

**MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
DECEMBER 17, 2018 COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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: 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**

**DECEMBER 3, 2018 - REGULAR SESSION  
DECEMBER 3, 2018 - CLOSED SESSION**

On motion of Councilman Moench, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the December 3, 2018 regular session minutes were moved for approval and passed unanimously on a voice call vote.

**Council Reports**

Councilman Kurdyla:

- Attended an Open Space meeting two weeks ago. Councilman Kurdyla requested a closed session meeting to discuss the recommendations of the Open Space committee.

Councilman Norgalis:

- Attended the Centerbridge I and II Annual Holiday party with Freeholder Scaglione
- Attended the “Breakfast with Santa” at VOTECH
- Vacated in New Orleans for the last 8-days

- Will meet with Police Chief Nicaretta along with Councilman Kurdyla in order to get a better understanding on his presentation of two-weeks ago.

#### Councilman Pedroso

- Wished everyone a happy holiday and prosperous 2019.

#### Vice President Moench

- Attended the Friends of Bridgewater History hot cocoa Christmas lights event at the Van Horne house.
- Attended the Somerset County Business Partnership annual luncheon last week.
- Attended one of Bob Vaucher's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday parties.
- Attended the "Breakfast with Santa" at VOTECH
- Attended a round table with Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney who came to Somerville a couple of weeks ago to meet with local leaders and discuss his plan and concerns about the tax burden in New Jersey.

#### Council President Rose

- Met with the School Board representatives two weeks ago.
- The Friends of Bridgewater History hosted a fundraiser this holiday season called "Merry & Bright" at Van Horne house. They had asked residents to sign up their homes to be designated first place as "best lit house" in Bridgewater Township. The winner will be determined in January.

#### Mayor's Reports

##### Township Administrator Naples

- Nothing new to report

#### Public Comment

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

Council President Rose acknowledged there were a lot of residents present to discuss the No Parking Ordinance on Marlin Street (Entire Length) and Warren Avenue (Orchard Street to North End). In discussing this matter with Administration and the Township Council, Council President Rose stated it would be best if a group of neighbors met with administration and Police Chief Nicaretta to sort out the challenges in the neighborhood and to try and come to consensus. She added the Administration will not be posting "No Parking" signs and the Ordinance will not be enforced until the Council has had a chance to resolve the conflict around this Ordinance.

The following neighbors spoke in favor of repealing the Ordinance:

Keith Korsun, 147 Warren Ave.  
LP Levin 491 Dogwood Drive  
Louis Arnone, 7 Marlin Street  
Janet Lempicki, 11 Marlin Street  
Brian Cody, 133 Warren Street  
Victor Shulman, 151 Warren Ave  
Rich Lempicki, 11 Marlin Street  
Ronald Meriti, 217 Orchard Street

The following neighbors spoke in support of the No Parking Ordinance:

Frank Rochelle, 134 Warren Ave  
Ruth Rochelle, 134 Warren Ave  
Frank Graziano, 10 Marlin Street

John Kulak, 13 Ramsey Street was present. He discussed the following item on tonight's agenda:

**Authorizing the Township of Bridgewater Planning Board to Undertake a Preliminary Investigation for Redevelopment of a Site Known as Lots 1 & 2, Block 7101 as Shown on the Township of Bridgewater Tax Map and Commonly Referred to as the "TD Bank Ballpark" or "Somerset Patriots Stadium" Property, Located on East Main Street**

He stated a request was made by the County to evaluate the Stadium property to see whether it should be considered an area in need of redevelopment. He questioned on what basis the request was made and the reasons behind the request. A copy of the letter from the County was provided to Mr. Kulak. He was advised the public will have an opportunity to comment both at the time this matter is placed before the Planning Board and when they it is returned to the Governing body following the Planning Board's recommendation.

Bill Kegan, 12 Loft Drive in Martinsville was present. He requested that the letter from the County be placed on the website for all the residents to have access to.

