

MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MAY 14, 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, May 14, 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
Council President Norgalis

Also Present: James T. Naples, Township Administrator
Chris Corsini, 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:

April 16 and April 30, 2015 - Agenda Session
April 20 and May 4, 2015 - Regular Session

Council Reports

Councilwoman Rose reported she represented Bridgewater during the Municipal Alliance Dinner. She added she continues to work with the animal shelter board.

Councilman Kurdyla reported he attended the Planning Board meeting on May 11 and the community Block Grant Program awards ceremony. He advised he plans to attend the Memorial Day ceremony being held in Martinsville at the VFW

Councilman Moench reported as follows:

- Attended the retirement dinner for Bill Dressel, former director of the NJ

league of Municipalities. He offered the dinner was in East Brunswick and there were approximately 600-people present to honor his years of service.

- Attended the Somerset County Governing Officials meeting. The speaker was Max Pizarro, editor of NJ Politiker.
- Attended the “Hooray for May!” event in Bedminster, an annual event which serves all Somerset County residents offering craft activities and art classes.

Councilman Pedroso had nothing new to report other than his wedding is coming up in the summer.

Councilman Norgalis reported as follows:

- Attended the Somerset Hunterdon Cancer Coalition on the steps of the Old Court House and presented a Proclamation on behalf of the Mayor. The theme was preventing skin cancer.
- Attended the Boy Scout Court of Honor for Joseph Cerminario who is the 171 Eagle Scout for troop 154. Read a proclamation and recognized not only his achievement but the work his mother Maria Cerminario did in frequently coming to our Council meetings in lobbying for school crossing safety by the high school.
- Attended the Republican fund raiser at Chimney Rock on behalf of the Mayor Hayes, Councilwoman Rose and Councilman Moench.
- Attended the Somerset County Governing Officials meeting where the guest speaker was Max Pizarro, editor of NJ Politiker.

Future Events

- Last bulky trash drop off day is this Saturday from 8AM to 2PM
- He advised of the following events scheduled for next Wednesday: County Career Center Ribbon cut at 10AM, 200 Club meeting at noon, Regional Center Partnership meeting in the evening.
- Advised Memorial Day is May 25. This year he will accompany Councilman Kurdyla to the Martinsville veteran's celebration at Chimney Rock Park.
- Also advised Fifth Friday Friars is May 29th.

Township Administrator Naples had nothing new to report

Presentation

Judge Robert Foley, Esq. was present for the presentation. James Houston, Jr., PE & PLS of Bohler Engineering was also present. They presented their proposal as follows:

Bound Brook Presbyterian Church located in Bound Brook, New Jersey owns the cemetery known as "The Bound Brook Cemetery", which is located on Mountain Avenue in the Township of Bridgewater and the Borough of Bound Brook. The Church is seeking to extend its cemetery into the Township of Bridgewater by using Lot 27 and a portion of Lot 22. Lot 28 is already part of the existing cemetery. Lot 28 is 0.12 acres and Lot 27, which is currently vacant, is 1.289 acres.

The single-family residence and detached garage have been removed from Lot 27. The Church is under contract to purchase a 0.037-acre portion of Lot 22. The total acreage including all three lots in Bridgewater would be 1.508 acres. The total area in Bound Brook including the existing cemetery and the proposed addition of approximately 1/3 of an acre amounts to less than 30 acres.

N.J.S.A. 45:27-25 requires municipal approval to establish or enlarge a cemetery. The statute also requires municipal approval to waive the limitation of five cemeteries in any municipality.

Currently the Bridgewater Tax Assessor records indicate there are nine lots in the Township of Bridgewater with cemeteries. Two of the lots belong to St. Bernard's Church resulting in a total of eight cemeteries in Bridgewater. The total acreage for all eight cemeteries is 3.09 acres.

In summation, in order to satisfy State Statutes, the Church requires a resolution from the Township of Bridgewater permitting the Church to enlarge the portion of the Bound Brook Cemetery located in Bridgewater and to waive the maximum of five cemeteries permitted in any one municipality.

Council expressed support and will vote on the resolution once it is presented to them. Bound Brook Cemetery will then proceed to make their application with the Planning Department.

