

MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MARCH 5, 2018 COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in a regular session on Monday, March 5, 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: Daniel J. Hayes, Mayor
James T. Naples, Township Administrator
William B. Savo, Township Attorney
Linda J. Doyle, Township Clerk

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

Minutes

FEBRUARY 22, 2018 - REGULAR SESSION

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Moench, the February 22, 2018 regular session minutes were moved for approval and passed unanimously on a voice call vote.

Council Reports

Councilman Kurdyla:

- Attended a meeting with Pfizer and the Township regarding status with the superfund/American Cyanamid site which addressed proposed changes concerning the process to address benzene issues.
- An open space meeting with the Foothill road group was previously scheduled then rescheduled and is coming up in a few days.
- Councilman Kurdyla attended an Open Space meeting with the Planning

Board last week.

Council Vice President Moench

- Attended the Literacy Volunteers Spelling Bee fundraiser last weekend.
- Attended a fundraiser for the American Legion Auxiliary.
- Will be attending the Library Advisory board meeting tomorrow night.
- Will also be attending the 'Commission On The Status Of Women' dinner where his wife Stephanie Moench is one of the honorees.
- As talks about legalizing marijuana are underway, Councilman Moench stated he looks forward, as previously requested, to a report from the Township attorney about what options we have as far as protecting the residents from the effects of legalized marijuana.

Councilman Norgalis

- Councilman Norgalis advised that one of our very own residents, Lady Elisabeth McConville has a very storied position. She is Lady Commander in The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, also called Order of the Holy Sepulchre. This is a Roman Catholic order of knighthood under the protection of the Holy See. Lady Elisabeth received the Courier News Star Award for her work with the Bridgewater Police Crisis Intervention Team. She has been here in the audience when animal shelter issues were discussed. On a personal note, Councilman Norgalis stated he and Ms. McConville grew up two blocks apart in Elmhurst Queens. Many will also know her as Doris Duke's personal secretary.
- Councilman Norgalis, along with Councilman Moench, attended the Employer Legislative Committee (ELC) meeting where the featured speaker was from the New Jersey Business & Industry Association. She provided information about the state of the economy and where the new governor will take the state. For a bit of trivia, it was noted the NJBIA was founded as the New Jersey Manufacturers Insurance Co, a group of manufacturers sharing ideas about workplace safety.
- Participated in the JCP&L 1pm Saturday conference call for Elected Officials dealing with storm status. As of that time, JCP&L had 132,000 customers out of service mainly in Warren, Sussex, Morris and Hunterdon Counties. JCP&L projected that work will continue throughout the weekend with over 1500 additional borrowed employees. The special telephone given out for Elected Officials in case they cannot reach their area manager is 855-878-3088 for the Morristown Center. By 6am Sunday morning, the outage was

102,000 and dropped to 69,000 later in the afternoon. Two biggest problems were trees taking down wires and in many instances, old poles that could not take the wind stress.

- On Monday, the Planning Board approved a major development involving two homes on Crim Rd and a new home literally in their back yard facing Brookdale Dr.

Councilman Pedroso

- Questioned whether the governing body has any authorization to establish committees for the purpose of preserving history. Township Attorney Savo responded affirmatively. Councilman Pedroso suggested that the Council explore the possibility of establishing a historical preservation committee in order for Bridgewater to preserve its history and so that residents can have a place to donate historical artifacts. Councilman Pedroso stated he is in the process of scheduling a meeting with Bob Vaucher, a long time Bridgewater resident who is now 100-years old. His intent is to meet with him, videotape an interview which he can then donate for historical purposes.

Council President Rose

- Nothing new to report

Mayor's Reports

Mayor Hayes had nothing new to report.

Public Comment

On motion of Councilman Moench, 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.

No one wished to be heard.

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

Closed Session

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bridgewater Township Council that this body will now hold a closed meeting to discuss personnel.

When and if the matters discussed become public record, this will be made known to the public at that time.

The public is excluded from said meeting and further notice thereof is dispensed with all in accordance with Sections 8 and 4a of the Open Public Meetings Act.

On the motion of Councilman Moench, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, Council convened in closed session at approximately 7:50 p.m.

A copy of resolution [#18-03-05-075](#) is appended to the official minutes.

On the motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilman Pedroso, the meeting reconvened to open session at 8:50 p.m.

**Public
Comment**

On motion of Councilman Moench, 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.

Boy Scout Ratesh from Troupe 88 was present for his Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge.

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

**Public
Hearing &
Final Action
Ordinances**

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)

On motion of Councilman Moench, 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 Moench, 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 #18-04 WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#18-03-05-076](#) is appended to the official minutes

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

No one wished to be heard.

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

On motion of Councilman Moench, 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 #18-03 WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#18-03-05-077](#) is appended to the official minutes

Resolutions

AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS FOR APPROPRIATION RESERVE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$385,100.00

Councilman Moench made motion to table this resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pedroso and carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE 2017 HIGHWAY SAFETY FUND (SAFE CORRIDORS GRANT) IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$46,014.48 FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) FULLY EQUIPPED, MARKED BLACK & WHITE 2017 FORD INTERCEPTOR SEDAN AWD POLICE VEHICLE AND ONE (1) LAPTOP COMPUTER WITH CASE

NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2018 SOMERSET COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT BY THE FOLLOWING NONPROFITS WITH INTENDED PROJECTS WITHIN BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP: COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES (CASA) OF SOMERSET, HUNTERDON, AND WARREN COUNTIES, VISIONS AND PATHWAYS, MIDDLE EARTH, THE PEOPLECARE CENTER AND INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

WAIVER OF FIRE PERMIT FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50.00 FOR BRIDGEWATER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH LOCATED AT 651 COUNTRY CLUB ROAD TO USE THEIR FIRE PIT FOR THE PURPOSE OF HOLDING AN EASTER SUNRISE OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE ON APRIL 1, 2018

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 [#18-03-05-078 thru #18-03-05-080](#) are appended to the official minutes

Adjourn

On the motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Pedroso, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:58pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk