

**MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**  
**JULY 18, 2016      COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

The Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in a regular session meeting on Monday, July 18, 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            (absent)  
Howard Norgalis  
Christine Henderson Rose  
Vice President Allen Kurdyla  
Council President Filipe Pedroso

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

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

**Minutes for Approval**

Minutes will be reviewed for approval at the next Council meeting.

**Council Reports**

Councilwoman Rose:

- Attended Planning Board meetings where the Eden Woods application was reviewed. There are some environmental cleanup concerns but she is confident that the Township Planner, Code Enforcement officer and the Health officer will stay on top of the remediation at that site. There was also discussion about a development across the street from Wegmans. The proposal entails a Wawa, Chick-Fil-A, 2 retail buildings and a Charles Schwab
- She continues to look for ways to fund the Lane-Brokaw house project.

Councilman Kurdyla:

- Nothing new to report

Councilman Norgalis:

- At the last meeting, he introduced Dr. Jennifer Feeney of the Somerset veterinary group for distinction in public service to the community. The Courier newspaper has published a very nice article capsulizing her practice in Bridgewater as a veterinarian.

Council President Pedroso:

- Reported that he and his wife Liana are expecting a baby.

**Mayor's Report** Mr. Naples had nothing new to report.

**Public Comment** On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the meeting was opened to the public

William Metz, 45 Shannon Drive was present. He requested that Council meetings be streamed live and that the public be allowed to review the agenda items either before or during the meeting. He added that Council minutes are not posted timely on Township website. Council President Pedroso stated Council is very transparent and noted the items on the agenda are listed in a concise manner such that the public is able to know what will be discussed at the meetings. He added that minutes are posted timely, usually as soon as they are adopted. Lastly he suggested that the Mayor's position be voluntary and that the salary funds for that position used to pay police officers.

Boy Scout Collin Seder of Troop 555 was present for his communications merit badge.

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

**Public Hearing & Final Action Ordinances**

**AN ORDINANCE TO SET THE COMPENSATION OF THE MAYOR, TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEMBERS, DEPARTMENT HEADS AND CERTAIN OTHER MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 374 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 1985; N.J.S.A. 2A:809; N.J.S.A. 2A:8-13; N.J.S.A. 40A:9-165; N.J.S.A.40A:9-135; N.J.S.A. 40A:9-146, AND CHAPTER 95 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 1996**

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

No one wished to be heard.

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

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

Councilman Moench	Absent
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilwoman Rose	Aye
Council Vice-President Kurdyla	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Aye

**THE ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution [#16-07-18-202](#) is appended to the official minutes

**Resolutions**

**GRANTING A WAIVER FROM SECTION 8E(7) OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER ADOPTING A “REDEVELOPMENT PLAN” FOR LOTS 3.01, 13.01 AND 14 IN BLOCK 329, KNOWN AS FORMER WEYERHAUSER PROPERTY, REQUIRING THE REDEVELOPER TO SEEK AND OBTAIN APPROVAL FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A TRAFFIC LIGHT AT THE INTERSECTION OF EAST MAIN AND A PROPOSED NEW STREET**

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

Councilman Moench	Absent
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilwoman Rose	Aye
Council Vice-President Kurdyla	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Abstain

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution [#16-07-018-203](#) is appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF TWO PICKUP TRUCKS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE, THAT WERE SCHEDULED TO BE AUCTIONED, TO THE BOROUGH OF MANVILLE FOR A NOMINAL CONSIDERATION**

Township Administrator Naples stated these two vehicles have already been replaced and were to be placed for auction. The Borough of Manville has requested these vehicles be conveyed to them for a nominal fee. Administration feels this is a good shared service and recommends moving forward. The vehicles will be sold as is.

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

Councilman Moench	Absent
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilwoman Rose	Aye

Council Vice-President Kurdyla	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Aye

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution [#16-07-018-204](#) is appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND GRACE PERIOD FOR PAYMENT OF TAXES FROM AUGUST 1, 2016 THROUGH AUGUST 25, 2016**

Township Administrator Naples stated this is standard.