Frank Rochelle, 134 Warren Ave was present to discuss the No Parking Ordinance. He stated that some of the facts have been distorted by his neighbors. He also stated that attempts to resolve issues privately with his neighbors were not successful.

Council stated they were under the impression that all the neighbors were in

support of this action. They expressed concern over the process of ensuring all neighbors are notified when such considerations are brought to the Council for approval.

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

Public  
Hearing &  
Final Action  
Ordinances

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 20-6 (UTILIZATION OF THE LAND) OF CHAPTER 20 (OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SO AS TO PERMIT THE OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND MONIES TO BE UTILIZED NOT ONLY FOR THOSE PURPOSED ALREADY ARTICULATED IN SECTION 20-6 BUT ALSO FOR THE ACQUISITION OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES OR STRUCTURES, AND FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO ANY SUCH HISTORIC PROPERTIES OR STRUCTURES, IN FURTHERANCE OF THE PRESERVATION OF SAME PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:12-15.7(A)(1)(E) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED 25% OF THE FUNDS HELD IN THE OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE AND AFTER THE PAYMENT OF DEBT**

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 Councilman Kurdyla, 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

**THE ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution [#18-12-17-310](#) is appended to the official minutes.

Resolutions

**PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2018 BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L.1948) RADON AWARENESS PROGRAM \$2,000.00**

Township Administrator Naples stated these monies will be used to purchase free Radon kits for Township residents.

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

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.**

A Copy of resolution [#18-12-17-311](#) is appended to the official minutes

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

**AWARD OF CONTRACT TO STILO EXCAVATION, INC. 2907 SOUTH CLINTON AVENUE, SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NJ 07080 FOR THE DELLWOOD ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, IN THE SUM OF \$335,376.21, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2018 CAPITAL FUND**

**AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING, SURVEY, INSPECTION, AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE OLD FARM ROAD SERVICE AREA EXPANSION - 2019 SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION AND ROADWAY RESTORATION PROJECT TO THE REYNOLDS GROUP, INC., 575 ROUTE 28, SUITE 110, RARITAN, NJ 08869 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$144,900.00 FUNDED THROUGH 2017 SEWER CAPITAL**

**AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING, SURVEY, INSPECTION, AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE BACKUP GENERATORS AT THE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX AND SENIOR CENTER PROJECT TO THE WHITMAN CO., 7 PLEASANT HILL ROAD, CRANBURY, NJ 08512, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,000.00, FUNDED THROUGH BOND ORDINANCE 11-06 - VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS**

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 [#18-12-17-312 thru #18-12-17-314](#) are appended to the official minutes

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES TO MILLS + SCHNOERING ARCHITECTS, LLC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$44,930.00**

On motion of Councilman Moench, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

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

Councilman Norgalis expressed he was concerned that there was only one bid received for this project and as such will not be supporting it.

**THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.**

A Copy of resolution [#18-12-17-315](#) is appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER PLANNING BOARD TO UNDERTAKE A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF A SITE KNOWN AS LOT 1, BLOCK 347 AS SHOWN ON THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER TAX MAP AND COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE "TD BANK BALLPARK" OR "SOMERSET PATRIOTS STADIUM" PROPERTY, LOCATED ON EAST MAIN STREET**

Councilman Pedroso and Councilman Moench were not in favor of this project due to the density that has already been projected.

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

Councilman Kurdyla                            Aye  
Councilman Norgalis                            Aye  
Councilman Pedroso                            Nay

Council Vice-President Moench  
Council President Rose

Nay  
Aye

**THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.**

A Copy of resolution [#18-12-17-316](#) is appended to the official minutes

**Closed  
Session**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Bridgewater Township Council that this body will now hold a closed meeting to discuss open space acquisition and contract negotiations.

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 Kurdyla, Council convened in a closed session at approximately 9:00 p.m.

A copy of resolution [#18-12-17-317](#) is appended to the official minutes

On the motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Moench, the meeting reconvened to open session at approximately 9:27 pm and adjourned immediately thereafter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

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Christine Henderson-Rose  
Council President