP TAX MAP**

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

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #15-01-22-034 is appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE TEMPORARY MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE IN THE AMOUNT OF 5,000.00 (CASH) FOR WOODMONT PROPERTIES I, BLOCK 477, LOT 23**

Township Administrator Naples advised these monies were being held while Woodmont finished landscaping the property in question. This work has since been completed and as such the cash bond can be released.

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

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #15-01-22-035 is appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1/ FINAL CHANGE ORDER INCREASING THE PRICE FROM \$98,888.95 TO \$105,093.19, WHICH IS AN INCREASE OF 6.27% OR \$6,204.24 FROM THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT, AND FINAL PAYMENT TO RICHARD T. BARRETT PAVING CO., AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT AND RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND FOR THE RESURFACING OF LIBRARY PARKING LOT - PHASE II**

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

Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Moench	Absent
Councilman Pedroso	Aye

Councilwoman Rose	Aye
Council President Norgalis	Aye

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #15-01-22-036 is appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1/ FINAL CHANGE ORDER INCREASING THE PRICE FROM \$229,607.23 TO \$235,951.62, WHICH IS AN INCREASE OF 2.76% OR \$6,344.39 FROM THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT, AND FINAL PAYMENT TO DESANTIS CONSTRUCTION INC, AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT AND RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND FOR THE SOUTHSIDE AVENUE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS**

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

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #15-01-22-037 is appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1/FINAL CHANGE ORDER IN THE SUM OF \$33,168.42, DECREASING THE AMENDED CONTRACT PRICE FROM THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT PRICE OF \$544,794.88 TO \$511,626.46, WHICH IS A 6.09% DECREASE FROM THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT PRICE, AND FINAL PAYMENT TO BLACK ROCK ENTERPRISES, LLC., 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 OAK STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - PHASE 2 (PERRY DRIVE TO THE SOUTHERLY INTERSECTION WITH ARDMAER DRIVE) BY BLACK ROCK ENTERPRISES, LLC**

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

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #15-01-22-038 is appended to the official minutes

**PERSON TO PERSON PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER, FROM GMRI INC., LOCATED AT 1271 ROUTE 22 WEST, BRIDGEWATER LIQUOR LICENSE #1806-33-026-006 TO RED LOBSTER RESTAURANTS, LLC t/a RED LOBSTER #827 NEW LICENSE #1806-33-026-007**

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

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #15-01-22-039 is appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AND THE BOROUGH OF RARITAN PROVIDING FOR INSPECTION SERVICES FOR ELECTRIC SUBCODE OFFICIAL/INSPECTOR SERVICES**

Township Administrator Naples advised this is a new shared service agreement that was previously performed for the Borough of Raritan by the Borough of Somerville who is unable to continue these services. This service will not pose a travel inconvenience or burden us in any way. Raritan Borough will pay us a premium and we are confident we are recovering our entire cost.

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

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #15-01-22-040 is appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 BRIDGEWATER /RARITAN MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE REQUEST FOR APPLICATION WITH SOMERSET**



**COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$71,522**

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

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #15-01-22-041 is appended to the official minutes

**APPOINTMENT TO THE SOMERSET RARITAN VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY - ROBERT E. ALBANO**

Council President Norgalis advised Mr. Albano served the Township as Councilman for 24-years and continues to serve us at the Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority.

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

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #15-01-22-042 is appended to the official minutes

**Public Comment**

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

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

The following Boy Scouts from Hillsborough were present for their merit badges:

- Ed Dorsey- 6 Vernon Court, Hillsborough, NJ
- Brent Leoni- 8 Durhan Court, Hillsborough, NJ
- David Han- 906B Merrit Drive, Hillsborough, NJ
- Ryan Applegate- 18 Slater Court, Hillsborough, NJ

Andrew Chang, 202 Fairfield Lane, Hillsborough, NJ  
Varun Amesur, 1505 William & Mary Cmn, Hillsborough, NJ

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

**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 Kurdyla, Council convened in closed session at 8:05 p.m.

A copy of resolution #15-01-22-043 is appended to the official minutes.

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

On the motion of Councilwoman Rose, 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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Howard Norgalis  
Council President