

MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 6, 2017 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, February 6, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers in the Municipal Complex, Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807.

Council President Kurdyla 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 9, 2017 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:

Matthew C. Moench
Howard Norgalis
Filipe Pedroso
Council Vice President Christine Henderson-Rose
Council President Allen Kurdyla

Also Present: James T. Naples, Township Administrator
 William B. Savo, Township Attorney
 Grace Karanja, Deputy Township Clerk

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

Minutes for Approval

DECEMBER 19, 2016 - REGULAR SESSION

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, second by Councilman Norgalis, the December 19, 2016 Regular Session minutes were moved for approval and passed unanimously on a voice call vote.

JANUARY 5, 2017 - REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second by Councilwoman Rose, the January 5, 2017 Reorganization minutes were moved for approval and passed unanimously on a voice call vote.

JANUARY 19, 2017 - REGULAR SESSION

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second by Councilman Pedroso, the January 19, 2017 Regular Session minutes were moved for approval and passed unanimously on a voice call vote. Councilman Moench and Councilwoman Rose abstained.

The December 19, 2016 Closed Session and January 19, 2017 Closed Session minutes were passed around for approval.

Council Reports

Council Vice President Rose:

- Attended the Martinsville Fire Department Dinner last night
- Was interviewed by 2 boy scouts for their citizenship merit badge.

Councilman Pedroso:

- Attended the installation of officers for the Martinsville/Green Knoll Rescue Squad
- Attended Centerbridge II Board meeting
- Attended the annual installation and Legislative brunch for the Somerset County Federation of Republican Women
- Toured the Camp Cromwell property

Councilman Norgalis:

- Attended the annual installation and Legislative brunch for the Somerset County Federation of Republican Women. The Executive Officers were sworn in by Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno and the guest speaker was Bill Spadea, host of the radio 101.5 Morning Show.
- Attended the installation of officers for the Martinsville/Green Knoll Rescue at the Bridgewater manor. Mayor Hayes administered the oath of office.
- Attended the monthly meeting of the Somerset County Employee Legislative Committee. Michael Camerino Esq. received a well-deserved round of applause as a former prime mover in this organization. The speaker was Senator Kip Batemen among others.
- Along with Council President Kurdyla and Administrator Naples, took a tour of the more modern buildings at the 100+ acre Camp Cromwell on Vosseller Ave. in Bridgewater. The Somerset County Freeholders have signed a 60 day letter of intent to buy the property and Bridgewater would like to participate in that venture.
- Attended the "Raritan Headwaters Seminar" held in Bedminster entitled "Watershed Tools for Local Decision Makers". It was designed to address issues related to the 38 municipalities in the 470 square mile area of the North and South Branches of the Raritan River watershed. We drink the water from that area. It was led by a Professor from the Rutgers Cooperation Extension Water Resources Program and included Training Contact hours.
- I read all of the legal notices in the Courier News related to Bridgewater

Township. In some cases land use changes are only referenced to by Block and Lot as opposed to street address or some other meaningful geographic description. I have written to my Council peers suggesting that we modify the land use ordinance related to legal notices mandating that we require that legal notices be more transparent as to geographic location. Council President Kurdyla has suggested that I bring up this issue as part of my report.

Councilman Moench:

- Was sworn in as a trustee of the Somerset County Governing Officials Association
- Attended the inauguration of President Donald Trump

Council President Kurdyla:

- Attended the Finderne Fire Department dinner where he was recognized for 50-years of service
- Also toured the Camp Cromwell property with Councilman Norgalis and Township Administrator Naples
- Reminded everyone of the Fire District Elections on Saturday, February 18, 2017 from 2pm to 9pm.

Mayor's Report No report

Discussion Following deliberations on some Ordinance suggestions/changes, Council was in agreement as follows:

- We will modify the land use ordinances to include both the property address and the block and lot numbers.
- We will implement an ordinance that would require handicap parking spaces be cleaned timely during snow season.
- We will implement an ordinance that will prohibit the sale of puppies without proper documentation about the seller and the required documentation including inoculations of the animals being sold.

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

Public
Hearing &
Final Action
Ordinances

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER 1) CREATING A NEW SECTION 320.3 ENTITLED “BRCC BRIDGEWATER REGIONAL CORPORATE CENTER ZONE” WITHIN CHAPTER 126 (LAND USE) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AND 2) AMENDING THE ZONING MAP TO REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTIES FROM THE ZONING DISTRICT KNOWN AS THE M-1 LIMITED MANUFACTURING ZONE REFERENCED IN SECTION 126-315 OF CHAPTER 126 (LAND USE) TO THE NEWLY CREATED ZONING DISTRICT KNOWN AS THE BRCC BRIDGEWATER REGIONAL CORPORATE CENTER ZONE REFERENCED IN THE NEWLY CREATED SECTION 126-320.3 HEREIN OF CHAPTER 126 (LAND USE) SO AS TO BRING IT ALL INTO CONFORMANCE WITH THE TOWNSHIP 2016 MASTER PLAN, AMENDMENT TO THE LAND USE ELEMENT AND RE-EXAMINATION REPORT AND ITS ADOPTION BY THE TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD

