

**MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**  
**JANUARY 1, 2016                      COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**REORGANIZATION MEETING**

The Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in a regular session and reorganization meeting on Friday, January 1, 2016, at 1:00 p. m, in the Municipal Complex Courtroom located at 100 Commons Way, Bridgewater, New Jersey.

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 November 25, 2015, by sending written and electronic notice to the Courier News and The Star Ledger; posting 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 F. Kurdyla  
Matthew C. Moench  
Filipe Pedroso  
Christine Henderson Rose  
Howard V. Norgalis

Also Present:

Daniel J. Hayes Jr., Mayor  
James Naples, Township Administrator  
William B. Savo, Township Attorney  
Linda J. Doyle, Township Clerk  
Grace Karanja, Deputy Township Clerk  
Krista Gaffney, Confidential Secretary to the Clerk

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

**Invocation**

The invocation was presented by: Howard Norgalis, Former Chaplain - North Branch Fire Department. *The invocation is attached to the official minutes. (Schedule A)*

**Recognition**

Council President Norgalis recognized the sudden passing of Alan Grant, Esq. a partner and long term friend in the law firm of Mauro, Savo, Camerino & Grant. Alan has been with the Council many times and has on many occasions defended litigation against the Township very successfully and will be dearly missed.

Council President Norgalis recognized the local dignitaries in the audience including:

- Michael Doherty, Senator

- John Dimaio, Assemblyman
- Edward Zimmerman, Governing Officials
- Tim Pino, Captain
- Patricia Walsh, Freehold Director
- Patrick Scaglione, Freehold Deputy Director
- Manuel Caravela, Chief of Bridgewater Police
- Al Gaburo, Somerset County Republican Chair
- Jamie Rick, Risk Manager
- Francesco Taddeo, Public Defender
- Michael Pappas, Former Congressman

**Certification  
of Election**

**CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION**

A statement of the determination of the Board of Canvassers of Somerset County, New Jersey, relative to an election held in the County of Somerset on November 3, 2015 for the election of the following mentioned offices in the Township of Bridgewater.

- One (1) Four-Year Mayoral Seat - The said Board does determine that Dan Hayes, Jr. was duly elected Mayor.
- Two (2) Four-Year Township Council Seats - The said Board does determine that Matthew Moench and Christine Henderson-Rose were duly elected to the Township Council.

**Oaths of  
Elected  
Office**

**OATH OF OFFICE**

Mayor - Daniel J. Hayes, Jr.

Performed by Michael Doherty

Councilman - Christine Henderson-Rose

Performed by Nancy Bowers-Newton

Councilman - Matthew C. Moench

Performed by Beth Powers

**NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBER STATEMENT**

Christine Henderson-Rose

Matthew C. Moench

**ROLL CALL**

Councilman Allen Kurdyla

Councilman Matthew Moench

Councilman Filipe Pedroso

Councilwoman Christine Henderson-Rose

Councilman Howard V. Norgalis

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT OUTGOING ADDRESS**

*The message is attached to the official minutes. (Schedule B)*

**Selection  
of Council  
President**

**SELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Council President Norgalis nominated Councilman Filipe Pedroso to serve as Council President for the year 2016. Councilman Moench seconded the motion. The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

Allen Kurdyla	Aye
Matthew Moench	Aye
Filipe Pedroso	Abstain
Christine Henderson-Rose	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye

**Selection of  
Council Vice-  
President**

**SELECTION OF COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT**

Council President Norgalis stated there was need to create this position in order that in the absence of the Council President, the Vice President assumes and exercises the powers and responsibilities of the Council President.

Council President Norgalis nominated Councilman Allen Kurdyla to serve as Council Vice-President for the year 2016. Councilman Pedroso seconded the motion. The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

Allen F. Kurdyla	Abstain
Howard V. Norgalis	Aye
Filipe Pedroso	Aye
Christine Henderson-Rose	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MESSAGE**

*The message is attached to the official minutes. (Schedule C)*

**MAYOR DANIEL J. HAYES, JR. INAUGURAL STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP ADDRESS**

*The address is attached to the official minutes. (Schedule D)*

Council President Pedroso asked Township Clerk, Linda Doyle to read the following appointments.

