

MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
JANUARY 5, 2015 COUNCIL CHAMBERS

REORGANIZATION MEETING

The Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in a regular session and reorganization meeting on Monday, January 5, 2015, at 7:30 p. m, in the Municipal Complex Courtroom located at 100 Commons Way, Bridgewater, New Jersey.

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 December 10, 2014, by sending written and electronic notice to the Courier News and The Star Ledger; posting 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 F. Kurdyla
Howard V. Norgalis
Filipe Pedroso
Christine Henderson Rose
Matthew C. Moench

Also Present: Daniel J. Hayes Jr., Mayor
 James Naples, Township Administrator
 William B. Savo, Township Attorney
 Linda J. Doyle, Township Clerk
 Grace Karanja, Deputy Township Clerk
 Krista Gaffney, Confidential Secretary to the Clerk

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

Invocation

The invocation was presented by: Reverend Lynn Santulli, Pastor of the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, Plainfield

Recognition

Council President Moench recognized the local dignitaries in the audience including:

- Patricia Walsh, Freehold Director
- Patrick Scaglione, Freehold Deputy Director
- Manuel Caravela, Chief of Bridgewater Police
- Bob Albano Former Councilman
- Evan Lerner of the Board of Education
- Lynne Hurley of the Board of Education

- Aaron Kurdyla of the Board of Education
- Francesco Taddeo, Public Defender

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MOENCH - OUTGOING MESSAGE

The speech is attached to the official minutes. (Schedule A)

SELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Council President Rose nominated Councilman Norgalis to serve as Council President for the year 2015. Councilman Kurdyla seconded the motion. The vote on the forgoing motion was as follows:

Allen F. Kurdyla	Aye
Matthew Moench	Aye
Howard V. Norgalis	Abstain
Filipe Pedroso	Aye
Christine Henderson Rose	Aye

INCOMING COUNCIL PRESIDENT NORGALIS’S MESSAGE -

To you residents and Friends of Bridgewater Township, Thank you for joining us tonight for our 2015 reorganization. And a special New Year’s greeting to the hundreds of volunteers, many of whom are here today, who selflessly give their time and energy to make Bridgewater a wonderful place to live.

Rev. Santulli, thank you for your inspiring invocation.

I also want to thank my colleagues, Allen, Matt Christine and Filipe for giving me the opportunity to be Council President. Also, a very special thank you to Matt Moench for his inspiring Council President leadership during 2014. The tasks of the Council itself are somewhat limited based upon our form of governance. The Council has only three employees. Linda Doyle is the Township Clerk, Grace Karanja is the Deputy Clerk and Krista Gaffney provides office support. However, this small but mighty group is often the face of the Township for folks coming to the Municipal Building.

A frequently asked question is, what does the Town Council do? You need to know that Council does not police or repair or plow the streets or maintain the parks. Those tasks and many others fall to the Administration. Simply stated the Council is the legislative arm of the Township. We enact the laws, bond where appropriate and approve contracts as well as various other activities as prescribed by state statute. What about the Council President job? The Council President position involves coordination with the Mayor and Township Administrator, planning the

Council meeting agendas, running the meetings, and serving somewhat as the Council public contact.

Council meetings whether they are work sessions, generally on a Thursday, or a Regular meeting generally held on Monday, to provide an opportunity for all residents to share their issues with their elected officials during the “open to the public” part of our agenda. In that regard I am implementing a pilot email initiative for the first three months of 2015 whereby our constituency can e-mail the Council at tellthecouncil@bridgewaternj.gov and pass information to us if they cannot attend any of our other meetings. When speaking at a Council meeting speakers are required to give their name and address for the records. I would ask that anyone using this new email procedure provide their full name, street address, telephone number and personal email address. I will read every email sent to this address and, as appropriate share with the other Council members and/or the Administration. Emails lacking identification details or, nasty in nature, will be ignored. Please note that this is not an attempt to limit personal participation at meetings it is simply an effort to recognize that residents have very busy lives and may need an alternative communication conduit. Please feel free to also report street lights outages on township streets to this email address. Why did street lights get dropped into the middle of my talks? The town pays anywhere from \$7-\$12 every month for each light. So, we are paying for every light whether it works or not. Let’s get them fixed.

