

MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
APRIL 16, 2015 COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in a work session on Thursday, April 16, 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
Filipe Pedroso
Christine Henderson Rose (arrived at 7:40pm)
Council President Norgalis

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

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

Minutes for Approval

Minutes will be presented for approval at the regular meeting

Council Reports

Councilman Kurdyla attended Bridgewater baseball's opening day and the Season's 52 restaurant opening.

Councilman Pedroso also attended the Season's 52 restaurant opening.

Councilman Norgalis reported as follows:

- Thanked the Mayor for the flow of 911 Status Reports. The memo from Chief Caravela was extremely helpful showing specific migration issues thru Jun. 1.
- Attended the Somerset County Governing Officials Meeting. DOT Commissioner Fox was the guest speaker.
- Attended the Seasons 52 Ribbon cut at the Mall.

- Also attended the Bridgewater Baseball opening day at Prince Rogers field.

FUTURE happenings

- Will attend the HOOP HEAVEN ribbon cutting tomorrow
- Will attend the Bradley Gardens Little Loop opening day on Saturday
- Will attend the Somerset County Planning Board meeting next week which will identify priority projects in the County

Mayor's Report

Township Administrator Naples reported he attended the CBDG Community Block Grant Development meeting hosted by Somerset County. There were about 11 people with \$750,000 to be given based on presentations.

2015 BUDGET

**ADOPTION OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS
2015 MUNICIPAL BUDGET ADOPTION**

There were no questions and no further discussion on the 2015 budget.

Public Comment

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilman Pedroso, 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.

Boy Scout Malaku of Troop 84 was present for his Citizen Community badge. He asked questions concerning potholes and the plan in place to repair same in 2015.

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

Public Hearing & Final Action Ordinances

APPROPRIATION 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 WIGHT STREET

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING, REVISING AND SUPPLEMENTING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 26 (PERSONNEL POLICIES) OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SO AS TO CLARIFY THE PRESENT POLICIES AND PRACTICES OF THE TOWNSHIP ON THESE SUBJECTS

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING, REVISING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 26-23 "PAY PERIODS; COMPUTATION OF DAILY AND HOURLY RATES" OF ARTICLE VI (COMPENSATION AND PAY PERIODS) OF CHAPTER 26 (PERSONNEL POLICIES) OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SO AS TO CLARIFY THE PRESENT POLICIES AND PRACTICES OF THE TOWNSHIP ON THESE SUBJECTS

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING, REVISING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 26-24 "OVERTIME" OF ARTICLE VI (COMPENSATION AND PAY PERIODS) OF CHAPTER 26 (PERSONNEL POLICIES) OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SO AS TO CLARIFY THE PRESENT POLICIES AND PRACTICES OF THE TOWNSHIP ON THESE SUBJECTS

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING, REVISING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 26-28 "HOURS OF WORK" OF ARTICLE VII (HOURS AND HOLIDAYS) OF CHAPTER 26 (PERSONNEL POLICIES) OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SO AS TO CLARIFY THE PRESENT POLICIES AND PRACTICES OF THE TOWNSHIP ON THESE SUBJECTS

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING, REVISING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 26-30 "VACATIONS FOR FULL-TIME CLASSIFIED AND UNCLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES" OF ARTICLE VIII (VACATIONS, SICK LEAVES AND LEAVES OF ABSENCE) OF CHAPTER 26 (PERSONNEL POLICIES) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SO AS TO CLARIFY THE PRESENT POLICIES AND PRACTICES OF THE TOWNSHIP ON THESE SUBJECTS

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING, REVISING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 26-31 "BASIS FOR VACATION TIME; ACCUMULATION" OF ARTICLE VIII (VACATIONS, SICK LEAVES AND LEAVES OF ABSENCE) OF CHAPTER 26 (PERSONNEL POLICIES) OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SO AS TO CLARIFY THE PRESENT POLICIES AND PRACTICES OF THE TOWNSHIP ON THESE SUBJECTS

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING, REVISING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 26-32 "SICK LEAVE" OF ARTICLE VIII (VACATIONS, SICK LEAVES AND LEAVES OF ABSENCE) OF CHAPTER 26 (PERSONNEL POLICIES) OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SO AS TO CLARIFY THE PRESENT POLICIES AND PRACTICES OF THE TOWNSHIP ON THESE SUBJECTS

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING, REVISING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 26-33 “DEATH IN THE FAMILY” OF ARTICLE VIII (VACATIONS, SICK LEAVES AND LEAVES OF ABSENCE) OF CHAPTER 26 (PERSONNEL POLICIES) OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SO AS TO CLARIFY THE PRESENT POLICIES AND PRACTICES OF THE TOWNSHIP ON THESE SUBJECTS

