

MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 8, 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 Thursday, September 8, 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 7:42pm)
Howard Norgalis
Christine Henderson Rose
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.

Minutes for Approval

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second by Councilman Kurdyla, the August 15, 2016 Regular Session minutes were moved for approval and passed on the following roll call vote:

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

Council Reports

Councilwoman Rose:
 • Nothing new to report

Councilman Kurdyla:
 • Nothing new to report

Councilman Norgalis:

- Attended, along with Councilwoman Rose, the County Public meeting on the Washington Valley Road improvement
- Attended, along with Councilman Kurdyla, the police swearing in ceremony of 4-police officers as follows:
 - Typan Lamont Barnett
 - Piotr Kaczynski
 - Steven Thomas Rini
 - Ryan Edward Veneman
- Attended a baseball game at the stadium as a guest of the Somerset hospital foundation.

Upcoming events

- There will be a 9-11 ceremony in the municipal building courtyard at 9am on Sunday, 9/11/2016
- Bulky Trash dates have been scheduled for 9/10, 9/17 and 9/24 at 15 Polhemus Lane.

Council President Pedroso:

- Reported he and his wife recently celebrated their birthdays and also are expecting a baby girl
- Was invited to meet the president of Portugal in a few weeks.

Mayor's Report Mr. Naples had no report.

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

A copy of resolution [#16-09-08-234](#) is appended to the official minutes.

On the motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Moench the meeting reconvened to open session at 7:45 p.m.

Public Comment

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, 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 Councilman Moench, the public comment portion was closed.

Introduction
of
Ordinances

REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF CERTAIN GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$17,000,000 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$17,000,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING THE COST THEREOF.

Township Administrator Naples noted this Ordinance will allow us to refinance in order to get a lower rate which will save the Township approximately \$400,000.

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

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

THE ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED.

A copy of resolution [#16-09-08-235](#) is appended to the official minutes

Linda J. Doyle, Township Clerk read the following report:

BE IT RESOLVED that the said pending ordinance be passed on first reading and advertised as required by statute fixing the 3rd day of October 2016, at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time on said day as the time and the Bridgewater Township Municipal Court Chambers at 100 Commons Way in said Township as the place for hearing and final action; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk shall forthwith post on the bulletin board in the Township Municipal Building at 100 Commons Way, a true copy of said ordinance and make copies available to members of the general public and spread the same upon the minutes of the meeting.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance will forward the Supplemental Debt Statement electronically to the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, Trenton, New Jersey.

ORDINANCE OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF LAND IDENTIFIED AS LOT 15 IN BLOCK 477 ALSO KNOWN AS 901 ROUTE 202/206 NORTH FOR THE PURCHASE PRICE OF \$525,000 TO BE PAID FROM THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND

Township Attorney Savo stated this Ordinance is as a result of a settlement with the Woodmont group. There is a potential for use of these property for affordable housing and the use will be limited to a group home.

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

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

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Resolutions

AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AND BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION (BPWA) FROM JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018

Township Administrator Naples stated this agreement is consistent with other agreements and has limited the amount of the increases to 2%.

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

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

THE RESOLUTIONS WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#16-09-08-237](#) is appended to the official minutes.

PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2016 BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948) FOR THE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT - \$36,208.25

Township Administrator Naples stated these monies come from the State and then passed on through the County for alcohol and drug awareness and education programs.

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
Council Vice-President Kurdyla	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Aye

THE RESOLUTIONS WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#16-09-08-238](#) is appended to the official minutes.

AWARD OF STATE CONTRACT TO BEYER FORD TO PURCHASE TWO 2017 FORD EXPLORER 4WD BASE, TWO 2016 POLICE SUV INTERCEPTOR LOW PROFILE BLACK AND WHITES AND TWO 2016 POLICE SUV INTERCEPTOR FULL LIGHT BAR BLACK AND WHITES IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$222,881.00 TO BE FUNDED THRU THE SOMERSET COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY SOMERSET MUNICIPAL BANC PROGRAM

There was consensus to amend the resolution to include the colors of the vehicles.