Let me digress for the moment and talk about resident safety. When, as a firefighter I routinely talk with school children in October during Fire Safety month I remind them to pester their parents and guardians to change the batteries and test smoke detectors. Please consider yourself pestered to do that. It’s important. Speaking also as a fire first responder I need to share with you that, in driving a fire truck, one of my biggest fears is getting to the emergency site quickly as possible. That effort is hampered in some cases by Bridgewater homes, and sometimes businesses, which have inadequate address identifications. House numbers are missing, often far too small and generally hard to see especially at night.

When asked, I always recommend large reflective numbers on mailboxes in addition to numbers on the building that can be seen from the street. When you go home tonight please take a moment to reflect how easy it would be for someone to find your home in an emergency. If you saw fit to improve your house number appearance, please drop me an email.

And now, a very brief glance at my personal objectives for 2015, continued cooperation and coordination with the Administration on key initiatives such as 911 Consolidation which will take place by second quarter. Strong support for consolidated services with Somerset County or adjacent towns where there is a

tangible benefit to our residents. Careful reflection on the needs of the Township in 2015, especially the critical need for additional street repairing and repaving.

In closing I would ask your prayers and support for the men and women of our armed forces especially those who are in harm's way throughout the world.

May GOD Bless America and Bridgewater Township. Thank you.

MAYOR DANIEL J. HAYES, JR. INAUGURAL STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP ADDRESS

The address is attached to the official minutes. (Schedule B)

**Mayor
Appointments
with Advice
and Consent**

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS WITH ADVICE AND CONSENT (Staff)

APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER - ROSE WITT

APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC DEFENDER- FRANCESCO TADDEO

AUTHORIZING/APPROVING THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR WILLIAM B. SAVO, ESQ. AND THE LAW FIRM OF MAURO, SAVO, CAMERINO, GRANT & SCHALK, P.A., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$450,000, IN ADDITION \$40,000 FROM THE TAX ASSESSOR'S AND \$10,000 FROM THE CONSTRUCTION CODE DEPARTMENT FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$500,000 FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2015 TO DECEMBER 31, 2015

APPOINTMENT OF ERIC M. BERNSTEIN & ASSOCIATES AS TOWNSHIP LABOR ATTORNEY AND AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000.00

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF SCARLETT DOYLE TOWNSHIP PLANNER AND AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO GIBBONS, P.C. AS BOND COUNSEL FOR THE 2015 CALENDAR YEAR

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

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

THE RESOLUTIONS WERE APPROVED.

Copies of resolutions #15-01-05-001 through #15-01-05-006 are appended to the official minutes.

**Mayor
Appointments
without Advice
and Consent**

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS WITHOUT ADVICE AND CONSENT (Boards and Committees)

APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS

Class II - Stephen Rodzinak
Class IV - Tricia Casamento
Class IV- Evan Lerner (alternate I)

APPOINTMENTS TO THE 2015 SOMERSET COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONSORTIUM

James Naples
Robert Bogart (alternate)

APPOINTMENT OF RISK MANAGER

James Rick

APPOINTMENT TO REGIONAL CENTER PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Mayor Daniel J. Hayes, Jr.
Township Planner Scarlett Doyle
Henry J. Reynolds
Matthew Moench
Howard Norgalis (alternate)

**APPOINTMENT TO BRIDGEWATER / RARITAN YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION/
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE FOR PREVENTION OF ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE**

Lynne Hurley
Daniel J. Hayes
Christine Schneider

APPOINTMENT TO LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Robert Szkodny
Mayor Daniel J. Hayes
James T. Naples
Howard Turbowitz
Stephen Rodzinak
Robert Hanlon
Phil Langon
Chris Poulsen
Manuel Caravela
Thomas J. Forsythe

Don Collins
Ray Ruth
Malcolm Plager
Dr. Lawrence Livornese

APPOINTMENT TO GREEN BROOK FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION

Thomas J. Forsythe

RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO SOMERSET COUNTY CULTURAL AND HERITAGE COMMISSION

Herb Patullo

APPOINTMENT TO THE SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Robert Bogart

MAYORS APPOINTMENTS WITH ADVICE AND CONSENT (Boards and Committees)

**Mayor
Appointments
with Advice
and Consent**

APPOINTMENT TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Tom Genova
Glenn E. Petillo
Marc D. Steinberg

APPOINTMENT TO THE HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

Dr. Caryn S. Dahl
Scott Baxter Green

APPOINTMENT TO THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Dana Hayes
Debra Albanese
Elizabeth Lande

APPOINTMENT TO THE LOCAL ASSISTANCE BOARD

Catherine Haller-Franco

APPOINTMENTS TO THE SHADE TREE BOARD

Jean Garzillo

APPOINTMENT TO THE RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Urvin Pandya
Kim Tone

APPOINTMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Susan Dorward
Dr. Sidney Horowitz

APPOINTMENT TO THE RARITAN MILLSTONE FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION

Robert Bogart (alternate)

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, second of Councilman Pedroso, the foregoing resolutions were proposed. The vote was as follows:

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

THE RESOLUTIONS WERE APPROVED.

