

MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
APRIL 27, 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, April 27, 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, Deputy Township Attorney
Linda Doyle, Township Clerk

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

Minutes

APRIL 13, 2017 - AGENDA SESSION
APRIL 17, 2017 - REGULAR SESSION
APRIL 17, 2017 - CLOSED SESSIONS 1 & 2

These minutes will be considered for approval at the regular session meeting on Monday, May 1, 2017.

Council Reports

Councilman Pedroso

- Attended Bridgewater High School's annual Art Show
- He and Councilman Norgalis have been spending a lot of time with the budget committee as they work on the 2017 budget.

Councilman Moench

- Nothing new to report.

Councilman Norgalis:

- Attended, along with Councilman Kurdyla, the Police Promotion/retirement ceremony. Congratulations to Sgt. Michael Packwood who was promoted to Lieutenant and Officer James Edwards who was promoted to Sergeant. Officer Jason Albanese who was seriously injured in an on duty car accident several years ago, retired after 13 years of service
- Attended the Bridgewater baseball Inc. opening day celebration at Prince Rogers Field.

Future activities:

- Attend the Somerset County Legislative update featuring Lt. Governor Kim Guardagno as the guest speaker
- Attend the Bradley Gardens Little Loop opening day on Saturday at 11AM
- Attend the Bridgewater Arbor day celebration also on Saturday at 3PM
- Will be attending, along with Former Councilman Bob Albano, the sewerage Authority contractor walkthrough for their new incinerator plan. Their current incinerator was shut down by the EPA due to high mercury output
- A reminder to residents that Bulky Waste disposal is available on May 6th, May 13th and May 20th.

Councilwoman Rose:

- Nothing new to report.

Council President Kurdyla:

- Attended, along with Councilman Norgalis, the Police Promotion/retirement ceremony.

Mayor's Reports

Township Administrator Naples had nothing new to report.

BUDGET

2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Councilman Pedroso explained the Budget committee has been working on amendments to the Budget that will result in a \$0 tax increase to the public and also contains more investments into capital improvements and roads. These amendments will be further discussed at the Council's regular meeting on Monday, May 1, 2017.

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.

Laura Grifa, Esq. an attorney at Archer & Greiner in Hackensack was present on behalf of FSG, Bridgewater Hotel. She provided progress on their hotel noting they have passed all final inspections and pending payment of some fees, they are about ready for a temporary certificate of occupancy.

Ms. Grifa addressed item 12c on the agenda noting she has been in contact with our Township Attorneys and discussed alternative language to the resolution that would streamline the process authorizing the creation of a new liquor license. Township Attorney Corsini agreed the new language would achieve the same result and as such, earlier today revised the resolution, emailed it to the governing body and has hard copies available for Council's review.

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 94 ENTITLED "FEES," SECTIONS 94-2 ENTITLED "SCHEDULE OF FEES" TO REMOVE OBSOLETE LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL FEES FROM SUBSECTION A THEREOF, TO ADJUST LICENSING FEES FOR DOGS AND CATS AS FOUND IN SUBSECTION B THEREOF, AND TO ADJUST THE GAMES OF CHANCE APPLICATION FEES AS FOUND IN SUBSECTION B THEREOF AND AMENDING CHAPTER 79 ENTITLED CAT LICENSING, SECTION 79-3, REMOVAL OF SUBSECTION G

There was no discussion on this Ordinance.

ORDINANCE VACATING AND RELEASING FROM DEDICATION AND EXTINGUISHING A DEDICATED ROAD KNOWN AS HAMILTON PLACE, SITUATED IN BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP, SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

There was no discussion on this Ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AMENDING SECTION 26-57.1 (HEALTH AND DENTAL INSURANCE) OF CHAPTER 26 (PERSONNEL POLICIES) OF ARTICLE XII (MISCELLANEOUS RULES AND REGULATIONS) OF PART I (ADMINISTRATIVE LEGISLATION) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER SO AS TO ADD A SUBSECTION F ENTITLED " HEALTH BENEFITS, UPON RETIREMENT" SO AS TO DELINEATE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION AND THE EXTENT OF COVERAGE

Township Administrator Naples explained that this Ordinance will codify two

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things which we negotiated into the most recent rounds of contracts:

- Township, employees and their eligible dependents, are entitled to continue to receive full coverage under the current Township's Health and Benefits Program provided that the employee has retired from PERS and has completed twenty five (25) years (in a qualifying State pension system) or more of service credited and ten (10) years with Bridgewater Township.
- Supplemental coverage may be provided for Township employees who have at least attained age sixty five (65) and have a minimum of ten (10) years service in a full time position with the Township.