Public Hearing

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO RMC MAINTENANCE GROUP, LLC FOR CUSTODIAL SERVICES FOR THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING POLICE AND PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 38,400.00

Council President Norgalis noted the lowest bidder for the above award for custodial services was rejected for a number of reasons. Premier Maintenance

Group, LLC was notified of a decision to reject its bid and that a hearing was scheduled with the Bridgewater Township Council on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 7:30PM.

Council President Norgalis inquired whether there was a representative of Premier Maintenance Group, LLC present to discuss this matter. There was none.

Council was in consensus they have fulfilled the statutory requirement for public hearing.

**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.

There was none.

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

**Introduction
of
Ordinances**

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT FOR ELECTRONIC DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS

Township Administrator Naples stated this Ordinance is presented per the recommendation of the Auditor and Chief Financial Officer who advise the Local Finance Board has adopted formal rules regarding Electronic Disbursement Controls for Payroll Purposes. In order to have a payroll servicer provide disbursement services, the governing body must formally approve the principle of third-party having access to township funds, formally assigning responsibility to an official to oversee the process by enacting an ordinance, and approving all contracts or extensions.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER ADOPTING A "REDEVELOPMENT PLAN" FOR AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT, CONSISTING OF LOTS 3.01, 13.01 AND 14 IN BLOCK 329 KNOWN AS THE FORMER WEYERHAUSER PROPERTY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7 AND AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 126 (LAND USE) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCES TO EXISTING SECTION 126-309.3 (SC-R SENIOR CITIZEN RESIDENTIAL ZONE), EXISTING SECTION 126-325 (SCHEDULE OF AREA, YARD

AND BUILDING REQUIREMENTS), EXISTING SECTION 126-302 (ZONING MAP), EXISTING SECTION 126-301 (Zoning Districts) of ARTICLE XLI (Establishment of Zones) AND TO A NEW SECTION 126-309.3 ENTITLED R- RMDU-13 MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL REDEVELOPMENT ZONE GOVERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A BRIDGEWATER REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

Council President Norgalis stated there have been numerous revisions to this plan and commended our legal department for their diligence in making all requested changes. The most significant change is that this plan now consists of 220 units, 44 of which will be affordable and the remaining 176 will be market units. A minimum of 88 market units will have 1-bedroom and the remainder will have 2-bedrooms. He also highlighted various other changes including demolition permits and its parameters, landscaping and buffering, market units must have garages, etc. It was agreed the park will be available to the public. Council also expressed they would like a traffic light to be placed on East Main Street.

ORDINANCE VACATING AND RELEASING FROM DEDICATION AND EXTINGUISHING A DEDICATED ROAD BEING A PORTION OF RADEL AVENUE, SITUATED IN BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP, SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Council President Norgalis stated this vacation goes hand in hand with the redevelopment plan. "Schedule A" showing the extent of the portion being vacated will be made available.

Resolutions

CERTIFICATION OF 2014 AUDIT

Council President Norgalis stated this certification is required as acknowledgment that Council members have reviewed the audit.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING PRIME POINT AS A THIRD PARTY PAYROLL PROVIDER TO THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER

Township Administrator Naples advised this resolution goes hand in hand with "ESTABLISHMENT FOR ELECTRONIC DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS" Ordinance above.

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) CLEAN COMMUNITIES-\$100,034.35

Township Administrator Naples advised there is a \$20,000.00 increase from last year. This grant is established through a tax on items that have the potential to become litter with award based on community population. A spending plan will be prepared by the Director of Human Services and made available to Council.

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) MUNICIPAL AID-\$162,000.00-COUNTRY CLUB VI

Township Administrator Naples advised section VI constitutes Rolling Hills to Regan Place.

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO DESANTIS CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR GILBRIDE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PHASE 2 (CHIMNEY ROCK ROAD TO BRIDGE), IN THE SUM OF \$411,693.83 FUNDED THROUGH THE 2014 CAPITAL BOND

Township Administrator Naples advised this is a project that is almost being completed and will be under construction as soon as school is closed being this is a school access road. The 3rd part that is from Vosseller to about 100-ft in is being designed now.

