

**MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**  
**NOVEMBER 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 Thursday, November 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                    (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.

**Minutes for Approval**

On motion of Councilman Moench, second by Councilman Pedroso, the following minutes were moved for approval and passed unanimously:  
October 19, 2015 - Regular Session

**Council Reports**

Councilman Kurdyla:

- Nothing new to report.

Councilman Moench:

- Reported it was an honor to run for election with Mayor Hayes and Councilwoman Rose and is thrilled to be re-elected and be able to continue to represent Bridgewater.

Councilman Pedroso:

- Congratulated Mayor Hayes, Councilman Moench and Councilwoman Rose

for their win in the election

- Attended a luncheon sponsored by the Somerset County freeholders today. They recognized the volunteers from Centerbridge I and II and from the Midland School Advance program who participate with the meals on wheels program. All the volunteers were acknowledged and presented with a certificate and t-shirt.
- Attended the Halloween Trick and Treat event at town hall

Council president Norgalis:

- Congratulated Stephanie Moench who has created a vibrant creative arts committee whose art display in the municipal building should appeal to all
- Attended the sanofi “Celebrating Diversity” event sponsored by their North American foundation. 11 organizations shared a \$100,000 corporate gift
- Attended the Bridgewater Health Fair held at the senior center
- Attended the Robert Wood Johnson Somerset Foundation celebration of their new donor recognition wall
- Attended the Fifth Friday Friars meeting where the head of the new Jersey Devils Hockey Franchise talked about the need to expand the scope of their building beyond just a hockey facility
- Participated in the Somerset County health department flu clinic at the Hillsborough DPW site. This was his 10<sup>th</sup> year working at one of their clinics
- Was elected to the Board of Directors of the 200-Club of Somerset County, an organization that provides support to Police, Fire and EMS

Upcoming events:

- Eastern Star ribbon-cut this weekend
- Sanofi’s good neighbor dinner on Monday
- The chair of honor is being installed at the County building on Tuesday
- Regional center partnership meeting next Thursday
- The league of municipalities is coming up Nov 17-19
- The next Councilman meeting is Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Mayor’s  
Report**

Township Administrator Naples:

- Nothing new to report

**Presentation**

**GARDEN & RAIN BARREL REBATE PROGRAM**

Heather Desko and Sarah Helble of the Watershed Protection Programs Division were present and noted the purpose of this presentation is to bring awareness about this program. They provide rain garden and rain barrel workshops and teach the basics and benefits of rain garden and rain barrels. Their website is

[www.raritanbasin.org](http://www.raritanbasin.org)

A rain barrel collects and stores rainwater from a roof that would otherwise be runoff. These waters are then used to water gardens, plants, lawns, wash cars etc. This program was started in 2011. A rain garden on the other hand is a landscaped shallow depression that allows water to absorb slowly into the ground, preventing storm water run-off from carrying pollution to our drinking water sources. This program was started in 2013.

All were encouraged to take advantage of the program.

**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.

No one wished to be heard.

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

**Resolutions**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT NORGALIS READ THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS BY TITLE AND CALLED FOR A CONSENT VOTE.

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

**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) BODY ARMOR-\$6,730.37**

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #15-11-05-296 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) CLICK IT OR TICKET-\$3,300.00**

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #15-11-05-297 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) EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT-\$5,000.00**

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #15-11-05-298 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 ALLIANCE-2015-\$35,761.00**

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #15-11-05-299 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-\$11,537.24**

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #15-11-05-300 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) 2015 NJDOT HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANT-\$73,154.30**

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #15-11-05-301 is appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZATION TO CANCEL RECEIVABLE BALANCES AND APPROPRIATED RESERVES FOR VARIOUS PRIOR YEAR BALANCES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$249,553.11 IN RECEIVABLES AND \$422,491.61 IN APPROPRIATED RESERVES.**

Township Administrator Naples advised these are monies which either remain on the grant fund balance sheet while activities have expired or have been left unexpended or award has expired. They are monies we thought we could get but are no longer able to get.

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 #15-11-05-302 is appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZING THE CANCELATION OF 2014 TAXES ON BLOCK 124, LOT 11 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,114.35**

Township Administrator Naples advised the Township has acquired a conservation easement from Auto Wreckers/Price. The cancellation of taxes is for the Township’s portion of the tax bill.

On motion of Councilman Moench, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, 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 #15-11-05-303 is appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZING FINAL PAYMENT TO ASPHALT PAVING SYSTEMS, INC., AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT AND RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE, BOND NUMBER 13BCSGT0475, ISSUED BY HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$85,738.00, AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND, BOND NUMBER 13BCSGT0475M, ISSUED BY HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,860.79 FOR THE 2014 MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR WORK CHIP SEAL AND MICROSURFACING**

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilman Moench, 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 #15-11-05-304 is appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1/ FINAL CHANGE ORDER DECREASING THE PRICE FROM \$137,274.75 TO \$137,091.60, WHICH IS A DECREASE OF 0.13% OR (\$183.15) FROM THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT, AND FINAL PAYMENT TO ASPHALT PAVING SYSTEMS, INC., AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT AND RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND FOR THE 2015 MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR WORK CHIP SEAL AND MICROSURFACING**

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilman Moench, 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 #15-11-05-305 is appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING/SURVEYING SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE GRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) FILED MAP/PARCEL DATA AND MAPPING SERVICES TO MASER CONSULTING, P.A. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$73,200.00**

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, 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 #15-11-05-306 is appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1/ FINAL CHANGE ORDER INCREASING THE PRICE FROM \$247,770.00 TO \$293,368.00, WHICH IS AN INCREASE OF 18.40% OR (\$45,598.00) FROM THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT, AND FINAL PAYMENT TO REIVAX CONTRACTING CORP., AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT AND RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND FOR THE RUNNING BROOK ROAD DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilman Moench, 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 #15-11-05-307 is appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZING A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AGREEMENT AT THE INTERSECTION OF ROUTE 22 WESTBOUND RAMPS "A" & "B" AND CHIMNEY ROCK ROAD (CR 675) AND STAVOLA DRIVEWAY BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET AND TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER**

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilman Moench, 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 #15-11-05-308 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 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 Kurdyla, seconded by Councilman Moench, Council convened in closed session at approximately 7:58 p.m.

A copy of resolution #15-11-05-309 is appended to the official minutes.

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

meeting reconvened to open session at approximately 8:05 p.m. and adjourned immediately thereafter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

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Howard Norgalis  
Council President