

MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 22, 2018 COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in a regular session on Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers in the Municipal Complex, Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807.

Council President Rose read the following announcement:

Notice of Meeting

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting was provided on January 9, 2018 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:

Allen Kurdyla
Howard Norgalis
Filipe Pedroso
Council Vice President Matthew C. Moench
Council President Christine Henderson Rose

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

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

Council President Rose called for a moment of silence for the victims of the Florida School shooting.

Minutes

FEBRUARY 5, 2018 - REGULAR SESSION

On motion of Councilman Moench, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the February 5, 2018 regular session minutes were moved for approval and passed unanimously on a voice call vote.

Council Reports

Councilman Kurdyla:

- Attended the Lincoln Day Dinner
- Attended the town hall meeting with Congressman Lance. Councilman Kurdyla expressed disappointment at the way Congressman Lance was treated by some residents.

- Will be attending the Bridgewater Lacrosse fundraiser on March 9th. Councilman Kurdyla noted this organization has invested a lot of money in this township with turf fields and provided excellent opportunities of activity for children.
- Will be attending an open space meeting next week. He will thereafter meet with a group of residents regarding the Wemple property on Foothill Road.
- Councilman Kurdyla reported the passing of Gloria Langon who was a fire commissioner in Bradley Gardens for many years and will be greatly missed.
- Councilman Kurdyla discussed a property on Hayward Street noting it has mold, the garage doors are now off and the house appears to be open. Steve Rodzinak, Construction Code Official who was in the audience stated he will investigate and provide a report.

Council Vice President Moench

- Councilman Moench reported on February 20th, we held a FEMA “until help arrives” program which educates people on how to take action in emergency situations until professional help arrives. This was held at the Green Knoll Rescue Squad and was approximately 3-hrs long. He thanked the residents for attending this program. He also thanked Green Knoll for hosting and Wegmans for supplying the food.
- Councilman Moench discussed a program called On P.O.I.N.T. This was developed by Stafford Township in Ocean County and is meant to address mental health issues within the community through partnership with the police department and social workers. They address issues from homelessness, hoarders, substance abuse issues etc. While the police can respond to a call for help, they do not have the skills to treat these issues. In this program, the police can refer certain situations to the social workers who are contracted out using grant monies in order to provide assistance. The results at Stafford Township have been outstanding as there have been decreased calls with repeat offenders. Last week, they were able to remove guns from someone’s home that had mental health issues which they wouldn’t have been aware of if it weren’t for this program. Congressman MacArthur has recently called for this program to be an example for the federal government to follow. Councilman Moench requested that Council and Administration consider getting a group together to meet and learn more about this program. Stafford Township is willing to share their knowledge so that other communities can emulate. Councilman Moench opined whether there are opioid issues or gun related problems, this is the kind of program that is innovative, different, doesn’t cost the taxpayers any money and may

provide that extra link we need to address some of the more social problems that result in larger issues.

- Councilman Moench stated that at the last meeting, he requested that our Township attorney look into what options we have as a Township in order that we may join other towns that are starting to put ordinances in place to protect the residents from the effects of legalized marijuana. On question of Councilman Moench, Township Attorney Corsini stated he has taken on this project and will be providing a report in the near future.
- Councilman Moench stated that Governor Christie signed a law that allows for municipalities to maintain a voluntary list of residents who have special needs in case of an emergency. Any resident with special needs can alert the township who will in turn forward that information to the police departments, rescue squads and fire departments so that in the case of a call to their house, there is foreknowledge of the emergent condition with the resident. This list is not for public knowledge and is protected from OPRA laws. Township Administrator Naples stated our police does maintain such list.
- Councilman Moench stated that residents have brought to his attention concerns about letters they received with reference to basketball hoops. Residents were cautioned about having hoops that extend to the streets noting a potential hazard that would cause damage to the trucks during snow plowing or road maintenance. The letter describes a monetary fine of up to \$1,000 and/or jail time not exceeding 90-days. Councilman Moench opined that this being the first notice, the language was harsh. He suggested the language in our ordinance should be reviewed. Township Administrator Naples stated the language in the letter was taken from the ordinance but in the future administration will soften the communication.
- Attended the Bridgewater Baseball fundraiser.
- Attended, as part of the Bridgewater Cares movement, the Cupid's Chase 5K run at Duke Island Park. This organization raises money for special needs individuals.
- Bridgewater Cares was scheduled to visit the Veteran's Hospital but decided to reschedule the visit to warmer months and after the passing of the flu season. More information on this will be provided.
- Councilman Moench attended the Chinese New Year Event and although he was pleased that the Township Facebook page referenced the Mayor as

