

MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
OCTOBER 17, 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, October 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
Vice President Allen Kurdyla
Council President Filipe Pedroso

Also Present: James T. Naples, Township Administrator
 Christopher Corsini, 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 Moench, the October 3, 2016 Regular Session minutes were moved for approval and passed on the following roll call vote:

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

Council Reports

Councilwoman Rose:

- The Planning Board has been busy and recently approved a 4-house subdivision off Adamsville Road
- She met the new superintendent of schools and others representatives of the Board of Education who expressed concern over the potential growth in

students that the planned developments might create. They plan to do a 3-4 year strategic plan moving forward.

Councilman Kurdyla:

- No report

Councilman Moench:

- Tomorrow is New Jersey's last day to register to vote in this year's general election
- The Creative Arts committee will be hosting an open house on Tuesday, October 25 from 6:30pm
- He will be attending a couple of events this week including Gala Dinner for the center of great expectations. They provide residential housing to mothers who are pregnant or recently had children and are undergoing issues such as drug rehabilitation. He will also be attending the sanofi event on Wednesday.

Councilman Norgalis:

- Attended the Mayor's Committee on Life Sciences meeting held at Sanofi
- Attended the viewing of Renee Edwards, wife of Bridgewater Police Officer Jamie Edwards. Jamie was the instigator for "painting the town TEAL"
- Attended the Somerset County Planning Department Priority Investment Forum where the widening of Washington Valley Road was one of about 15 major County projects reviewed for 2017 and 2018
- Attended the 13th Annual Somerset County Breast Cancer Awareness meeting on the steps of the old court house in Somerville. Councilman Norgalis proudly attended all 13 meetings over the years
- Participated as a volunteer at the Somerset County Flu Clinic given at the Hillsborough Emergency Services Center.

Council President Pedroso:

- Also attended the Mayor's Committee on Life Sciences meeting held at Sanofi
- Was on jury duty but was not called to serve

Mayor's Report Mr. Naples had no report.

Discussion **2016 BEST PRACTICE WORKSHEET CY 2016/2017**

Township Administrator Naples stated we continue to be in good shape for the best practices worksheet.

Public Comment On motion of Councilman Moench, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, 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.

Jackie Espinoza of 56 Hampton House Road in Newton, NJ was present as an Area Manager for JCP&L. She stated that one of the things that JCP&L has introduced is a Power Systems institute so that those desiring a career in the utility business can get a 2-year degree at Raritan Valley Community College. She added there will be an information session on 11/10/2016.

Boy Scout Kevin Diaz, 384 Stony Brook Drive was present for his communications and citizenship community merit badge.

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

**Public
Hearing &
Final Action
Ordinances**

ORDINANCE VACATING AND RELEASING FROM DEDICATION AND EXTINGUISHING A DEDICATED ROAD BEING A PORTION OF RADEL AVENUE, SITUATED IN BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP, SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

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

No one wished to be heard.

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

It was confirmed that based on the approvals granted by the Planning Board, the areas that we are vacating will become the Park/Playground for the Eden Woods Development.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, 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

THE ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#16-10-17-259](#) is appended to the official minutes

Resolutions

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COMMERCIAL ACCESS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AND CSC TKR, LLC D/B/A CABLEVISION OF RARITAN VALLEY FOR BROADBAND COMMUNICATION SERVICES AND TO INSTALL AND MAINTAIN EQUIPMENT AT PRINCE RODGERS PARK AND OTHER LOCATIONS THAT THE TOWNSHIP APPROVES

Township Administrator Naples stated this will provide free wifi to residents attending events at the Prince Rogers area which is a heavily used park for baseball and softball

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Moench, 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 [#16-10-17-260](#) is appended to the official minutes.

AUTHORIZATION FOR TOPSOIL REMOVAL HAMPTON INN AND SUITES LOCATED AT 365 FOOTHILL ROAD, BRIDGEWATER

Township Administrator Naples stated this is a rare case in which Hampton Inn being in a very restricted site was not able to dispose-off top soil in town. To take top-soil out of town to Bayonne and Warren, Council approval is required.

