

MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
JULY 17, 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, July 17, 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 (absent)
Council President Allen Kurdyla

Also Present: James T. Naples, Township Administrator
Christopher Corsini, Township Attorney
Linda Doyle, Township Clerk

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

Minutes

JULY 6, 2017 - REGULAR SESSION

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Moench, the July 6th regular session minutes were moved for approval and passed unanimously on a voice call vote. The July 6th closed session minutes were passed around for approval.

Council Reports

Councilman Moench

- Nothing new to report

Councilman Norgalis:

- Immediately after our last Council meeting, he received a phone call from Thomas D' Aprile, father of the Branchburg scouts who came to our last meeting asking for a phone interview whereby the scouts could ask

questions, document the call and meet the requirements for an additional merit badge. As part of that call, Mr. D'Aprile asked about getting a copy of agenda and it was suggested to Township Clerk Linda that the Agenda copies be moved to the back of the room as opposed to being placed on the podium and she has done that.

- He attended the Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority Special Meeting last week where they approved the immediate restart of a sludge incinerator previously shut down on March 15, 2017 in advance of new DEP rules limiting mercury emissions. While the incinerator will continue to exceed the revised standard, it is with the written permission of Richelle B. Wormey, DEP Director of Air Compliance and Enforcement. For the past year, SRVSA has had to incur the costs of 17 truckloads daily to haul sludge to other facilities. SRVSA has signed contracts for the estimated \$7,500,000 upgrade to meet the new standards by 2019.
- The June 2017 Year to Date Budget vs Actual details have been distributed by the Administration and based upon his review, he believes we will come in at or below the expense budget for calendar year 2017.
- Jersey Central Power & Light (JCP&L) has announced that John Anderson has been named Vice President of External Affairs. Area Plant Manager Jackie Espinoza will continue to be our contact replacing John on a permanent basis.

Councilman Pedroso

- Nothing new to report

Council President Kurdyla:

- Nothing new to report other than today marks his daughter's 38th birthday.

**Mayor's
Reports**

Township Administrator Naples had nothing new to report.

DISCUSSION

PAT MARAGO, ESQ. FOR GREEN KNOLL GRILLE

Attorney Pasquale Marago was present on behalf of Green Knoll Grille (GKG). He had previously provided the Council with a letter dated June 12th in which he expressed that GKG requests permission to play live, outdoor music from 12pm to 3pm daily and from 12pm to 7pm for the entire year. He stated GKG has received many requests for light entertainment during the lunch hours and during special events such as bridal and baby showers.

Police Chief Nicaretta was present and stated he is not opposed to the

expansion of the live outdoor music as long as the residents are not inconvenienced, their safety is not compromised and that police officers do not have to respond to excessive calls for noise/safety complains.

Council deliberated and agreed to expand the live outdoor music from March 1st to November 1st. GKG's resolution will be amended to include additional hours as follows:

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 12 PM to 2 PM
Thursday from 12 PM to 2 PM and from 4:30 PM to 9PM
Friday from 12 PM to 2 PM and from 4:30 PM to 9 PM
Saturday from 12 PM to 2 PM and from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM
Sunday from 12 PM to 2 PM

Council was in consensus that should safety and noise or other issues arise from this expansion, this matter will be revisited and said privileges may be revoked.

**Public
Comment**

On motion of Councilman Moench, 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.

Sandra Rhue, 373 Pond Road was present. She expressed support of the Green Knoll Grille's expansion request stating she lives in the area and frequents the GKG and has no complaints about them.

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

**Introduction
of
Ordinances**

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.

President Kurdyla stated this bond ordinance was previously approved by Council but is being reintroduced due to an error in publication. Councilman Norgalis suggested the following revisions to the Ordinance. All were in consensus:

(1) Various road improvements, including but not limited to Hauck Road, Donahue Road, Dow Road, Drumhill Road, Braemer Place, Country Club Road, Adamsville Road and Colonial Way and various road overlays to include Crim Rd., Foothill

Rd., Milltown RD., North Shore Dr. ,South Shore Dr., Talamini Rd., Carteret Rd. including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor on file in the Office of Engineering.

(2) Road Sealing improvements including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor on file in the Office of Engineering.

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	Absent
Council President Kurdyla	Aye

THE ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED.

A copy of resolution [#17-07-17-217](#) 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 31st day of July, 2017, at 7:00 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.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance will forward the Supplemental Debt Statement received this date electronically to the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, Trenton, New Jersey.

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.

This Ordinance is also being reintroduced due to an error in publication.

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

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

[THE ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED.](#)

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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 31st day of July, 2017, at 7:00 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.

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FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance will forward the Supplemental Debt Statement received this date electronically to the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, Trenton, New Jersey.

Resolutions

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

AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF INTEREST ON SEWER CHARGES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4.99 FOR BLOCK 802 LOT 33 ALSO KNOWN AS 758 VAN NEST DRIVE

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH UNIRUSH, LLC FOR RAPID PREPAID CARD PROGRAM FOR ELECTRONIC PAYMENT OF ALL PAYROLL TRANSACTIONS FOR TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES

Township Administrator Naples requested the title be amended as follows:

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH UNIRUSH, LLC FOR RAPID PREPAID CARD PROGRAM FOR ELECTRONIC PAYMENT OF CERTAIN PAYROLL TRANSACTIONS FOR TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES

AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES PILOT PROGRAM FOR AN ELECTRONIC TAX SALE

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO TOP LINE CONSTRUCTION CORP. FOR THE HUNTER ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (WASHINGTON VALLEY ROAD TO THE TOWNSHIP BORDER), IN THE SUM OF \$238,728.17 FUNDED THROUGH THE 2017 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$383,051.52, ACCEPTANCE OF THE SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$57,457.73 SURETY MAINTENANCE BOND FOR BRIDGEWATER CHEVROLET, INC. - BLOCK 356, LOT 2.02 ALSO KNOWN AS 1548 US HIGHWAY 22 EAST

AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$86,400.00, ACCEPTANCE OF THE SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,960.00 SURETY MAINTENANCE BOND FOR MERCAL, LLC. - BLOCK 454, LOTS 1 AND 2 LOCATED ON 866 COUNTRY CLUB ROAD

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1/FINAL CHANGE ORDER IN THE SUM OF \$21,088.83, WHICH IS AN INCREASE OF 15.94% OR \$21,088.83 FROM THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT, AND FINAL PAYMENT TO TOP LINE CONSTRUCTION CORP., AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT AND RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND FOR THE WINSLOW DRIVE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (HILLCREST ROAD TO MARTIN COURT) AND FUNDED THROUGH THE 2016 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF FIRE PERMIT FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50 FOR THE BRIDGEWATER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN CONNECTION WITH OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP USE OF THEIR FIRE PIT ON TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY

AND THURSDAY EVENINGS AT 7:00PM BEGINNING AUGUST 1, 2017 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2017

AUTHORIZATION FOR FIREWORK DISPLAYS AT SOMERSET PATRIOTS STADIUM ON SEPTEMBER 22 AND SEPTEMBER 27, 2017

On motion of Councilman Moench, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the foregoing resolutions were proposed. The vote was as follows:

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

THE RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED.

Copies of resolution [#17-07-17-219 thru #17-07-17-227](#) are appended to the official minutes

Adjournment On the motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Moench, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Allen Kurdyla
Council President