

**MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MARCH 17, 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 17, 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
Howard Norgalis
Christine Henderson-Rose (absent)
Council Vice President Allen Kurdyla
Council President Filipe Pedroso

Also Present: James T. Naples, Township Administrator
Christopher Corsini, Township Attorney
Linda Doyle, Township Clerk

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

Public Hearing & Final Action Ordinances

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR THE 2016 CALENDAR YEAR (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

Councilman Norgalis stated he is going over the budget in great detail. He asked the other members if as a whole if they are ok with the percentage increase at 2%. He will continue reviewing the budget and asked the other members to direct questions on the budget to him.

Council members Kurdyla and Rose indicated support for the 2% budget increase as prepared. Members Moench and Pedroso said they wanted more time to look over the budget details.

**Public
Comment**

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

No one wished to speak.

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

**Public
Hearing &
Final Action
Ordinances**

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"

Mr. Corsini noted there were a few changes made based on the discussion the week prior that clarified certain sections per Council's recommendations. Councilman Moench stated he will not vote in favor of this ordinance. Council President Pedroso expressed he was on the fence and may not support this ordinance.

**Introduction
of
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. Corsini explained this is part of the settlement with the T-Mobile suit.

Councilman Norgalis wanted to insure that the public understood that the "PROPERTY", is the Bridgewater owned site of the Bridgewater Branch of the County Library.

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

AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER TO FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR A RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT

Mr. Naples stated the resolution authorizes the Township to apply for the NJDEP Recycling Tonnage Grant and is a necessary component of that process. The variable of tonnage amount and how much the State DEP will pay for each category of recyclable material does not allow for the municipality to apply for a specific amount.

Council President Pedroso asked if Council had any further questions on the following resolutions. None were noted.

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMUNITY VISITING NURSES ASSOCIATION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICES UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2016 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,541.75

AUTHORIZING A GRANT/LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,003.75 TO BRIAN C. ALSTON, RESIDING AT 2415 DOOLITTLE DRIVE, LOT 2415, BLOCK 164, BRIDGEWATER, NEW JERSEY 08807 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP CONDOMINIUM FEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS, CHAPTER 126-SECTION 321.4Q

AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF VARIOUS ITEMS (LISTED IN ATTACHED SCHEDULE) OF MUNICIPAL PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER THROUGH THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET IN THE MANNER OF A PUBLIC AND/OR INTERNET AUCTION.

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR PRINTING SERVICE SOMERSET COUNTY PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31 2020

AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$415,729.33 PROVIDENT BANK LETTER OF CREDIT BOND NUMBER 8050002314 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$311,797.00 AND A CASH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$103,932.33, ACCEPTANCE OF THE SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$155,898.49 PROVIDENT BANK 8050002350 FOR NEW JERSEY EASTERN STAR, 11 FINDERNE AVENUE - BLOCK 252, LOT 2

Motion to Set Agenda

On the motion of Councilman Moench, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the agenda was set for Monday, March 21, 2016. All were in favor.

On the motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Moench, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Filipe Pedroso
Council President