

MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
DECEMBER 21, 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, December 21, 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.

Proclamation

The Bridgewater-Raritan Pop Warner Midget Cheer Team, its demonstrators and coaches were present in the audience. Council President Norgalis recognized their accomplishments noting the Midget Cheer squad has been together since they were five years old. Over the last eight years they have had many new faces join and with their combined skills, courage, and determination, the squad had five very successful competitive years together. A signed proclamation was presented.

The Bridgewater-Raritan Pop Warner Junior Pee Wee Cheer Team, its demonstrators and coaches were also present in the audience. Council President Norgalis recognized their accomplishments noting the Junior Pee Wee team has 29 girls comprised of 4th- 6th graders. Girls of all skill levels are welcome on the team. The older girls have been competing for the past three years at both regional and national levels. A signed proclamation was presented.

Council President Norgalis announced the sudden passing of Alan Grant, Esq. a partner 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.

Closed Session

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bridgewater Township Council that this body will now hold a closed meeting to discuss contract negotiations.

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On the motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilman Moench, Council convened in closed session at approximately 7:55 p.m.

A copy of resolution #15-12-03-330 is appended to the official minutes.

On the motion of Councilman Moench, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla the meeting reconvened to open session at approximately 8:10 p.m.

Minutes for Approval

On motion of Councilman Moench, second by Councilman Kurdyla, the following minutes were moved for approval and passed unanimously:

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Council Reports

Councilwoman Rose:

- Met with Mayor Hayes concerning the Center of Excellence.

Councilman Kurdyla:

- Met with Mayor Hayes and others concerning the Center of Excellence
- Attended a Zoning Board meeting and three (3) Planning Board meetings in December.

Councilman Moench:

- Wished everybody a happy holiday and new year.

Councilman Pedroso:

- Attended the Somerset County Federation of Republican women Christmas Party a few weeks ago
- Accepted the Governor's invitation for a tour of his home in Princeton
- Attended the Somerset County Business Partnership Annual meeting

Council president Norgalis:

- Attended the Centerbridge Senior Citizen Holiday Party. It was very well attended
- Attended the Somerset Patriots Holiday reception where Steve Kalafer recognized the contribution of both Bridgewater Township and Somerset County Ballpark's success
- Attended Assemblyman Peterson's gathering to collect toys and food for the less fortunate
- Attended the Somerset County VOTEK Holiday breakfast with Santa
- Attended the Somerset county Business Partnership annual meeting along with almost 500 other folks to recognize their success during 2015
- Attended the Raritan Valley Community College Christmas Party
- Met with Mayor Hayes and others to discuss the Sanofi project. Tomorrow, the Planning Board will hear details of the plan.

Mayor's Report

Township Administrator Naples:

- Nothing new to report

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.

No one wished to be heard.

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

Public Hearing & Final Action Ordinance

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, COUNTY OF SOMERSET AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN TOWNSHIP OWNED LAND KNOWN AS A PORTION OF LOT 18, BLOCK 477 (IN THE FUTURE TO BE KNOWN AS LOT 18.01, BLOCK 477) FRONTING ON ROUTE 206 TO THE AL FALAH CENTER IN EXCHANGE FOR THE CONVEYANCE BY THE AL FALAH CENTER TO THE TOWNSHIP OF BLOCK 653, LOTS 36 & 37 LOCATED AT 1475 MOUNTAIN TOP ROAD, BRIDGEWATER

On motion of Councilman Moench, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the meeting was opened to the public.

There was none.

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Pedroso, the public

comment portion was closed.

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, 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	Aye
Council President Norgalis	Aye

THE ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #15-12-21-321 is appended to the official minutes

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AMENDING SECTION 126-2 (DEFINITIONS) OF ARTICLE I (PURPOSES AND INTENT; DEFINITIONS) OF PART 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS) OF CHAPTER 126 (LAND USE) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER SO AS TO MODIFY THE DEFINITION OF MINOR SUBDIVISION AND CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF MINOR SITE PLAN

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the meeting was opened to the public.

There was none.

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

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

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

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

THE ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #15-12-21-322 is appended to the official minutes

Resolutions

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT OF COUNCIL BYLAWS CREATING THE POSITION OF VICE PRESIDENT

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

On motion of Councilman Moench, 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 #15-12-21-323 is appended to the official minutes

SUPPORTING NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RECOMMENDATION THAT THE EXISTING CENTERLINE PAVEMENT MARKINGS ON ROUTE NJ 28 THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP WILL REMAIN AS IS, "NO PASSING ZONE" FOR SAFETY REASONS BASED ON A NJDOT INVESTIGATION

Township Administrator Naples advised this codifies what is already in place.

On motion of Councilman Moench, 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 #15-12-21-324 is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1/FINAL CHANGE ORDER DECREASING THE PRICE FROM \$157,735.00 TO \$112,388.64, A DECREASE OF \$45,346.36, AND FINAL PAYMENT TO JTG CONSTRUCTION INC., AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT AND RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND AND ACCEPTANCE OF MAINTENANCE BOND FOR THE CHURCH ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

On motion of Councilman Moench, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, 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 #15-12-21-325 is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1/ FINAL CHANGE ORDER DECREASING THE PRICE FROM \$501,110.00 TO \$496,790.00, WHICH IS A DECREASE OF 0.86% OR (\$4,320.00) FROM THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT, AND FINAL PAYMENT TO JO-MED CONTRACTING CORP., AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT AND RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR THE FINDERNE AREA SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT

On motion of Councilman Pedroso, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, 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 #15-12-21-326 is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING CHANGE OF SCOPE TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT INCREASING THE CONTRACT PRICE BY THE SUM OF \$3,520.00 FOR ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING & SURVEYING SERVICES NOT INCLUDED IN ORIGINAL 2014 CONTRACT FOR GREGORY AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PHASE I, INCREASING THE CONTRACT PRICE WITH KELLER & KIRKPATRICK, INC. FROM THE PRICE OF \$53,200.00 TO \$56,720.00.

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, 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 #15-12-21-327 is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING CHANGE OF SCOPE TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT INCREASING THE CONTRACT PRICE BY THE SUM OF \$7,558.50 FOR ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING & SURVEYING SERVICES NOT INCLUDED IN ORIGINAL 2007 CONTRACT FOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TRIBUTARY TO THE WEST BRANCH MIDDLE BROOK ALONG RUNNING BROOK ROAD INCREASING THE CONTRACT PRICE WITH VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES FROM THE PRICE OF \$18,000.00 TO \$25,558.50.

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, 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.

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW BUDGET FOR 2015 FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$5,000 FOR MAINTAINING AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS TO BE PAID FROM THE HOUSING TRUST FUND AND AN ADDITIONAL \$10,000 REALATED TO LITIGATION FEES

Council President Norgalis explained the additional monies will cover legal fees that are outside the limit of the normal contract the Township has with the law firm.

On motion of Councilman Pedroso, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, 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.

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**Closed
Session**

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On the motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Moench, Council convened in closed session at approximately 8:20 p.m.

A copy of resolution #15-12-21-331 is appended to the official minutes.

On the motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the meeting reconvened to open session at approximately 8:30 p.m. and adjourned immediately thereafter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Howard Norgalis
Council President