

MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 19, 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, February 19, 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
 William Savo, Township Attorney
 Linda J. Doyle, Township Clerk

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

Minutes for Approval

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

Regular Session - January 22, 2015
Closed Session - January 22, 2015
Special Session - February 2, 2015

Council Reports

Councilman Pedroso reported he attended the Somerset County Governing Officials Dinner on 2/11. The speaker was prosecutor Geoffrey Soriano, Esq. who updated them on law enforcement the county level and how the sharing of communication between the towns enhances response and safety for the residents.

Councilwoman Rose reported as follows:

- The animal shelter board's task force continues to make progress as they now have a balanced budget and hopefully, new board members will be appointed tonight.
- The Historic committee is also making progress. Hopefully, Council will vote to award the Lane Brokaw contract to Michael Mills tonight.

Councilman Kurdyla reported the following:

- He has been meeting weekly with the committee for the planning board relating to the Sanofi Center of Excellence to discuss the site and configuration.
- He attended the Somerset County Planning Board presentation given by the graduates of Rutgers whose planning on the millennials could impact the theme or logic behind some of the development at the Center of Excellence.
- He urged residents to vote for their respective fire districts on Saturday, 2/21. The voting times are 2PM to 9PM.

Councilman Norgalis reported the following:

- Attended the specially called Council meeting to approve Bridgewater's participation in the Regional Animal Shelter. Since Somerville has withdrawn from the agreement only Bridgewater and Manville remain.
- Attended along with Councilman Moench, a meeting with NJPace representatives and Jeff VanDerBeek, owner of the Bridgewater Sports Arena, to discuss plans for modernization of the arena. More to follow on this issue after NJ State Senate action on a law related to this topic.
- Attended the Bridgewater Raritan High School Choral Department "Broadway Night 2015" musical. It was a great show and all residents should take pride in our kids.
- Attended the Robert Wood Johnson / Somerset Hospital health workshop which included a Cardiologist talk on heart health and a healthy cooking demonstration from Carla Hall who appears on the CHEW on TV.

Future happenings:

- He will be attending the Raymore and Flanagan ribbon cutting tomorrow on Route 202 near Wegmans. Their building was the former HomeDepot Expo which closed six years ago.
- Fire District elections are this Saturday from 2PM to 9PM. The FD 3 election is in this building and the other three are at their firehouses.

**Mayor's
Report**

Township Administrator Naples had nothing new to report.

**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.

Joseph Amibile of Glenn Road was present. He stated VFV properties is proposing to build about 10-townhouses off Vosseller Avenue which is adjacent to their properties on Glenn Road. His concern is that these properties will be in their back yard. Mr. Amibile discussed at length his and his neighbors' concerns including traffic, noise and light pollution etc. After discussion, it was concluded that Township Planner Doyle would investigate, follow up and even attend the meetings at Bound Brook Township to determine how Bridgewater residents can be helped.

Christian Denunzio, publisher of the Hunterdon County News was present. He stated they were the first online newspaper in Hunterdon County in the year 2000. They currently reach 50,000 people in Hunterdon per day and essentially cover 50 stories in a day on local news. He provided his contact information and stated they look forward to covering anything Council may have.

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

**Public
Hearing &
Final Action
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 LANE

Township Administrator Naples confirmed "No Parking" signs on Bartle Lane, which is a narrow road will alleviate many problems.

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, second my Councilman Kurdyla, the meeting was opened to the public

No one wished to speak.

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, second my Councilman Pedroso, the meeting was closed for public comment.

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 PASSED.

A copy of resolution #15-02-19-045 is appended to the official minutes

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, second my Councilman Kurdyla, the meeting was opened to the public.

No one wished to speak.

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, second my Councilman Pedroso, the meeting was closed for public comment.

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, 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 PASSED.

A copy of resolution #15-02-19-046 is appended to the official minutes

Introduction
of
Ordinances

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 206-29 ENTITLED “SCHEDULE I: NO PARKING” OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER SO AS TO PROHIBIT PARKING ALONG CERTAIN PORTIONS OF JACKSON STREET EXCEPT BY PERMIT

Township Administrator Naples advised in November of 2014 there were several residents who live on the lower end of Jackson Street who came before Council

with a concern that the Arbor Glen employees park on the street, instead of their designated parking and have become an irritant due to smoking, noise and littering. Mr. Naples was directed to see what we can do to assist without having to do an ordinance. He and the mayor met with the executive director of Arbor Glen and explained the problem to him. He said that in years past, he had cautioned his employees about that. After a month and a half, the situation did not get better thus the need for this Ordinance in order to restrict parking.

