

MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
DECEMBER 1, 2016 COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in a work session meeting on Thursday, December 1, 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 (absent)
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.

Presentation

STAVOLA QUARRY OPERATING LICENSE - 2017

Township Attorney Savo recused himself from this matter.

Thomas Branch conducted the presentation noting it concerns Stavola Quarry's relicensing for 2017. He stated that he is the Vice President and Director of Engineering and Development for Stavola Construction Materials who are the owners/operators of the Stavola Quarry located along Route 22 on Chimney Rock Rd. Per Township Ordinances regarding Quarry manning, Stavola is required to submit a renewal application every year in order to continue their business and as such, an application was filed with Chip Mills, PE of the Engineering Department and found to be complete.

Mr. Branch added they are overseen by the federal and state government, county government and municipal government. They have been investigated twice this year and found to be compliant as far as operations are concerned. They have

had no issues as far as regulatory compliance in the federal state and local jurisdictions.

Mr. Branch discussed in detail the 2017 mine and reclamation plan noting they are not seeking any expansion of limits than what has been previously approved and asked for approval of their 2017 operating license. He also discussed how they have modified the blasting process to minimize the impact of the blasts.

Mr. Branch was present with two representatives: Bill Necker, Sr. Technical Manager and John T. Melick, P.E., Mining Engineer Both of Maurer & Scott, Inc. They fielded questions from Council. Township Administrator Naples commended Mr. Branch and his team for their work at the Quarry noting they have been very proactive when there has been complaints concerning their operation by not only responding timely to Administration but also reaching out to the residents.

The 2017 Quarry re-licensing application will be voted on at next regular Council session.

**Public
Comment**

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, 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.

Boy Scout Blake of 61 Morton Street in Bridgewater was present for a citizenship and community merit badge.

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

**Public
Hearing &
Final Action
Ordinances**

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

There was no further comment on this Ordinance.

**Introduction
of
Ordinances**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 206-29.A, ENTITLED "SCHEDULE I: NO PARKING" CURRENTLY LISTED AS A NO-PARKING ZONE ON EXTENDING "FROM A POINT IN CHIMNEY ROCK ROAD, 1200 FEET NORTHERLY FROM THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTER LINE OF CHIMNEY ROCK ROAD WITH THE CENTER LINE OF THOMPSON AVENUE, NORTHERLY TO GILBRIDE ROAD

Township Administrator Naples stated this is a concern that was brought to Administration by a resident and emphasized by Councilwoman Rose. He

discussed how some of the truck traffic that comes down Chimney Rock Road was causing significant sightline problems.

It was agreed that the title of the Ordinance should be revised as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 206-29.A, ENTITLED "SCHEDULE I: NO PARKING" BE AMENDED SO AS TO PROHIBIT PARKING FROM A POINT ON CHIMNEY ROCK ROAD, 1200 FEET NORTHERLY FROM THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTER LINE OF CHIMNEY ROCK ROAD WITH THE CENTER LINE OF THOMPSON AVENUE, NORTHERLY TO WASHINGTON VALLEY ROAD

Resolutions

A RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN A SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY UP TO THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000.00 (time sensitive action 12-1-2016)

Township Administrator Naples explained the reason this resolution is time sensitive and needs action today is because although previously voted on and approved, the State has made changes to its requirements. The State has provided us the proper format and recommended we take action as soon as possible in order to receive the \$60,000 for this year and be well advised for next year.

Council agreed to amend the title of the resolution as follows:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN A SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY IN A GRANT AMOUNT UP TO \$60,000.00

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#16-12-01-289](#) is appended to the official minutes.

AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$516,400.00 IN THE CURRENT FUND

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) REGIONAL CENTER PARTNERSHIP GRANT \$17,500.00

AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF THE CASH PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,680.00, ACCEPTANCE OF THE SITE IMPROVEMENTS FOR TURTLE & HUGHES, BLOCK 233, LOTS 10, 11& 12 - 188 FOOTHILL ROAD, BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807

AUTHORIZING A GRANT/LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,064.32 TO ANN C. THODEN, RESIDING AT 608 DUNN CIRCLE, LOT 608, BLOCK 199, BRIDGEWATER, NEW JERSEY 08807 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP CONDOMINIUM FEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS, CHAPTER 126-SECTION 321.4Q

2017 STAVOLA QUARRY OPERATING LICENSE -BLOCK 711, LOTS 3, 4 AND 6.01 CHIMNEY ROCK ROAD, BRIDGEWATER, NEW JERSEY, SOMERSET COUNTY

WAIVER OF FIRE PERMIT FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50.00 FOR TEMPLE SHOLOM IN CONNECTION WITH GIFT WRAPPING ON VARIOUS DATES FROM DECEMBER 10 TO DECEMBER 24, 2016 AT THE BRIDGEWATER COMMONS MALL

WAIVER OF FIRE PERMIT FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50 FOR BRIDGEWATER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH TO USE THE FIRE PIT FOR OUTDOOR WORSHIP, PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP AT VARIOUS CHURCH SPONSORED EVENTS DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2016.

Council President Pedroso asked if there was any discussion pertaining to the resolutions above. On hearing none, he called for a motion to set the agenda.

**Motion to Set
Agenda**

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the agenda was set for the December 5, 2016 Township Council regular meeting.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Filipe Pedroso
Council President