having attended, he felt it was unfortunate that the staff member did not realize some Council members were also present at the event. He requested that we look into adopting a policy about how information is transmitted on social media moving forward. Township Administrator Naples opined while he does his best to accommodate the request of the governing body, this is an administrative function. Council president Rose suggested this discussion be continued at a later time.

Councilman Norgalis

- Councilman Norgalis attended the Bridgewater Baseball and Softball fund raiser at the Bridgewater Manor. He recognized the large financial effort this organization has put forth on behalf of the town. Over the past 10 years, Bridgewater Baseball & Softball (BBSI) has invested over \$1 million into the fields/buildings within the community. Continual improvements at Prince Rodgers, North Bridge, Chimney Rock and the complete rehabilitation of the BRHS Varsity Field including the outfield fence, the new pole barn which was donated to the TWP, the turf project on Prince Rogers 2 & 3 and various other ongoing projects and donations just to name a few.
- He congratulated and sent well wishes to Francesco Taddeo Esq who has relinquished the Bridgewater Township Public Defender position to become a Municipal Court Judge for the shared court of Hillsborough, Montgomery and Manville.
- Councilman Norgalis noted the last Planning Board meeting included an extensive discussion on the proposed Fence ordinance. Several modifications were discussed and will be forwarded to Council. The next Planning Board meeting is on Monday 2-26 with consideration of a major subdivision on two lots on Crim Rd. The Center of Excellence application, formally known as “CIP II Bridgewater Holdings LLC and Avalon Bay Communities” originally scheduled to start that night is moved to Mar. 26 at the applicant’s request.
- Attended, along with Councilman Moench and Pedroso the Chinese New Year Celebration at the Bridgewater Middle School. It was a very dramatic and active presentation and very well attended. It is the Year of the Dog in the Asian Culture.
- Attended the Somerset County Governing Officials Association where Michael Cerra, Assistant Executive Director- NJ League of Municipalities was the guest speaker.
- Attended the Celebration of National Heart Month at RVCC where a cardiologist from Robert Wood Johnson Hospital spoke about caring for

your heart through diet, exercise and moderation. Acclaimed author Deepak Chopra spoke about the immune system.

- Attended the Bridgewater town meeting sponsored by Congressman Leonard Lance at the Middle School. It was a big crowd and unfortunately many of the attendees were rude. The Congressman took questions and kept his cool throughout the hour and a half meeting.
- He was very glad to see the Administration's 2018 budget plan suggest a zero increase over 2018. This is indeed good news for residents and mirrors the Council actions of last year. The budget, under state direction, is now in the hands of the Council with Councilman Moench and Pedroso serving as the Financial Budget Committee. They will report to the Council in the coming weeks.
- Councilman Norgalis noted there have been questions of late as to how much money the township has in its Open Space Reserve Fund. The answer, courtesy of our finance department, is \$5M with a little under 20% of that number being available for capital investment in recreation.

Councilman Pedroso

- Attended the Chinese New Year Celebration at the high school. It was his first time attending this and was very pleased.
- Attended the Lincoln Day Dinner.
- Attended the Bridgewater Baseball fundraising event.
- Following the tragic school shooting in Florida, Councilman Pedroso questioned what role Council has as far as school security is concerned or whether this is wholly a function of the Board of Education. Township Administrator Naples stated Council has no jurisdiction over the school and no powers to direct the police department to the schools. Councilman Pedroso suggested that the Board of Education is reminded again of the importance of school security in order that such an occurrence is prevented from happening in Bridgewater.

