MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AUGUST 21, 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, August 21, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers in the Municipal Complex, Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807.

Council President Kurdyla:

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 (absent)

Council Vice President Christine Henderson Rose

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

AUGUST 7, 2017 - REGULAR SESSION

These minutes were tabled for approval at the next Council meeting.

Council Reports

Councilman Norgalis:

- Spoke at length with Ms. Heller on behalf of her mother's (Norma Hancock) former 20 acre property on North Bridge Street. She no longer plans to attend tonight's meeting because she understands there are no township development plans. She did request that some sort of plaque or sign be considered showing the family name. She even offered to share the sign cost with the township. Councilman Norgalis offered that perhaps what we need in the township are historical markers similar to what the county and state use
- Attended the 4H County Fair

 Advised Mr. Naples that he has been getting very negative resident feedback on the township not actively protecting the quality of life by not enforcing the setback requirements where car dealerships are parking cars on the grass in front of their locations. Councilman Norgalis stated he would like to see better zoning enforcement and if we need an ordinance to do it, he will sponsor it.

Councilwoman Rose:

- Attended the 4-H Fair
- Seconded Councilman Norgalis' report concerning car dealerships parking cars on the grass in front of their locations and the need for zoning enforcement.

Council President Kurdyla

- Did not attend the 4H Fair due to allergy complications
- Discussed the truck traffic on Adamsville Road noting he has been receiving complaints about that and overweight trucks that cause damage to the roads.

Mayor's Reports

Township Administrator Naples commented on Council President Kurdyla's comment noting that the police chief is aware of the truck traffic on Adamsville Road and has put resources towards same to rectify the situation.

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.

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 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AMENDING CHAPTER 126, LAND USE, SECTION 126-321.4 LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING DELETING SECTION "M" AND REVISING SECTION "N", NOTICE REQUIREMENTS AND BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 126-321.4 "S", COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FAIR SHARE HOUSING CENTER AND THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER DATED FEBRUARY 10, 2017 AS APPROVED BY THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, SOMERSET COUNTY LAW DIVISION ON JUNE 6, 2017

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

ORDINANCE #17-19 WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #17-08-21-249 is appended to the official minutes

Introduction of Ordinances

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$3,719,700, FOR SEWER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING SEWER LINE IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO KLINE PLACE, BILLIAN STREET AND MORTON STREET, SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO PINE STREET, ACQUISITION OF PORTABLE COLOR TV INSPECTION SYSTEM AND VEHICLE AND ACQUISITION OF A HEAVY DUTY UTILITY VEHICLE AND TRITON UTILITY VEHICLE TRAILER IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,420,700 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION.

Township Administrator Naples stated this will allow us to continue work on improving the sewer systems and roads that lie above the sewer focusing on Kline Place, Billian Street and Morton Street.

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

THE ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED.

A copy of resolution #17-08-21-250 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 7th day of September, 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; and

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.

Resolutions

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AND EDEN WOOD REALTY, LLC FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 329, LOTS 3.01, 13.01 AND 14 FRONTING ON EAST MAIN STREET AND RADEL AVENUE

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #17-08-21-251 is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AND ALLEN HOMES INC. FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FOUR (4) LOT SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION IN THE VICINITY OF NORTH ADAMSVILLE ROAD ON LOTS 4, 5 & 7 IN BLOCK 224 COMPRISING 2.853 ACRES, CONSISTING OF ONE (1) EXISTING SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL HOME WITH THREE NEW RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY HOMES TO BE CONSTRUCTED ON EACH OF THE OTHER THREE (3) LOTS PURSUANT TO PRELIMINARY MAJOR SUBDIVISION APPROVAL GRANTED BY THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD

Councilman Norgalis made motion to table this resolution until the next meeting in order to allow time to finalize suggested revisions. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Rose and carried unanimously on a voice call vote:

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF FIRE PERMIT FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50 FOR THE BRIDGEWATER SENIORS COUNCIL IN CONNECTION WITH A HINDU NEW YEAR EVENT HELD AT THE BRIDGEWATER-RARITAN MIDDLE SCHOOL ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2017 FROM 3 P.M. TO 10 P.M.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #17-08-21-252 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 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 Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, Council convened in closed session at approximately 7:42 p.m.

A copy of resolution #17-08-21-253 is appended to the official minutes.

On the motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the meeting reconvened to open session at approximately 7:45 p.m. and adjourned immediately thereafter

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC Municipal Clerk

Allen Kurdyla Council President