

**MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**  
**MAY 21, 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, May 21, 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      (arrived at 7:37pm)  
Council Vice President Matthew C. Moench  
Council President Christine Henderson Rose

Also Present:      James T. Naples, Township Administrator  
                          Natasha Turchan, Director of Finance  
                          Christopher Corsini, Township Attorney  
                          Linda J. Doyle, Township Clerk

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

**Minutes**

**MAY 7, 2018 - REGULAR SESSION**

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Moench, the May 7, 2018 regular session minutes were moved for approval and passed unanimously on a voice call vote.

**Council Reports**

Council Vice President Moench

- Attended a presentation at Hunterdon Hospital last Friday. This was an outreach for elected officials where they provided an overview of their healthcare facilities and the services that they offer.
- Hosted a second annual Firefighter, EMS and Police appreciation breakfast. There were representatives from almost every first aid and rescue squad & fire department in Bridgewater along with some members

of the Police department. It was a very successful informal event with breakfast being provided by Danny's Bagelicious of Raritan.

- Attended Bradley Gardens Rescue Squad open house on Saturday

#### Councilman Norgalis

- The Planning board approved two applications, one for Tap 22 eatery and the other for a hamburger and ice cream shop for Char.
- The Eden Woods Weyerhaeuser building demolition is proceeding at the remediation phase.
- The Center for Excellence Project (Formerly SANOFI) has been totally reworked and resubmitted to the Planning Board after the original plan was withdrawn. Contrary to the plan approved by the Council, the revised plan has all residential on the Northern side of the property and all commercial on the Southern side.
- The 200 Club of Somerset County held its Annual Valor and Scholarship Awards Luncheon to honor several police officers and to confer scholarships.
- Attended the Bridgewater Republican Fund raiser held at the Chimney Rock Inn.
- Attended the 26th Annual Millicent Fenwick Award Dinner to honor Bernards Committeewoman Carol Bianchi. The event was held at the Bridgewater Manor.
- Received a copy of the letter from Carolann Garafola, Chair of the Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority, to Assemblyman John DiMaio, seeking his help in getting state approval for the supplemental sewerage treatment plant off Dutch Lane in Bridgewater. There is apparently some pending Green Acres issue.
- The JCP&L conference call for elected officials held on May 16th at 4pm revealed that at the height of the Wednesday storm they had 65,000 customers out of service mostly in Morris, Passaic, Sussex and Warren. Bridgewater fared well compared to them.
- Attended the Police, Firefighter and First Aid members Appreciation Breakfast sponsored by Councilman Moench. It was a very nice tribute, and well attended, to our uniformed services both paid and volunteer.

#### Council President Rose

- Attended the governing officials meeting held in Watchung. There was a very interesting discussion about school safety and hopes to have more information on what we can do in Bridgewater that is as a result of attending that meeting.
- Attended a Board of Social Services meeting in Somerville. The west central district Elks partnered with Dare NJ and did a second annual walk-out on drugs at the Ball Park.

- Attended the 26th Annual Millicent Fenwick Award Dinner where Bernards Committeewoman Carol Bianchi was being honored

## Mayor's Reports

Township Administrator Naples reported on behalf of Mayor Hayes concerning the Camp Cromwell Steering Committee which has reported that they separated into three sub-committees as follows:

1. Full Camp sub-committee
2. Active and Passive recreation sub-committee
3. Buildings and Grounds sub-committee

These sub-committees have provided the Mayor with their input and in turn the Mayor has charged staff with putting some viable numbers together in order to bring same to the governing body for their input and approval to move forward.

Township Administrator Naples explained that when this property was acquired, Council requested that administration come up with ideas that made financial sense. Administration is putting numbers to those ideas now to see what works and will soon be before Council to present those thoughts.

## Presentation

### **PARK BOARD**

Allen Papp, a thirty-year resident of Bridgewater and member & chairman of the Park Board was present to conduct the presentation. He stated that signage plays a large part in a person's perception and as such the Park Board has come to a unanimous conclusion that it is time for a fresh-new look as the existing signage is dated & contains no information about the parks' features. It was noted that the Park Board has been meeting for a year to discuss this matter.

Mr. Papp explained that with the proposed signage, residents, prospective residents and visitors will be greeted with fresh new signage that communicates Bridgewater as the place to live, work and play. In addition, the website will be updated to include information on the different features of Bridgewater Parks. Although the work to put this proposal together was done pro-bono, the signage for the 20-parks will require \$70K which the Park Board respectfully requested the governing body to approve.

Council expressed appreciation for the volunteer time the Park Board has put into this project.