Council President Rose

- Had the opportunity to attend the open house put together by the library for governing officials. She noted the new wall looks very good. Friends of the Library will be carrying out various other renovations but are off to a great start.
- Attended a board of social services meeting. Reverend Dr. John Stevenson is retiring from the board after 30-years of service, 21 years as its chair. His service to the community should be applauded.
- The friends at Bridgewater history met and continue to come up with ideas for fundraising and other means of generating interest in the

historical preservation of our community

- Attended a Camp Cromwell planning meeting. The committee is putting together some positive ideas for their final report that will soon be going to the Mayor
- She was one of the eighty residents that participated in the fire district #1 election which occurred last Saturday. She stated we would be better served if we can figure out a way to encourage more people to participate in these elections.

Mayor's Reports

Township Administrator Naples had nothing new to report

Public Hearing

AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP DEPUTY ZONING OFFICER /CONSTRUCTION CODE OFFICIAL TO OVERSEE AND DIRECT THE REMOVAL OF THE VIOLATIONS IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 105-1 ET SEQ., OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP ORDINANCES AND AUTHORIZING THE REMEDIATION OF THE CONDITIONS ON THE PROPERTY OWNED BY WILLIAM VINCENT AND KNOWN AS 718 PARK AVENUE, BLOCK 375, LOT 1 AND FURTHER CERTIFYING THAT THE COSTS TO BE CHARGED AGAINST THE PREMISES AND BECOME A TAX LIEN IN THE SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$6,175.00 AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE DEPUTY ZONING OFFICER/CONSTRUCTION CODE OFFICIAL TO CAUSE THE FINAL AMOUNT CHARGED TO BECOME A LIEN UPON THE PREMISES AND FORM A PART OF THE TAXES NEXT TO BE ASSESSED AND LEVIED UPON THE PREMISES

William R. Vincent is the owner of the property located at 718 Park Avenue, Bridgewater, New Jersey also known as Block 375, Lot 1. Mr. Vincent was present for this hearing.

In preparation for this hearing, Township Attorney Corsini had prepared a packet with photographs depicting the current status of the property in question. Attorney Corsini and Steve Rodzinak, Deputy Zoning Officer/Construction Code Official were both present. Mr. Rodzinak and Mr. Corsini provided Council a description of the property and the steps taken to give Mr. Vincent opportunity to rectify the blighted condition of his property. It was noted as follows:

- William R. Vincent failed to maintain the premises known as 718 Park Avenue, Block 375, Lot 1, in accordance with the Township Property Maintenance Code.
- The owner caused inoperable motor vehicles to remain on the premises in violation of Section 105.3(d) of the Code of the Township of Bridgewater.

- The conditions of the property constitute a nuisance, blight to the neighbors, and a violation of the Township Property Maintenance Code.
- After first and second notices, the property owner failed to comply and remedy the violation.
- Proper and sufficient notice was provided to the property owner and adjacent property owners.
- The amount certified by the Deputy Zoning Officer/Construction Code Official for compliance and removal in the sum of, not to exceed, \$6,175.00.

Township Administrator Naples stated he has received multiple complaints from the neighbors expressing concern over the blighted condition of the property and that it is bringing down the value of the properties in the neighborhood.

Mr. Vincent came forward and explained he has been working hard towards remediating the property but in the past year and a half has had health issues that have caused a delay.

Council reacted to Mr. Vincent in an attempt to gain perspective as to why this situation has not been remedied for so many years. Following an extensive discussion and at the request of Mr. Vincent, Council was in consensus to grant an additional 30-days for this property to be restored. Should Mr. Vincent fail to restore the property, without further notice to the property owner, the Deputy Zoning Officer/Construction Code Official shall enter the property to oversee and direct the removal of the excessive refuse, vegetative waste and inoperable motor vehicles and associated equipment and remediate the conditions on the premises.