**Mayor  
Appointments  
with Advice  
and Consent**

**MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS WITH ADVICE AND CONSENT (Staff)**

**APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION - JAMES T. NAPLES**

**APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - NATASHA TURCHAN**

**APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - CHRIS POULSEN**

**APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF POLICE - MANUEL CARAVELA**

**APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER - ROSE WITT**

**APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP REGISTRAR - NADINE BELNAY-CARR**

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second of Councilman Kurdyla, the foregoing resolutions were proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilwoman Henderson-Rose	Aye
Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Council Vice President Kurdyla	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Aye

**THE FOREGOING RESOLUTIONS WERE APPROVED.**

Copies of resolutions [#16-01-01-001](#), [#16-01-01-002](#), [#16-01-01-003](#), [#16-01-01-004](#), [#16-01-01-005](#), and [#1-01-01-006](#) are appended to the official minutes.

**APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY - AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT TO WILLIAM B. SAVO, ESQ - MAURO, SAVO, CAMERINO & GRANT**

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, second of Councilman Moench, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilwoman Henderson-Rose	Aye
Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Council Vice President Kurdyla	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Aye

**THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.**

A copy of resolution [#16-01-01-007](#) is appended to the official minutes.

**APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP PLANNER - AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT TO SCARLETT DOYLE, PP IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000**

On motion of Councilwoman Henderson- Rose, second of Councilman Kurdyla, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilwoman Henderson-Rose	Aye
Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye

Council Vice President Kurdyla	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Aye

**THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.**

A copy of resolution [#16-01-01-008](#) is appended to the official minutes

**APPOINTMENT OF ERIC M. BERNSTEIN & ASSOCIATES AS TOWNSHIP LABOR ATTORNEY AND AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000.00**

On motion of Councilwoman Henderson-Rose, second of Councilman Kurdyla, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilwoman Henderson-Rose	Aye
Councilman Moench	Abstain
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Council Vice President Kurdyla	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Aye

**THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.**

A copy of resolution [#16-01-01-009](#) is appended to the official minutes

**APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC DEFENDER / MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR - FRANCESCO TADDEO**

On motion of Councilwoman Henderson-Rose, second of Councilman Moench, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilwoman Henderson-Rose	Aye
Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Council Vice President Kurdyla	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Aye

**THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.**

A copy of resolution [#16-01-01-010](#) is appended to the official minutes

**APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM T. KELLEHER, JR. AS CHIEF MUNICIPAL JUDGE**

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second of Councilman Moench, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilwoman Henderson-Rose	Aye
Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Council Vice President Kurdyla	Aye

Council President Pedroso

Aye

**THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.**

A copy of resolution [#16-01-01-011](#) is appended to the official minutes

Council President Pedroso asked Township Clerk, Linda Doyle to read the following appointments.

**Mayor  
Appointments  
without Advice  
and Consent**

**APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS**

Class I - Mayor Daniel J. Hayes, Jr.  
Class II - Stephen Rodzinak  
Class III - Christine Henderson-Rose  
Class IV - Ron Charles

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

Pushpavati Amin  
Linda Sikora  
Aimee Alonzo  
Ron Charles (Planning Board Rep)

**APPOINTMENT OF RISK MANAGER**

James Rick

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE 2016 SOMERSET COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONSORTIUM**

James T. Naples  
Allen Kurdyla  
Howard Norgalis (alternate)

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE REGIONAL CENTER PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Mayor Daniel J. Hayes, Jr.  
Scarlett Doyle, PP  
Henry J. Reynolds  
Filipe Pedroso  
Howard Norgalis (alternate)