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 [#16-10-17-261](#) is appended to the official minutes.

AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,229.84 (CASH) FOR VILLAGE AT BRIDGEWATER, III, 101 GRIGGS DRIVE, BRIDGEWATER - BLOCK 520, LOT 17 & BLOCK 526, LOT 16

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Moench, 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 [#16-10-17-262](#) is appended to the official minutes.

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1/ FINAL CHANGE ORDER DECREASING THE PRICE FROM \$117,693.88 TO \$109,012.08, WHICH IS A 7.38% DECREASE OR (\$8,681.80) FROM THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT, AND FINAL PAYMENT TO JTG CONSTRUCTION, INC., AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT AND RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND FOR THE JOHN CHRISTIAN DRIVE MILL AND RESURFACE PROJECT (RON COURT TO THRUWAY DRIVE) FUNDED THROUGH THE 2015 CAPITAL PROJECT FUND

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Moench, 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 [#16-10-17-263](#) is appended to the official minutes.

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1/FINAL CHANGE ORDER IN THE SUM OF \$7,780.74, DECREASING THE AMENDED CONTRACT PRICE FROM THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT PRICE OF \$124,222.52 TO \$116,441.78, WHICH IS A 6.26% DECREASE FROM THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT PRICE, AND FINAL PAYMENT TO DESANTIS CONSTRUCTION, INC., AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT AND RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE MERRIAM DRIVE (WESTERLY HALF) AND WOODFIELD ROAD (NORTHERN CUL-DE-SAC) RESURFACING PROJECT BY DESANTIS CONSTRUCTION, INC. (FUNDED THROUGH THE 2015 CAPITAL PROJECT FUND)

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, 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 [#16-10-17-264](#) is appended to the official minutes.

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO DESANTIS CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE HILLCREST ROAD III IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (A POINT 200' WESTERLY OF AMUR ROAD EASTERLY TO THE TOWNSHIP BORDER), IN THE SUM OF \$351,225.75 (FUNDED THROUGH THE 2016 CAPITAL PROJECT FUND)

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Moench, 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 [#16-10-17-265](#) is appended to the official minutes.

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO Z BROTHERS CONCRETE CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR MOUNTAIN TOP ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (MINE ROAD TO CRIM ROAD), IN THE SUM OF \$311,375.75 FUNDED THROUGH THE 2016 CAPITAL PROJECT FUND

Township Administrator Naples stated this is the completion of Mountain Top Road from Crim Road to Mine Road. It's a section where the Red Wood Inn fronts the area.

Councilman Moench noted the resolution stated the bid also includes the reconstruction of 2-sidewalk ramps for ADA compliance at the intersection of East Main Street and Evagrod Street and asked why this was included and the breakdown of the monies to be spent. Hearing it was not available at this time, Councilman Moench stated he will be abstaining in his vote.

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

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

THE RESOLUTIONS WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#16-10-17-266](#) is appended to the official minutes.

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO TOP LINE CONSTRUCTION CORP. FOR THE SPRING RUN LANE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (WASHINGTON VALLEY ROAD TO RIDGE ROAD, IN THE SUM OF \$109,952.40 FUNDED THROUGH THE 2016 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 [#16-10-17-267](#) is appended to the official minutes.

REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$485.00 FOR THE NORTH BRANCH REFORMED CHURCH c/o KIRKSIDE, 199 ROUTE 28, BRIDGEWATER IN CONNECTION WITH THE BATHROOMS REMODEL PROJECT

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Moench, 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 [#16-10-17-268](#) is appended to the official minutes.

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING POLICY FOR TAX APPEAL NOTIFICATION

Township Administrator Naples stated establishing policy for tax appeal notification gives us more points in the best practices worksheet

On motion of Councilman Moench, 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 [#16-10-17-269](#) 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.

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 8:00 p.m.

A copy of resolution [#16-10-17-270](#) is appended to the official minutes.

On the motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the meeting reconvened to open session at 8:37 p.m. and adjourned immediately thereafter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Filipe Pedroso
Council President