On motion of Councilman Moench, seconded by 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 [#18-02-22-057](#) are appended to the official minutes

**2018
MUNICIPAL
BUDGET**

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR THE 2018 CALENDAR YEAR (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

Mr. Naples stated this is something we do every year. It is not an expenditure but rather an Ordinance that allows us to exceed the cap in the event that it is necessary. This ordinance is consistent with similar ones over the years.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the foregoing Ordinance 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 ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED.

A copy of resolution [#18-02-22-058](#) 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 19th day of March, 2018, 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.

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.

INTRODUCTION OF 2018 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Township Administrator Naples expressed the Mayor and administration are very excited to present a budget that meets our municipal expenditure needs with no tax increase and continues our aggressive road improvement program.

Councilman Moench stated that last year the Council was proud to pass a budget that eliminated tax increase and dedicated additional money towards roads. The introduction tonight will start the process and over the next few weeks the budget subcommittee will evaluate the budget item by item to make sure the township has a fiscally responsible budget that meets the needs and priorities of

our residents while protecting our resident's hard earned money. We hope to continue the discussions started last week regarding the township's level of debt and move towards a system that is less reliant on debt to fund our expenses which will ultimately result in tax savings. Councilman Moench stated he is looking forward to working together with his colleagues to build on the momentum from last year's 0-tax increase budget and continue to do their part to protect residents from oppressive tax burdens.

On motion of Councilman Moench, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the 2018 Budget was introduced. The vote was as follows:

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

THE [2018 BUDGET](#) WAS INTRODUCED.

A copy of resolution [#18-02-22-059](#) is appended to the official minutes

2018 SELF-EXAMINATION OF BUDGET RESOLUTION

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by 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 [#18-02-22-060](#) are appended to the official minutes

**Public
Comment**

On motion of Councilman Moench, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, 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.

Joseph Billian, 1370 Meiners Drive Basking Ridge, NJ was present. He spoke about school security expressing concern that our schools are not protected and urged that armed police officers should be put in our schools. He discussed previous conversations he has had with township and board of education

personnel noting he has not been successful in establishing a resolution. Council was appreciative of this conversation but explained that they do not have jurisdiction over the board of education and therefore cannot impose any requirements. They urged Mr. Billian to return to the Board education to remind them this is a crucial matter.

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

Public
Hearing &
Final Action
Ordinance

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 126-248 ENTITLED “IMPROVEMENT GUARANTIES” OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SO AS TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL LAND USE LAW

This Ordinance will modify the Township’s Municipal Code to conform to current State legislation. Township Planner Scarlett Doyle has provided a consistency report from the Planning Board which determined the proposed ordinance is consistent with the master plan and master plan amendments.

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 Councilman Kurdyla, the public comment portion was closed.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the foregoing Ordinance 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

ORDINANCE [#18-01](#) WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#18-02-22-061](#) is appended to the official minutes

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AMENDING SECTIONS 99-6, 99-7A, 99-7C, 99-7D, 99-7E, 99-9, 99-9A, 99-9.1, 99-10B & 99-11E OF CHAPTER 99 ENTITLED “FIRE PREVENTION” OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, COUNTY OF SOMERSET AND STATE OF NEW

JERSEY SO AS TO MAKE SAME CONSISTENT WITH THE LATEST REVISIONS TO THE NEW JERSEY UNIFORM FIRE CODE AS IT RELATES TO REGISTRATION FEES, PERMIT FEES, CLARIFICATION OF THE PARTICULAR FIRE CODE SECTIONS TO BE UTILIZED AS WELL AS NEEDED CHANGES IN LANGUAGE NECESSARY TO UPDATE THE ORDINANCE

Township Administrator Naples stated that while State fees were increased by 29%, Karl McAleer, Fire Official recommended a 20% increase in order that our fees more accurately reflect the State fees and the cost incurred to provide these services. The fire official also compared the proposed fees to surrounding municipalities including Branchburg, Hillsborough and Franklin townships and they are comparable.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the meeting was opened to the public.

No one wished to be heard.

