

**MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 7, 2017 COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

The Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in a regular session on Thursday, September 7, 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
Howard Norgalis
Filipe Pedroso
Council Vice President Christine Henderson Rose
Council President Allen Kurdyla

Also Present: James T. Naples, Township Administrator
 William B. Savo, Township Attorney
 Grace Karanja, Deputy Township Clerk

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

Council President Kurdyla called for a moment of silence for Ed Rozecki, a long time member of the Township's Emergency services who served Bridgewater very well.

Minutes

**AUGUST 7 AND AUGUST 21, 2017 - REGULAR SESSION
AUGUST 21, 2017 - CLOSED SESSION**

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the August 7th and August 21st regular session minutes were moved for approval and passed unanimously on a voice call vote. Councilman Pedroso and Council President Kurdyla abstained from voting on the August 7th minutes. Councilman Moench and Councilman Pedroso abstained from voting on the August 21st minutes. The closed session minutes were passed around for approval.

Council Reports

Councilman Moench:
Nothing new to report

Councilman Norgalis:

Attended bid openings for four 2017 Capital Road jobs and noted it was a very good capital budget day for the town:

- Drum Hill Rd - Low bid was Top Line Const at \$276,000, estimate was \$432,000
- Donahue Rd - Low bid was Reivax at \$413,000, estimate was \$429,000
- Dow Rd. - Low bid was Reivax at \$201,000, estimate was \$222,000
- Hauck Rd - Low bid was Reivax at \$252,000, estimate was \$311,000

Councilman Pedroso

Noted today was the first back to school day in Bridgewater and officially wished all the students and teachers a successful school year.

Councilwoman Rose:

- The Friends of Bridgewater History has increased its membership by four(4) which brings the member count to ten(10). They will be participating in the Martinsville community center fall festival on September 16th.
- Somerville Elks is conducting a donation campaign for the hurricane victims in Florida and Texas. She has been busy with same and is pleased that there has been a good community response.

Council President Kurdyla

- Advised that he has retired from his full time position at the County.

Mayor's Reports

Nothing new to report.

Discussion

BEST PRACTICE SPREADSHEET

Township Administrator Naples advised that every year we are required to review the best practice inventory in order to continue to qualify for full receipt of State Aid monies. A handout of our 2017 best practice inventory was provided to the governing body.

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.

Robert Walden from JCP&L was present to introduce himself as the new area manager and provided Council some updates. Council was appreciative that JCP&L frequents Council meetings to provide various updates and information. On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the public comment portion was closed.

Public
Hearing &
Final Action
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.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Moench, 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:

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

ORDINANCE #17-20 WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#17-09-07-254](#) is appended to the official minutes

Resolutions

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 ALLIANCE-\$36,208.25

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#17-09-07-255](#) 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 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

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Moench, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

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| 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 [#17-09-07-256](#) 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 Norgalis, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

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| 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 [#17-09-07-257](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SOMERSET COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO ACCEPT THE 2016 HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$85,660 FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE LANE-BROKAW HOUSE

This item was removed from the agenda.

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE CONSOLIDATED PHASE I PROPERTY REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE BRIDGEWATER COMMONS MALL

Township Attorney Savo explained the purpose of this resolution is to amend Sections 6 and 23(A) of the Redevelopment Agreement for the Bridgewater Commons Mall in order to provide that the mandatory date for substantial completion of the Phase I Expansion, including the Mall Expansion and the Additional Mall Expansion, is extended for an additional 5-years to December 31, 2022.

On motion of Councilman Moench, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

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| 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 [#17-09-07-258](#) is appended to the official minutes

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF AN AMENDED AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND SPENDING PLAN RESULTING IN THE TOTAL NET AMOUNT WHICH IS ESTIMATED AT \$7,527,415 AND WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE TRUST FUND THROUGH 2027

Township Attorney Savo explained that as part of the Township's affordable housing obligation settlement, we were required to address compliance issues, including the adoption of an Amended Affordable Housing Spending Plan. This

resolution allows us to approve and adopt the Amended Affordable Housing Trust Fund Spending Plan.

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

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| 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 [#17-09-07-259](#) is appended to the official minutes

AWARD OF STATE CONTRACT FOR ONE 2017 FORD F350 4 WHEEL DRIVE EXTENDED CAB & CHASSIS WITH PLOW FROM WINNER FORD OF CHERRY HILL, NEW JERSEY ON STATE CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,280.00

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

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| 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 [#17-09-07-260](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER THROUGH THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

Township Administrator Naples stated we have had success selling through the County in years past as they have more reach than we do. This resolution will allow us to utilize them again.

On motion of Councilman Moench, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

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| Councilman Moench | Aye |
| Councilman Norgalis | Aye |

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| Councilman Pedroso | Aye |
| Council Vice-President Rose | Aye |
| Council President Kurdyla | Aye |

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#17-09-07-261](#) is appended to the official minutes

ADVISING THE SOMERSET COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP'S PARTICIPATION IN THE SECOND UPDATE OF THE SOMERSET COUNTY MULTI- JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

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

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| 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 [#17-09-07-262](#) is appended to the official minutes

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF FIRE PERMIT FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50 FOR EMPOWER FAMILY SUCCESS CENTER IN CONNECTION WITH THE FAMILY CAMPFIRE AT THE BRIDGEWATER YMCA ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2017

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Moench, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

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| 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 [#17-09-07-263](#) is appended to the official minutes

WAIVER OF FIRE PERMIT FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50.00 FOR BRIDGEWATER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN CONNECTION WITH A FAMILY PICNIC/COOKOUT FOR IT'S SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Moench, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

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| 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 [#17-09-07-264](#) is appended to the official minutes

SUSPENDING THE OPTION TO SELL AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS AS MARKET RATE UNITS FOR SUCH UNITS WHOSE TERM OF DEED RESTRICTION IS SET TO EXPIRE

Township Attorney Savo explained that this resolution is part of the compliance process following the Township’s affordable housing settlement agreement.

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Moench, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

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| 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 [#17-09-07-265](#) is appended to the official minutes

Adjournment On the motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Allen Kurdyla
Council President