

MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MAY 4, 2015 COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in a work session on Monday, May 4, 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 (absent)
Council President Norgalis

Also Present: James T. Naples, Township Administrator
 Alan Grant, 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 next regular meeting.

Council Reports

Councilman Pedroso attended the ECO BLAST fair, a very nice event. He added the Creative Arts committee had a very successful booth at the ECO BLAST Fair as they brought awareness of the work they do in Bridgewater. Councilman Pedroso also attended a Kentucky Darby annual event hosted by Franklin Township.

Councilman Moench also attended the ECO BLAST Fair which he noted gets better every year. He also attended the Creative Arts artwork reception at the Municipal Building tonight.

Councilman Kurdyla attended the Creative Arts artwork reception tonight

Councilman Norgalis reported as follows:

- Attended the Bridgewater sponsored ECO BLAST at the municipal building. Great weather, great turnout.
- Attended the presentation of the US Air Force Heritage Band given at RVCC.
- Was interviewed by a Somerville Boy Scout for a presentation he is preparing as part of his public speaking merit badge.
- Attended the Creative Arts artwork reception

UPCOMING DATES:

- Will attend the Somerset and Hunterdon Regional Chronic Disease meeting on May 6 at noon in the Court House.
- Will attend the Boy Scout Troop 154 Court of Honor celebration on Friday.
- Will attend the Ribbon Cutting at the Career Center of Somerset County on May 20 at 10AM
- Will attend the 200 Club of Somerset County on May 20
- Reminded residents that Bulky Trash drop off days are May 2, 9 and 16 from 8AM to 2PM. No commercial vehicles will be permitted.

Mayor's Report

Township Administrator Naples had nothing new to report

Public Comment

On motion of Councilman Moench, 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.

John Anderson of JCP&L was present. He provided Council on JCP&L's 2015 Reliability Plan as follows:

- JCP&L will conduct a spring utility pole inspection on Routes 202 and 206, as well as on Somerville Road. The pole inspections being conducted through Osrose Utility Services Inc. will begin in May and end in July.
- JCP&L will also be conducting their Spring Transmission Aerial Patrols. A helicopter will be flying slowly (20-30 mph) along the lines, and may hover at any time for a closer inspection. The helicopter for these patrols is a black MD500 with red letters and a registration number N8330P located on the tail.

Mr. Anderson commended administration for promptly posting the above information of Township website.

Rob Reilly, President of the Bridgewater PBA 174 was present and stated his intent was to highlight deficiencies in the ongoing 911 transition. He offered comments as follows:

- The transition is a disaster
- The QED system which replaces the New World System has "serious deficiencies". The New World system is a Cadillac and the QED is a Yugo.
- QED was down for 12 hours and during that time no license plates could be run and no reports written. A sergeant assigned to log issues is carrying a binder with 150 issues.
- It has been three months since the new radios were installed and in some cases the transmission is so garbled that "not a single word is understandable". In a recent issue the only word that could be understood by the officer on patrol was "barricaded". In numerous cases patrols officers were told to return to headquarters to pick up the "older more reliable radios".
- Bridgewater was promised its own frequency but are often asked to share frequency with Far Hills
- The transition was to save money but this has not been the case
- Three officers are assigned to address problems taking away from patrol activates thus creating a huge overtime problem
- There is no longer chat capability
- The transition has been anything but smooth

Mr. Reilly agreed to provide his comments to Council in writing.

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

Public
Hearing &
Final Action
Ordinances

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4 "ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION", ARTICLE XIV ENTITLED "DEPARTMENT OF POLICE", SECTION 4-84 D, (COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION OF THE POLICE FORCE)

There were no further comments on the above Ordinance

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilman Pedroso, the meeting was opened to the public.

No one wished to speak.

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

On motion of Councilman Moench, seconded by Councilman Pedroso, the

foregoing Ordinance was proposed. The vote was as follows:

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

THE ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #15-05-04-141 is appended to the official minutes.

Resolutions

PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2015 BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948) - DISTRACTED DRIVING GRANT-\$5,000.00

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	Absent
Council President Norgalis	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #15-05-04-142 is appended to the official minutes.

PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2015 BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948)- DRUNK DRIVING ENFORCEMENT-\$13,688.13

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #15-05-04-143 is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A DEVELOPER’S AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AND WAWA INC., LLC FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION ON ROUTE 28 & CHIMNEY ROCK ROAD, LOTS 3 & 4 IN BLOCK 257 ON THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP TAX MAP, OF A FOOD MARKET AND GASOLINE FILLING STATION

On motion of Councilman Pedroso, 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	Absent
Council President Norgalis	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #15-05-04-144 is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION INSTITUTED BY T-MOBILE NORTHEAST LLC AGAINST THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER

Councilman Moench noted he will be supporting this resolution because although not a perfect settlement, it is superior to the alternative which is litigating at the cost of the Township and the risk of losing. He added the quality of life for Bridgewater residents should we lose will be significant. In addition, the settlement provides a revenue stream benefit for the Township.

Councilman Pedroso stated he will not be supporting this resolution because although he feels the site is appropriate, he has an issue with the height of the tower (150-ft) noting it is excessive. He added he doesn’t feel the settlement fully mediates the needs of the Township.

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	Nay
Councilwoman Rose	Absent
Council President Norgalis	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #15-05-04-145 is appended to the official minutes

REIMBURSEMENT OF FIRE PERMIT FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$166 FOR THE RARITAN VALLEY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FOR THE “MR. HABITAT” EVENT AT THE BRIDGEWATER COMMONS CENTER COURT ON FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2015 FROM 6-9 PM

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #15-05-04-146 is appended to the official minutes

On the motion of Councilman Moench, seconded by Councilman Pedroso, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Howard Norgalis
Council President