

**MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**  
**JULY 6, 2017      COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

The Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in a regular session on Thursday, July 6, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers in the Municipal Complex, Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807.

Council President Kurdyla 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, 2017 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:

Matthew C. Moench  
Howard Norgalis  
Filipe Pedroso  
Council Vice President Christine Henderson Rose  
Council President Allen Kurdyla

Also Present:      James T. Naples, Township Administrator  
William B. Savo, Township Attorney  
Grace Karanja, Deputy Township Clerk

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

**Minutes**

**JUNE 19, 2017 - REGULAR SESSION**

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Pedroso, the June 19<sup>th</sup> regular session minutes were moved for approval and passed unanimously on a voice call vote.

**Council Reports**

Councilwoman Rose

- The Elks hosted a very successful, first annual “Walk out on Drugs” event last Saturday. The Elks will conduct same every year moving forward.

Councilman Moench

- Was a speaker at a forum for young republican elected officials. Our very own deputy township attorney Chris Corsini was the moderator and asked some tough questions.

Councilman Norgalis:

- Attended the Open House for the “Center of Discovery” a new arrival in Bridgewater specializing in Eating Disorder Treatment
- Attended the Fifth Friday Friars at the Raritan Valley Country Club where Historian and Author William Kidder spoke about how New Jersey faced the challenge of Independence
- Attended the Somerset County Planning Board “Housing Element Update” given by Planning Board Chair Bernato Navatto and County Planner Walter Lane. In his opinion, Bridgewater is way ahead of the rest of the County in this endeavor
- Attended the bid opening for the Hunter Road, road work. Top Line was the sole bidder and came in slightly under the \$240,000 engineering estimate.

Councilman Pedroso

- Wished everyone a belated Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Council President Kurdyla:

- Stated that Township Administrator Naples and his staff in the past week or so have received a lot of requests for information and questions from our residents about various things like property lines, easements etc. He acknowledged and thanked Mr. Naples for the good work that he and his staff are doing in responding to the residents and keeping the Council informed.

**Mayor’s  
Reports**

Township Administrator Naples stated the Mayor attended the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration at the Middlebrook encampment where he gave the opening remarks. It was a great event and Mayor Hayes was pleasantly surprised as residents had turned up in large numbers.

**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.

Arnold Quast, 1024 Brown Road was present. He discussed the Chambers Brook/Brown Road flooding issues. Mr. Quast was advised work has been conducted in this area and the Township awaits to see if the drainage problems will persist and if so, the Township is prepared to proceed to Phase II.

Mr. Quast further stated the Township had put a supporting wall in the easement between his property and his neighbor’s. That wall is now being

undermined and could cause flooding to his property. Mr. Quast was advised the township engineer is aware and will continue to investigate and determine best way to remedy the situation.

Boy Scouts Brett and Arnold D'Aprile from Branchburg Troup 90 were present for their communications merit badge.

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

Public  
Hearing &  
Final Action  
Ordinances

**AN ORDINANCE TO SET THE COMPENSATION OF THE MAYOR, TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEMBERS, DEPARTMENT HEADS AND CERTAIN OTHER MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 374 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 1985; N.J.S.A. 2A:809; N.J.S.A. 2A:8-13; N.J.S.A. 40A:9-165; N.J.S.A.40A:9-135; N.J.S.A. 40A:9-146, AND CHAPTER 95 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 1999**

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, 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 Moench	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Aye
Council Vice-President Rose	Aye
Council President Kurdyla	Aye

**ORDINANCE #17-16 WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution [#17-07-06-201](#) is appended to the official minutes

Introduction  
of  
Ordinances

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 203 ENTITLED "EXTRANEIOUS EMPLOYMENT OF OFF-DUTY POLICE OFFICERS" TO CLARIFY THE CIRCUMSTANCES FOR SUCH EMPLOYMENT AND THE PROCEDURE FOR APPROVAL THEREOF**

Township Administrator Naples stated that Chief Nicaretta has asked that we allow for police extraneous duty which is paid for by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party. Currently, when

our police officers are not available, we allow other township officers to work in Bridgewater in an extraneous capacity. This Ordinance will allow our police officers to work in other municipalities in the same capacity. It was confirmed that in the event of an accident while on an extraneous capacity, the police officer is covered under our policy.

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

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

**THE ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED.**

A copy of resolution [#17-07-06-202](#) is appended to the official minutes

Grace Karanja, Deputy 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017, 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.

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 62 ENTITLED “BUILDING CONSTRUCTION” CHAPTER 62-3 ENTITLED “CONSTRUCTION FEE SCHEDULE” OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SO AS TO UPDATE APPLICABLE FEES AND CONFORM TO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AMENDMENTS RECENTLY ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS CONCERNING ELEVATOR INSPECTIONS AND FEES**

Township Administrator Naples stated we are amending our Ordinance in order match the current State guidelines as far as elevator inspections.

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

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

**THE ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED.**

A copy of resolution [#17-07-06-203](#) is appended to the official minutes

Grace Karanja, Deputy 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017, 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.

**Resolutions**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT’S APPLICATION AND PARTICIPATION FOR ENROLLMENT IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE (LESO) 1033 PROGRAM**

Township administrator Naples stated he has provided a memo from Chief Nicaretta indicating his support for participation in this program whereby surplus equipment from the federal government will be available to police organizations at no cost. Vehicles and large types of equipment will be accepted by resolution and acknowledging receipt of that equipment. Small equipment such as protective vests would not require Council approval.

