

MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MARCH 4, 2019 COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Council President Moench 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 4, 2019 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)
Filipe Pedroso
Christine Henderson-Rose
Council Vice President Howard Norgalis
Council President Matthew C. Moench

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

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

Minutes

FEBRUARY 21, 2019 - REGULAR SESSION
FEBRUARY 21, 2019 - CLOSED SESSION

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the February 21, 2019 regular session minutes were moved for approval and passed unanimously on a voice call vote. The closed session minutes were passed around for signature.

Council Reports

Councilwoman Rose:

- Had the opportunity to attend the open house and ribbon cutting for the Sunrise community senior living facility. It is impressive that they have facilities in four (4) countries and are expanding significantly in NJ.
- Attended a police swearing in ceremony for John R. McDonough.
- Was looking forward to a preserve Bridgewater meeting but was called at the last minute and asked not to attend. She is looking forward to reports from this meeting.
- Attended a Board of Education meeting. At a previous council meeting, the pilot program resolution was pulled from the agenda in order to allow

the Board of Education more time to study it. The primary motive is to ensure the school boards are part of the discussion when it comes to pilots. More information will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

- Councilwoman Rose stated that as Council liaison to the Board of education, she would appreciate being advised if there are any concerns with her work at the BOE. Council President Moench stated his concern is that the issue with the pilot has been a discussion point for several years but was not addressed with the BOE until recently. He asked that Council remain proactive in their liaison capacities. Councilwoman Rose stated discussions about the pilot have been minimal because there hasn't been a pilot program to discuss until now.

Council Vice President Norgalis:

- Attended the monthly ELC meeting where Freeholder Brian Levine was the guest speaker. He talked about the state of the County and his efforts to bring the Amazon headquarters now scratched from NYC to Somerville.
- Attended the police swearing in ceremony for John R. McDonough who will be attending the police academy.
- Took part in the Bridgewater Baseball Inc. Casino night at Bridgewater Manor and lost \$600 in play money but had a good time.

Councilman Pedroso

- Attended the monthly ELC meeting.
- Attended the police swearing in ceremony.
- Attended the Preserve Bridgewater meeting. Councilman Pedroso complimented the group for how well the meeting was run and for educating the public on such an important topic: the town's overdevelopment in the Center of Excellence redevelopment project.
- Attended the wake of Ray Wright who was an elected member of the Bridgewater Republican Committee for District #11. He was also a police captain in Roselle and will be dearly missed.

Council President Moench

- Also attended Ray Wright's wake. They had a special relationship and he will be dearly missed.
- Attended a Municipal Alliance committee meeting which is the committee that handles drug and alcohol issues within Bridgewater. They had a very successful first meeting. Their initial goal is to increase the communication the committee has with the public and bring to light some of the programs that are available. They will also take a look at how other municipalities run their programs to determine if there any good ideas they can consider implementing in Bridgewater.

Mayor's
Reports

Mr. Naples had no report.

Township Attorney Savo advised that Former Municipal Court Judge Robert Foley passed away on Saturday and will be dearly missed.

2019 CAP
BANK

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR THE 2019 CALENDAR YEAR (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

Mr. Naples stated this is something we do every year. It is not an expenditure but rather an Ordinance that allows us to exceed the cap in the event that it is necessary. This ordinance is consistent with similar ones over the years.

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

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

THE ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED.

A copy of resolution [#18-03-04-073](#) is appended to the official minutes

Linda J. Doyle, Township Clerk read the following report:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said pending ordinance be passed on first reading and advertised as required by statute fixing the 18th day of March, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time on said day as the time and the Bridgewater Township Municipal Court Chambers at 100 Commons Way in said Township as the place for hearing and final action.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk shall forthwith post on the bulletin board in the Township Municipal Building at 100 Commons Way, a true copy of said ordinance and make copies available to members of the general public and spread the same upon the minutes of the meeting.

2019
MUNICIPAL
BUDGET

INTRODUCTION OF 2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET - \$44,526,977.45

Township Administrator Naples expressed the Mayor and administration is very excited to present a budget that meets our municipal expenditure needs and a tax decrease.

