

**MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**  
**MARCH 3, 2016 COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

The Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in a work session on Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers in the Municipal Complex, Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807.

Council President Pedroso 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 4, 2016 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:

Matthew C. Moench            (arrived at 7:33pm)  
Howard Norgalis  
Christine Henderson-Rose  
Council Vice President Allen Kurdyla  
Council President Filipe Pedroso

Also Present:            James T. Naples, Township Administrator  
William B. Savo, Township Attorney  
Linda J. Doyle, Township Clerk

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

**Public Comment**

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

**Public  
Hearing &  
Final Action  
Ordinances**

There were no further questions or discussion about the following Ordinances:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AMENDING SECTION 126-195 (SIGNS) OF ARTICLE XXIV (DESIGN DETAILS AND CRITERIA) OF PART 8 (SITE PLAN REVIEW) OF CHAPTER 126 (LAND USE) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER SO AS TO AMEND SUBSECTION F (GENERAL REGULATIONS), TO NEW SUBSECTION 7c, BY SETTING FORTH THE METHOD OF COMPUTATION UTILIZED TO DETERMINE THE SQUARE FOOTAGE OF TWO SIDED FREESTANDING SIGNS**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AMENDING SECTION 126-201 (INTERPRETATION; VARIANCES) OF ARTICLE XXV (TITLE; INTERPRETATION) OF PART 9 (SUBDIVISIONS) OF CHAPTER 126 (LAND USE) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT, UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, DEVELOPMENT SHALL ALSO BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 8 (SITE PLAN REVIEW)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AMENDING SECTION 126-314.2 (GC GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONE) OF ARTICLE XLII (USE REGULATIONS) OF PART 12 (ZONING) OF CHAPTER 126 (LAND USE) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER SO AS TO AMEND SUBSECTION 7 (MAXIMUM FLOOR AREA FOR A TWO STORY OR HIGHER RETAIL OFFICE MIXED USE STRUCTURE) OF SUBSECTION F (BULK REQUIREMENTS FOR THE GC ZONE) OF SECTION 126-314.2 (GC GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONE) SO AS TO CHANGE THE MAXIMUM FLOOR AREA FOR A TWO STORY OR HIGHER RETAIL OFFICE MIXED USE STRUCTURE FROM 0.50 TO 0.40 UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AMENDING SECTION 126-329 (IMPROVED LOT COVERAGE) OF ARTICLE XLIV (SUPPLEMENTARY LOT, HEIGHT AND YARD REGULATIONS) OF PART 12 (ZONING) OF CHAPTER 126 (LAND USE) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER SO AS TO 1) DELETE THE TITLE OF SUBSECTION A ENTITLED "RESIDENTIAL USES" WITH ALL OTHER LANGUAGE OF SUBSECTION A REMAINING, 2) DELETE THE ENTIRETY OF SUBSECTION B (INSTITUTIONAL AND CONDITIONAL USES) AND 3) DELETE THE ENTIRETY OF SUBSECTION C (BONUS FOR DECREASE IN IMPROVED LOT COVERAGE); SUBSECTION D (BUILDING, GRAVEL AND/OR OTHER STONE SURFACES USED FOR PARKING, DRIVEWAYS OR WALKWAYS) SHALL REMAIN IN ITS ENTIRETY**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AMENDING SUBSECTION C (CRITERIA FOR CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT) OF SECTION 126-349 (CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT) OF ARTICLE XLVI (CONDITIONAL USES) OF PART 12 (ZONING) OF CHAPTER 126 (LAND USE) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF**

**BRIDGEWATER SO AS TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION (5) a & b FOR THE PURPOSE OF SETTING FORTH THE METHOD OF METHOD OF COMPUTATION OF LOT AREA, LOT COVERAGE, LOT WIDTH AND FLOOR AREA RATIO (FAR) FOR EACH LOT**

**Introduction  
of  
Ordinances**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER SO AS TO CREATE A NEW CHAPTER 153 ENTITLED "DEALERS OF PRECIOUS METALS AND SECONDHAND GOODS; LICENSING AND REGULATION"**

Police Chief Manuel Caravella was present to discuss the above Ordinance. He stated this is a state wide initiative intended to assist law enforcement officials and victims of crime in recovering stolen precious metals and other secondhand goods by requiring minimum identification, reporting, maintenance and distribution criteria for licensed dealers in these goods.

