

MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MAY 18, 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, May 18, 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
 William B. Savo, Township Attorney
 Linda J. Doyle, Township Clerk

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

Council Reports

Councilman Pedroso stated he took a weekend trip to Pittsburg and was pleasantly surprised as the city has greatly improved.

Councilman Moench reported he was asked to attend a meeting with the Governor's Counsel's office to provide his input about the NJ PACE program. NJ PACE is a property assessed clean energy program that offers a way of having private funds pay for energy efficiency improvements for private projects but the mechanism goes through special assessments. The current law requires municipalities to bond but there is pending legislation which would remove that bonding requirement.

Councilman Kurdyla had nothing new to report.

Councilwoman Rose had nothing new to report.

Council president Norgalis reported Council has received correspondence about 34 Carlene Drive concerning a house whose siding is in disarray. He asked administrator Naples to follow-up on this matter.

Council president Norgalis also advised of the following upcoming events:

- County Career Center Ribbon cut
- 200 Club meeting
- Regional Center Partnership meeting
- Votech is having a Memorial Day affair on Thursday morning
- Memorial Day is on Monday, 5/25/2015

**Mayor's
Report**

Township Administrator Naples had nothing new to report

Discussion

Chief Manny Caravela was present to provide an update on the 9-1-1 transition to County dispatch. He addressed the concerns raised by Rob Reilly, PBA president during the 5/4/2015 Council Session as follows:

He has been working with Bill Stahl at Somerset County who has been responsive in coordinating a new radio system. The clarity is almost perfect; there are no issues, no complaints and offers 98-99% coverage.

Since May 4, the firewall concerns were isolated and have since then been corrected.

The County transition team is a very receptive group that works hard to coordinate changes and correct problems promptly.

Bridgewater will have its own talk channel and if there are any changes with the contract moving forward, Bill Stahl will discuss with the chief well in advance.

Chief Caravela advised the system is safe and although there were some frustrating issues in the onset of the process, they have since been rectified.

Councilman Moench suggested the County reach out to the rescue squad to provide them an update. He also commended the Chief on his diligence and hard work. Council thanked Chief Caravela on the update and continued communication on this matter.

**Public
Comment**

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, 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.

Perri Urso was present. Her family owns a property that has not had a tenant since last April. Sewer charges continue to mount even with the absence of a tenant and with no usage. She asked for an Ordinance change that would allow her property to be metered in order that she can be charged per usage. She also asked that her sewer account be frozen in order to avoid interest charges while this situation is being resolved. Ms. Urso was advised Legal will provide Council with an executive summary and next steps. She was also advised if need be and if they so choose, Council has authority to waive interest charges.

Fran Kulak, 13 Ramsey Street was present. She spoke concerning the redevelopment plan for the Weyerhaeuser project noting that she and the neighboring residential property owners continue to oppose the redevelopment plan in its current form. She expressed concern with the diminishing neighborhood noting increase in traffic, overcrowded classrooms, commuter safety etc.

Yvonne Cronin, 21 Field Street was present. She spoke in opposition to the redevelopment plan noting concerns with density, traffic, safety as there are no sidewalks or curbs, overcrowded classrooms etc

Samantha Alley, 29 Manville Blvd was present. She expressed concern over the redevelopment plan, specifically the financial impact on the school system.

Daniel Alley, 29 Manville Blvd was present. He expressed opposition to the redevelopment plan noting a concern with security in the neighborhood. He offered he would prefer that single family homes be built.

Chris Maraconda, 19 Ramsey Street was present. She spoke in opposition to the redevelopment plan and expressed the property should be rezoned for single family homes.

On motion of Councilman Moench, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, 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 in order to conform to State Legislation.

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

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

THE ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED.

A copy of resolution #15-05-18-147 is appended to the official minutes

Linda 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 4th day of June 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.

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

Township Attorney Savo stated the Planning Board at the request of a property owner evaluated the request to determine whether this property was in need of redevelopment. Council then adopted a resolution giving the Planning Board the duty of evaluating the necessity of rezoning. The Planning Board under the advisement of Township professionals recommended this area as an area in need

of redevelopment. Their recommendation was accepted by Council by resolution. The Planning Board then came up with a development plan which is what this Ordinance is about.

The Ordinance presented to Council has modifications as follows:

- A demolition permit must be obtained for the existing structures within sixty (60) days of final site plan approval. Demolition of all existing structures shall commence within ninety (90) days of the issuance of the demolition permit and demolition shall be completed within one-hundred and eighty (180) days of same. In the event these deadlines are not met, the council must be notified in writing of the failure to comply with same within ten (10) days thereof.
- A pocket park shall be constructed on the tract. The developer will work with the planning Board to determine the most suitable location for the intended users. The park shall be made available for general public use.
- It shall be a condition of site plan approval for the Redeveloper to prepare and submit plans to the County of Somerset and obtain approval for the installation of a traffic light at the intersection of East Main Street and the proposed street at the Redeveloper's sole cost and expense. Upon approval from the County of Somerset for a traffic light, the Redeveloper shall install such a light at its sole cost and expense. The Redeveloper shall copy the Township on all correspondence to Somerset County concerning the placement of the aforementioned traffic light, provide the Township with copies of all correspondence received from Somerset County concerning the traffic light and advise the Township of all meetings with Somerset County concerning same. The Township shall have the right, but not the obligation, to attend all meetings related to the traffic light. In the event that said traffic light is not approved by the relevant approving authority, the Redeveloper may request the Township Council to waive this condition.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the foregoing Ordinance was proposed with above amendments. The vote was as follows:

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

THE ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED.

A copy of resolution **#15-05-18-148** is appended to the official minutes

Linda 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 15th day of June 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.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk forward this Ordinance to the Bridgewater Township Planning Board for their meeting to be held June 9, 2015 to review and prepare a recommendation.

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

This Ordinance was tabled in order that "Schedule A", showing the length of the portion being vacated can be made available to the residents. Same will be posted on Township website.

Resolutions

CERTIFICATION OF 2014 AUDIT

Council President Norgalis stated the members of Council have signed the certification of audit to acknowledge they have reviewed the 2014 audit.

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, 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	Aye
Council President Norgalis	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #15-05-18-149 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 Councilman Moench, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, 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	Aye

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #15-05-18-150 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) CLEAN COMMUNITIES-\$100,034.35

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #15-05-18-151 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) MUNICIPAL AID-\$162,000.00-COUNTRY CLUB VI

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #15-05-18-152 is appended to the official minutes

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #15-05-18-153 is appended to the official minutes

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #15-05-18-154 is appended to the official minutes

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #15-05-18-155 is appended to the official minutes

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #15-05-18-156 is appended to the official minutes

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #15-05-18-157 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 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	Aye

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #15-05-18-158 is appended to the official minutes

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #15-05-18-159 is appended to the official minutes

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #15-05-18-160 is appended to the official minutes

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #15-05-18-161 is appended to the official minutes

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #15-05-18-162 is appended to the official minutes

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #15-05-18-163 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 land acquisition and 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 Councilman Moench, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, Council convened in closed session at 8:50 p.m.

A copy of resolution #15-05-18-164 is appended to the official minutes.

On the motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the meeting reconvened to open session at approximately 9:35 p.m.

On the motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Howard Norgalis
Council President