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

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

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

ORDINANCE #17-01 WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#17-02-06-050](#) is appended to the official minutes

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AMENDING CHAPTER 126 (LAND USE) PART 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS) AND PART 12 (ZONING) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER SO AS AMEND SECTION 126-2 (DEFINITIONS), SECTION 126-301 (ZONING DISTRICTS) AND SECTION 126-332 (MINIMUM BUFFER/ CONSERVATION EASEMENT AND RECREATION EQUIPMENT DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS) FOR THE PURPOSE OF DELINEATING NEW PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE NEWLY CREATED BRCC BRIDGEWATER REGIONAL CORPORATE CENTER ZONE REFLECTED IN NEW SECTION 320.3 OF THE TOWNSHIP LAND USE ORDINANCE

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

No one wished to be heard.

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

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

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

ORDINANCE #17-02 WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#17-02-06-051](#) is appended to the official minutes

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AMENDING CHAPTER 126 (LAND USE) PART 12 (ZONING) ARTICLE XLIII (ZONE REGULATIONS) SECTION 126-325 (SCHEDULE OF AREA, YARD AND BUILDING REQUIREMENTS) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER SO AS AMEND THIS SCHEDULE TO INCLUDE THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NEWLY CREATED BRCC BRIDGEWATER REGIONAL CORPORATE CENTER ZONE (126-320.3)

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

No one wished to be heard.

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

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

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

ORDINANCE #17-03 WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#17-02-06-052](#) is appended to the official minutes

Resolutions

AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO ACCEPT FUNDS FROM A SUBGRANT AWARD OF THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2016 OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,400.00 AND PROVIDING APPROPRIATE MATCH OF \$9,400.00 THROUGH THE USE OF EXISTING OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT’S AND POLICE DEPARTMENT EXISTING SALARIES AND WAGES.

Township Administrator advised we have been receiving this grant for many years.

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
Councilman Pedroso	Aye
Council Vice-President Rose	Aye
Council President Kurdyla	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#17-02-06-053](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING FOR SOMERSET AMBULANCE SHARED SERVICES AGENCY (SASSA) EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Township Administrator advised this is the first time we will be doing this. Bridgewater will be the lead agency for Somerset Ambulance Shared Services Agency whereas in the past, we have been recipients. There is no cost to us but a resolution is required.

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
Councilman Pedroso	Aye
Council Vice-President Rose	Aye
Council President Kurdyla	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#17-02-06-054](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZATION APPROVING FINAL LIST OF VOLUNTEER MEMBERS OF THE BRIDGEWATER FIRST AID AND RESCUE SQUADS WHO QUALIFY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER THE TOWNSHIP LOSAP PROGRAM IN THE TOWNSHIP OF

BRIDGEWATER, COUNTY OF SOMERSET

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#17-02-06-055](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL TO BECOME A MEMBER FOR AN ANNUAL FEE OF \$1,250.00 FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2016 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

Township Administrator advised this is the cooperative that we utilize when purchasing vehicles.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#17-02-06-056](#) is appended to the official minutes

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE 2016 HIGHWAY SAFETY FUND (SAFE CORRIDORS GRANT) IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$67,662.96 FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) FULLY EQUIPPED POLICE VEHICLE, TWO (2) LAPTOP COMPUTERS AND TWENTY (20) EMERGENCY HAMMER/SEATBELT CUTTERS

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#17-02-06-057](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1/ FINAL CHANGE ORDER INCREASING THE PRICE FROM \$37,425.000 TO \$44,889.00, WHICH IS AN INCREASE OF 19.9% OR (\$7,464.00) FROM THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT, AND FINAL PAYMENT TO PORTOFINO BUILDERS LLC, AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT AND RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND FOR THE 2016 SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FUNDED THROUGH THE 2013 CAPITAL PROJECT FUND

Township Administrator Naples advised the increase is due to tree removal. Originally, we wanted to save some trees but it was determined this is not possible.

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
Councilman Pedroso	Aye
Council Vice-President Rose	Aye
Council President Kurdyla	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#17-02-06-058](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING, SURVEY, INSPECTION, AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE LEGHORN AVENUE 2017 SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION AND RESTORATION PROJECT TO MASER CONSULTING, P.A., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$120,845.00 FUNDED THRU THE 2016 SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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

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

Council President Kurdyla

Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#17-02-06-059](#) 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.

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 Pedroso, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, Council convened in closed session at approximately 8:25 p.m.

A copy of resolution [#17-02-06-060](#) is appended to the official minutes.

On the motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the meeting reconvened to open session at approximately 8:30 p.m. and adjourned immediately thereafter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Allen Kurdyla
Council President