

**MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**  
**JANUARY 8, 2018                      COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**REORGANIZATION MEETING**

The Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in a regular session and reorganization meeting on Monday, January 8, 2018, at 7:00 p. m., in the Municipal Complex Courtroom located at 100 Commons Way, Bridgewater, New Jersey.

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 first provided on December 5, 2017 by sending written and electronic notice to the Courier News and The Star Ledger and via email to The Breeze; posting on the website, bulletin board in the Municipal Building and filing with the Township Clerk. Due to the inclement weather on January 4, 2017, the meeting was cancelled and rescheduled for Monday, January 8, 2018. The Council members elect, Councilmen Allen F. Kurdyla, Howard B. Norgalis and Filipe Pedroso signed their Oaths of Office on January 5, 2018, prior to the rescheduled meeting on January 8, 2018 in compliance with N.J.S.A 40:45A-1”

On call of the roll the following Council members were present:

Matthew C. Moench  
Howard V. Norgalis  
Filipe Pedroso  
Christine Henderson Rose  
Allen F. Kurdyla

Also Present:

Daniel J. Hayes Jr., Mayor  
James Naples, Township Administrator  
William B. Savo, Township Attorney  
Linda J. Doyle, Township Clerk  
Grace Karanja, Deputy Township Clerk  
Krista Gaffney, Secretary to the Clerk

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

**Recognition**

Council President Kurdyla recognized the local dignitaries in the audience including:

- Freeholder Brian G. Gallagher

Councilman Pedroso explained he received a message today from Senator Michael Doherty and Assemblyman Erik Peterson explaining they are stuck in Trenton this

evening. They wished they could join us tonight but sent their Congratulations to Councilmen Elect Allen F. Kurdyla, Howard V. Norgalis and Filipe Pedroso on a successful election

**Invocation** The invocation was presented by Tim Wolf, Pastor of New Horizon Christian Fellowship

**Certification of Election** **CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION**  
A statement of the determination of the Board of Canvassers of Somerset County, New Jersey, relative to an election held in the County of Somerset on November 7, 2017 for the election of the following mentioned offices in the Township of Bridgewater.

- **THREE (3) FOUR-YEAR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL SEATS** - The said Board does determine that Allen F. Kurdyla, Howard V. Norgalis and Filipe Pedroso were duly elected to the Township Council.

**Oaths of Elected Office** **OATH OF OFFICE**  
**COUNCILMAN - ALLEN F. KURDYLA**  
Performed by Christopher Corsini, Esq.

**COUNCILMAN - HOWARD V. NORGALIS**  
Performed by Christopher Corsini, Esq.

**COUNCILMAN - FILIPE PEDROSO**  
Performed by Councilwoman Christine Henderson-Rose

**NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBER STATEMENT**  
Allen Kurdyla  
Howard Norgalis  
Filipe Pedroso  
*The statements are attached to the official minutes. (Schedule A)*

**ROLL CALL**  
Councilman Allen Kurdyla  
Councilman Matthew Moench  
Councilman Filipe Pedroso  
Councilwoman Christine Henderson-Rose  
Councilman Howard V. Norgalis

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT OUTGOING ADDRESS**  
*The statement is attached to the official minutes. (Schedule B)*

**Selection of Council President**

**SELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Council President Kurdyla made motion to nominate Councilwoman Rose for Council President for the 2018 year. Councilman Norgalis seconded the motion which carried on a unanimous voice call vote.

**Selection of Council Vice-President**

**SELECTION OF COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT**

Council President Rose nominated Councilman Moench to serve as Council Vice-President for the year 2018. Councilman Norgalis seconded the motion which carried on a unanimous voice call vote

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MESSAGE**

*The message is attached to the official minutes. (Schedule C)*

**MAYOR DANIEL J. HAYES, JR. INAUGURAL [STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP ADDRESS](#)**

*The address is attached to the official minutes. (Schedule D)*

Council President Rose asked Township Clerk, Linda Doyle to read the following appointments.

