

MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MARCH 6, 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 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 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
Filipe Pedroso
Council Vice President Christine Henderson Rose
Council President Allen Kurdyla

Also Present: James T. Naples, Township Administrator
 William B. Savo, Township Attorney
 Linda J. Doyle, Township Clerk

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

Minutes

FEBRUARY 23, 2017 - REGULAR SESSION

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Pedroso, the February 23, 2017 regular session minutes were moved for approval and passed unanimously on a voice call vote.

Council Reports

Councilman Norgalis:

- Congratulated Lieutenant Richard Shimp, who is now Captain of the Bridgewater Police Department
- Received an email from Barbara Quast regarding a Brown Road issue which he forwarded to Township Administrator Naples. Mr. Quast was noted to be in the audience and will address the council during open public meeting session.

Council Vice President Rose:

- Continues to work on the Lane Brokaw house.

Councilman Pedroso:

- Attended the police promotion and award ceremony at the Bridgewater municipal building. He congratulated the now Captain Shimp and all award recipients
- Attended the Bridgewater baseball and softball fundraising event at the Elks.

Council President Kurdyla:

- Also attended the Bridgewater police department promotion and award ceremony
- Attended the Bridgewater baseball and softball fundraising event at the Elks
- Attended the Bridgewater Lacrosse fundraising event this past Friday

**Mayor's
Reports**

Mr. Naples had no report.

**Introduction
of
Ordinances**

2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

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)

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.

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

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

THE ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED.

A copy of resolution [#17-03-06-079](#) is appended to the official minutes

Linda J. Doyle, Township Clerk read the following report:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said pending ordinance be passed on first reading and advertised as required by statute fixing the 20th day of March, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time on said day as the time and the Bridgewater Township Municipal Court Chambers at 100 Commons Way in said Township as the place for hearing and final action.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk shall forthwith post on the bulletin board in the Township Municipal Building at 100 Commons Way, a true copy of said ordinance and make copies available to members of the general public and spread the same upon the minutes of the meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF 2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

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

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

THE ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED.

A copy of resolution [#17-03-06-080](#) is appended to the official minutes

Linda J. Doyle, Township Clerk read the following report:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said pending ordinance be passed on first reading and advertised as required by statute fixing the 17th day of April, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time on said day as the time and the Bridgewater Township Municipal Court Chambers at 100 Commons Way in said Township as the place for hearing and final action.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk shall forthwith post on the bulletin board in the Township Municipal Building at 100 Commons Way, a true copy of said ordinance and make copies available to members of the general public and spread the same upon the minutes of the meeting.

**Public
Comment**

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, 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.

Jackie Espinoza, Area Manager of JCP&L was present. She updated Council on a new feature known as Global ETR, an inclusive of their outage map which indicates the latest Estimated Time of Restoration for JCP&L customers. Council was appreciative of the efforts of JCP&L to provide the township periodic updates of their latest features.

Arnold Quast, 1024 Brown Road was present. He provided Council an update of the condition of Brown Road between Hillside school and Cambridge Road noting it needs attention. Township Administrator Naples stated that that section was funded last year and soon as the weather breaks, it will be repaired.

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

Public
Hearing &
Final Action
Ordinances

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

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

ORDINANCE #17-04 WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#17-03-06-081](#) is appended to the official minutes

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)

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

ORDINANCE #17-05 WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#17-03-06-082](#) is appended to the official minutes

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

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

ORDINANCE #17-06 WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#17-03-06-083](#) is appended to the official minutes

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

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 Councilman Pedroso, 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	Absent
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Aye
Council Vice-President Rose	Aye
Council President Kurdyla	Aye

ORDINANCE #17-07 WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#17-03-06-084](#) is appended to the official minutes

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)

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

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

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

ORDINANCE #17-08 WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#17-03-06-085](#) is appended to the official minutes

Resolutions

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.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#17-03-06-086](#) is appended to the official minutes

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)

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#17-03-06-087](#) is appended to the official minutes

SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET AND THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHP FOR THE MILLING, RESURFACING AND RESTRIPIING OF VARIOUS STREETS AS LISTED BELOW IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500,000

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#17-03-06-088](#) is appended to the official minutes

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

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

Councilman Moench	Absent
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Aye

Council Vice-President Rose Aye
Council President Kurdyla Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#17-03-06-089](#) is appended to the official minutes

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

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#17-03-06-090](#) 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 personnel and 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 Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Pedroso, Council convened in closed session at approximately 8:35 p.m.

A copy of resolution [#17-03-06-091](#) is appended to the official minutes.

On the motion of Councilman Pedroso, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the meeting reconvened to open session at approximately 8:20 p.m. and adjourned immediately thereafter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Allen Kurdyla
Council President