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO DESANTIS CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR PAPAN ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (MINE ROAD TO GATESHEAD DRIVE), IN THE SUM OF \$194,478.86 FUNDED THROUGH THE 2014 CAPITAL BOND

Township Administrator Naples advised this area is in bad condition but will now be completely repaired.

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO A&A CURBING FOR COUNTRY CLUB ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PHASE V (GARRETSON ROAD TO ROLLING KNOLLS WAY), IN THE SUM OF \$231,896.13 FUNDED THROUGH THE 2014 CAPITAL BOND

Township Administrator Naples advised this will soon be under construction as soon as the schools close. Municipal aid monies were received for this project.

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AND CRC COMMUNITIES AT NORTH CROSSING, LLC FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION ON FOOTHILL ROAD, LOTS 141, 142 & 142.01 IN BLOCK 718 ON THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP TAX MAP, OF AN EIGHT (8) LOT RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENT CONSISTING OF SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS ON EACH OF THE EIGHT (8) LOTS

A cross street for this project will be provided to Council at the next regular meeting.

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO RMC MAINTENANCE GROUP, LLC FOR CUSTODIAL SERVICES FOR THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING POLICE AND PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 38,400.00

Council President Norgalis stated there are a number of reasons why the lowest bidder was rejected including:

1. The bid proposal was delivered by a person who is not permitted in the Police Headquarters Building;
2. The initial Tax ID provided was not correct;
3. The Company, Premier Maintenance Group LLC, has only been in existence since December 2014, although the brochure alleges 10 years of experience;
4. The business location is an auto repair business;
5. The bidder did not provide references of clients for whom it provides custodial services. The only reference that responded is an auto supply business that services the auto repair business and is not receiving custodial services from the bidder;
6. The bidder does not appear to have adequate experience, equipment, supplies and personnel to provide the custodial services;
7. The bidder failed to respond to the Qualified Purchasing Agent's requests in a meaningful manner and ignored her requests for the past two weeks.

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING/SURVEYING/ INSPECTION SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE 2015 HANDICAP SIDEWALKS EAST (VARIOUS LOCATIONS) PROJECT (10 LOCATIONS) TO THE REYNOLDS GROUP, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000.00

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING/SURVEYING/ INSPECTION SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE 2015 HANDICAP SIDEWALKS WEST (VARIOUS LOCATIONS) PROJECT (8 LOCATIONS) TO KELLER & KIRKPATRICK, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,900.00

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING/SURVEYING/ INSPECTION SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE 2015 HANDICAP SIDEWALKS NORTH (VARIOUS LOCATIONS) PROJECT (7 LOCATIONS) TO MASER CONSULTING, PA. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,740.00

Township Administrator Naples advised the above sidewalk improvement projects are for the design of handicap ramps. Being NJ Department of Transportation has instituted very stringent requirements, the handicap sidewalk projects were separated from the main work so as not to slow down the projects.

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING/SURVEYING/ INSPECTION SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE VAN HOLTEN ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, SECTION IV (FOXCROFT ROAD TO CARLENE DRIVE) TO KELLER & KIRKPATRICK, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,800.00 FUNDED THROUGH THE 2015 CAPITAL BOND

Township Administrator Naples advised this is a fairly complicated project with many hurdles and is one of three that is not being designed in-house.

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING/SURVEYING/ INSPECTION SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE COUNTRY CLUB ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - PHASE VI (ROLLING HILLS ROAD TO REAGAN DRIVE) TO MASER CONSULTING, P.A. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38,500.00 FUNDED THROUGH THE 2015 CAPITAL BOND AND A GRANT FROM THE NJDOT LOCAL AID PROGRAM

There was no comment.

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING/SURVEYING/ INSPECTION SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE STEELE GAP ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, SECTION I (TWIN OAKS ROAD TO NORTH OF JAGUAR LANE) TO MASER CONSULTING, P.A. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$46,300.00 FUNDED THROUGH THE 2015 CAPITAL BOND

Council President Norgalis stated the Steele Gap Road improvement project has the most expensive estimate, one million dollars, in the entire 2015 Capital Program.

Motion to Set Agenda

On motion of Councilman Moench, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the agenda was set for the May 18, 2015 Township Council regular meeting.

On the motion of Councilman Moench, seconded by Councilman Pedroso, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Howard Norgalis
Council President