

**MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**  
**JANUARY 5, 2017                      COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**REORGANIZATION MEETING**

The Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in a regular session and reorganization meeting on Thursday, January 5, 2017, at 7:00 p. m, in the Municipal Complex Courtroom located at 100 Commons Way, Bridgewater, New Jersey.

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 December 22, 2016 by sending written and electronic notice to the Courier News and The Star Ledger; posting 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:

Allen F. Kurdyla  
Matthew C. Moench  
Filipe Pedroso  
Christine Henderson Rose  
Howard V. Norgalis

Also Present:

Daniel J. Hayes Jr., Mayor  
James Naples, Township Administrator  
William B. Savo, Township Attorney  
Linda J. Doyle, Township Clerk  
Grace Karanja, Deputy Township Clerk  
Krista Gaffney, Secretary to the Clerk

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

**Invocation**

The invocation was presented by Stephen Eckert, Pastor of the South Branch Reformed Church & Bridgewater Township Fire Inspector

**Recognition**

Council President Pedroso recognized the local dignitaries in the audience including:

- Michael Doherty, Senator
- John DiMaio, Assemblyman
- Erik Peterson, Assemblyman
- Patrick Scaglione - Freeholder
- Peter Palmer - Freeholder
- Edward Zimmerman, Governing Official

- Keiona R. Miller, North Plainfield Councilwoman
- Jamie Rick, Risk Manager

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT OUTGOING ADDRESS**

*The message is attached to the official minutes. (Schedule A)*

**Selection of Council President**

**SELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Council President Pedroso requested a motion for Council President for the 2017 year. Councilman Norgalis made motion to nominate Councilman Kurdyla. Councilman Moench seconded the motion which carried on the following roll call vote:

Allen Kurdyla	Abstain
Matthew Moench	Aye
Filipe Pedroso	Aye
Christine Henderson-Rose	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye

**Selection of Council Vice-President**

**SELECTION OF COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT**

Council President Kurdyla nominated Councilwoman Christine Henderson-Rose to serve as Council Vice-President for the year 2017. Councilman Pedroso seconded the motion. The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

Allen F. Kurdyla	Aye
Howard V. Norgalis	Aye
Filipe Pedroso	Aye
Christine Henderson-Rose	Abstain
Councilman Norgalis	Aye

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MESSAGE**

*The message is attached to the official minutes. [\(Schedule B\)](#)*

**MAYOR DANIEL J. HAYES, JR. INAUGURAL STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP ADDRESS**

*The address is attached to the official minutes. [\(Schedule C\)](#)*

Council President Kurdyla asked Township Clerk, Linda Doyle to read the following appointments.

**Mayors Appointments with Advice and Consent**

**APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF POLICE - AL NICARETTA**

**APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER - ROSE WITT**

**AUTHORIZING/APPROVING THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR WILLIAM B. SAVO, ESQ. AND THE LAW FIRM OF MAURO, SAVO, CAMERINO, GRANT &**

SCHALK, P.A., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$460,000 FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2017 TO DECEMBER 31, 2017

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF SCARLETT DOYLE TOWNSHIP PLANNER AND AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2017

APPOINTMENT OF ERIC M. BERNSTEIN & ASSOCIATES AS TOWNSHIP LABOR ATTORNEY AND TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY AND AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$115,000.00

APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC DEFENDER - FRANCESCO TADDEO

On motion of Councilman Pedroso, second of Councilman Norgalis, the foregoing resolutions were proposed. All were in favor.

**THE FOREGOING RESOLUTIONS WERE APPROVED.**

Copies of resolutions [#17-01-05-001 through #17-01-05-006](#) are appended to the official minutes.

**Mayors  
Appointments  
without  
Advice and  
Consent**

Council President Kurdyla asked Township Clerk, Linda Doyle to read the following appointments.

**APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS**

Class II - Stephen Rodzinak  
Class IV - Patricia Casamento  
Class IV - Urvin Pandya

**APPOINTMENT OF RISK MANAGER**

.James Rick

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE 2017 SOMERSET COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONSORTIUM**

James T. Naples  
Natasha Turchan  
Allen Kurdyla  
Howard Norgalis (alternate)

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE BRIDGEWATER / RARITAN YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION/  
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE FOR PREVENTION OF ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE**

Russell Yarnell  
Jan Sopko  
Shawn White

**APPOINTMENT TO OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Robert Szkodny

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

Robert Szkodny  
Mayor Daniel J. Hayes, Jr.  
James T. Naples  
Howard Turbowitz  
Stephen Rodzinak  
Robert Hanlon  
Karl McAleer  
Chris Poulsen  
Al Nicaretta  
Thomas Forsythe  
Roy Dane  
Ray Ruth  
Lawrence Livornese

**RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE SOMERSET COUNTY CULTURAL AND HERITAGE COMMISSION**

Herb Patullo

**APPOINTMENT TO THE SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

David Battaglia

**Mayors  
Appointments  
with Advice  
and Consent  
Boards &  
Committees**

Council President Kurdyla asked Township Clerk, Linda Doyle to read the following appointments.

