

MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MAY 17, 2018 COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in a work session on Thursday, May 17, 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: Natasha Turchan, Director of Finance
 William B. Savo, Township Attorney
 Linda J. Doyle, Township Clerk

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

Minutes

APRIL 2, 2018 - REGULAR SESSION
APRIL 16, 2018 - REGULAR SESSION
APRIL 16, 2018 - CLOSED SESSION

These minutes will be considered for approval on Monday, May 21, 2018 during the regular session.

Council Reports

Councilman Kurdyla:

- Stated he will not be in attendance at Monday's Council meeting due to a family commitment.

Council Vice President Moench

- He will be hosting the second annual Police, EMS & Firefighter breakfast at the Senior Center from 9:30am to 11:30am on Sunday, May 20. The

State has designated this 3rd Sunday in May as Police, EMS & Firefighter Appreciation Day. Breakfast will be provided by Danny's Bagelicious of Raritan and everyone was invited to attend.

Council President Rose offered the remainder of the Council reports will be presented during the regular session on Monday, May 21, 2018.

**Mayor's
Reports**

Mr. Naples had no report.

**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.

AJ Roshi, 1067 Buxton Road was present. He explained that his family moved from Bergen County about a year and a half ago. The property he purchased had been vacant for many years and it was apparent the backyard needed work. After buying this property, he took down a lot of dead trees and approximately 7-8 truckloads of leaves that had fallen throughout the years. In doing so, he realized the land was bare and there are a lot of water problems. He added his property is at the bottom of the hill & the last corner house.

Soon after buying this property, he also realized water was coming from a neighbor who is approximately 6-ft above his grade level and has a sump pump whose discharge is directed right at his property. Mr. Roshi stated he has tried numerous times to resolve this situation with his neighbor who is unwilling to cooperate. After speaking to the Township Engineer, Mr. Roshi was advised the neighbor was sent a letter in an attempt to mitigate the situation but remains unwilling to cooperate. Mr. Roshi stated his family has been unable to enjoy the backyard which is wet year round and is now infested with mosquitoes. He asked that the Council adopt an Ordinance that would help resolve this situation. Council advised Mr. Roshi that the Township Attorney will investigate this situation to determine best way moving forward and get back to him.

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

**Public
Hearing &
Final Action
Ordinances**

Council President Rose offered these ordinances were discussed during introduction on May 7, 2018 and asked if there were any more comments. Councilman Kurdyla stated that although he will be absent at Monday's meeting, he is in support of these Ordinances. Councilman Norgalis stated he is also in

support. Councilman Moench & Councilman Pedroso stated they are still reviewing the Ordinances and are uncertain at this point whether or not they will or will not be supporting the Ordinances.

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$5,682,925 FOR VARIOUS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,398,779 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$547,000 FOR VARIOUS ACQUISITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS AND POLICE DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING ACQUISITION OF AN EXCAVATOR, EXPANSION OF CHIMNEY ROCK PARK PARKING LOT, UPGRADES TO PARK SIGNS AND TRAFFIC LIGHTS, ACQUISITION OF A FORK LIFT AND POLICE TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES INCLUDING SERVERS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$519,650 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FUNDING FOR VARIOUS SEWER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AND APPROPRIATING \$1,058,300 FOR SUCH PURPOSE.

Resolutions

Council President Rose asked whether Council had any comments concerning the resolutions listed below. There were no further questions.

CORRECTION OF THE AMOUNT AUTHORIZED FOR APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT TO \$63,400 INCREASING AN ADDITIONAL \$1240.00 FOR THE 2017 AUDIT TO SUPLEE CLOONEY & COMPANY, 308 EAST BROAD STREET, WESTFIELD, NJ 07090-2122

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING/SURVEYING SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE BWT-4 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (ENGLISH COURT, GRAYBAR DRIVE, AND SEVILLE COURT) TO KELLER & KIRKPATRICK, INC., (301 GIBRALTAR DRIVE, SUITE 2A, MORRIS PLAINS, NJ 07950) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,700.00 FUNDED THROUGH THE 2017 CAPITAL FUND

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING / SURVEYING / INSPECTION SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE BWT-5 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: HARDING ROAD (ROUTE 202/206 TO VICTOR STREET) AND BYRD AVENUE (ROUTE 202/206 TO A POINT 175 FEET WEST OF WILLIAM STREET) TO HALS ENGINEERING COMPANY, P.C., (9 POST ROAD, SUITE M11, OAKLAND,

NJ 07436) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,300.00 FUNDED THROUGH THE 2017 CAPITAL BOND

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING/SURVEYING SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE GARRETSON ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - SECTION V (DOWNEY ROAD TO WESTERN BRHS DRIVEWAY) TO THE REYNOLDS GROUP, INC., (575 ROUTE 28, SUITE 110, RARITAN, NJ 08869) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$84,800.00 FUNDED THROUGH THE 2017 CAPITAL BOND

