

**MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**  
**JUNE 4, 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, June 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  
William B. Savo, Township Attorney  
Linda J. Doyle, Township Clerk

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

**Council Reports**

Councilman Moench reported as follows:

- Attended the Memorial Day Parade and Service at Bradley Gardens along with Mayor Hayes. Congressman Lance was also present.
- The Creative Arts Committee has put together a “Bridgewater Women’s Ensemble”, a concert to be held at the Bridgewater Library on Saturday, June 6 at 2PM
- Flag Day is next Saturday and will be held at the Somerville Courthouse

Councilman Kurdyla reported he attended the VFW Veteran Service in Martinsville on Memorial Day. He stated he has a meeting scheduled with the center of Excellence on Tuesday.

Councilman Pedroso reported he too attended the VFW Veteran Service where Councilman Kurdyla was a speaker. He also attended the Van Holten’s Westward

Journey Expansion show. Councilman Pedroso congratulated Councilman Moench and Councilwoman Rose on a successful primary election this past Tuesday.

Council president Norgalis reported as follows:

- Attended the ribbon cutting at the Somerset County Education “Career Center” on Finderne Ave. They have an actual mini ShopRite on campus with all of the equipment and supplies courtesy of ShopRite.
- Attended the “200 Club” meeting honoring various heroes and giving scholarships to deserving members of first responder families.
- Attended the first annual VOTEC Memorial Day Celebration. Every student from VOTEC stood outside from 8:30 to 10:00 amid cannon blasts and speeches.
- Attended the Memorial Day celebration at Chimney Rock Park hosted by the VFW.
- Attended the Fifth Friday Friars luncheon.

**Resident concerns:**

- “Flooding on Brown Road’. Fixing this problem has been on the Township radar for years. DEP permits and getting easements from home owners has been the holdup.
- “State of house at 34 Stella Dr.” House is being worked on under a township granted building permit. Work is proceeding, but at a slow rate.

**Future Happenings:**

- Jun 13 is FLAG DAY Celebration -Festivities for Somerset County will be held at the old courthouse in Somerville.
- The Bridgewater Hindu Temple will celebrate its 16th Anniversary on July 11<sup>th</sup> and July 12th at the Garden State Exhibit Center in Somerset.

**Mayor’s Report**

Township Administrator Naples reported we had a very successful first of its kind “Electric Car Ride” event. The event featured 12 electric vehicles and some food trucks.

**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.

Robert Terracciano, 19 Stella Drive came forward. He stated he is a member of

Boy Scout Troop 154 and was present to fulfill his requirement for a Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge.

John Kulak, 13 Ramsey Street was present. He spoke concerning the Ordinance to vacate Radel Avenue., a project that concerns the redevelopment plan for the Weyerhaeuser property. He requested that this Ordinance not be introduced until the Planning Board has completed its review of the Redevelopment Plan.

John Miller, 18 Ramsey Street was present. He concurred with Mr. Kulak's comments above.

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

**Public  
Hearing &  
Final Action  
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.

There were no further comments on the above Ordinance

On motion of Councilman Moench, 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 #15-06-04-165 is appended to the official minutes

**Introduction  
of  
Ordinances**

**ORDINANCE VACATING AND RELEASING FROM DEDICATION AND EXTINGUISHING A DEDICATED ROAD BEING A 2289 SQUARE FOOT PORTION OF RADEL AVENUE, SITUATED IN BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP, SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

Councilman Moench made motion to table this Ordinance until the Planning Board has completed its review of the Redevelopment Plan of the Weyerhaeuser property. Councilman Pedroso seconded the motion which carried on the following roll call vote:

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

**Resolutions**

**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 Pedroso, the following resolutions were proposed. The vote was as follows:

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

**AWARD OF CONTRACT TO FLEMINGTON DEPARTMENT STORE FOR THE PURCHASE OF POLICE UNIFORMS, SHOES, LEATHER GEAR AND HONOR GUARD DRESS UNIFORMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$73,203.94**

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #15-06-04-166 is appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT TO APPRAISAL SYSTEMS, INC. TO PERFORM PROFESSIONAL APPRAISAL INSPECTIONS AND RELATED SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE TOWNSHIP REASSESSMENT PROGRAM FOR 2015 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$74,260.00**

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #15-06-04-167 is appended to the official minutes

**AWARD OF CONTRACT TO TOP LINE CONSTRUCTION CORP. FOR TULLO FARM**

**ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (SEVERIN DRIVE TO BLACK COURT), IN THE SUM OF \$131,272.53 FUNDED THROUGH THE 2014 CAPITAL BOND**

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #15-06-04-168 is appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,288.00 BANK OF AMERICA LETTER OF CREDIT BOND NO. 68110566 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,359.20 AND A CASH BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$928.80 FOR ATRIUM INTERNATIONAL, INC., BLOCK 549 LOT 25, 675 FOOTHILL ROAD**

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #15-06-04-169 is appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZATION FOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY RARITAN VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB, 747 STATE ROUTE 28, BRIDGEWATER, NJ - JULY 4, 2015**

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #15-06-04-170 is appended to the official minutes

**REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES FOR THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 651 COUNTRY CLUB ROAD, BRIDGEWATER BLOCK 425, LOT 13 IN CONNECTION WITH THE KITCHEN UPGRADE TO THE UL 300 FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$184.00**

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #15-06-04-171 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 COAH and potential 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 Pedroso, seconded by Councilman Moench, Council convened in closed session at 7:50 p.m.

A copy of resolution #15-06-04-172 is appended to the official minutes.

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

meeting reconvened to open session at approximately 7:55 p.m. and adjourned immediately thereafter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

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Howard Norgalis  
Council President