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

Jim Rokosny  
Thomas Francis

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE REGIONAL CENTER PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Mayor Daniel J. Hayes, Jr.  
Scarlett Doyle, PP  
Henry J. Reynolds  
Filipe Pedroso  
Howard Norgalis (alternate)

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second of Councilman Pedroso, the foregoing resolutions were proposed. The vote was as follows:

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

**THE FOREGOING RESOLUTIONS WERE APPROVED.**

Copies of resolutions [#17-01-05-007](#) and [#17-01-05-008](#) are appended to the official minutes

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Paul Cernuto  
James Franco  
Chris Driscoll

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD**

Dr. Lawrence Livornese  
Howard Bixler  
Donna Gray  
Cara Hayes

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD**

Srinivasan Sankaran

**APPOINTMENT TO THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD**

Robert Hellwig - Park Board Rep  
Aimee Alonso - Environmental Rep  
Patricia Casamento - Planning Board Rep  
Taya Friedman - Recreation Board Rep  
Mary Elizabeth Wolf - Class 2(B)  
Beth Powers - Class 2(B)

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE PARK BOARD**

Robert Hellwig (Open Space Rep)  
Raymond Perone  
Alex Mycio  
Gary Shiman

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

Gregory O'Neil

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE SHADE TREE BOARD**

Hubert Ling  
Dr. Niren Choudhury

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE RARITAN AND MILLSTONE FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION**

David Battaglia  
Thomas Forsythe (alternate)  
Matthew C. Moench  
Christine Henderson-Rose (alternate)

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE GREEN BROOK FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION**

Thomas Forsythe

Matthew C. Moench  
Filipe Pedroso (alternate)

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, second of Councilman Pedroso, the foregoing resolutions were proposed. All were in favor.

**THE FOREGOING RESOLUTIONS WERE APPROVED.**

Copies of resolutions [#17-01-05-009 through #17-01-05-017](#) are appended to the official minutes.

Council President Kurdyla read the following Council appointments.

**APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

Robert B. Cagnassola -Suplee, Clooney & Co.

**APPOINTMENT OF ASSESSMENT SEARCH OFFICER**

Linda J. Doyle

**APPOINTMENT OF TAX SEARCH OFFICER**

Darrow Murdock

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, second of Councilman Pedroso, the foregoing resolutions were proposed. All were in favor.

**THE FOREGOING RESOLUTIONS WERE APPROVED.**

Copies of resolutions [#17-01-05-018 through #17-01-05-020](#) are appended to the official minutes.

Council President Kurdyla read the following Council appointments.

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Evans Humenick - Regular member  
Michael Kirsh - Regular member  
Dawn Guttschall - alternate member #2  
John Fallone - alternate member #3

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE CREATIVE ARTS COMMITTEE**

Caitlin Annese

**APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING BOARD**

Christine Henderson-Rose - Class III

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE SOMERSET REGIONAL ANIMAL SHELTER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Tim Pino

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second of Councilwoman Rose, the foregoing resolutions were proposed. All were in favor.

**THE FOREGOING RESOLUTIONS WERE APPROVED.**

Copies of resolutions [#17-01-05-021 through #17-01-05-024](#) are appended to the official minutes.

**Oaths**

**OATHS OF OFFICE WERE ADMINISTERED BY WILLIAM B. SAVO, TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY FOR THOSE APPOINTED TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

Council President Kurdyla read the following resolutions by Title and provides a brief summary for each.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Resolutions**

The General Business resolution sets certain rates, designates the Courier News as the Township Official Newspaper for all legal Notices and The Breeze as the online newspaper it also names certain department heads specific authorities to operate in 2017.

**TOWNSHIP COUNCIL SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

The Schedule of Meetings set the 2017 Township Council Meeting Dates throughout the year; they are also posted on the website.

**TEMPORARY BUDGET - CURRENT FUND \$15,039,628.52**

The Current Fund Temporary Budget is set not exceed 26.25% of the 2016 year's budget to meet obligations and payments due prior to approval of the 2017 budget

**TEMPORARY BUDGET - SEWER FUND \$2,826,772.79**

The Sewer Fund Temporary Budget is set not exceed 26.25% of the 2016 year's budget to meet obligations and payments due prior to approval of the 2017 budget

**ESTABLISHING CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN AND NAMING OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES**

The Cash Management Plan is prepared pursuant to the provisions of NJSA 40A 5-14 in order to set forth the basis for deposits and investments and name certain depositories for Township funds.

**AUTHORIZING BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP ENGINEER DAVID BATTAGLIA, PE & PLS TO EXECUTE NJDEP, NJDOT, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND SOMERSET COUNTY PERMITS ON BEHALF OF THE TOWNSHIP**

It is required to name by resolution and authorizes David Battaglia as Township Engineer to sign permits from NJDOT, NJDEP, State of New Jersey

and Somerset County on behalf of the Township.

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, second of Councilman Pedroso, the foregoing resolutions were proposed. All were in favor.

**THE FOREGOING RESOLUTIONS WERE APPROVED.**

Copies of resolutions [#17-01-05-025 through #17-01-05-030](#) are appended to the official minutes.

**Public  
Comment**

On motion of Council Vice President Rose, seconded by Councilman Moench, 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 Moench, seconded by Vice President Rose, the public portion of the meeting was closed.

**Adjournment**

On motion of Vice President Rose, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Council President Kurdyla invited all attendees for refreshments in the adjacent conference room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC  
Municipal Clerk