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, 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 #15-02-19-047 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 2nd day of March 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.

Resolutions

PROVIDING FOR EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT FUND \$ 67,210.00, LANE-BROKAW HOUSE GRANT.

Township Administrator Naples advised this is the money we will receive from the County for the Lane Brokaw house. These monies must be placed in the budget before there can be an expenditure.

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 #15-02-19-048 is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE AGREEMENT TO QUALCARE, INC., MARCH 1, 2015, THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2016, FOR FIXED REINSURANCE COSTS NOT TO EXCEED \$446,215 AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS FOR 2015-2017 ESTIMATED TO BE \$190,114 PER YEAR

Township Administrator Naples recognized Jamie Rick, Risk manager, Jerry Isenberg, our principle at Qualcare and Gary Epstein the account executive for our account. Every three years we are obligated to look at the insurance coverage for health benefits for our employees. There was an added layer this year. It is a best practice requirement from the state that we look at the state health benefits plan as well. After comprehensive work, the bottom line is it is beneficial for us to stay with our current plan provider which is Qualcare. They do an excellent job in administering our plan and keeping the costs low.

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 #15-02-19-049 is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 ET. SEQ., THE UNIFORM SHARED SERVICES AND CONSOLIDATION ACT, WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, THE OTHER REMAINING 18 MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN SOMERSET COUNTY AND THE SOMERSET COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE AND THE SOMERSET COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SO AS TO PROVIDE OR RECEIVE MUTUAL POLICE AID SERVICES BETWEEN AND AMONG THE PARTIES

Township Administrator Naples advised we had done a similar agreement several years ago and prosecutor Soriano asked us to update that agreement.

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 #15-02-19-050 is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1/ FINAL CHANGE ORDER DECREASING THE PRICE FROM \$270,178.78 TO \$196,317.30, WHICH IS A DECREASE OF 27.34% OR (\$73,861.48) FROM THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT, AND FINAL PAYMENT TO TOP LINE CONSTRUCTION CORP., AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT AND RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND FOR THE MEADOW ROAD AND ROLLING KNOLLS WAY ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, 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 #15-02-19-051 is appended to the official minutes

COUNCIL PRESIDENT NORGALIS 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 Moench	Absent
Councilman Pedroso	Aye
Councilwoman Rose	Aye
Council President Norgalis	Aye

AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,000 CASH BOND AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE SITE IMPROVEMENTS FOR JON DUGENIO, BLOCK 470, LOT 30, 608 COUNTRY CLUB ROAD

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #15-02-19-052 is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING A REDUCTION IN THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FROM \$1,039,323.30 TO \$311,796.99 FOR NEW JERSEY EASTERN STAR HOME, INC. 111 FINDERNE AVENUE, BLOCK 252, LOT 2

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #15-02-19-053 is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZATION APPROVING FINAL LIST OF VOLUNTEER MEMBERS OF THE BRIDGEWATER FIRST AID AND RESCUE SQUADS WHO QUALIFY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER THE TOWNSHIP LOSAP PROGRAM IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, COUNTY OF SOMERSET

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #15-02-19-054 is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES MILLS & SCHNOERING ARCHITECTS, LLC FOR THE HISTORIC STRUCTURE REPORT FOR THE LANE-BROKAW HOUSE LOCATED AT 551 MILLTOWN ROAD, BLOCK 168, LOTS 18 AND 18Q

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #15-02-19-055 is appended to the official minutes

APPOINTMENT TO THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD - SUMAN VIRMANI

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #15-02-19-056 is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZATION FOR A CIRCUS PERMIT FOR THE BIG APPLE TO HOST THE CIRCUS AT THE TD BANK, SOMERSET PATRIOTS BALLPARK BETWEEN THE DATES OF FEBRUARY 11 THROUGH MARCH 22, 2015

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #15-02-19-057 is appended to the official minutes

APPOINTMENTS TO THE SOMERSET REGIONAL ANIMAL SHELTER - NATALIE ZAMAN, KEN CORSINI AND CHRISTINE HENDERSON ROSE

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #15-02-19-058 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.

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 Pedroso, Council convened in closed session at 8:00 p.m.

A copy of resolution #15-02-19-059 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

Howard Norgalis
Council President