Copies of resolutions #15-01-05-007 through #15-01-05-014 are appended to the official minutes.

**Council
Appointments
for Staff**

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS (STAFF)

APPOINTMENT OF ASSESSMENT SEARCH OFFICER

Linda J. Doyle

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TOWNSHIP CLERK

Grace Karanja

APPOINTMENT OF TAX SEARCH OFFICER

Darrow Murdock

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR SUPLEE CLOONEY & COMPANY, 308 EAST BROAD STREET, WESTFIELD, NJ 07090-2122 IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$61,550

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, second of Councilman Pedroso, the foregoing resolutions were proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Aye
Councilwoman Rose	Aye

THE RESOLUTIONS WERE APPROVED.

Copies of resolutions #15-01-05-015 through #15-01-05-018 are appended to the official minutes.

**Council
Appointments
for Boards
and
Committees**

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS (Boards and Committees)

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Beth Powers (Member)
Pushpavati Amin (Member)
James Weideli (alternate 2)
Dawn Guttschall (alternate 3)

APPOINTMENTS TO CREATIVE ARTS COMMITTEE

Neha Limaye
Stephanie Moench

GREEN BROOK FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION

Matthew C. Moench, Regular Member
Filipe Pedroso (alternate)

APPOINTMENT TO THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD

Dr. Sidney Horowitz

APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING BOARD

Class III - Allen Kurdyla

APPOINTMENTS OF THE REGIONAL CENTER PARTNERSHIP DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES

Matthew Moench, Regular Member
Howard Norgalis (alternate)

APPOINTMENT TO THE RARITAN MILLSTONE FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION

Matthew Moench, Regular Member
Christine Henderson Rose (alternate)

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, second of Councilwoman Rose, the foregoing resolutions were proposed. The vote was as follows:

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

THE RESOLUTIONS WERE APPROVED.

Copies of resolutions #15-01-05-019 through #15-01-5-024 are appended to the official minutes.

Oaths **OATHS OF OFFICE WERE ADMINISTERED BY WILLIAM B. SAVO, TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY FOR THOSE APPOINTED TO CERTAIN BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

Resolutions **2015 GENERAL BUSINESS**

Designates the Official Newspaper as the Courier News, names certain depositories and sets provisions for the effective conduct of business.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.

A copy of resolution #15-01-05-025 is appended to the official minutes.

2015 TOWNSHIP COUNCIL SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

The foregoing resolution sets the meeting calendar for Township Council for the year 2015.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.

A copy of resolution #15-01-05-026 is appended to the official minutes.

2015 TEMPORARY BUDGET - CURRENT FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,931,191.10

The temporary budget is set not to exceed at 26.25% of the 2014 year's budget to meet payments and obligations prior to adoption of the 2015 budget.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.

A copy of resolution #15-01-05-027 is appended to the official minutes.

2015 TEMPORARY BUDGET - SEWER FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,809,226.16

The temporary budget is set not to exceed at 26.25% of the 2014 year's budget to meet payments and certain obligation to continue business prior to adoption of the 2015 budget.

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

Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Aye
Councilman President Norgalis	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.

A copy of resolution #15-01-05-028 is appended to the official minutes.

ESTABLISHING CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN AND NAMING OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES

The Cash Management Plan is prepared pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A 5-14, and sets forth the basis for deposits and investments and naming the depositories for township funds.

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, second of Councilman Kurdyla, the foregoing

resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.

A copy of resolution #15-01-05-029 is appended to the official minutes.

AUTHORIZING BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP ENGINEER ROBERT C BOGART, PE & PLS TO EXECUTE NJDEP, NJDOT, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND SOMERSET COUNTY PERMITS ON BEHALF OF THE TOWNSHIP

The resolution authorizes and names Robert Bogart as Township Engineer to sign permits from NJDOT, NJDEP and Somerset County on behalf of the Township.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.

A copy of resolution #15-01-05-030 is appended to the official minutes.

**Public
Comment**

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

Adjournment

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

Council President Norgalis invited all attendees for refreshments in the adjacent conference room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk