

**MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
JANUARY 3, 20189 COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

REORGANIZATION MEETING

The Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in a regular session and reorganization meeting on Monday, January 3, 2019, at 7:00 p. m., in the Municipal Complex Courtroom located at 100 Commons Way, Bridgewater, New Jersey.

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 first provided on December 6, 2018 by sending written and electronic notice to the Courier News and The Star Ledger and via email to The Breeze; posting on the website, bulletin board in the Municipal Building and filing with the Township Clerk.

On call of the roll the following Council members were present:

Matthew C. Moench
Howard V. Norgalis
Filipe Pedroso
Christine Henderson Rose
Allen F. Kurdyla

Also Present:

Daniel J. Hayes Jr., Mayor
James Naples, Township Administrator
William B. Savo, Township Attorney
Linda J. Doyle, Township Clerk
Grace Njuguna, Deputy Township Clerk
Krista Gaffney, Secretary to the Clerk

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

Invocation

The invocation was presented by Pastor David Hobbs, Macedonia Baptist Church

Recognition

Council President Rose recognized the local dignitaries in the audience including
Senator Michael Doherty
Freeholder Brian G. Gallagher
County Counsel William Cooper
Donald Sweeney, Board of Adjustment Chairman
Police Chief Al Nicaretta
William Kelleher, Bridgewater Court Judge

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CHRISTINE HENDERSON ROSE OUTGOING ADDRESS

The statement is attached to the official minutes. (Schedule A)

**Selection of
Council
President**

SELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Councilman Pedroso made motion to nominate Councilman Mathew Moench for Council President for the 2019 year. Councilman Norgalis seconded the motion which carried on a unanimous voice call vote.

**Selection of
Council Vice-
President**

SELECTION OF COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

Council President Moench nominated Councilman Norgalis to serve as Council Vice-President for the year 2019. Councilman Pedroso seconded the motion which carried on a unanimous voice call vote

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATTHEW MOENCH’S MESSAGE

The message is attached to the official minutes. (Schedule B)

MAYOR DANIEL J. HAYES, JR. INAUGURAL STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP ADDRESS

The address is attached to the official minutes. (Schedule C)

Council President Moench read the following appointments:

**Mayors
Appointments
with Advice
and Consent**

APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER - ROSE WITT

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, second of Councilman Norgalis, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#19-01-03-001](#) is appended to the official minutes.

AUTHORIZING/APPROVING THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR WILLIAM B. SAVO, ESQ. AND THE LAW FIRM OF SAVO, SCHALK, GILLESPIE, O’GRODNICK & FISHER, P.A., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$460,000 FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2019 TO DECEMBER 31, 2019

On motion of Councilman Pedroso, second of Councilwoman Rose, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#19-01-03-002](#) is appended to the official minutes.

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF SCARLETT DOYLE TOWNSHIP PLANNER AND AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2019

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, second of Councilman Kurdyla, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#19-01-03-003](#) is appended to the official minutes.

APPOINTMENT OF FLORIO PERRUCCI STEINHARDT & CAPPELLI LLC AS TOWNSHIP LABOR ATTORNEY AND TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY AND AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$115,000

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second of Councilwoman Rose, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#19-01-03-004](#) is appended to the official minutes.

APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM T. KELLEHER, JR. AS CHIEF MUNICIPAL JUDGE

On motion of Council President Moench, second of Councilman Pedroso, the foregoing resolution was tabled. The vote was as follows:

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

The resolution was tabled.

APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC DEFENDER SCOTT C. MITZNER

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, second of Councilman Norgalis, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#19-01-03-005](#) is appended to the official minutes.

Council President Moench read the Mayor’s Appointments without Advice and Consent as follows:

**Mayors
Appointments
without
Advice and
Consent**

APPOINTMENTS TO THE LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

- Daniel J. Hayes
- James T. Naples
- Al Nicaretta
- Bob Robitzski
- Dr. Gina Villani
- Dr. Lawrence Livornese
- Howard Turbowitz
- Karl McAleer
- Kristen Schiro
- Robert Hanlon
- Robert Szkodny
- Roy Dane
- Stephen Rodzinak
- Thomas Forsythe

APPOINTMENT TO THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Gregory O’Neil, Recreation Board Representative

APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS

- Class II - Stephen Rodzinak
- Class IV - Ron Charles
- Class IV - Patricia Casamento (Environmental Representative)
- Class IV (Alt #1) - Urvin Pandya

APPOINTMENT OF RISK MANAGER

- James Rick

APPOINTMENTS TO THE 2019 SOMERSET COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONSORTIUM

- James T. Naples
- Natasha Turchan
- Allen Kurdyla
- Howard Norgalis (alternate)

RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE SOMERSET COUNTY CULTURAL AND HERITAGE COMMISSION

- Herb Patullo

APPOINTMENT TO THE SOMERSET COUNTY JOINT INSURANCE FUND

- Lisa Caravela - Alternate Commissioner

APPOINTMENT TO THE SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- David Battaglia

Council President Moench read the Mayor's Appointments with advice and Consent as follows:

**Mayors
Appointments
with Advice
and Consent
Boards &
Committees**

APPOINTMENTS TO THE BRIDGEWATER - RARITAN YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION

- Daniel J. Hayes
- Brooke Herbst
- Cara Hayes
- Jan Sopko
- Jodi Schneider
- Kristen Schiro
- Lynne Hurley
- Russell Yarnell
- Shawn White

APPOINTMENTS TO CREATIVE ARTS COMMITTEE

- Adam Perle

- Anne Van Druff
- Caitlin Annese
- Christina Petrilli
- Erin Elizabeth Rose
- Kristen Rath-Velasco
- Neha Limaye
- Stephanie Moench

APPOINTMENTS TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- Doris Zampella
- Stephen Koehler

APPOINTMENTS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

- Aimee Alonzo
- Alexander Mycio
- Linda Sikora
- Patricia Casamento

APPOINTMENTS TO THE GREEN BROOK FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION

- Thomas Forsythe
- Filipe Pedroso
- Matthew Moench (alternate)

APPOINTMENT TO THE HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD

- Stephanie Black

APPOINTMENTS TO THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

- Amy Leventhal
- Mei Rehman

APPOINTMENTS TO THE LOCAL ASSISTANCE BOARD

- Catherine Haller-France

APPOINTMENTS TO THE PARK BOARD

- Allan R. Papp
- Chris Ireland
- Christopher Casini
- Elizabeth Savnik

APPOINTMENTS TO THE RARITAN AND MILLSTONE FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION

- David Battaglia

- Thomas Forsythe (alternate)
- Christine Henderson-Rose
- Matthew C. Moench (alternate)

APPOINTMENTS TO THE RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

- Evan Rosenberg
- Fabiola Folino
- Smita Barbora

APPOINTMENTS TO THE REGIONAL CENTER PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

- Mayor Daniel J. Hayes, Jr.
- Scarlett Doyle, PP
- James Franco
- Filipe Pedroso
- Howard Norgalis (alternate)

APPOINTMENTS TO THE SHADE TREE BOARD

- Judith Ambrus
- Michael Haskell

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED.

Copies of resolutions [#19-01-03-006 thru #19-01-03-020](#) are appended to the official minutes

Council
Appointments
& Staff

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS (Staff)

Council President Moench read the following Council appointments.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

SUPLEE CLOONEY & COMPANY, 308 EAST BROAD STREET, WESTFIELD, NJ 07090-2122 IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$64,650.00

On motion of Councilman Pedroso, second of Councilman Norgalis, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#19-01-03-021](#) is appended to the official minutes.

APPOINTMENT OF ASSESSMENT SEARCH OFFICER

- Linda J. Doyle

APPOINTMENT OF TAX SEARCH OFFICER

- Darrow Murdock

On motion of Councilman Pedroso, second of 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 [#19-01-03-022 thru #19-01-03-023](#) are appended to the official minutes

**Council
Appointments
Boards &
Committees**

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS (Boards and Committees)

Council President Moench read the following Council appointments.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

- James Weideli - Regular member
- Pushpavati Amin - Regular member
- Dawn Guttschall - Alternate member #1
- John Fallone - Alternate member #2
- Jeffrey Foose - Alternate member #3
- Daniel Ahern - Alternate member #4

APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING BOARD

Howard V. Norgalis - Class III

APPOINTMENT TO THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Toni Hoffman
- Maurizio Vescio

APPOINTMENT TO THE SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Howard V. Norgalis

APPOINTMENT TO THE SOMERSET REGIONAL ANIMAL SHELTER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Natalie Zamen

On motion of Councilman Pedroso, second of Councilman Norgalis, the foregoing resolutions were proposed.

THE RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED.

Copies of resolutions [#19-01-03-24 thru #19-01-03-026](#) are appended to the official minutes.

Oaths

OATHS OF OFFICE WERE ADMINISTERED BY WILLIAM B. SAVO, TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY FOR THOSE APPOINTED TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Council President Moench read the following resolutions by Title and provided a brief summary for each.

Resolutions

GENERAL BUSINESS

The General Business resolution sets certain rates, designates the Courier News as the Township Official Newspaper for all legal Notices and The Breeze as the online newspaper it also names certain department heads specific authorities to operate in 2018.

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

The Schedule of Meetings set the 2019 Township Council Meeting Dates throughout the year; they are also posted on the website.

TEMPORARY BUDGET - CURRENT FUND \$15,055,067.00

The Current Fund Temporary Budget is set not to exceed 26.25% of the 2018 year's budget to meet obligations and payments due prior to approval of the 2019 budget

TEMPORARY BUDGET - SEWER FUND \$4,809,210.50

The Sewer Fund Temporary Budget is set not exceed 26.25% of the 2018 year's budget to meet obligations and payments due prior to approval of the 2019 budget

ESTABLISHING CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN AND NAMING OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES

The Cash Management Plan is prepared pursuant to the provisions of NJSA 40A 5-14 in order to set forth the basis for deposits and investments and name certain depositories for Township funds.

AUTHORIZING BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP ENGINEER DAVID BATTAGLIA, PE TO EXECUTE NJDEP, NJDOT, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND SOMERSET COUNTY PERMITS ON BEHALF OF THE TOWNSHIP

It is required to name by resolution and authorizes David Battaglia as Township Engineer to sign permits from NJDOT, NJDEP, State of New Jersey and Somerset County on behalf of the Township.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTIONS WERE PROPOSED AND APPROVED.

Copies of resolutions [#19-01-03-027 thru #19-01-03-032](#) are appended to the official minutes.

**Public
Comment**

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, 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 Norgalis, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the public portion of the meeting was closed.

Adjournment

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

Council President Moench invited all attendees for refreshments in the adjacent conference room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk