

**MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MARCH 2, 2017 COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

The Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in a work session on Thursday, March 2, 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 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)
Filipe Pedroso
Council Vice President Christine Henderson Rose
Council President Allen Kurdyla

Also Present: James T. Naples, Township Administrator
Christopher Corsini, Township Attorney
Linda J. Doyle, Township Clerk

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

Mr. Naples requested action be taken on resolution 12a) to renew QualCare Health Benefits due to the contract being time sensitive.

Council President Kurdyla accommodated that request and read the resolution by title:

AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE AGREEMENT TO QUALCARE, INC., MARCH 1, 2017, THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2018, FOR FIXED REINSURANCE COSTS NOT TO EXCEED \$414,142 AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS FOR 2017-2018 ESTIMATED TO BE \$193,459 PER YEAR

Township Administrator Naples advised that with us tonight and in support of this resolution is Jaime Rick, Risk Manager and our Qualcare representative.

The costs and savings were discussed and it was noted Mr. Rick has worked very hard to keep the costs down.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#17-03-02-078](#) is appended to the official minutes.

Minutes Council President Kurdyla noted the minutes for February 23, 2017, will be considered for approval on Monday, March 6, 2017 during the regular session.

Council Reports Council President Kurdyla offered the reports will be presented during the regular session on March 6, 2017.

Mayor's Reports Mr. Naples had no report.

Public Comment On motion of Councilwoman Rose, 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 Pedroso, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the public comment portion was closed.

2017 Municipal Budget Council President Kurdyla advised the following ordinance and Introduction of the 2017 Municipal Budget will on Monday, March 6, 2017.

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR THE 2017 CALENDAR YEAR (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

INTRODUCTION OF 2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Mr. Naples stated this is something we do every year. It is not an expenditure but rather an Ordinance that allows us to exceed the cap in the event that it is necessary. This ordinance is consistent with similar ones over the years.

INTRODUCTION OF 2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Council President Kurdyla asked the other members if they had any initial comments on the proposed budget. Council was in consensus to move the budget for introduction on Monday, March 6, 2017.

Public Hearing & Final Action Ordinances

Council President Kurdyla offered these ordinances were discussed with Scarlett Doyle during introduction on February 23 2017. Council had no further questions and concurred with the Planning Board recommendation that all are consistent with the Master Plan.

Council President Kurdyla read each of the following ordinances by title:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 62 ENTITLED “BUILDING CONSTRUCTION” CHAPTER 62-3 ENTITLED “CONSTRUCTION FEE SCHEDULE” OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SO AS TO UPDATE APPLICABLE FEES AND CONFORM TO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AMENDMENTS RECENTLY ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AMENDING THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE 1) BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP TO REZONE LOTS 36 AND 37 IN BLOCK 653 LOCATED AT 1475 MOUNTAINTOP ROAD FROM THE ZONING DISTRICT KNOWN AS R -50, DENOTED AS SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONE REFERENCED IN SECTION 126-305 OF CHAPTER 126 (LAND USE) TO THE ZONING DISTRICT KNOWN AS R - 40, DENOTED AS SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONE REFERENCED IN SECTION 126-306 OF CHAPTER 126 LAND USE)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AMENDING SECTION 126-306 R-40 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO DECLARE THAT THE ALREADY BUILT RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS OF WOODMONT SQUARE (LOTS 10, 11, 12, 13 & 16 IN BLOCK 477) LOCATED ON ROUTE 202/206 AND THE FOUR SEASONS LOTS 150-189, 250-284, 350-393, 450-484, IN BLOCK 601) LOCATED ON VICTORIA DRIVE ARE TO BE DEEMED VESTED PERMITTED USES

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AMENDING SECTION 126-320, SPECIAL ECONOMIC DISTRICT SED ZONE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLARIFYING THE USES, CONDITIONS AND STANDARDS REQUIRED IN THAT ZONE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF THE CAMP CROMWELL PROPERTY, LAND IDENTIFIED AS LOTS 1, 71 AND 56, BLOCK 807, KNOWN AS 850 VOSELLER AVENUE, CONSISTING OF 100.42 ACRES, FOR THE PURCHASE PRICE OF \$7,500,000 (\$6,000,000 TO BE PAID BY THE SOMERSET COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY (the "County") AND \$1,500,000 TO BE PAID BY THE TOWNSHIP FROM THE TOWNSHIP'S OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND)

Resolutions

Council President Kurdyla read the resolutions by title:

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

Mr. Naples explained we have applied for this grant many years and have been successful.

AUTHORIZATION FOR FIREWORK DISPLAYS AT SOMERSET PATRIOTS STADIUM ON FRIDAY, APRIL 21 (RAIN DATE 4-22), FRIDAY, MAY 5 (RAIN DATE 5-6), THURSDAY, MAY 18 (RAIN DATE 5-26) SATURDAY, MAY 27 (RAIN DATE 6-2) SATURDAY, JUNE 3 (RAIN DATE 6-8) FRIDAY, JUNE 16 (RAIN DATE 6-28) AND SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2017 (RAIN DATE 6-24)

Council had no questions with regard to the fireworks schedule.

SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET AND THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHP FOR THE MILLING, RESURFACING AND RESTRIPIING OF VARIOUS STREETS AS LISTED BELOW

Mr. Naples stated this is a new shared service program between the Township and Somerset County which offers an expeditious way to proceed with road improvements and drainage projects. This being a shared service agreement, Somerset County would be responsible for designing, inspecting, advertising for receipt of bids and entering into a contract for construction and the Township would be responsible for paying their jurisdictional costs for the milling, resurfacing and restriping of said roads as more specifically set forth in this Agreement.

WAIVER OF FIRE PERMIT FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$166 FOR THE RARITAN VALLEY HABITAT YOUTH GROUP FOR HUMANITY FOR THE "MR. HABITAT"

EVENT AT THE BRIDGEWATER COMMONS CENTER COURT ON FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2017 FROM 5-9 PM

Council had no objection to this request for waiver.

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF FIRE PERMIT FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100.00 FOR THE ARC OF SOMERSET COUNTY IN CONNECTION WITH THE "STEP UP FOR THE ARC" WALK AND 5K RUN HOSTED AT DUKE ISLAND PARK ON SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2017, FROM 7:30 AM TO NOON

Council had no objection to this request for waiver.

**Motion to Set
Agenda**

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Pedroso the agenda was set for the March 6, 2017 Township Council regular meeting.

On the motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Pedroso the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Allen Kurdyla
Council President