Councilman Norgalis stated he would like Council oversight/approval on items such as weapons and vehicles that would be received through this program.

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

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution [#17-07-06-204](#) are appended to the official minutes

**AWARD OF CONTRACT IN THE SUM OF \$36,939.00 TO UNIVERSAL UNIFORM SALES INC., OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY FOR 18 BALLISTIC VEST AND VEST CARRIERS FROM POINT BLANK VISION IIIA**

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

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution [#17-07-06-205](#) are appended to the official minutes

**AWARD OF CONTRACT TO AL NETO CONTRACTORS INC. FOR 2017 SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN THE SUM OF \$65,230.00 TO BE FUNDED THROUGH THE 2014 CAPITAL FUND**

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

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution [#17-07-06-206](#) are appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING/SURVEYING/INSPECTION SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE COLONIAL WAY ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO KELLER & KIRKPATRICK, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF**

**\$41,700.00 FUNDED THROUGH THE 2017 CAPITAL FUND**

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

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution [#17-07-06-207](#) are appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING/SURVEYING/INSPECTION SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE DOGWOOD DRIVE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO KELLER & KIRKPATRICK, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,175.00 FUNDED THROUGH THE 2017 CAPITAL FUND**

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

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution [#17-07-06-208](#) are appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING/SURVEYING/INSPECTION SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE TALAMINI ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - PHASE IV (ROUTE 287 TO ROUTE 202/206) TO KELLER & KIRKPATRICK, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,100.00 FUNDED THROUGH THE 2017 CAPITAL FUND**

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

Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Aye

Council Vice-President Rose                      Aye  
Council President Kurdyla                              Aye

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution [#17-07-06-209](#) are appended to the official minutes

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A JURISDICTIONAL AND JOINT AGREEMENT, FOR THE PURPOSES OF UNIFYING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 21 VONES LANE, UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE BOROUGH OF RARITAN, PROPERTY IS ALSO KNOWN AS BLOCK 164, LOT 4 ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP BRIDGEWATER AND BLOCK 1, LOT 11 ON THE TAX MAP OF THE BOROUGH OF RARITAN**

Township Administrator Naples stated this property lies between Bridgewater and Raritan. Raritan taxes the property so it would make sense for them to have land use jurisdiction as well.

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

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution [#17-07-06-210](#) are appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZING CHANGE OF SCOPE TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT INCREASING THE CONTRACT PRICE BY THE SUM OF \$69,800.00 FOR ADDITIONAL DETAIL DESIGN SERVICES FOR SANITARY SEWER AND DRAINAGE SYSTEM REPLACEMENT FOR THE LEGHORN AVENUE 2017 SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION AND RESTORATION PROJECT CONTRACT PRICE WITH MASER CONSULTING, P.A. FROM THE PRICE OF \$120,845.00 TO \$190,645.00 TO BE FUNDED THROUGH THE 2016 CAPITAL FUND**

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

Councilman Moench                                      Aye  
Councilman Norgalis                                      Aye  
Councilman Pedroso                                      Aye



Council Vice-President Rose                   Aye  
Council President Kurdyla                   Aye

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution [#17-07-06-211](#) are appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE, 100% CASH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,655.20, ACCEPTANCE OF THE SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,206.90 CASH MAINTENANCE BOND FOR LOPRESTI HOMES BLOCK 149, LOT 2 ON CHESTNUT STREET**

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

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution [#17-07-06-212](#) are appended to the official minutes

**PERSON TO PERSON AND PLACE TO PLACE PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER FROM VC ENTERPRISES, LLC, LIQUOR LICENSE NUMBER 1806-33-004-006 TO BRIAD DEVELOPMENT, LLC, NEW LICENSE 1806-33-004-007 TO BE LOCATED AT 600 CORPORATE CENTER BLVD, BRIDGEWATER**

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

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution [#17-07-06-213](#) are appended to the official minutes

**PERSON TO PERSON AND PLACE TO PLACE PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION**

**LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER FROM EOSSO & JONES, INC. T/A CLUB 21, LICENSE NUMBER 1806-33-007-004 TO OANKAR CORPORATION T/A MARTINSVILLE GARDENS & CHAND PALACE NEW LICENSE NUMBER 1806-33-007-005 LOCATED AT 1801 WASHINGTON VALLEY ROAD, MARTINSVILLE, NJ 08836**

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

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution [#17-07-06-214](#) are appended to the official minutes

**REQUEST FOR PERMIT FEE WAIVERS FOR THE SOMERSET COUNTY 4-H ASSOCIATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE SOMERSET COUNTY 4-H FAIR AT NORTH BRANCH PARK LOCATED AT MILLTOWN ROAD ON AUGUST 9, 10, AND 11, 2017**

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

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution [#17-07-06-215](#) are 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 litigation and personnel issues.

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 Councilwoman Rose, Council convened in closed session at approximately 8:12 p.m.

A copy of resolution [#17-07-06-216](#) is appended to the official minutes.

On the motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the meeting reconvened to open session at approximately 8:22 p.m. and adjourned immediately thereafter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

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Allen Kurdyla  
Council President