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING, REVISING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 26-36 “PERSONAL LEAVE” OF ARTICLE VIII (VACATIONS, SICK LEAVES AND LEAVES OF ABSENCE) OF CHAPTER 26 (PERSONNEL POLICIES) OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SO AS TO CLARIFY THE PRESENT POLICIES AND PRACTICES OF THE TOWNSHIP ON THESE SUBJECTS

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING, REVISING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 26-36.1 “BENEFITS FOR PERMANENT PART-TIME EMPLOYEES” OF ARTICLE VIII (VACATIONS, SICK LEAVES AND LEAVES OF ABSENCE) OF CHAPTER 26 (PERSONNEL POLICIES) OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SO AS TO CLARIFY THE PRESENT POLICIES AND PRACTICES OF THE TOWNSHIP ON THESE SUBJECTS

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING, REVISING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 26-41 “RETIREMENT” (SEPARATION FROM SERVICE; DISCIPLINARY ACTION) OF CHAPTER 26 (PERSONNEL POLICIES) OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SO AS TO CLARIFY THE PRESENT POLICIES AND PRACTICES OF THE TOWNSHIP ON THESE SUBJECTS

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING, REVISING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 26-44 “SUSPENSION” (SEPARATION FROM SERVICE; DISCIPLINARY ACTION) OF CHAPTER 26 (PERSONNEL POLICIES) OF THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SO AS TO CLARIFY THE PRESENT POLICIES AND PRACTICES OF THE TOWNSHIP ON THESE SUBJECTS

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING, REVISING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 26-45 “GENERAL POLICY” OF ARTICLE XI (GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES) OF CHAPTER 26 (PERSONNEL POLICIES) OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SO AS TO CLARIFY THE PRESENT POLICIES AND PRACTICES OF THE TOWNSHIP ON THESE SUBJECTS

Concerning the above Ordinances, Council President Norgalis was appreciative of the Administration and J. Gary Howarth, Human Resources manager for reviewing the personnel policies and clarifying their language. There were no questions from the public or further discussion from Council.

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$3,895,000 FOR VARIOUS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,700,250 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION.

Council President Norgalis read by name every street to be repaired.

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$105,000 FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC WORKS IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING ACQUISITION OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT, INSTALLATION OF MEETING ROOM PARTITIONS AT LIBRARY AND SENIOR CENTER BATHROOM RENOVATIONS, IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$99,750 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION

Council President Norgalis mentioned this ordinance will concentrate on the Senior Citizen Center and the Bridgewater Library bathroom repairs.

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,560,000 FOR VARIOUS SEWER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING SEWER LINE IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS INCLUDING SOMERVILLE AND FINDERNE ROAD AREAS, ACQUISITION OF PICKUP TRUCK WITH SNOW PLOW, ACQUISITION OF MASON DUMP TRUCK WITH SNOW PLOW AND ACQUISITION OF MIG WELDER AND TIG WELDER, IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,560,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION.

REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF CERTAIN GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$4,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,000,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING THE COST THEREOF.

Resolutions

ACCEPTING THE QUALIFICATION OF VARIOUS PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND RELATED SERVICE CONSULTANTS FOR 2015 WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND

THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR ANOTHER YEAR

Council President Norgalis read by name all the professional service consultants

AMENDING THE AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO MILLS & SCHNOERING ARCHITECTS, LLC CONCERNING THE HISTORIC STRUCTURE REPORT FOR THE LANE-BROKAW HOUSE LOCATED AT 551 MILLTOWN ROAD, BLOCK 168, LOTS 18 AND 18Q TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF OPTION 3 (SHOVEL TEST PIT(S) AT BASEMENT) AS SET FOR IN THE APRIL 24, 2014 FEE PROPOSAL AND TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT FOR CERTAIN REIMBURSABLE ALLOWABLE EXPENSES FOR A TOTAL INCREASE OF \$1,120.00 FROM THE AMOUNT PREVIOUSLY CERTIFIED IN RESOLUTION 15-02-19-055 AND 15-03-28-082

Councilwoman Rose provided a brief update on the plans moving forward and thanked Attorneys Corsini and Powers on working together in redrafting this resolution.

Motion to Set Agenda

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilman Pedroso, the agenda was set for the April 20, 2015 Township Council regular meeting.

Closed Session

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bridgewater Township Council that this body will now hold a closed meeting to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

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 7:50 p.m.

A copy of resolution **#15-04-16-116** is appended to the official minutes.

On the motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the meeting reconvened to open session at approximately 8:12 p.m.

On the motion of Councilman Pedroso, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC

Municipal Clerk

Howard Norgalis
Council President