

MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 27, 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, September 27, 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 - Absent
Howard Norgalis
Filipe Pedroso
Council Vice President Matthew C. Moench
Council President Christine Henderson Rose

Also Present: James T. Naples, Township Administrator
 William Savo, Township Attorney
 Linda J. Doyle, Township Clerk

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

Minutes

Council President Rose noted the minutes for September 17, 2018 will be considered for approval on Monday, October 1, 2018 during the regular session.

Council Reports

Council President Rose offered council reports will be presented during the regular session on October 1, 2018.

Mayor's Reports

Mr. Naples had no report.

Discussion

Council President Rose reported there will a presentation on Camp Cromwell during the regular session on Monday, October 1, 2018.

**Public
Comment**

On motion of Councilman Pedroso, 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.

No one wished to be heard.

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

**Public
Hearing &
Final Action
Ordinances**

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 19 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER ENTITLED "HISTORIC PRESERVATION" FOR THE PURPOSES OF CREATING THE OFFICE OF TOWNSHIP HISTORIAN AND A LOCAL HISTORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4 "ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION", ARTICLE XIV ENTITLED "DEPARTMENT OF POLICE", SECTION 4-84 D, (COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION OF THE POLICE FORCE) MODIFYING THE NUMBER OF POLICE OFFICERS TO ALLOW EMPLOYMENT OF THREE CLASS III SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 40A:14-146.10

Council had reviewed these ordinances during the September 17, 2018, regular session and noted there were no additional comments. Council President Rose stated the public hearing and final action will be heard on Monday, October 1, 2018.

**Ordinances
for
Introduction**

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 18 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER ENTITLED "CREATIVE ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE" FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE SUPPORT AND ADVANCEMENT OF THE CREATIVE ARTS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER

Council had no questions regarding the foregoing ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 21 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER ENTITLED "BRIDGEWATER-RARITAN YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION"

Council President Rose advised the foregoing ordinance will be removed from the agenda for Monday, October 1, 2018 pending further review by legal.

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 22 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER ENTITLED “BRIDGEWATER-RARITAN MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE”

Council had no questions regarding the foregoing ordinance.

Resolutions

Council President Rose asked whether Council had any comments on the resolutions listed below.

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A POLICE SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THREE CLASS III OFFICERS FOR SCHOOL SAFETY WITH BRIDGEWATER RARITAN BOARD OF EDUCATION (“BOARD”) WITH ALL COSTS OF THE THREE CLASS III OFFICERS TO BE PAID BY THE BOARD

Councilman Norgalis requested additional language be added to the resolution under the fifth paragraph to read:

WHEREAS, the Board shall reimburse the Township for all costs associated with the hiring of three additional Class III Officers, including start up equipment costs and recurring charges [as well as any cost of litigation, including reasonable attorney fees and any damages resulting from any claims against the Class III Officers arising from the services provided to the Bridgewater school system pursuant to this Agreement.](#)

Mr. Naples stated he would pass this information regarding insurance coverage to the Board of Education and get back to Council on Monday.

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UNDER THEIR 2019 BIKEWAYS PROGRAM FOR THE CAMP CROMWELL BIKE PATH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$279,565

Councilman Moench commented he is not opposed to submitting a grant especially with no matching funds but he does not understand the Camp Cromwell plan as a whole and the overall use of the bikeway.

Mr. Naples stated the presentation on Monday will provide Council with maps and an overview on this project.

REJECTING BIDS FOR THE ROAD PROJECT KNOWN AS WOODLAND TERRACE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO TOP LINE CONSTRUCTION CORP. (22 FIFTH STREET,

SOMERVILLE, NJ 08876) FOR THE BWT-4 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (ENGLISH COURT, GRAYBAR DRIVE, AND SEVILLE COURT), IN THE SUM OF \$410,318.50, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2018 CAPITAL FUND

Council had no questions regarding the foregoing resolution.

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AND EXETER 700 ROUTE 202/206, LLC FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW BUILDING AT BLOCK 549, LOT 17, LOCATED AT 700 ROUTE 202/206

Council had no questions regarding the foregoing resolution.

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING/SURVEYING SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE I-287 EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS FROM COUNTRY CLUB ROAD ONTO I-78 RAMP TO THE REYNOLDS GROUP, INC., (575 ROUTE 28, SUITE 110, RARITAN, NJ 08869) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$59,200.00 FUNDED THROUGH THE 2012 CAPITAL BOND

Councilman Norgalis raised some concern with this resolution as to whether Bridgewater could spend Bridgewater capital money in the amount of \$59,200 in Bedminster.

Mr. Savo recommended the bond counsel be consulted to be sure these expenses can be funded through capital monies.

Mr. Naples stated he will reach out to the bond counsel for clarification. He noted before the meeting the Township reached out to Bedminster who approves the emergency ramp providing access to be constructed in their town.

Councilman Norgalis questioned Mr. Naples stating since this is at the bequest of Green Knoll Fire District 3 who is a taxing agency are they willing to share any of the funding being the ramps are being constructed for them to have access to I-287?

Councilman Moench supports the concept of the access but wants to ensure we are not footing the bill from the Fire District. Councilman Moench asked Mr. Naples to have Natasha Turchan, CFO prepare an update report on the bonds in surplus.

Councilman Norgalis requested this item be removed from the agenda for Monday to gain more finite answers from the Fire District and what the Federal Highway position will be.

Council was in consensus to remove this item from the October 1, 2018 agenda.

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1/FINAL CHANGE ORDER DECREASING THE PRICE FROM \$272,629.66 TO \$224,756.99 A DECREASE OF 17.56% OR (\$47,872.67), 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 THE ADAMSVILLE ROAD (ROUTE 22 TO UNION AVENUE/ROUTE 28) AND SUNNYSIDE TERRACE BY TOP LINE CONSTRUCTION CORP. (22 FIFTH STREET, SOMERVILLE, NJ 08876), FUNDED THROUGH THE 2017 CAPITAL FUND

Council had no questions regarding the foregoing resolution.

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO.1/FINAL CHANGE ORDER DECREASING THE CONTRACT PRICE FROM \$273,087.30 TO \$268,685.88 A DECREASE OF 1.61% OR (\$4,401.42), AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT, RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND, ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND, AND FINAL PAYMENT TO REIVAX CONTRACTING CORP. (356 THOMAS STREET, NEWARK, NJ 07114), FOR THE BWT-3 DOW ROAD (COUNTRY CLUB TO MADISON AVENUE) AND ROOSEVELT STREET EAST (COUNTRY CLUB ROAD TO EASTERLY END) IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2017 CAPITAL FUND

Council had no questions regarding the foregoing resolution.

Council President Rose requested a resolution be added to the October 1, 2018 Agenda for the appointment of two members to the Creative Arts Committee. She will send the clerk the names and resumes' to prepare.

Motion to Set Agenda

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Pedroso, the agenda was set for the October 1, 2018 Township Council regular meeting.

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 Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Moench, Council convened in a closed session at approximately 7:48 p.m.

A copy of resolution [#18-09-27-255](#) is appended to the official minutes.

On the motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:55 p.m. and adjourned immediately thereafter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Christine Henderson-Rose
Council President