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

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

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

ORDINANCE [#18-02](#) WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#18-02-22-062](#) is appended to the official minutes

**Introduction
of
Ordinances**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER TO RENEW A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE MARTIN LUTHER KING YOUTH CENTER OF SOMERVILLE MANOR, INC. FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER BLOCK 515 LOT 4 (FORMERLY KNOWN AS BLOCK 4430 LOTS 532, 533 AND 542 THROUGH 548) KNOWN AS 1298 PRINCE RODGERS AVENUE FOR FIVE YEARS (FROM MARCH 1, 2018 TO FEBRUARY 28, 2023) AT AN ANNUAL RENTAL OF \$1.00 PER YEAR

On April 4, 1977, the Township Council adopted Ordinance No. 77-13 which authorized a ten year Lease Agreement with the Martin Luther King Youth

Center of Somerville Manor, Inc., a non-profit corporation, for real property in the Township of Bridgewater known as Lots 532, 533 and 542 through 548 in Block 4430, along with improvements thereon, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14 and 12-15. The Lease has been renewed several times by the Township with the present Lease expiring on February 28, 2018. The Martin Luther King Youth Center has requested an extension of the Lease.

Township Administrator Naples explained the Martin Luther King Youth Center continues to provide a community service from this location.

The following statement was amended:
Landscaping shall be upgraded by the Tenant after consultations with the Township Planner.

Amended as follows:
If landscaping is contemplated to be upgraded, the tenant shall consult with the Township planner

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Moench, the foregoing Ordinance 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 ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED

A copy of resolution [#18-02-22-063](#) is appended to the official minutes

Linda Doyle, Township Clerk read the following report:

BE IT RESOLVED that said pending ordinance be passed on first reading and advertised as required by statute fixing the 5th day of March, 2018, 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.

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.

Resolutions

THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AUTHORIZES AGREEMENT FOR THE SOMERSET COUNTY REGIONAL ANIMAL SHELTER (SRAS) FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$155,000.00

Councilman Moench stated in 2017, the shelter had the best year ever largely due to the volunteers, friends of the animal shelter, the Council and Council president Rose and was pleased to continue supporting the shelter.

On motion of Councilman Moench, seconded by 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 [#18-02-22-064](#) are appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE AGREEMENT TO QUALCARE, INC., MARCH 1, 2018, THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2019, FOR FIXED REINSURANCE COSTS NOT TO EXCEED \$468,276 AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS FOR 2018-2019 ESTIMATED TO BE \$191,229 PER YEAR

Township Administrator Naples explained administration is recommending a 1-year renewal with no increase in 3rd party cost but there is an increase in the reinsurance cost. Reinsurance covers individual claims in the excess of \$150K. This amount increased based on last year’s claims as we have had several individual cases that have exceeded the limit.

Jamie Rick, our risk manager was present. Mr. Naples thanked him for all the work he does not only in this renewal but throughout the year in following up claim concerns with our third party provider; his services are invaluable.

Councilman Moench asked whether we have looked into other providers to determine if Qualcare remains the best option for us. Township Administrator Naples explained when the Qualcare contract is up for renewal, we look at several things including what the cost of fully insured would be, comparison to State health benefits and Jamie looks at other self insured plans to see if the cost is comparable. Each year he provides that information to us and we determine whether or not to continue with Qualcare based on our claims and the service we receive. Councilman Moench requested a complete analysis at

the time of renewal next year.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by 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 [#18-02-22-065](#) are appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE 2018 REGIONAL CENTER PARTNERSHIP PEDESTRIAN SAFETY CHALLENGE GRANT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPGRADING CROSSING SIGNALS AT THE FOLLOWING FOUR TRAFFIC LIGHT LOCATIONS, COMMONS WAY/CROSSING BLVD., COMMONS WAY/PRINCE RODGERS RD., COMMONS WAY/FIFTH AVE. AND COMMONS WAY/GARRETSON RD. AND FOR INSTALLATION OF ADA COMPLIANT HANDICAP RAMPS AT THE INTERSECTION OF HANLON ROAD AND COMMONS WAY

Councilman Moench questioned whether these upgrades can be done at another location with more pedestrian traffic.

