

MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
JUNE 19, 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, June 19, 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 (7:40pm)
Council President Allen Kurdyla

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

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

Minutes

JUNE 1, 2017 - REGULAR SESSION

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Pedroso, the June 1st regular session minutes were moved for approval and passed unanimously on a voice call vote.

Council Reports

Councilman Norgalis:

- Attended, along with Council President Kurdyla, the Public Information Session given by executives from the Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority (SRVSA) for the residents affected by the installation of an auxiliary treatment plant alongside Dutch Lane.

- Received notification that Construction of the Groundwater Treatment Facility at American Cyanamid has begun. This is good news for future

volume flow relief, about 5%, on SRVSA, but bad news for reduced SRVSA revenue. Any revenue shortfall would be spread to the customers with Bridgewater being the largest at 31% of total billing.

- Attended the 2017 Healthy Workplace Recognition Award Ceremony where Bridgewater received a Gold award as a medium sized workplace. The guest speaker was Hans Jurgen Jung from the Nestle Health Science.
- Attended the Centerbridge Senior Citizen annual picnic.
- Attended the viewing for Joseph Constandi, the 49 year old son of Branchburg Committeewoman Anna Columbus who is Sheriff Preovenzano's sister. Congressman Lance was among the many folks paying their respects to the family.
- Attended the Flag Day Festival at the old court house coordinated by the Somerville Elks Lodge #1068. There was a naturalization ceremony for 27 new citizens.
- Attended the Tenth Anniversary celebration of the founding of the Steeplechase Cancer Center at the RWJ University Hospital in Somerville. There were tours of their state of the art treatment centers. Steve Kalifer was the guest speaker and is the Chairman of the Board of the Hospital Foundation.
- Attended the ribbon cutting on the extensive fencing donated to the Somerset Regional Animal Shelter facility in Bridgewater jointly run with Manville. The fencing is to provide animal exercise runs.
- Superior Court Judge Miller has sided with the Fair Housing Group and has approved the Township COAH housing plan over the strident objection of Hovnanian Builders. Hovnanian wanted to build hundreds of homes on Linda's Fruit Stand on route 202/206 and was trying to use COAH requirements to facilitate their plan. Congratulations to Bill Savo and Alex Fischer, who were supported by Planner Scarlett Doyle in this multiyear effort.

Councilman Pedroso

- Wished all the Fathers a belated Happy Father's Day
- Attended the Flag Day festival in Somerville on June 10th. This event, run by the Elks started a couple of years ago but has grown considerably and is a great event
- Would have attended the animal shelter's ribbon cutting but had to be at

- the Middle school where his daughter received three awards
- Also attended the viewing for Joseph Constandi

Council President Kurdyla:

- Attended the meeting related to the proposed sewage treatment facility on Dutch Lane by the Somerset Raritan Valley Sewage Authority
- Attended the Bradley Gardens Little Loop picnic
- Attended the Centerbridge picnic at the senior housing

Mayor's Reports

Township Administrator Naples provided an update on the ongoing negotiations to bring a bus service in our Park & Ride lot. We have advanced those talks with Coach USA which operates the Suburban line of buses and they are willing to do a 90-day trial run on a 1-bus service. A survey has been sent to the residents via social media and thru our website in order to determine the best time for that service. The plan is to start slow then build up over time. This service is scheduled to begin late August or early September.

DISCUSSION

TABLE OF ORGANIZATION CORRESPONDENCE

Township Administrator Naples stated Police Chief Nicaretta has provided a letter, similar to what we have done in the past when we have exceeded the number of police officers dictated by our Ordinance for a brief time. In this case, we will be exceeding by three (3) officers in order to train & prepare them for three (3) spots that will be vacated by February, 2018.

Public Comment

On motion of Councilman Pedroso, 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.

Boy Scout Brown from Troup 154 in Pluckemin was present for his communications merit badge. He asked about the proposed sewage treatment facility on Dutch Lane. Council advised SRVSA is building a supplemental treatment plant behind Dutch lane to handle the current overflow in order to protect the health and welfare of residents.

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

Closed Session

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bridgewater Township Council that this body will now hold a closed meeting to discuss contract negotiations and litigation.

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 Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, Council convened in closed session at approximately 7:45 p.m.

A copy of resolution [#17-06-19-180](#) is appended to the official minutes.

On the motion of Councilman Pedroso, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the meeting reconvened to open session at approximately 7:50 p.m.

**Public
Hearing &
Final Action
Ordinances**

AN ORDINANCE TO MANDATE DIRECT DEPOSIT FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2017 PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 52:14-15f

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, 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 #17-13 WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#17-06-19-181](#) is appended to the official minutes

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$6,220,000 FOR VARIOUS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,909,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION

On motion of Councilman Pedroso, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, 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 #17-14 WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#17-06-19-182](#) is appended to the official minutes

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$380,000 FOR ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING DUMP TRUCK WITH SNOW PLOW, HOTBOX, NORTH BRIDGE PARK LIGHTS, PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND PICK-UP TRUCK WITH UTILITY BODY AND SNOW PLOW, IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$361,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION

On motion of Councilman Pedroso, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, 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 #17-15 WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#17-06-19-183](#) is appended to the official minutes

Introduction
of
Ordinances

AN ORDINANCE TO SET THE COMPENSATION OF THE MAYOR, TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEMBERS, DEPARTMENT HEADS AND CERTAIN OTHER MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 374 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 1985; N.J.S.A. 2A:809; N.J.S.A. 2A:8-13; N.J.S.A. 40A:9-165; N.J.S.A.40A:9-135; N.J.S.A. 40A:9-146, AND CHAPTER 95 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 1999

Township Administrator Naples stated the Mayor and Council’s salaries have remained static for many years. The other positions have received a 2% increase, in line with what we have awarded the union contracts this year.

