

MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 30, 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, November 30, 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 (arrived at 7:35pm)
Council Vice President Christine Henderson Rose
Council President Allen Kurdyla

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

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

Minutes

NOVEMBER 9, 2017 - REGULAR SESSION

NOVEMBER 9, 2017 - CLOSED SESSION

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

Council Reports

Councilman Norgalis:

- Participated in the American Legion Post 327 Veterans Day service at their Bradley Gardens location on Old York Rd.
- Attended the League of Municipalities Annual meeting.
- Attended the monthly Legislative (ELC) update.
- Attended the Township public budget meeting where the Department Heads spoke of their 2018 plans.
- Attended the “Celebration of Life” service commemorating the passing of Linda Doyle’s granddaughter Mackenzie.

Councilman Pedroso

- Deferred his report until Monday's regular session meeting.

Council Vice President Rose

- Attended the league of municipalities and took part in some very interesting workshops.
- Toured Camp Cromwell on the 19th as part of the committee that is looking at what we will do with that property. They will soon be preparing a recommendation for everyone's consideration.

Council President Kurdyla

- Attended the Veteran's Day service in Martinsville.
- Attended the league of municipalities.
- Extended sympathies to Clerk Doyle and her family for the loss of her granddaughter Mackenzie.
- Is pleased to see progress as Police Chief Nicaretta is in the process of addressing the problem of truck traffic on Adamsville .
- Stated there are two Ordinances, one dealing with chickens and the other dealing with fences whose discussions had commenced some time in recent months. Those ordinances will not be addressed until next year as the law provides that an ordinance must be introduced and adopted in the same year. In order that we do not run out of time and have to start discussions all over again in 2018, these Ordinances have been scheduled to be looked at in the coming year.

Mayor's Reports

Nothing new to report.

Presentation

STAVOLA QUARRY OPERATING LICENSE - 2018

Thomas Branch conducted the presentation noting it concerns Stavola Quarry's relicensing for 2018. He stated that he is the Vice President and Director of Engineering and Development for Stavola Construction Materials who are the owners/operators of the Stavola Quarry located along Route 22 on Chimney Rock Rd. Per Township Ordinances regarding Quarry manning, Stavola is required to submit a renewal application every year in order to continue their business and as such, an application was filed with Chip Mills, PE of the Engineering Department and found to be complete.

Mr. Branch discussed in detail the 2018 mine and reclamation plan noting they are not seeking any expansion of limits than what has been previously approved and asked for approval of their 2018 operating license. He also discussed how they have modified the blasting process to minimize the impact of the blasts.

There was discussion about a resident on Shady Lane who expressed concern that her home shakes as a result of quarry blastings. Due to the long distance of the Quarry to this home, Mr. Branch suggested it will be best to install a monitoring device on this property in order to determine why this is happening and best course of action. It was agreed the resident will be provided Mr. Branch's contact information so as to reach out to him.

The Quarry was commended for being a good neighbor for they continue to ensure Bridgewater residents are not adversely affected by its operations. They have instituted a full time sweeper to sweep not only the Quarry's access roads but also Chimney Rock Road to the Route 22 entrance in order to minimize any dust and stone that may become a problem to traffic in this area.

The 2018 Quarry re-licensing application will be voted on at next regular Council session.

Discussion

LANE BROKAW HOUSE

Councilwoman Rose stated in May of 2016, a grant was submitted to Somerset County for funding to stabilize the Lane-Brokaw House. She requested a grant in the amount of \$171,320 based on the information provided in the historic structure report conducted by Mills & Schnoering architects, LLC. The County reviewed the application and determined they would like the Township to provide a cash match for half the requested amount. This project was put on hold as there was no money allocated in the budget for this. In 2017, \$75,000 was set aside for this purpose. The County was willing to accept volunteer time as a gift in kind contribution to the grant for the remaining \$10,000.

This matter was then placed on the Council's September agenda but was later removed because the grant contract was clear that the Township would assume responsibility for any cost above and beyond what the grant covered. The reason for this discussion is whether we can accept the monies from the county and accept the contract.

Following a lengthy discussion, Council was in consensus they would like to know the actual cost of this project including mold remediation, roof replacement, and basement stabilization before voting on the resolution that will accept the grant and contract. Councilwoman Rose will work on obtaining estimates. Council will readdress this matter at the December 18th Council meeting.

