

MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MAY 1, 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, May 1, 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: Mayor Daniel J. Hayes, Jr.
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

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Moench, the April 13th agenda session minutes and the April 17th, 2017 regular session minutes were moved for approval and passed unanimously on a voice call vote. The closed session minutes were passed around for approval.

Council Reports

Councilman Pedroso

- Attended the Bradley Gardens Baseball opening day.

Councilman Moench

- Nothing new to report.

Councilman Norgalis:

- Attended the Bradley Gardens Little Loop Baseball season opening at Ardmeer Park. It was their 59th year in operation
- Attended the Bridgewater Arbor Day celebration at Kids Street Park
- The township sewer bills were mailed out. For those who use internet payments, Councilman Norgalis advised residents to be sure to check the payment address as the payment now goes to a lockbox in Newark as opposed to a local bank in Somerset County
- He attended, along with former Councilman Robert Albano a contractor walkthrough at the Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority (aka SRVSA) on Polhemus Lane. This is part of a bid process to replace the furnace dryer which has been decommissioned at the direction of DEP due to high discharge levels of mercury.

Councilwoman Rose:

- The Planning Board has received the applications for the Hotel and the Health Fitness Center at SJP Properties. She is excited to see that this is in the works and will keep the Council apprised
- The Friends of Bridgewater History Inc. received official notification from the IRS approving its non-profit status. They will soon be looking for ways to fund themselves in order to grow and be viable. They are co-sponsoring a symposium in June with the Heritage Trail group which will help get the word out and they would love to talk to anyone interested in the history of Bridgewater about getting involved with them
- Attended the Bridgewater Baseball's opening day two weekends ago.

Council President Kurdyla:

- Nothing new to report.

**Mayor's
Reports**

Mayor Hayes reported as follows:

- Attended the Bradley Gardens Little Loop - the park group did a great job of maintaining that park and getting it ready
- Attended the Arbor Day Celebration with Councilman Norgalis; a great event with a lot of residents and happy faces. Mayor Hayes Recognized sanofi Aventis for supporting Arbor Day and added they are always a stand up member of our commercial base which gives us a lot of support and participation in the community
- Mayor Hayes reminded everyone that the eco-blast fair is coming up this weekend.

BUDGET

2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

The Mayor and Council discussed the proposed 2017 municipal budget in great detail and at length.

Councilman Pedroso explained that 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. He added that the budget amendments take into consideration the two most important issues to many Bridgewater residents; affordability and improved infrastructure.

Mayor Hayes objected to those cuts saying they would have a significant impact on Township services adding that a tax increase of \$1.40 per month is a small price to pay to maintain the level of service that our residents have become accustomed to and improve township roads which is a top priority for many residents. Mayor Hayes stated his proposed budget contains funds that are the frontline defense in meeting unforeseen challenges and urged the Council to approve it.

Council President Kurdyla suggested that the Budget Committee meet with Mayor Hayes and Township Administrator Naples to iron out various details before the formal introduction of the budget. Being the formal budget introduction is scheduled for May 18, 2017 and in order to meet the legal requirement for public notice, it was Council's consensus to schedule an emergency meeting on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at 7:00PM at which time the budget amendments will be introduced.

On motion of Councilman Pedroso, the 2017 municipal budget was tabled to Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at 7:00pm. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Rose and carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Public Comment

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

**Public
Hearing &
Final Action
Ordinances**

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

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

No one wished to be heard.

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

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, 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 #17-10 WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#17-05-01-021](#) is appended to the official minutes

**Introduction
of
Ordinances**

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said pending ordinance be passed on first reading and advertised as required by statute fixing the 18th day of May, 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.

Resolutions

CERTIFICATION OF 2016 AUDIT WITH GROUP AFFIDAVIT

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 [#17-05-01-124](#) is appended to the official minutes

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

On motion of Councilman Moench, 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 [#17-05-01-125](#) is appended to the official minutes

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

On motion of Councilman Moench, 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 [#17-05-01-126](#) is appended to the official minutes

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

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 [#17-05-01-127](#) is appended to the official minutes

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 he has provided the Council with a letter explaining the need for the additional \$5,000.00. There are additional questions from the governing body and therefore Mr. Naples stated administration has agreed to remove this item from this agenda to allow time for further review.

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

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 [#17-05-01-128](#) is appended to the official minutes

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

Township Administrator Naples stated with the withdrawal of the original bidder, administration is recommending the second lowest bidder be awarded the contract.

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 [#17-05-01-129](#) is appended to the official minutes

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

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 [#17-05-01-130](#) is appended to the official minutes

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

On motion of Councilman Moench, 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 [#17-05-01-131](#) is appended to the official minutes

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

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 [#17-05-01-132](#) is appended to the official minutes

Adjourn

On the motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Allen Kurdyla
Council President