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 [#017-06-19-184](#) 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 3rd day of July, 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

AUTHORIZATION TO RESCIND RESOLUTION 17-03-20-097 ADOPTED BY COUNCIL ON MARCH 20, 2017, AND EXECUTING A REVISED RESOLUTION WITH THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF SOMERSET COUNTY FOR RECYCLING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400,000.92

Township administrator Naples stated that due to the reduction in the budget, the original certification was no longer valid and therefore had to recertify the funds available for this resolution.

On motion of Councilman Pedroso, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, 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 [#17-06-19-185](#) are appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH MUNICIPAL CARDS UTILIZING A PROPRIETARY TAX PAYMENT SYSTEM

Township administrator Naples stated this is a supplement to a successful Shop Bridgewater program. In that program, you use your card in conjunction with your debit or credit card and depending on the vendor agreement, monies are returned back to you to be used for property taxes. This year, our residents successfully returned \$39,000 back to themselves.

This new vendor is similar to Shop Bridgewater but also targets online vendors. This has been done in other municipalities and our goal is to give our residents another opportunity to save money on their property taxes.

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, 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 [#17-06-19-186](#) are appended to the official minutes

PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2017 BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948) ALCOHOL EDUCATION REHABILITATION AND ENFORCEMENT FUND \$1,222.46

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 [#17-06-19-187](#) are appended to the official minutes

PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2017 BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948 CLEAN COMMUNITIES-\$97,176.80

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 [#17-06-19-188](#) are appended to the official minutes

PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2015 BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948 MUNICIPAL AID-\$200,000.00-TALAMINI RD-SECTION IV

Township Administrator Naples stated Section IV is an area in much need of attention and will run from the Route 287 overpass to Route 206. We anticipate that all of Talamini Road will be completed by the end of the year.

On motion of Councilman Pedroso, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, 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 [#17-06-19-189](#) are appended to the official minutes

**YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION FY2017 COMPETITIVE GRANT APPLICATION
AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,000**

Township Administrator Naples stated this is a new program we will be trying, known as Youth Yoga in the Park.

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 [#17-06-19-190](#) are appended to the official minutes

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF MATTHEW D. JESSUP OF THE LAW FIRM OF MCMANIMON, SCOTLAND & BAUMANN, LLC, 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 WITH FEES TO BE PAID FROM ESCROWS ESTABLISHED BY THE REDEVELOPER OF THE AFORESAID PROJECTS

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 [#17-06-19-191](#) are appended to the official minutes

RESCINDING RESOLUTION 17-01-05-030 FOR CORRECTION IN LICENSING CREDENTIALS AND RE-AUTHORIZING BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP ENGINEER, DAVID BATTAGLIA, PE TO EXECUTE NJDEP, NJDOT, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND SOMERSET COUNTY PERMITS ON BEHALF OF THE TOWNSHIP

Township Administrator Naples stated this is a typo that was recognized by Township Engineer Battaglia. The error was because we had used the same resolution format for the previous engineer who had those credentials.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, 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 [#17-06-19-192](#) are appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING SUNESYS TO INSTALL OPERATE AND MAINTAIN FIBER OPTIC CABLE WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER

Township Administrator Naples stated we have provided these types of agreements to Sunesys in the past and have never had an issue.

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 [#17-06-19-193](#) are appended to the official minutes

PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2017 BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948) MUNICIPAL AID-\$200,000.00-COUNTRY CLUB VIII

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 [#17-06-19-194](#) are appended to the official minutes

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF FIRE PERMIT FEES IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$50.00 FOR THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 651 COUNTRY CLUB ROAD, BLOCK 425, LOT 13 FOR USE OF THE FIRE PIT FOR OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND PRAYER SERVICE FOR THE YOUTH GROUP ON TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY EVENINGS AT 7 P.M. FROM JULY 5 THROUGH JULY 27, 2017

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 [#17-06-19-195](#) are appended to the official minutes

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF FIRE PERMIT FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$331.00 AND AUTHORIZATION FOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY FOR THE SOMERSET COUNTY PARK COMMISSION, 355 MILLTOWN ROAD, BRIDGEWATER, NJ ON JULY 4, 2017

On motion of Councilman Pedroso, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, 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 [#17-06-19-196](#) are appended to the official minutes

Consent
Agenda
Liquor
License
Resolutions

Council President Kurdyla read the following resolutions by title and called for a consent vote:

2017-2018 RENEWAL OF TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSES

- CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN, INC - LICENSE NUMBER 1806-33-013-006
- SEASONS 52 - LICENSE NUMBER 1806-33-018-008

2017-2018 RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE HOTEL/MOTEL EXCEPTION NUMBER 1806-36-042-001, FOR FSG BRIDGEWATER HOTEL T/A HAMPTON INN SUITES

2017-2018 RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE VC ENTERPRISES, INC 1806-33-004-005 POCKET LICENSE

2017-2018 RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE NUMBER 1806-33-021-009 FOR MISH-J.O. INVESTMENT CORP. T/A GREEN KNOLL GRILLE WITH CONDITIONS

On motion of Councilman Pedroso, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the foregoing resolutions were 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 RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED.

Copies of resolution [#17-06-19-197 thru #17-06-19-200](#) are appended to the official minutes

Adjournment

On the motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Allen Kurdyla
Council President