**Mayors Appointments with Advice and Consent**

**APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER - ROSE WITT**

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second of Councilman Kurdyla, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution [#18-01-08-001](#) is appended to the official minutes.

**AUTHORIZING/APPROVING THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR WILLIAM B. SAVO, ESQ. AND THE LAW FIRM OF SAVO, SCHALK, GILLESPIE, O’GRODNICK & FISHER, P.A., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$460,000 FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2018 TO DECEMBER 31, 2018**

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, second of Councilman Norgalis, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Aye

Council Vice-President Moench           Aye  
Council President Rose                    Aye

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution [#18-01-08-002](#) is appended to the official minutes.

**AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF SCARLETT DOYLE TOWNSHIP PLANNER AND AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2018**

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second of Councilman Kurdyla, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution [#18-01-08-003](#) is appended to the official minutes.

**APPOINTMENT OF ERIC M. BERNSTEIN & ASSOCIATES AS TOWNSHIP LABOR ATTORNEY AND TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY AND AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$115,000.00**

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second of Councilman Kurdyla, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution [#18-01-08-004](#) is appended to the official minutes.

**APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC DEFENDER FRANCESCO TADDEO**

On motion of Councilman Pedroso, second of Councilman Moench, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution [#18-01-08-005](#) is appended to the official minutes.

**Mayors  
Appointments  
without  
Advice and  
Consent**

Council President Rose asked Township Clerk, Linda Doyle to read the following appointments.

**APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS**

- Class II - Stephen Rodzinak
- Class IV - Evan Lerner
- Class IV - James Franco
- Class IV - Alternate #2 - Debra Albanese

**APPOINTMENT OF RISK MANAGER**

- James Rick

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE 2017 SOMERSET COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONSORTIUM**

- James T. Naples
- Natasha Turchan
- Allen Kurdyla
- Howard Norgalis (alternate)

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE BRIDGEWATER / RARITAN YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION/ MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE FOR PREVENTION OF ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE**

- Lynne Hurley
- Mayor Daniel J. Hayes, Jr
- Brooke Herbst

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

- Robert Szkodny
- Mayor Daniel J. Hayes, Jr.
- James T. Naples
- Howard Turbowitz
- Stephen Rodzinak
- Robert Hanlon
- Karl McAleer
- Al Nicaretta

- Thomas Forsythe
- Roy Dane
- Dr. Gina Villani
- Dr. Lawrence Livornese

**RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE SOMERSET COUNTY CULTURAL AND HERITAGE COMMISSION**

- Herb Patullo

**APPOINTMENT TO THE SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

- David Battaglia

**Mayors  
Appointments  
with Advice  
and Consent  
Boards &  
Committees**

Council President Rose read the following appointments.

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

- Tom Genova
- Glenn E. Petillo
- Mark D. Steinberg

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

- Susan Dorward
- Thomas Francis

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE GREEN BROOK FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION**

- Thomas Forsythe
- Matthew C. Moench
- Filipe Pedroso (alternate)

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD**

- Dr. Eugene Yuliano

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD**

- Debra Harrison
- Anthony Albanese
- Stephanie Black
- Robert P. Giurlando, Jr.

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE LOCAL ASSISTANCE BOARD**

- George Collins

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD**

- Debra Albanese
- Robert P. Giurlando, Jr.

**APPOINTMENT TO THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD**

- Aimee Alonso - Environmental Rep

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE PARK BOARD**

- Robert Hellwig (Open Space Rep)
- Elizabeth Savnik

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE RARITAN AND MILLSTONE FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION**

- David Battaglia
- Thomas Forsythe (alternate)
- Christine Henderson-Rose
- Matthew C. Moench (alternate)

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

- Kim Tone
- Urvin Pandya
- Gary R. La Spisa, II

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE REGIONAL CENTER PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE**

- Mayor Daniel J. Hayes, Jr.
- Scarlett Doyle, PP
- James Franco
- Filipe Pedroso
- Howard Norgalis (alternate)

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE SHADE TREE BOARD**

- Jean Garzillo

**THE FOREGOING RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED.**

Copies of resolutions [#18-01-08-006 thru #18-01-08-018](#) are appended to the official minutes

**Council  
Appointments  
& Staff**

**COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS**

Council President Rose read the following Council appointments.

**APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

**SUPLEE CLOONEY & COMPANY, 308 EAST BROAD STREET, WESTFIELD, NJ 07090-2122 IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$64,650.00**

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, second of Councilman Norgalis, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution [#18-01-08-019](#) is appended to the official minutes.

**APPOINTMENT OF ASSESSMENT SEARCH OFFICER**

Linda J. Doyle

**APPOINTMENT OF TAX SEARCH OFFICER**

Darrow Murdock

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, second of Councilman Moench, the foregoing resolutions were proposed. The vote was as follows:

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

**THE RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED.**

Copies of resolutions [#18-01-08-020 thru #18-01-08-021](#) are appended to the official minutes

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Alan Fross - Regular member

Donald Sweeney - Regular member

James Weideli - Alternate member #1

Jeffrey Foose - Alternate member #4

**APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TOWNSHIP CLERK**

Grace Njuguna

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE CREATIVE ARTS COMMITTEE**

Stephanie Moench

Erin Elizabeth Rose

**APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING BOARD**

Howard V. Norgalis - Class III



**APPOINTMENTS TO THE SOMERSET REGIONAL ANIMAL SHELTER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Nicole La Spisa

On motion of Councilman Pedroso, second of Councilman Norgalis, the foregoing resolutions were proposed.

**THE RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED.**

Copies of resolutions [#18-01-08-022 thru #18-01-08-026](#) are appended to the official minutes.

**Oaths**

**OATHS OF OFFICE WERE ADMINISTERED BY WILLIAM B. SAVO, TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY FOR THOSE APPOINTED TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

Council President Rose read the following resolutions by Title and provided a brief summary for each.

**Resolutions**

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

The General Business resolution sets certain rates, designates the Courier News as the Township Official Newspaper for all legal Notices and The Breeze as the online newspaper it also names certain department heads specific authorities to operate in 2018.

**TOWNSHIP COUNCIL SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

The Schedule of Meetings set the 2018 Township Council Meeting Dates throughout the year; they are also posted on the website.

**TEMPORARY BUDGET - CURRENT FUND \$14,061,807.94**

The Current Fund Temporary Budget is set not to exceed 26.25% of the 2017 year's budget to meet obligations and payments due prior to approval of the 2018 budget

**TEMPORARY BUDGET - SEWER FUND \$2,918,838.00**

The Sewer Fund Temporary Budget is set not exceed 26.25% of the 2017 year's budget to meet obligations and payments due prior to approval of the 2018 budget

**ESTABLISHING CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN AND NAMING OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES**

The Cash Management Plan is prepared pursuant to the provisions of NJSA 40A 5-14 in order to set forth the basis for deposits and investments and name certain depositories for Township funds.

**AUTHORIZING BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP ENGINEER DAVID BATTAGLIA, PE TO EXECUTE NJDEP, NJDOT, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND SOMERSET COUNTY PERMITS ON BEHALF OF THE TOWNSHIP**

It is required to name by resolution and authorizes David Battaglia as Township Engineer to sign permits from NJDOT, NJDEP, State of New Jersey and Somerset County on behalf of the Township.

**THE FOREGOING RESOLUTIONS WERE PROPOSED AND APPROVED.**

Copies of resolutions [#18-01-08-027 thru #18-01-08-032](#) are appended to the official minutes.

**Public  
Comment**

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, 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 Councilman Pedroso, the public portion of the meeting was closed.

**Adjournment**

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Pedroso, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15 pm.

Council President Rose invited all attendees for refreshments in the adjacent conference room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC  
Municipal Clerk