

**MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**  
**MARCH 20, 2017 COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

The Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in a regular session on Monday, March 20, 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  
Howard Norgalis  
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.

**Minutes**

**MARCH 2, 2017 - AGENDA SESSION**  
**MARCH 6 2017 - REGULAR SESSION**

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Pedroso, the March 2, 2017 agenda session minutes and March 6, 2017 regular session minutes were moved for approval and passed unanimously on a voice call vote. Councilman Norgalis abstained from the March 2 minutes. Councilman Moench abstained from the March 2<sup>nd</sup> and March 6<sup>th</sup> minutes.

The March 6, 2017 closed session minutes were passed around for approval.

**Council Reports**

Councilman Moench

- Nothing new to report

Councilman Norgalis:

- Welcomed all to Spring noting it arrived this morning between 6AM & 7AM
- Congratulated Christopher Corsini who is now a partner in the firm of Savo & Shalk formerly known as Mauro, Savo, Camerino, Grant & Shalk
- He was proud to have been selected by the Bridgewater Republican committee to run this fall for Council along with Councilman Kurdyla and Councilman Pedroso
- Attended the Somerset County Republican screening where Brian Levine and Somerville Mayor Brian Gallagher were unanimously selected to run in the republican line for Freeholder this Fall
- Attended the Somerset County Governing Officials meeting where philanthropist Steve Kalafer, owner of the TD Bank Ballpark spoke about his Flemington Car and Truck business and coached officials that they should treat business better
- Attended the “Outstanding Women Award Dinner” where ten women from various walks of life, including art, business, education, government, medicine and volunteerism were honored for their accomplishments.

Councilman Pedroso:

- Nothing new to report

Council Vice President Rose:

- Continues to work on the Lane-Brokow house
- She reached out to Lynne Hurley at the school board in reference to the letter we received about Bridgewater Television and will advise further as soon as she has more information.

Council President Kurdyla:

- He has requested Natasha Turchan, CFO to attend the Council meeting on 3/20/17 to address any questions related to the budget.

**Mayor's  
Reports**

Mr. Naples had no report.

**Public  
Comment**

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, 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.

Stephanie Lapidor, 215 Stratford Place was present on behalf of the Stratford Place Board and was present with their members. She stated they have a fire suppression system in all six of their buildings that is falling apart. She asked if they be afforded an opportunity, at the next Council meeting, to address

Council about their concerns and come up with a strategy moving forward.

Township Administrator Naples offered he will set up a meeting where the Stratford Board can meet with township staff to discuss same. Councilman Moench offered to be present at that meeting.

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

**Public  
Hearing &  
Final Action  
Ordinances**

**CALENDAR YEAR 2017 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET  
APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK - \$1,080,653.07  
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

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

No one wished to be heard.

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

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

**ORDINANCE [#17-09](#) WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution [#17-03-20-092](#) is appended to the official minutes

**Resolutions**

**AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS FOR APPROPRIATION RESERVE IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$6,500.00**

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
Councilman Pedroso	Aye
Council Vice-President Rose	Aye

Council President Kurdyla Aye

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution [#17-03-20-093](#) is appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZING AWARD OF FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO GIBBONS, P.C. AS BOND COUNSEL FOR THE 2017 CALENDAR YEAR**

Township Administrator Naples advised we have used John Draikiwicz from Gibbons for these services for many years and he has served the Township well.

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution [#17-03-20-094](#) is appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS FOR ROAD SALT INVOICES FOR THE 2016-2017 WINTER SEASON TO THE SOMERSET COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE DIVISION NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000.00**

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.**

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**2017 SOMERSET COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

This agreement will allow Bridgewater to participate in the 2017 Somerset County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program along with some

of Bridgewater's nonprofit organizations. The County requires that the governing body acknowledge they are aware an application has been made by Bridgewater to this program.

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution [#17-03-20-096](#) is appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF SOMERSET COUNTY FOR RECYCLING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400,727.70**

Township Administrator Naples advised the rate is the same as last year, the amount is based on the number of households in Bridgewater.

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 [#17-03-20-097](#) is appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,194,547.32, ACCEPTANCE OF THE SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE CASH MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$149,318.42 FOR BLOCK 800, LOT 8, CARE ONE MANAGEMENT, LLC LOCATED AT 1621 ROUTE 22, BRIDGEWATER, NJ**

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 [#17-03-20-098](#) is appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE, 100% CASH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,548.00, ACCEPTANCE OF THE SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$943.50 CASH MAINTENANCE BOND FOR SKYMANOR PROPERTIES, LLC - BLOCK 221, LOT 32**

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution [#17-03-20-099](#) is appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AND PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF LOTS 5 & 5.01 IN BLOCK 382 ON THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP TAX MAP WITH THE GOLF DRIVING RANGE AND ATTENDANT BUILDING ON LOT 5.01 TO BE DEMOLISHED AND REPLACED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ONE STORY 74,950 SQUARE FOOT UTILITY CONTROL CENTER BUILDING WITH THE EXISTING PSE&G SUBSTATION TO REMAIN ON LOT 5 PURSUANT TO PRELIMINARY AND FINAL SITE PLAN APPROVAL AND RELATED VARIANCES AND DESIGN WAIVERS GRANTED BY THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD**

Councilwoman Rose explained this is an application that went to the planning board and was subject to many negotiations as the original plan had an emergency exit out into a cul-de-sac in Thomae Park. They have since

redesigned their plans to accommodate the complaints and concerns of the residents and that proposal meets everyone's needs.

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 [#17-03-20-100](#) is appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF \$25.00 APPLICATION FEE AND \$500.00 ESCROW FEE FOR THE BRADLEY GARDENS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY IN CONNECTION WITH A SITE PLAN WAIVER APPLICATION WITH THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL AN A-FRAME STRUCTURE TO HOUSE THEIR 1950's DIAMOND FIRE TRUCK**

On motion of Councilman Pedroso, 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 [#17-03-20-101](#) is appended to the official minutes

**WAIVER OF FIRE PERMIT FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50 FOR BRIDGEWATER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH TO USE THEIR FIRE PIT FOR THE PURPOSE OF HOLDING AN EASTER SUNRISE OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE ON APRIL 16, 2017.**

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 [#17-03-20-102](#) 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 Pedroso, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, Council convened in closed session at approximately 8:35 p.m.

A copy of resolution [#17-03-20-103](#) is appended to the official minutes.

On the motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Pedroso, the meeting reconvened to open session at approximately 8:07 p.m. and adjourned immediately thereafter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

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Allen Kurdyla  
Council President