## 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.

Boy Scout of 45 Francis Drive from Troupe 90 was present for his citizenship community badge.

Ray Daniel, 1168 Delaware Drive in Bridgewater was present. He stated that Delaware Drive is an 18-home cul-de-sac whose street paving is in bad shape. The entrance into Delaware Drive from Crim Road is a bus stop. In the winter, this area is icy due to water collection. Township Administrator Naples stated he will share this information with the Township Engineer who will look at the grading and determine best way moving forward.

Mr. Daniel also stated that the Redwood Inn property's signage is in disrepair and needs to be removed. Township Administrator Naples stated the Township Attorney has been working on the Red Wood Inn property and will soon be bringing that discussion to the governing body to formally subdivide the property and put it out to bid. The new owner will come in & clean it up in order to develop the property as a residential property.

Sarah Scott, 1160 Delaware Drive was present. She stated the specific concern that parents have concerning the corner of Delaware Drive and Crim Road is that their children hang out here as they wait for the bus and when the water pulls in the winter, it freezes and if cars slip on that ice, they will drive right into the children that are waiting for the school bus.

Sam Scott, 1160 Delaware Drive was present. He emphasized the need to repair this area because oncoming traffic in an attempt to avoid the bumps are likely to run into the children that are waiting for the school bus. Mr. Scott was advised the Township Engineer will investigate this concern and get back to the neighbors.

Hiral Patel, 1147 Delaware Drive. He echoed his neighbor's comments and added the entire road needs to be repaired. He stated that his wife fell on a pothole while jogging and sprained her ankle so bad that she has been going through physical therapy and may have to go for surgery.

Boy Scout Ratesh of 7 Villa Drive from Troupe 88 was present for his communications merit badge.

Chris Casini of Tullo Road in Bridgewater was present. He stated he has been on the Park Board for a number of years and they have put a lot of effort in rebranding the signage on the parks. He asked that the Council consider approving the proposed update. He added that in Hudson County, his son, once he determines what activity he would like to take part in can then go on the township website to see which park is best suited for the activity he desires to

engage in. Mr. Casini stated the rebranding will allow us to attract a lot of millennials.

Jim Klein, 1175 Delaware Drive was present. He asked when the roads are picked to be paved. He was advised that this process begins in the fall. Mr. Klein requested that Delaware Drive be reviewed and approved for improvement.

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

**Public  
Hearing &  
Final Action  
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**

Natasha Turchan, Director of Finance was present to field questions from the governing body.

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

It was confirmed that the roads proposed for improvement include but are not limited to English Court, Graybar Drive, Seville Court, Dellwood Road, Elm Drive, Harding Road, Country Club Road, Talamini Road, Mountainside Lane, Garretson Road, Morgan Lane, Woodland Terrace, Newmans Lane, Brookside Road, Walter Brook, Adamsville Road, Foothill Road, Brown Road, Vanderveer Road, Meadow Road, Commons Way, Thruway Drive, Vosseller Avenue.

Councilman Moench expressed concern that Council has not been provided the documentation showing how the roads selected to be improved were chosen.

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

Councilman Kurdyla	Absent
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Aye

Council Vice-President Moench                   Aye  
Council President Rose                            Aye

**THE ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED**

A copy of resolution [#18-05-21-146](#) is appended to the official minutes

**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**

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 Councilwoman Rose, the public comment portion was closed.

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

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

**THE ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED**

A copy of resolution [#18-05-21-147](#) is appended to the official minutes

Councilman Moench and Councilman Pedroso stated they will consider approving a revised Ordinance that does not include upgrades to the parks.

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FUNDING FOR VARIOUS SEWER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AND APPROPRIATING \$1,745,500 FOR SUCH PURPOSE.**

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

Township Administrator Naples explained these monies will allow for the reconstruction of Old Farm Road as well as provide sewer service underneath this road where there is none now.

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

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

**THE ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED**

A copy of resolution [#18-05-21-148](#) is appended to the official minutes

**Resolutions**

**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**

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 [#18-05-21-133](#) is appended to the official minutes

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

**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**

On motion of Councilman Moench, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the foregoing resolutions were proposed. The vote was as follows:

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

**THE RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED.**

Copies of resolutions [#18-05-21-134 thru #18-05-21-142](#) are appended to the official minutes

**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 18<sup>TH</sup> 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)**

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Moench, the foregoing resolutions were proposed. The vote was as follows:

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

**THE RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED.**

Copies of resolutions [#18-05-21-143 thru #18-05-21-145](#) are appended to the official minutes

On the motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Moench, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

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Christine Henderson Rose  
Council President