Resolutions Council President Kurdyla read the following resolutions by title and called for discussion/questions.

CERTIFICATION OF 2016 AUDIT WITH GROUP AFFIDAVIT

Township Administrator Naples stated we had another outstanding audit; there were no recommendations for the finance department. Our CFO continues to do an excellent job in managing our funds.

PLACE TO PLACE TRANSFER OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE #1806-33-005-004 CHIMNEY ROCK INC. T/A CHIMNEY ROCK INN LOCATED AT 800 THOMPSON AVENUE, BOUND BROOK, NJ 08805

Township Clerk Doyle stated all the documents are in order.

Alan Frank, President and Managing member from Chimney Rock Inn was present and fielded questions from the governing body.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A NEW PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE AND ESTABLISHING THE BID PROCEDURE FOR THE AWARD OF THE NEW LICENSE (HOTEL/MOTEL EXCEPTION TO THE POPULATION QUOTA LAW)

It was confirmed that changes were made to this resolution as discussed above. The title was also amended as follows:

AUTHORIZING THE NOTICE OF INTENT FOR THE CREATION OF A NEW PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION HOTEL LIQUOR LICENSE UNDER THE HOTEL/MOTEL EXCEPTION TO THE POPULATION QUOTA LAW N.J.S.A. 33:1-19.1-20

AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF JAMES C. McCANN OF THE LAW FIRM OF CONNELL FOLEY AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO REPRESENT THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER WITH REGARD TO TAX ABATEMENT AND TAX EXEMPTION FOR PROJECTS COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE AND EDEN WOOD REALTY, LLC WITH FEES TO BE PAID FROM ESCROWS ESTABLISHED BY THE REDEVELOPER OF THE AFORESAID PROJECTS

There was no further discussion on this resolution.

AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00 TO THE CONTRACT APPOINTING ERIC M. BERNSTEIN & ASSOCIATES AS TOWNSHIP LABOR ATTORNEY AND AWARDING OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000.00 FOR A TOTAL FINAL ANNUAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$80,000.00

Township Administrator Naples stated Mr. Bernstein has provided a letter explaining the need for a \$5,000.00 increase. Council was in consensus to move this agenda item to a later date in order to allow them additional time to review same.

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER INCREASING THE CONTRACT TO RJS ASSOCIATES LANDSCAPING, INC., SNOW CONTRACT FROM \$50,000.00 TO \$51,887.00

There was no further discussion on this resolution.

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO EBON ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY FOR CUSTODIAL SERVICES FOR THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, POLICE , PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING AND THE SENIOR CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,897.12

At the last meeting, this contract was awarded to the lowest bidder who later withdrew the bid stating they were unable to meet the terms of the contract. This is an award to the second lowest bidder whose bid is \$57.00 more than the last low bidder and is the current cleaning service.

AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT TO PERFORMANCE PIPELINING, INC. FOR THE 2013 BRADLEY GARDENS AREA SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT, IN THE SUM OF \$1,045,500.00 TO BE FUNDED THROUGH THE 2013 SEWER BUDGET

There was no further discussion on this resolution.

AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT TO TOP LINE CONSTRUCTION CORP. FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO BROWN ROAD (ROUTE 202/206 TO TALL OAKS DRIVE), IN THE SUM OF \$280,860.78 TO BE FUNDED THROUGH THE 2016 CAPITAL PROJECT FUND

Township Administrator Naples stated that once this is completed, we have also funded the next section from Tall Oaks to Cambridge. The entire section on Brown Road from Cambridge down to Route 202 will be repaved this year.

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMUNITY VISITING NURSES ASSOCIATION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICES UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2017 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,659.00

There was no further discussion on this resolution.

Motion to Set Agenda

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Moench, the agenda was set for the May 1, 2017 Township Council regular meeting.

Adjourn

On the motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Allen Kurdyla
Council President