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

Councilman Moench	Absent
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilwoman Rose	Aye
Council Vice-President Kurdyla	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Aye

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution [#16-07-018-205](#) is appended to the official minutes.

**AUTHORIZATION TO ADJUST 2016 SEWER CHARGES AND INTEREST FOR BLOCK-224, LOT-6 - 357 UNION AVENUE, BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 2,617.46**

Township Administrator Naples stated this is a case of a property owner whose bill is being adjusted based on his actual water usage.

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

Councilman Moench	Absent
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilwoman Rose	Abstain
Council Vice-President Kurdyla	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Aye

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution [#16-07-018-206](#) is appended to the official minutes.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET TO PROVIDE PARTICIPATION IN A COOPERATIVE MEANS OF CONDUCTING CERTAIN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM ACTIVITIES**

Township Administrator Naples stated this is the CDBG grant that he and Councilman Kurdyla represent the Township in. These are federal funds that are

given through the County then billed to non-profits and certain governmental agencies on an application basis. This resolution authorizes continual participation in this program which has been beneficial for many non-profits in Bridgewater.

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

Councilman Moench	Absent
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilwoman Rose	Aye
Council Vice-President Kurdyla	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Aye

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution [#16-07-018-207](#) is appended to the official minutes

**2016-2017 RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE FOR TEQUILA JOES OF BRIDGEWATER, LLC T/A AGAVE**

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

Councilman Moench	Absent
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilwoman Rose	Aye
Council Vice-President Kurdyla	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Aye

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution [#16-07-018-208](#) is appended to the official minutes

**PERSON TO PERSON PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER FROM THE OFFICE OF BRIDGEWATER , LLC LICENSE NUMBER 1806-33-012-011 TO 22 WEST TAP GRILL, LLC NEW LICENSE NUMBER 1806-33-012-012**

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

Councilman Moench	Absent
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilwoman Rose	Aye
Council Vice-President Kurdyla	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Aye

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution [#16-07-018-209](#) is appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZATION FOR FIREWORK DISPLAYS AT SOMERSET PATRIOTS STADIUM ON THURSDAY, JULY 21 (RAIN DATE 7-29, SATURDAY, JULY 30 (RAIN DATE 8-3), FRIDAY, AUGUST 12 (RAIN DATE 8-13) THURSDAY, AUGUST 18 (RAIN DATE 8-26), SATURDAY, AUGUST 27 (RAIN DATE 9-9) MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 (RAIN DATE TBD) AND SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2016 (RAIN DATE TBD)**

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

Councilman Moench	Absent
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilwoman Rose	Aye
Council Vice-President Kurdyla	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Aye

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution [#16-07-018-210](#) is appended to the official minutes

**WAIVER OF FIRE PERMIT FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$166 FOR NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERAN AFFAIRS IN CONNECTION WITH A VETERAN'S OUTREACH CAMPAIGN ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2016 AND MEDAL CEREMONY ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2016, AT THE BRIDGEWATER COMMONS MALL**

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

Councilman Moench	Absent
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilwoman Rose	Aye
Council Vice-President Kurdyla	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Aye

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution [#16-07-018-211](#) is appended to the official minutes

**REQUEST FOR PERMIT FEE WAIVERS FOR THE SOMERSET COUNTY ASSOCIATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE SOMERSET COUNTY 4-H FAIR AT NORTH BRANCH PARK LOCATED AT MILLTOWN ROAD ON AUGUST 10, 11, AND 12, 2016**

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

Councilman Moench	Absent
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilwoman Rose	Aye

Council Vice-President Kurdyla	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Aye

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution [#16-07-018-212](#) is appended to the official minutes

On the motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the adjourned at approximately 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

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Filipe Pedroso  
Council President