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE BRIDGEWATER / RARITAN YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION/  
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE FOR PREVENTION OF ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE**

Cara Hayes  
Russell Yarnell  
Kathleen Caola  
Donna Langel  
Jodi Schneider

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

Robert Szkodny  
Mayor Daniel J. Hayes, Jr.  
James T. Naples  
Howard Turbowitz  
Stephen Rodzinak  
Robert Hanlon  
Phillip Langon (replaced Frank Ur)  
Chris Poulsen  
Manuel Caravela  
Thomas Forsythe  
Don Collins  
Ray Ruth  
Lawrence Livornese

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE SOMERSET COUNTY JOINT INSURANCE FUND**

James T. Naples - Commissioner  
Gary Howarth - Alternate Commissioner

**RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE SOMERSET COUNTY CULTURAL AND HERITAGE COMMISSION**

Herb Patullo

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second of Councilman Kurdyla, the foregoing resolutions were proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilwoman Henderson-Rose	Aye
Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Council Vice President Kurdyla	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Aye

**THE FOREGOING RESOLUTIONS WERE APPROVED.**

Copies of resolutions [#16-01-01-012](#), [#16-01-01-013](#), [#16-01-01-014](#) and [#1-01-01-015](#) are appended to the official minutes.

**Mayor  
Appointments  
with Advice  
and Consent**

**MAYORS APPOINTMENTS WITH ADVICE AND CONSENT (Boards and Committees)**

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

John B. Schmitt, Jr  
Stephen Koehler  
Thomas Metcalf

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD**

Scott Baxter Green

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD**

Jacqueline Pino

Donald Truss

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD**

Shivani Marrero

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE PARK BOARD**

Christopher Casini

Allan R. Papp

Ali Ali

Robert Hellwig

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

Taya Friedman

Fabiola Folino

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE SHADE TREE BOARD**

Michael Haskell

Judith H. Ambrus

William Sedlazek

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE RARITAN AND MILLSTONE FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION**

Matthew C. Moench

Christine Henderson-Rose (alternate)

On motion of Councilwoman Henderson-Rose, second of Councilman Moench, the foregoing resolutions were proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilwoman Henderson-Rose	Aye
Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Council Vice President Kurdyla	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Aye

**THE FOREGOING RESOLUTIONS WERE APPROVED.**

Copies of resolutions [#16-01-01-016 through #1-01-01-023](#) are appended to the official minutes.

**Council  
Appointments  
for Staff**

**COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS (STAFF)**

**APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

Robert B. Cagnassola -Suplee, Clooney & Co.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second of Councilwoman Henderson-Rose, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilwoman Henderson-Rose	Aye
Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Council Vice President Kurdyla	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Aye

**THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.**

A copy of resolution [#16-01-01-024](#) is appended to the official minutes

**APPOINTMENT OF ASSESSMENT SEARCH OFFICER**

Linda J. Doyle

On motion of Councilwoman Henderson-Rose, second of Councilman Moench, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilwoman Henderson-Rose	Aye
Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Council Vice President Kurdyla	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Aye

**THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.**

A copy of resolution [#16-01-01-025](#) is appended to the official minutes

**APPOINTMENT OF TAX SEARCH OFFICER**

Darrow Murdock

On motion of Councilwoman Henderson-Rose, second of Councilman Kurdyla, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilwoman Henderson-Rose	Aye
Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Council Vice President Kurdyla	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Aye

**THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.**

A copy of resolution [#16-01-01-026](#) is appended to the official minutes

**Council  
Appointments  
for Boards  
and  
Committees**

**COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS (Boards and Committees)**

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Paul Riga - Regular member  
James Weideli - Alternate member #1  
Dawn Guttschall - Alternate member #2  
John Fallone - Alternate member #3

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second of Councilman Moench, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilwoman Henderson-Rose	Aye
Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Council Vice President Kurdyla	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Aye

**THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.**

A copy of resolution [#16-01-01-027](#) is appended to the official minutes

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE CREATIVE ARTS COMMITTEE**

Kristen Rath-Velasco  
Suman Virmani

On motion of Councilwoman Henderson-Rose, second of Councilman Moench, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilwoman Henderson-Rose	Aye
Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Council Vice President Kurdyla	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Aye

**THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.**

A copy of resolution [#16-01-01-028](#) is appended to the official minutes

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE GREEN BROOK FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION**

Matthew C. Moench  
Filipe Pedroso (alternate)

On motion of Councilwoman Henderson-Rose, second of Councilman Kurdyla, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilwoman Henderson-Rose	Aye
Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye

Council Vice President Kurdyla	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Aye

**THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.**

A copy of resolution [#16-01-01-029](#) is appended to the official minutes

**APPOINTMENTS OF THE REGIONAL CENTER PARTNERSHIP DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES**

Filipe Pedroso  
Howard Norgalis (alternate)

On motion of Councilwoman Henderson-Rose, second of Councilman Kurdyla, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilwoman Henderson-Rose	Aye
Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Abstain
Council Vice President Kurdyla	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Aye

**THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.**

A copy of resolution [#16-01-01-030](#) is appended to the official minutes

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Class 2 (B) James Weideli  
N. Janine Dickey  
Robert Hellwig

On motion of Councilwoman Henderson-Rose, second of Councilman Kurdyla, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilwoman Henderson-Rose	Aye
Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Council Vice President Kurdyla	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Aye

**THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.**

A copy of resolution [#16-01-01-031](#) is appended to the official minutes

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE SOMERSET REGIONAL ANIMAL SHELTER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Natalie Zaman  
Mary Breslin  
Ken Corsini

On motion of Councilwoman Henderson-Rose, second of Councilman Kurdyla, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilwoman Henderson-Rose	Aye
Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Council Vice President Kurdyla	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Aye

**THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.**

A copy of resolution [#16-01-01-032](#) is appended to the official minutes

**Oaths**

**OATHS OF OFFICE WERE ADMINISTERED BY WILLIAM B. SAVO, TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY FOR THOSE APPOINTED TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

**Resolutions**

**2016 GENERAL BUSINESS**

Designates the Official Newspaper as the Courier News, names certain depositories and sets provisions for the effective conduct of business.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second of Councilwoman Henderson-Rose, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilwoman Henderson-Rose	Aye
Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Council Vice President Kurdyla	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Aye

**THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.**

A copy of resolution [#16-01-01-033](#) is appended to the official minutes

**2016 TOWNSHIP COUNCIL SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

The foregoing resolution sets the meeting calendar for Township Council for the year 2016.

On motion of Councilwoman Henderson-Rose, second of Councilman Norgalis, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilwoman Henderson-Rose	Aye
Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Council Vice President Kurdyla	Aye



On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second of Councilman Moench, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilwoman Henderson-Rose	Aye
Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Council Vice President Kurdyla	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Aye

**THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.**

A copy of resolution [#16-01-01-037](#) is appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZING BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP ENGINEER ROBERT C BOGART, PE & PLS TO EXECUTE NJDEP, NJDOT, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND SOMERSET COUNTY PERMITS ON BEHALF OF THE TOWNSHIP**

The resolution authorizes and names Robert Bogart as Township Engineer to sign permits from NJDOT, NJDEP and Somerset County on behalf of the Township.

On motion of Councilman Moench, second of Councilman Norgalis, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilwoman Henderson-Rose	Aye
Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Council Vice President Kurdyla	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Aye

**THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.**

A copy of resolution [#16-01-01-038](#) is appended to the official minutes

**Public  
Comment**

On motion of Councilwoman Henderson-Rose, seconded by Councilman Moench, 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 Councilwoman Henderson-Rose, the public portion of the meeting was closed.

**Adjournment**

On motion of Councilwoman Henderson-Rose, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Council President Pedroso invited all attendees for refreshments in the adjacent conference room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC  
Municipal Clerk