Councilwoman Rose thanked the Mayor and administration for producing a Budget that represents a tax decrease.

Councilman Pedroso stated that although he is pleased that administration is proposing a budget with a decrease of approximately \$100,000.00 he is alarmed at the almost 7% spending increase that this Budget is proposing. He looks forward to working with administration to determine what necessitates the increase in spending.

Township Administrator Naples stated the spending has to go up in certain areas but administration has answers as to why there are increases and will work with the budget committee to address any concerns.

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the 2019 Budget was introduced. The vote was as follows:

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

THE 2019 BUDGET WAS INTRODUCED.

A copy of resolution [#19-03-04-074](#) is appended to the official minutes

Linda J. Doyle, Township Clerk read the following report:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the said 2019 Municipal Budget be introduced on March 4, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. on first reading and advertised as required by statute fixing the 15th day of April, 2019 at 7:30 prevailing time on said day as the time and the Bridgewater Township Municipal Complex Court Chambers as the place for public hearing.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk shall make copies available to members of the general public and forward a copy as introduced to the library as required by law.

**2019 SELF
EXAMINATION
OF THE
BUDGET**

2019 SELF-EXAMINATION OF BUDGET RESOLUTION

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

Councilman Kurdyla	Absent
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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 [#19-03-04-075](#) is appended to the official minutes

**Public
Comment**

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, 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.

Resolutions

AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS FOR APPROPRIATION RESERVE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$382,200.00

On motion of Councilman Moench, seconded by Councilman Pedroso, the foregoing resolution was tabled to the March 18th meeting. The vote was as follows:

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

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

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION’S “ENFORCEMENT GUIDANCE ON THE CONSIDERATION OF ARREST AND CONVICTION RECORDS IN EMPLOYMENT DECISIONS UNDER TITLE VII OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964”

NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2019 SOMERSET COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT BY THE FOLLOWING NONPROFITS WITH INTENDED PROJECTS WITHIN BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP: COURT

APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES (CASA) OF SOMERSET, HUNTERDON, AND WARREN COUNTIES, MARTIN LUTHER KING YOUTH CENTER, THE SHIMON AND SARA BIRNBAUM JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER, VISIONS AND PATHWAYS, MIDDLE EARTH, THE NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE FOR DISABILITIES, THE PEOPLE CARE CENTER AND INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE 2019 REGIONAL CENTER PARTNERSHIP PEDESTRIAN SAFETY CHALLENGE GRANT PROGRAM -PHASE 2 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING A TOWN-WIDE PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE TRAVEL PLAN

SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET AND BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP FOR THE MILLING, RESURFACING AND RESTRIPIING OF VARIOUS STREETS AS LISTED BELOW IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,157,720.

AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE, ACCEPTANCE OF THE SITE IMPROVEMENTS, ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE FOR PSE&G, ROUTE 22 EAST, BLOCK 382, LOT 5 & 5.01

AUTHORIZING FIREWORK DISPLAYS AT SOMERSET PATRIOTS STADIUM ON FRIDAY, APRIL 26 (RAIN DATE 4-27), SATURDAY, MAY 11 (RAIN DATE 5-16), THURSDAY, MAY 23 (RAIN DATE 6-6) FRIDAY, JUNE 7 (RAIN DATE 6-8) FRIDAY, JUNE 14 (RAIN DATE 6-18) SATURDAY, JUNE 15 (RAIN DATE 6-19), AND THURSDAY, JUNE 20 (RAIN DATE 6-28)

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

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

THE RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED.

Copies of resolution [#19-03-04-076 thru #19-03-04-081](#) are appended to the official minutes.

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE PORTION FOR POLICE EXTRANEIOUS FEES FOR THE BRIDGEWATER-RARITAN HIGH SCHOOL ROBOTIC EVENT BEING HELD MARCH 16 & 17, 2019, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$895.80

There being no motion made for this resolution, the resolution failed.

AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AND BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP P.B.A. LOCAL NO. 174

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#19-03-04-082](#) is appended to the official minutes

Adjournment

On the motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Pedroso, the meeting reconvened adjourned at approximately 8:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Matthew C. Moench
Council President