

MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MARCH 2, 2015 COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in a regular session on Monday, March 2, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers in the Municipal Complex, Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807.

Acting Council President Pedroso 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
Filipe Pedroso
Christine Henderson Rose
Council President Norgalis (absent)

Also Present: James T. Naples, Township Administrator
Chris Corsini, Township Attorney
Natasha Turchan, Director of Finance
Linda J. Doyle, Township Clerk

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

Minutes for Approval

The following minutes will be presented for council consideration at the next Council Session:
Regular Session - February 19, 2015
Closed Session - February 19, 2015

Council Reports

Councilwoman Rose reported she has been busy with the animal shelter. Since the last meeting, she has oriented the new Board members. The Board's task force continues to make progress; they look forward to having a regular meeting before end month.

Councilman Kurdyla reported he continues to have weekly meetings related to the Sanofi Center of Excellence. The discussions, which are focused on the site and configuration, have been productive and they hope to present a plan to the

Planning Board very soon. He also reported the Fire Districts' elections ran smoothly and all the fire budgets passed.

Councilman Moench reported as follows:

- Attended the Raritan Millstone Flood Control Commission meeting of which he is the Council Liaison this year
- Discussed that NJ PACE, a clean energy program has had difficulty obtaining the support of municipalities due to a requirement for bonding. There is now pending legislation that may allow municipalities to proceed without the need for bonding. Councilman Moench stated he would keep Council apprised
- The Raritan Pregnancy Aid Center Drive that he sponsored recently was a huge success
- He attended the NJ Chamber of Commerce Walk to Washington
- Attended the Somerset County Governing Officials Meeting. The speaker was prosecutor Geoffrey Soriano, Esq. who updated them on law enforcement at county level.

Councilman Pedroso reported he attended the Somerset County Federation of Republican Women's annual Breakfast.

Mayor's Report

Township Administrator Naples had nothing new to report.

MUNICIPAL BUDGET

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR THE 2015 CALENDAR YEAR (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

Township Administrator Naples stated that the Municipal Budget has been presented with a zero tax increase. He stressed that this is not an expenditure but rather an Ordinance that allows us to exceed the cap in the event that it is necessary. This ordinance is consistent with similar ones over the years.

BE IT RESOLVED that the said pending ordinance be passed on first reading and advertised as required by statute fixing the 16th day of March 2015, at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time on said day and time and the Bridgewater Township Municipal Court Chambers at 100 Commons Way in said Township 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.

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

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

THE ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #15-03-02-060 is appended to the official minutes.

INTRODUCTION OF 2015 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Council President Pedroso opened the hearing to Council for further discussion on this Ordinance. Councilman Moench offered he is pleased with the zero tax increase and looked forward to working on the details of the budget.

Linda J. Doyle, Township Clerk read the following report:

The 2015 Municipal Budget for Bridgewater Township will be introduced today, March 2, 2015. The budget synopsis will be published in the official Township newspaper the Courier News on Monday, March 9, 2015.

A copy of the 2015 Municipal Budget will be delivered to the Somerset County Library upon introduction as required by law. Copies of the 2015 Municipal Budget as introduced are available to the general public at no cost.

The public hearing and adoption for the budget will be held during the Township Council session on April 6, 2015, at 7:30 pm in the courtroom of the Municipal Complex located at 100 Commons Way, Bridgewater, New Jersey.

On motion of Councilman Moench, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the Municipal budget was introduced. The vote was as follows:

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of the budget as introduced, resolution #15-03-02-061 is appended to the official minutes.

SELF-EXAMINATION OF BUDGET RESOLUTION

Township Administrator Naples advised this resolution will allow Natasha Turchan, Chief Financial Officer to self examine our budget and confirm that we have followed the parameters allocated to us by the Local Finance Board.

On motion of Councilman Moench, second by Councilwoman Rose, 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	Absent

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #15-03-02-062 is appended to the official minutes

**Public
Comment**

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Moench, 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.

There was none.

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

Resolutions

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS FOR APPROPRIATION RESERVE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$248,730.00

Township Administrator Naples offered this resolution will allow Natasha Turchan, Chief Financial Officer to make various transfers from the appropriation reserves.

On motion of Councilman Moench, second by Councilwoman Rose, 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	Absent

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #15-03-02-063 is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00 TO THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY FOR THE FY 2015 DISTRACTED DRIVING ENFORCEMENT GRANT

On motion of Councilman Moench, second by Councilwoman Rose, 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	Absent

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #15-03-02-064 is appended to the official minutes

APPOINTMENT TO CREATIVE ARTS COMMITTEE CARLA BATTIKHA

On motion of Councilman Moench, second by Councilwoman Rose, 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	Absent

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #15-03-02-065 is appended to the official minutes

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES ON THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$620.00 FOR THE MARTINSVILLE FIRE COMPANY, 122 WASHINGTON VALLEY ROAD, MARTINSVILLE, BLOCK 623, LOT 12. IN CONNECTION WITH THE INSTALLATION OF AN EMERGENCY BACKUP GENERATOR

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #15-03-02-066 is appended to the official minutes

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PEDROSO READ THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS BY TITLE AND ALLOWED FOR DISCUSSIONS/QUESTIONS. HE THEN CALLED FOR A CONSENT MOTION.

On motion of Councilman Moench, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the following resolutions were proposed. The vote was as follows:

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

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1/ FINAL CHANGE ORDER DECREASING THE PRICE FROM \$603,391.86 TO \$524,777.36, WHICH IS A DECREASE OF 13.03% OR (\$78,614.50) 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 PRINCE RODGERS AVENUE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #15-03-02-067 is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1/FINAL CHANGE ORDER DECREASING THE PRICE FROM \$832,129.03 TO \$714,472.14, A DECREASE OF \$117,656.89, AND FINAL PAYMENT TO TOP LINE CONSTRUCTION CORP., AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT AND RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND AND ACCEPTANCE OF MAINTENANCE BOND FOR THE COUNTRY CLUB ROAD, SECTION IV (ROUTE 22 NORTH TO GARRETSON ROAD) IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #15-03-02-068 is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMUNITY VISITING

**NURSES ASSOCIATION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICES UNTIL
DECEMBER 31, 2015 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,372.75**

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #15-03-02-069 is appended to the official minutes

On the motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Moench, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Howard Norgalis
Council President