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by 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	Abstain
Council President Rose	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#18-02-22-066](#) are appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM HGAC BUY, A NATIONAL COOPERATIVE CONTRACTING ENTITY AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH NO COSTS ASSOCIATED FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING MARCH 1, 2018 UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2020

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by 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 [#18-02-22-067](#) are appended to the official minutes

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO PEIRCE-EAGLE EQUIPMENT CO. FOR THE PURCHASE OF RAUSCH MULTI-CONDUCTOR TV PIPE INSPECTION SYSTEM WITH LATERAL LAUNCH SYSTEM MOUNTED IN A 2018 DIESEL SPRINTER CHASSIS PURSUANT TO THE HOUSTON GALVESTON COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$292,067.00 FUNDED THROUGH THE 2017 SEWER CAPITAL BUDGET

Councilman Moench explored the possibility of purchasing refurbished equipment in order to minimize the cost. . It was noted maintaining refurbished equipment may not be cost effective. Councilman Kurdyla questioned whether this piece of equipment is used in surrounding municipalities as well. Township Administrator Naples stated it may not be used only in Bridgewater but it is almost exclusively used in Bridgewater and utilized on a daily basis.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by 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 [#18-02-22-068](#) are appended to the official minutes

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES TO LSRP CONSULTING, LLC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$48,650 FUNDED THROUGH THE 2017 SEWER CAPITAL BUDGET

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by 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 [#18-02-22-069](#) are appended to the official minutes

There being no questions concerning the following resolutions, Council President Rose called for a consent vote:

AUTHORIZING A REDUCTION IN THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FROM \$20,412.11 TO \$1,144.00 FOR VC ENTERPRISES, LLC (HUNTERDON MEDICAL) BLOCK 581, LOT 2, 1271 ROUTE 22 WEST, CONDOMINIUM #1

AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,303.20, WESTERN SURETY COMPANY BOND NO. 71243074, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63,272.88 AND CASH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,303.20, AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE SITE IMPROVEMENTS FOR HIND AND FORE (AMERICAN INVESTMENT REALTY ASSOCIATES), 452 ROUTE 28, BLOCK 184, LOT 5

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1/ FINAL CHANGE ORDER INCREASING THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT PRICE FROM \$182,309.39 TO \$186,457.56, WHICH IS AN INCREASE OF 2.28% OR \$4,148.17 FROM THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT, AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT, RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE, ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND, AND FINAL PAYMENT TO TOP LINE CONSTRUCTION CORP., FOR THE BWT-1 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - BRAEMER PLACE (ENTIRE LENGTH) AND VICTOR STREET (BYRD AVENUE TO HARDING STREET)- FUNDED THROUGH THE 2017 CAPITAL FUND

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1/FINAL CHANGE ORDER DECREASING THE CONTRACT PRICE FROM \$238,728.17 TO \$227,679.92 A DECREASE OF 4.63% OR (\$11,048.25), AND FINAL PAYMENT TO TOP LINE CONSTRUCTION CORP., AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT, RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND FOR THE HUNTER ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - FUNDED THROUGH THE 2017 CAPITAL FUND.

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1/FINAL CHANGE ORDER DECREASING THE PRICE FROM \$280,860.78 TO \$267,959.90 A DECREASE OF 4.59% OR (\$12,900.88), AND FINAL PAYMENT TO TOP LINE CONSTRUCTION CORP., AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT AND RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND AND ACCEPTANCE OF MAINTENANCE BOND FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO BROWN ROAD (ROUTE 202/206 TO TALL OAKS DRIVE) BY TOP LINE CONSTRUCTION CORP. FUNDED THROUGH THE 2016 CAPITAL PROJECT FUND

On motion of Councilman Moench, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, 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 [#18-02-22-070 thru #18-02-22-074](#) are appended to the official minutes

Adjourn

On the motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Pedroso, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:10pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk