

MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
APRIL 4, 2016 COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in a regular session on Monday, April 4, 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
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.

Minutes for Approval

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second by Councilman Kurdyla, the March 17, 2016, Agenda Session minutes and March 21, 2016 Regular Session minutes were moved for approval and passed on the following roll call vote:

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

Council Reports

Councilwoman Rose - No Report

Councilman Kurdyla - No Report

Councilman Norgalis reported the following:

- He had Mr. Naples approval to contact Chris Poulsen about the 40th Annual Women's Club, Arbor Day Celebration at the Library on Apr 29.
- Somerset County Letter denying the traffic signal for Eden Woods Reality
- The passing of Dix Fetzer at age 91, Bridgewater's First Police Chief

Councilman Moench - No Report

Council President Pedroso - No Report

2016 Municipal Budget Public Hearing

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the meeting was opened to the public for discussion on the 2016 Budget.

Sandra Rhue, Former Council Candidate raised the following concerns with the proposed Municipal Budget.

- Raising Debt at 13%
- Decrease in Shared Services
- Decrease in Employees but increase in Salaries
- Innovative New Projects
- Statistical Gymnastics
- Decreased Solar Energy support

Mr. Naples countered each of the comments Ms. Rhue raised on the budget.

No one else wished to be heard

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

Council President Pedroso stated the Budget has been scheduled for adoption during the April 18, 2016, Council session.

Public Comment

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

No one wished to speak.

On motion of Councilman Moench, 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

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second my Councilwoman Rose, the public hearing and final action were continued to April 18, 2016. The vote was as follows:

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

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

Councilman Kurdyla offered the possibility of using signage to prohibit parking during certain hours, after discussion Council was in consensus to leave the ordinance and signage as initially presented.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second my Councilwoman Rose, the public hearing and final action were continued to April 18, 2016. The vote was as follows:

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

Council President Pedroso read the following resolutions by title and called for a consent motion.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Moench, the following resolutions were proposed. The vote was as follows:

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

Resolutions

AUTHORIZING BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP ENGINEER DAVID C. BATTAGLIA, PE, APPOINTED AS TOWNSHIP ENGINEER ON MARCH 21, 2016 TO EXECUTE NJDEP, NJDOT, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND SOMERSET COUNTY PERMITS ON BEHALF OF THE TOWNSHIP IN 2016

The title was revised to include the date of Mr. Battaglia's appointment date of March 21, 2016.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#16-04-04-114](#) is appended to the official minutes.

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 USING FUNDS FROM THE 2014 & 2015 SEWER BUDGETS

Councilman Norgalis requested the title be revised to reflect "Using funds from the 2014 and 2015 Sewer Budgets". Council was in consensus.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#16-04-04-115](#) is appended to the official minutes.

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#16-04-04-116](#) is appended to the official minutes.

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#16-04-04-117](#) is appended to the official minutes.

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#16-04-04-118](#) is appended to the official minutes.

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)

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#16-04-04-119](#) is appended to the official minutes.

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#16-04-04-120](#) is appended to the official minutes.

Adjournment

On the motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Filipe Pedroso
Council President