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING/SURVEYING/ INSPECTION SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE GARRETSON ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - SECTON VI (EASTON TURNPIKE TO HILL LANE) TO KELLER & KIRKPATRICK, INC., (301 GIBRALTAR DRIVE, SUITE 2A, MORRIS PLAINS, NJ 07950) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$71,600.00 FUNDED THROUGH THE 2017 CAPITAL FUND

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING/SURVEYING/ INSPECTION SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE MORGAN LANE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (ENTIRE LENGTH) TO VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, LLC (32 BROWER LANE, PO BOX 5877, HILLSBOROUGH, NJ 08844) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,900.00, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2017 CAPITAL BOND

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING/SURVEYING/ INSPECTION SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE MOUNTAINSIDE LANE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (ENTIRE LENGTH) TO VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, LLC (32 BROWER LANE, PO BOX 5877, HILLSBOROUGH, NJ 08844) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,150.00, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2017 CAPITAL BOND

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING/SURVEYING SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE STANGLE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (ENTIRE LENGTH) TO THE REYNOLDS GROUP, INC., (575 ROUTE 28, SUITE 110, RARITAN, NJ 08869) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,400.00 FUNDED THROUGH THE 2017 CAPITAL BOND

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING/SURVEYING/ INSPECTION SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE WOODLAND TERRACE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (ENTIRE LENGTH) TO VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, LLC (32 BROWER LANE, PO BOX 5877, HILLSBOROUGH, NJ 08844) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$57,500.00, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2017 CAPITAL BOND

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING / SURVEYING / INSPECTION SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE ELM DRIVE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (ENTIRE LENGTH) TO HALS ENGINEERING COMPANY, P.C., (9 POST ROAD, SUITE M11, OAKLAND, NJ 07436) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$53,200.00 FUNDED THROUGH THE 2017 CAPITAL BOND

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF FIRE PERMIT FEES IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$60.00 FOR MATHENY SCHOOL TO SELL ART AND MERCHANDISE MADE BY THOSE WITH DISABILITIES FOR ONE MONTH USE AT A KIOSK AT THE BRIDGEWATER COMMONS MALL FROM MAY 1 THROUGH MAY 31, 2018

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF FIRE PERMIT FEES IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$60.00 FOR SOMERSET COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION FOR A BBQ BEING HELD AT THE HARRY ALLY MEMORIAL PARK, FINDERNE AVENUE ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2018 WITH A RAIN DATE ON MAY 18TH BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10 AM TO 1 PM

MEMORIALIZING FIREWORK DISPLAYS AT SOMERSET PATRIOTS STADIUM ON FRIDAY, APRIL 27 (RAIN DATE 4-28), FRIDAY, MAY 11 (RAIN DATE 5-12), SATURDAY, MAY 19 (RAIN DATE 5-18) AND AUTHORIZING SATURDAY, JUNE 2 (RAIN DATE 6-5) FRIDAY, JUNE 15 (RAIN DATE 6-14) SATURDAY, JUNE 16 (RAIN DATE 6-22), AND SATURDAY, JUNE 23 (RAIN DATE 6-27)

It was noted that the following resolutions require action today. Council was concerned that brush pick-up took a longer time to complete than had been promised to the residents. There was also concern that the cost continues to go up. Natasha Turchan, Director of Finance explained that brush pick-up began immediately after the storm. However, it was apparent soon thereafter that Public Works will not be able to perform this task due to the volume of brush. When contractors were first solicited, their cost was astronomical. Administration had to bid for the project which took a long time due to the bidding process and state regulations.

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO K&J TREE SERVICE, LLC FOR THE CURBSIDE BRUSH COLLECTION PROGRAM - 2018 (ZONE 2 & 4) INCREASING THE CONTRACT PRICE BY AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$84,000 FROM AN ORIGINAL APPROVED CONTRACT PRICE OF \$36,000 FUNDED THROUGH JUNE 7, 2018 FROM THE SNOW REMOVAL TRUST FUND

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO RICH TREE SERVICE, INC. FOR THE CURBSIDE BRUSH COLLECTION PROGRAM - 2018 (ZONE 2, 4 & 6) INCREASING THE CONTRACT PRICE BY AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$105,000 FROM AN ORIGINAL APPROVED CONTRACT PRICE OF \$45,000 FUNDED THROUGH JUNE

7, 2018 FROM THE SNOW REMOVAL TRUST FUND

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, 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 [#18-05-17-131 thru #18-05-17-132](#) are appended to the official minutes

**Motion to Set
Agenda**

On motion of Councilman Moench, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the agenda was set for the May 21, 2018 Township Council regular meeting.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Christine Henderson Rose
Council President