

**MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**  
**MARCH 31, 2016 COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

The Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in an agenda session on Thursday, March 31, 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 (7:35)  
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 Doyle, Township Clerk

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

**Closed Session**

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

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 Norgalis, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, Council convened in closed session at approximately 7:35 p.m.

A copy of resolution [#16-03-31-111](#) is appended to the official minutes.

On the motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Moench, the meeting reconvened to open session at approximately 8:02 p.m.

#### **Minutes for Approval**

Council President Pedroso noted the following minutes will be considered for approval on Monday, April 4, 2016 during the regular session.

- March 17, 2016 - Agenda Session
- March 21, 2016 - Regular Session

#### **Council Reports**

Councilman Norgalis reported Dix Fetzer, Bridgewater's First Police Chief passed at the age of 91.

Councilman Norgalis reported Somerset County denied the traffic signal as part of the Eden Woods Reality project.

Councilman Moench advised the members he received a thank you card for the generous donations made over the holiday fund drive to the Pregnancy Aid Center.

#### **Presentation - Lane-Brokaw House**

Christa Gaffigan of Mills Schnoering Architects, LLC provided a power point presentation on the Historic Structure Report prepared for the Lane-Brokaw House located at 551 Milltown Road. The report detailed the following conditions:

- Site
- Exterior - Interior
- Structural
- MEP Systems
- Historic Building Materials
- Archeology
- Code Conditions
- Recommendations

Ms. Gaffigan introduced Dennis Bertland who provided background on the historical property and fabric for the interior and exterior. He discussed some archeological discoveries on the property. He noted the house is a traditional Dutch Farmhouse and was built in the 1800-1830's and is a historical gem.

Councilman Moench questioned the remediation process for mold and asked was this cost considered or covered in the grant.

Councilwoman Rose stated the Somerset County Historical Group has offered to make funding available to defray these associated costs. She noted her vision is to restore the structure in a museum like fashion to show the historical artifacts and host community candle making, quilting type community events at no cost

to the township other than yard maintenance.

Councilman Norgalis asked Ms. Gaffigan to send the power point to the Clerk who will then distribute to the members.

**2016 Municipal Budget**

Council President Pedroso advised the public hearing on the 2016 Municipal Budget will be held on Monday April 4, 2016.

**Public Comment**

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second my Councilwoman Rose, the meeting was opened to the public

Larry Powers, 14 Campbell Court complimented Christine Henderson Rose for dedication towards preserving the Lane-Brokaw House. He noted he was disappointed when the tarp blew off and was not immediately replaced because any additional moisture can cause additional mold which ultimately will need to be remediated. In addition, he offered there are certain grants the historical committee will be addressing which may defray the costs to help remediate the mold concerns. He offered this is a workable and tangible project.

No one else wished to speak.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second my Councilwoman Rose, the public comment portion was closed.

**Public Hearing & Final Action Ordinances**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF A PORTION OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS LOT 1, BLOCK 557 CONSISTING OF .967 ACRES ON THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP TAX MAP AND LOCATED AT 1 VOGT DRIVE (THE ‘PROPERTY’)**  
**PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.40A:12-14**

Mr. Savo advised there was a publication error with the block number listed as 577 instead of 557 and this ordinance will need to be re-published. There was consensus to continue the public hearing on April 18, 2016

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 206-29 ENTITLED “SCHEDULE I: NO PARKING” OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER SO AS TO PROHIBIT PARKING ALONG WALTER STREET AND CERTAIN PORTIONS OF HARRY ROAD (WEST) 150’ FEET NORTH AND SOUTH OF WALTER STREET INTERSECTION**

Mr. Naples advised numerous parents pulled onto Walter Street to drop their children off to Adamsville School causing a safety concern for those children walking to school with no sidewalks. The Police Department supports the position to restrict vehicle access down the dead end portion of Walter Street.

## Resolutions

Council President Pedroso asked if Council had any further questions on the following resolutions.

**AUTHORIZING BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP ENGINEER DAVID C. BATTAGLIA, PE TO EXECUTE NJDEP, NJDOT, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND SOMERSET COUNTY PERMITS ON BEHALF OF THE TOWNSHIP IN 2016**

Councilman Norgalis asked that Engineer Battaglia's appointment date be included in the title.

**AWARD OF CONTRACT TO INTERSTATE CONTRACTING AND EXCAVATING, LLC FOR THE WOODSIDE LANE SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT, IN THE SUM OF \$1,427,494.30**

Councilman Norgalis asked additional backup be provided. Mr. Naples will prepare the additional information and send out prior to adoption.

**AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF THE CASH PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,717.00, ACCEPTANCE OF THE SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,307.55 FOR GIRALDI , BLOCK 700 LOT 22, 1691 VALLEY VIEW ROAD**

**AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1/FINAL CHANGE ORDER DECREASING THE PRICE FROM \$390,498.16 TO \$329,906.80, WHICH IS A DECREASE OF 15.52% OR (\$60,591.36), AND FINAL PAYMENT TO BLACK ROCK ENTERPRISES, LLC, AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT AND RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND AND ACCEPTANCE OF MAINTENANCE BOND FOR THE MOUNT VERNON ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1/FINAL CHANGE ORDER DECREASING THE PRICE FROM \$159,500.87 TO \$130,971.41, WHICH IS A DECREASE OF 17.89% OR (\$28,529.47), AND FINAL PAYMENT TO BLACK ROCK ENTERPRISES, LLC, AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT AND RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND AND ACCEPTANCE OF MAINTENANCE BOND FOR THE HILLCREST ROAD II IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1/ FINAL CHANGE ORDER DECREASING THE PRICE FROM \$202,313.41 TO \$175,471.21, WHICH IS A 13.27% DECREASE OR (\$26,842.20) FROM THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT, AND FINAL PAYMENT TO TOP LINE CONSTRUCTION CORP., AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT AND RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND FOR THE MEADOW ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (VAN HOLTEN ROAD TO DEER RUN DRIVE)**

**WAIVER OF FIRE PERMIT FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$166 FOR THE RARITAN VALLEY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FOR THE "MR. HABITAT" EVENT AT THE BRIDGEWATER COMMONS CENTER COURT ON FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2016 FROM 6-9 PM**

**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.

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On the motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, Council convened in closed session at approximately 8:50 p.m.

A copy of resolution [#16-03-31-112](#) is appended to the official minutes

On the motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the meeting reconvened to open session at approximately 9:15 p.m.

**Motion to Set Agenda**

On the motion of Councilman Moench, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the agenda was set for Monday, April 4, 2016. All were in favor.

On the motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

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Filipe Pedroso  
Council President