**Resolutions**

**AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE AGREEMENT TO QUALCARE, INC., MARCH 1, 2016, THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2017, FOR FIXED REINSURANCE COSTS NOT TO EXCEED \$494,846 AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS FOR 2015-2017 ESTIMATED TO BE \$190,114 PER YEAR**

Township Administrator Naples advised that with us tonight and in support of this resolution is Bryan Reilly, our Qualcare representative and Jamie Rick, our Risk manager. The costs and savings were discussed and it was noted Mr. Rick has worked very hard to keep the costs down.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution [#16-03-03-080](#) is appended to the official minutes

**AWARD TO RJS ASSOCIATES LANDSCAPING, INC., 85 LOESER ROAD BRIDGEWATER NEW JERSEY FOR SNOW REMOVAL SERVICE FOR 2016 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00**

Councilman Kurdyla commented he received multiple phone calls from residents in that area complaining the removal of the snow took too long causing concerns with safety should there have been an emergency. He suggested the specs for

next year be revisited to consider breaking up the streets to afford the snow be removed more timely.

Mr. Naples agreed.

**SUPPORTING NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RECOMMENDATION THAT THE EXISTING CENTERLINE PAVEMENT MARKINGS ON ROUTE (US) 202 THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP WILL REMAIN AS IS “NO PASSING ZONE” FOR SAFETY REASONS BASED ON A NJDOT INVESTIGATION**

Council President Pedroso expressed concern that NJDOT had requested a 90-day response and this took 9-months to get to Township Council. It was confirmed that the timing will have no impact. He asked that a copy of the NJDOT investigation report be provided to the Council.

There were no further questions or discussion about the following resolutions:

**2016 SOMERSET COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

**AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,392.00 PERFORMANCE CASH BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,392.00, ACCEPTANCE OF THE SITE IMPROVEMENTS MICHAEL FATTORE, BLOCK 113.01, LOT 14, 16 IVY LANE**

**AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1/FINAL CHANGE ORDER DECREASING THE PRICE FROM \$411,693.83 TO \$386,204.70 A DECREASE OF \$25,489.13, AND FINAL PAYMENT TO DESANTIS CONSTRUCTION, INC., AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT AND RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND AND ACCEPTANCE OF MAINTENANCE BOND FOR THE GILBRIDE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - PHASE 2 (CHIMNEY ROCK ROAD TO BRIDGE)**

**AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT INCREASING THE CONTRACT PRICE BY THE SUM OF \$32,116.00 FOR THE VAN HOLTEN ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROEJCT, PHASE IV (FOXCROFT ROAD TO CARLENE DRIVE) WITH BLACK ROCK ENTERPRISES, LLC. FROM THE PRICE OF \$223,836.24 TO \$255,952.24.**

**AUTHORIZING CHANGE OF SCOPE TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT INCREASING THE CONTRACT PRICE BY THE SUM OF \$6,300.00 FOR ADDITIONAL DETAIL DESIGN SERVICES FOR ADDITIONAL DRAINAGE FOR THE VAN HOLTEN ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROEJCT, PHASE IV (FOXCROFT ROAD TO**

**CARLENE DRIVE) CONTRACT PRICE WITH KELLER & KIRKPATRICK, INC. FROM THE PRICE OF \$44,800.00 TO \$51,100.00**

**AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1/ FINAL CHANGE ORDER DECREASING THE PRICE FROM \$82,400.00 TO \$75,478.50, WHICH IS A DECREASE OF 8.40% OR (\$6,921.50) FROM THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT, AND FINAL PAYMENT TO A&A CURBING, INC., AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT AND RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND FOR THE 2015 SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR FIREWORK DISPLAYS AT SOMERSET PATRIOTS STADIUM ON APRIL 21, APRIL 22, MAY 14, MAY 20, MAY 25 AND JUNE 4, 2016**

**Motion to Set  
Agenda**

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the agenda was set for the March 7, 2016 Township Council regular meeting.

On the motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

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Filipe Pedroso  
Council President