Public Comment

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Pedroso, 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
Ordinance**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF LAND IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 411, LOT 39.08, FORMERLY A PORTION OF BLOCK 411, LOT 39.07, FRONTING ON COMMONS WAY AND BEING A PORTION OF THE SOMERSET CORPORATE CENTER

There was no further discussion.

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AMENDING CHAPTER 62, BUILDING CONSTRUCTION, ARTICLE II, DEVELOPMENT FEES

There was no further discussion.

**Introduction
of
Ordinances**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE FINANCIAL AGREEMENT WITH CENTERBRIDGE II SENIOR HOUSING AND URBAN RENEWAL ASSOCIATES, L.P. ORIGINALLY EXECUTED ON OR ABOUT DECEMBER 1, 1992 PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES FOR A PROJECT LOCATED AT 491 SHASTA DRIVE, BRIDGEWATER, NEW JERSEY

Township Administrator Naples explained this Ordinance will be mutually beneficial and recommended moving forward with same.

Resolutions

There were no further questions concerning the following resolutions

2018 STAVOLA QUARRY OPERATING LICENSE - BLOCK 711, LOTS 3, 4 AND 6.01 CHIMNEY ROCK ROAD, BRIDGEWATER, NEW JERSEY, SOMERSET COUNTY

RESOLUTION FOR RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP WITH THE SOMERSET COUNTY JOINT INSURANCE FUND (JIF)

APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN A SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY UP TO THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000.00 TO BE FUNDED THROUGH THE 2018 BUDGET

AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-18

BRIDGEWATER/RARITAN MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE REQUEST FOR APPLICATION WITH SOMERSET COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS FOR THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AND DEMAND REDUCTION (DEDR) ACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,208.25, THE CASH MATCH OF \$9,052.25 AND THE IN-KIND AMOUNT OF \$27,156.50 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$72,417 TO BE FUNDED THROUGH THE 2018 BUDGET

AUTHORIZATION TO REMOVE TOPSOIL FOR BRIAD CONSTRUCTION AC MARRIOTT LOCATED AT 600 SOMERSET CORPORATE BOULEVARD, BRIDGEWATER - CONTROL #1035391

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO GAME TIME IN SPRING LAKE, NEW JERSEY TO UTILIZE THE PRICING SYSTEM OF THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY (ESCNJ) FORMALLY MIDDLESEX REGIONAL COOPERATIVE PROGRAM (MRCP) TO PURCHASE PLAY GROUND EQUIPMENT, AN APPROVED 2017 CAPITAL PURCHASE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$59,795.76

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING, SURVEY, INSPECTION, AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE BILLIAN STREET, KLINE PLACE AND MORTON STREET SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION AND RESTORATION PROJECT TO PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING INC. (PCI), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$176,700.00, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2017 CAPITAL SEWER FUND

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING, SURVEY, INSPECTION, AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE PINE STREET SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION AND RESTORATION PROJECT TO KELLER & KIRKPATRICK, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$79,900.00, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2017 CAPITAL SEWER FUND

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING / SURVEYING SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE PRELIMINARY SUBDIVISION PLAN FOR BLOCK 653, LOTS 36 & 37 LOCATED ON 1475 MOUNTAIN TOP ROAD, TO VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$51,300.00 FUNDED THROUGH THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BUDGET

AUTHORIZING FINAL PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$89,545.00 TO MODERNFOLD/STYLES, INC., AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE FOLDING WALL REPLACEMENT PROJECT AT THE BRIDGEWATER BRANCH SOMERSET COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM TO BE FUNDED THROUGH THE 2014 & 2015 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

WAIVER OF FIRE PERMIT FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50.00 FOR TEMPLE SHOLOM

IN CONNECTION WITH GIFT WRAPPING ON VARIOUS DATES FROM DECEMBER 10 TO DECEMBER 24, 2017 AT THE BRIDGEWATER COMMONS MALL

**Motion to Set
Agenda**

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Pedroso, the agenda was set for the December 4, 2017 Township Council regular meeting.

Adjourn

On the motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Allen Kurdyla
Council President