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
Council Vice-President Kurdyla	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Aye

THE RESOLUTIONS WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#16-09-08-239](#) is appended to the official minutes.

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE AND TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER FOR SNOW PLOWING, SALTING AND RELATED SERVICES ON ROADWAYS THAT ARE SHARED WITHIN BOTH MUNICIPALITIES

There was consensus to amend the resolution title as follows:

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE AND TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER FOR SNOW PLOWING AND SALTING ON ROADWAYS THAT ARE SHARED WITHIN BOTH MUNICIPALITIES

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

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

THE RESOLUTIONS WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#16-09-08-240](#) is appended to the official minutes.

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN WOODMONT PROPERTIES AT BRIDGEWATER, LLC, THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AND THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER PLANNING BOARD

Township Attorney Savo stated this resolution allows us to move forward with the Al-Fallah settlement.

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
Council Vice-President Kurdyla	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Aye

THE RESOLUTIONS WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#16-09-08-241](#) is appended to the official minutes.

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1/ FINAL CHANGE ORDER DECREASING THE PRICE FROM \$86,372.44 TO \$73,999.97, WHICH IS A 14.32% DECREASE OR (\$12,372.47) 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 WALNUT AVENUE MILL AND RESURFACE PROJECT (PINE STREET TO ARDMAER DRIVE) FUNDED THROUGH THE 2015 CAPITAL PROJECT FUND

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

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

THE RESOLUTIONS WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#16-09-08-242](#) is appended to the official minutes.

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO DESANTIS CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE BIRDSALL LANE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN THE SUM OF \$110,254.96 TO BE FUNDED THROUGH THE 2016 CAPITAL PROJECT FUND

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

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

THE RESOLUTIONS WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#16-09-08-243](#) is appended to the official minutes.

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO DESANTIS CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR STRAWBRIDGE STREET IMPROVEMENTS, IN THE SUM OF \$153,130.92 TO BE FUNDED THROUGH THE 2016 CAPITAL PROJECT FUND

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

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

THE RESOLUTIONS WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#16-09-08-244](#) is appended to the official minutes.

AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00, 100% CASH PERFORMANCE BOND FOR MANISH KUMAR BLOCK 634, LOT 1 - 930 ROUTE 202/206, BRIDGEWATER, NJ

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

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

THE RESOLUTIONS WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#16-09-08-245](#) is appended to the official minutes.

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF FIRE PERMIT FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50 FOR THE MARTINSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER LOCATED AT 1961 WASHINGTON VALLEY ROAD, MARTINSVILLE, NJ IN CONNECTION WITH THE 2016 ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL WHICH WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2016

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

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

THE RESOLUTIONS WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#16-09-08-246](#) is appended to the official minutes.

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF FIRE PERMIT FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50 FOR THE BRIDGEWATER SENIORS COUNCIL IN CONNECTION WITH A HINDU NEW YEAR EVENT HELD AT THE BRIDGEWATER-RARITAN MIDDLE SCHOOL ON OCTOBER 22, 2016 FROM 3 P.M. TO 10 P.M.

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

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

THE RESOLUTIONS WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#16-09-08-247](#) is appended to the official minutes.

WAIVER OF FIRE PERMIT FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50.00 FOR BRIDGEWATER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN CONNECTION WITH A FAMILY PICNIC/COOKOUT FOR IT'S SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

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

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

THE RESOLUTIONS WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#16-09-08-248](#) is appended to the official minutes.

**Closed
Session**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bridgewater Township Council that this body will now hold a closed meeting to discuss contract negotiations and 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 Councilman Moench, Council convened in closed session at approximately 8:00 p.m.

A copy of resolution [#16-09-08-249](#) is appended to the official minutes.

On the motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the meeting reconvened to open session at 8:10 p.m. and adjourned immediately thereafter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Filipe Pedroso
Council President