

**MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**  
**OCTOBER 12, 2017      COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

The Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in a work session on Thursday, October 12, 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  
                         Christopher Corsini, Township Attorney  
                         David Battaglia, Township Engineer  
                         Scarlett Doyle, Township Planner  
                         Linda J. Doyle, Township Clerk

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

**Minutes**

**SEPTEMBER 28, 2017 - AGENDA SESSION**  
**OCTOBER 2, 2017 - REGULAR SESSION**

These minutes will be presented for approval at the next Council meeting.

**Council Reports**

Councilman Moench:

- Was thankful to the shelter representatives and supporters who were in the audience tonight following an appreciation ceremony earlier in the evening. He thanked them for the work they do and the community they provide. He especially recognized Manville's Mayor Onderko whose support for the shelter has never wavered.

Councilman Norgalis:

- He recalled how there was question, several years ago, whether the Somerset Regional Animal Shelter was going to survive. He acknowledged Councilwoman Rose who was instrumental in convincing the Council to continue supporting the shelter and to provide a continuing source of funds. He thanked the animal shelter representatives and supporters for the work they do and the spirit they bring to this community.

Councilman Pedroso

- He echoed the sentiments of Councilman Moench and Councilman Norgalis. He acknowledged Councilwoman Rose who has been a voice for the animal shelter by believing the shelter is viable and would survive. He expressed delight to see that it continues to be a success and thanked all that have been involved to ensure its continuity.

Council Vice President Rose

- She recalled how several years ago, a professional provided a report stating the animal shelter would not survive longer than a year. She expressed she is very grateful that it has survived and is thriving. Councilwoman Rose thanked everyone for their hard work and support.

Council President Kurdyla

- He echoed the sentiments made by the other council members and also thanked everyone involved with the animal shelter for their efforts and support.

**Mayor's Reports**

Mayor Daniel J. Hayes, Jr. was in agreement with the comments made by the council members. He congratulated the leadership of the shelter, its friends and supporters and the champion efforts of Councilwoman Rose.

**Presentation**

A Council Proclamation and Certificate of Appreciation were read out and presented to the Shelter managers and Board of Directors by Council President Kurdyla & Council Vice President Rose.

**Public Comment**

Council President Kurdyla invited anyone with comment regarding the animal shelter.

Kathy Healy from Friends of Somerset Regional Animal Shelter (FOSRAS) was present. She stated she has been a volunteer since 2000 and always had faith in the shelter even when it went through some hard times. She added it has taken a long time but finally after a lot of work, great staff and great management, Somerset Regional Animal Shelter is now one of the best municipal shelters in the Country.

Ms. Healy stated the shelter needs more room and that a building fund has been started. Down the road when they have the money, she asked for Council support to expand the shelter.

Brian Hackett, NJ State Director with the Humane Society was present. He stated that Shelter Manager Brian Bradshaw and Councilwoman Rose have been very modest in describing the work of the shelter and their role in its continuity. He added the Somerset Regional Animal Shelter is discussed state wide. Mr. Hackett also acknowledged the role the shelter played in helping save animals from Texas and Puerto Rico and also the rise in adoptions from 150 to nearly 1,000 per year.

Donna Zeitlin, a volunteer with FOSRAS for nearly 20 years was present. She thanked Kathy Healy for all her efforts with FOSRAS, for her vision, drive and love which she spread to others to make FOSRAS what it is.

**Public  
Comment**

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

**Public  
Hearing &  
Final Action  
Ordinance**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER 1) CREATING A NEW SECTION 126-318.1 ENTITLED "OFFICE, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (OR/D) ZONE" WITHIN CHAPTER 126 (LAND USE) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, 2) AMENDING CERTAIN ANCILLARY ORDINANCES RELATED TO THE CREATION OF THIS NEW ZONE AND 3) AMENDING THE ZONING MAP TO REZONE CERTAIN PORTIONS OF LOTS 17, 18 & 19 IN BLOCK 483 ON THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP TAX MAP FROM THE ZONING DISTRICT KNOWN AS THE SPECIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (SED) ZONE, SECTION 126-320 OF CHAPTER 126 (LAND USE), TO THIS NEWLY CREATED ZONING DISTRICT TO BE KNOWN AS THE OFFICE, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (OR/D) ZONE," SECTION 126-318.1 HEREIN, SO AS TO BRING IT ALL INTO CONFORMANCE WITH THE TOWNSHIP 2016 MASTER PLAN, AMENDMENT TO THE LAND USE ELEMENT AND RE-EXAMINATION REPORT AND ITS ADOPTION BY THE TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD**

It was noted that Councilman Norgalis had provided comments related to this

Ordinance and will wait to see the final version of the Ordinance before the regular session and vote on Monday.

Councilman Pedroso stated he will be voting “no” to this Ordinance on Monday and will place his comments on the record then.

**Resolutions**

**AWARD OF CONTRACT TO REIVAX CONTRACTING CORP. FOR THE COLONIAL WAY ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, IN THE SUM OF \$452,859.40, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2017 CAPITAL FUND**

Township Administrator Naples explained we were fortunate to partner with New Jersey American Water who will be replacing the pipes on Colonial Way this year and as such they are obligated to do some of that repaving. They will be giving us some funds which will allow us to complete work on all of Colonial Way.

**AWARD OF CONTRACT TO TOP LINE CONSTRUCTION CORP. FOR THE DOGWOOD DRIVE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, IN THE SUM OF \$293,307.65, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2017 CAPITAL FUND**

Township Administrator Naples explained it made sense to repair Dogwood Drive as we repair Colonial Way.

**AWARD OF CONTRACT TO TOP LINE CONSTRUCTION CORP. FOR THE BWT-1 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (BRAEMER PLACE - ENTIRE LENGTH AND VICTOR STREET - BYRD AVENUE TO HARDING ROAD), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$182,309.39, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2017 CAPITAL FUND**

There was no comment/discussion.

**AWARD OF STATE CONTRACT FOR ONE 2018 FORD F550 4 WHEEL DRIVE CREW CAB & CHASSIS DUMP BODY WITH PLOW FROM RT 23 AUTO MALL OF BUTLER, NEW JERSEY ON STATE CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$92,228.25**

Councilman Norgalis requested that the title of this resolution be amended to include the following statement “**FUNDED THROUGH THE NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM**”. All were in consensus.

**AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$57,087.92 (CASH) FOR BRIDGEWATER VENTURES, LLC, BLOCK 303, LOT 6, 9 FINDERNE AVE., BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807**

There was no comment/discussion.

**AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AND KANHAA, LLC FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF A COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT, NAMELY A STRIP MALL TO BE KNOWN AS "CROSSROADS PLAZA," ON LOT 3 IN BLOCK 315 ALSO KNOWN AS 600 EAST MAIN STREET, WHICH WILL CONSIST OF THE DEMOLITION OF THE EXISTING RESTAURANT BUILDING AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW 7,500 SQUARE FOOT BUILDING WHICH WILL HOUSE SEVERAL COMMERCIAL/RETAIL UNITS, INCLUDING A 2,400 SQUARE FOOT DELICATESSEN TO BE OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE APPLICANT PURSUANT TO A USE VARIANCE, PRELIMINARY AND FINAL MAJOR SITE PLAN APPROVAL AND CERTAIN BULK VARIANCES GRANTED BY THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

There was no comment/discussion.

**AUTHORIZATION TO REMOVE TOPSOIL FOR SUNRISE SENIOR LIVING LOCATED AT 390 ROUTE 22, BRIDGEWATER - PERMIT #15-3197**

Township Administrator Naples explained it is a requirement of our Ordinance that if the contractor cannot use top soil on site or anywhere in Bridgewater, they must seek Council's permission to remove the soil from the Township.

**Motion to Set  
Agenda**

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the agenda was set for the October 16, 2017 Township Council regular meeting.

**Adjourn**

On the motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

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Allen Kurdyla  
Council President