

**MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 5, 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, October 5, 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.

**Minutes for Approval**

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, second by Councilman Kurdyla, the following minutes were moved for approval and passed unanimously:  
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**Council Reports**

Councilwoman Rose:

- She is pleased to report the animal shelter operations are going well
- The archeologist for the lane-brokaw house continues to make progress
- Attended the Hamilton School 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

Councilman Kurdyla:

- Attended the Annual Township Fireman's Inspection; great turnout Awards were given to the North Branch Fire Department for manpower and to the Bradley Gardens Fire Department for the apparatus
- The Al-Falah project was approved with conditions by the Planning Board.

The conditions of approval addressed the concerns of the public including parking, size of events, proposed soccer field etc

Councilman Moench:

- Also attended the Hamilton School 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration
- Announced the PJ Biondi memorial walk is coming up in Hillsborough on October 5.

Councilman Pedrosa:

- Was invited by the Council General of Portugal to a reception to meet Portugal's president
- Also attended the Hamilton School 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

Council president Norgalis:

- Attended the Somerset County Economic Analysis Meeting
- Visited the travel line tribute also known as the Vietnam memorial at North Branch Park. He traced the name for Lieutenant Colonel Charles whose "missing in action" bracelet he wore for many years. His body was never recovered but was declared killed in action 30-years after he was shot down
- Chimney Rock ribbon cutting commemorating a brand new overpass by the Quarry is scheduled for 10/6 at 3:30pm
- Breast Cancer awareness coalition meeting is scheduled for noon on 10/6 at the court house
- Received a letter from the Eden Woods attorney stating they have provided all the information for the traffic study for the light on East Main Street

**Mayor's  
Report**

Township Administrator Naples:

- Nothing new to report

**Presentation**

**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Meredith Hammond, Community Relations Manager at New Jersey Department of Transportation reached out to Robert Bogart, Director of Municipal Services & Township Engineer to come before council and provide a brief update on the current projects anticipated for Route 78, Route 202-206 and Route 287 off Ramp Exit 17. (Interchange)

Ms. Hammond fell ill and sent others from her office to detail the proposed project. Kimberly Lance and Tony Oberdyke, Project Manager were present for the presentation.

Tony Oberdyke introduced the project by detailing the current roadway on a map and advising Council on the anticipated changes with regard to traffic safety and signage. He advised there was a traffic study completed which determined there is a high accident volume in the area.

Councilman Pedroso asked whether the sign could go back further before the split for 287, to exit 17 so as to keep drivers in the proper lanes and avoid a hasty switching of lanes. The project manager said the DOT has recently tightened restrictions with signage including the use of certain words and ~~instated~~ indicated there is a 2 mile restriction on placement.

Councilman Moench raised a concern with a blind spot area in the acceleration lane and encouraged DOT Project Manger to perhaps modify the striping to smoothen the transition. Mr. Oberyke said he would look into this portion of the roadway to determine how it can be addressed.

Lastly, Mr. Oberyke stated he anticipated the project as depicted is anticipated to be completed in 2 to 2 ½ years.

## **Discussion**

### **2015 BEST PRACTICE INVENTORY**

Township Administrator Naples advised that every year we are required to review the best practice inventory in order to continue to qualify for full receipt of State Aid monies. A handout of our 2015 best practice inventory was provided to the governing body. Council President Norgalis asked that the Administration pursue the “NO” answer to question 12 by participating in quarterly meetings with the Council Finance Committee regarding risk analysis and financial controls. He agreed to look into that for 2016. After discussion, all were in consensus.

## **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.

Piyush Trivedi of 9 Delaney Court was present to discuss the Park and Ride proposed on Milltown Road and Route 22. He asked whether any consideration could be given to have the NYC Park and Ride carriers have an additional route to Jersey City. He questioned whether it would be economically feasible to consider other carriers that may include other stops in this vicinity. Mr. Trivedi had the names of 20 or more who he said would benefit from a Jersey City stop.

Council President Norgalis asked he direct his information to Administration for further consideration.

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

**Resolutions**

**RESOLUTION PERMITTING THE REMOVAL OF APPROXIMATELY 800 CUBIC YARDS OF FILL MATERIAL FROM BLOCK 356, LOTS 1 AND 3, THE PROJECT KNOWN AS THE MIDDLEBROOK CROSSROADS BUSINESS PARK, PURSUANT TO SECTION 126-256(C) OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE**

After discussion and Township Attorney Savo’s advise, it was determined that a resolution is not necessary as the top soil will remain in Bridgewater.

**AWARD OF CONTRACT TO TOP LINE CONSTRUCTION CORP. FOR COUNTRY CLUB ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - PHASE VI (ROLLING HILLS ROAD TO REAGEN DRIVE), IN THE SUM OF \$296,819.80 FUNDED FROM THE 2015 CAPITAL PROJECT**

Township Administrator Naples stated this resolution will allow for the conclusion of resurfacing of Country Club Road from Route 28 to the Intersection at Talamini.

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	Aye
Council President Norgalis	Aye

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #15-10-05-287 is appended to the official minutes

**AWARD OF CONTRACT TO DESANTIS CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE TALAMINI ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - PHASE II (RED LION WAY TO THE EASTERLY SIDE OF THE GOLF COURSE), IN THE SUM OF \$57,012.78, FUNDED FROM THE 2015 CAPITAL PROJECT**

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

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution **#15-10-05-288** is appended to the official minutes

On the motion of Councilman Moench, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the meeting adjourned at 8:25pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

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Howard Norgalis  
Council President