

MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
APRIL 11, 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 9, 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
Filipe Pedroso
Christine Henderson-Rose
Council Vice President Howard Norgalis
Council President Matthew C. Moench

Also Present: James T. Naples, Township Administrator
 Natasha Turchan, Director of Finance
 William B. Savo, Township Attorney
 Linda J. Doyle, Township Clerk

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

Council President Moench offered to those present this session is an agenda session but certain items have been listed for action this evening. The remainder of the agenda items will be considered for action on Monday, April 15, 2019.

Minutes

MARCH 28, 2019 - REGULAR SESSION
MARCH 28, 2019 - CLOSED SESSION

These minutes will be considered for approval on Monday, April 15, 2019 during the regular session.

**Council
Reports**

Councilman Kurdyla reported:

- On April 8th, he together with Councilman Norgalis were invited by former Councilman Robert Albano to tour the Somerset Raritan Valley Sewage Authority facility to highlight the upgrades made to the system to provide zero emissions on the process and the complete removal of mercury from the environment.

- Attended the initial meeting for the 2019 Somerset County Community Block Grant program on April 10th, held at the Somerset County Freeholder's Office. He will be pursuing the services section and Mr. Naples the block and mortar. Hearing is scheduled for May 8, 2019.
- Councilman Kurdyla chaired a meeting with Jerry Midgette, Superintendent of Election for Somerset County for the Somerset County Fire Districts' to discuss the recent changes in Fire Election laws and the impact on the eleven fire districts in Somerset County.

Councilwoman Rose reported:

- Acknowledged Kristen Schiro and Jodi Schneider for their assistance with the resolutions before Council this evening regarding the Lane Brokaw Grants. She also acknowledged Krista Gaffney on her prompt and accurate responses in putting together the information needed for the budgetary portion.
- Reported as Council liaison to the shelter she followed up with Natalie Zamen of the Somerset Regional Animal Shelter to work together with FOSRAS to put together a Strategic Management Plan. She has requested they come back before Council in July with an interim update.
- Expressed her concern and thoughts from the March 28th Council meeting and advised after reflection she wanted to talk about comments made towards her and about her service as the highest female elected officer in the township. Due to the Primary Election coming on June 4th, Ms. Rose stated there should be Rules of Engagement. We need to look at the issues through the lens of the residents who put us in office and not through the lens of a political battle. More importantly, Ms. Rose stated she expects to be treated with respect for her position and not abused by those running against her. She regrets the need to make these comments but after the March 28th session, the Rules of Engagement moving forward need to be clear.

Councilman Norgalis reported:

- The March ELC luncheon featured Assemblywomen Eliana Pintor Marin, Chair of the Assembly Budget Committee. Her Committee is responsible for reviewing bills to extend and reform New Jersey's economic development incentive program, as well as reviewing Governor Murphy's proposed budget plan.
- He and Councilman Kurdyla participated in a walkthrough of the new incinerator facility at the Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority

dealing with burning sludge material. The old incinerator was condemned by the EPA due to releasing high levels of mercury. The new one has an extensive and expensive scrubber filter system to get the output within limits. It cost \$15M.

- The Planning Board continued its review of the Bridgewater Hills LLC development plan which involved the 17 acre site on Frontier Road. The plan calls for two hotels (one for 134 rooms and one for 109 rooms), a 357 seat restaurant, a 1000 capacity banquet hall and a 100 person adult day care facility. Two members of the board had to recuse when the developer indicated that Holiday Inn Express and Marriott would be the hotel sponsors. There was a spirited dispute when the applicant's attorney indicated that his interpretation of the Ordinance would allow four stories in each of the hotels. Township Planner Doyle expertly undercut her contention using copies of the township documents. Three stories are permitted, four would require a variance.
- The April Somerset County Governing Officials meeting was held in Branchburg with the featured speaker being Mayor Stephen Reid of Point Pleasant Beach representing Empower Somerset - Safe Communities Coalition. He is the Executive Director NJ RAMP, which is a coalition of individuals and associations who believe that the health, safety and economic harms or recreational marijuana legalization far outweighs the perceived social benefits. His talk centered on the highly negative impact of legalized recreational marijuana on our communities. The Q and A after his talk revealed dramatic difference in the local town views of the subject. Manville Mayor Richard Onderko spoke glowingly of his town being the first in Somerset County to oppose marijuana in all forms as opposed to Bound Brook Council President Abel Gomez who spoke of being willing to have marijuana shops all over town.
- BBI opening day is this Saturday at the Prince Rogers Field.

Councilman Pedroso reported:

- He attended the event for Council President Moench and Council candidates Tim Ring and Michael Kirsh. He noted while the event was great he was impressed to see Bob Vaucher there. Councilman Pedroso stated Bob is a 100 year young WWII hero who piloted the B29 as lead pilot that lead 525 planes over the USS Missouri while the Japanese were signing the peace agreement. He noted Bob is a prominent Bridgewater figure who he hopes to be recognized more formally. He said Bob was involved in the planning of Interstate 287 through Bridgewater and he recommended to the NJDOT or agent at the time they split and divert the

roadway to avoid disrupting the Hobbstown development. He was involved in creating the Police Department and provided input regarding the development of the high school and even the Township Charter Study in developing the Faulkner form of Government in Bridgewater. Councilman Pedroso noted having Mr. Vaucher at the event and endorsement of these candidates meant the world.

- Regarding Rules of Engagement, he offered Councilwoman Rose take back to her campaign the message that the vicious attacks that her campaign and supporters are having against Councilman Moench and his running mates is disgusting. He added those flyers are being paid by an out of town PAC and should be shut down.
- Councilwoman Rose stated she does not support the mailers being sent out by the PAC and has no knowledge as to who is behind the mailings.

Council President Moench reported:

- He attended the Municipal Alliance Meeting the organization that sponsors anti drug and alcohol awareness. Last year, the Alliance was reconfigured as a direct Council appointment Board and one goal is to increase public awareness to create a website designated to the Alliance and broaden the scope to include drug/opiod issues.
- Council President directed questions to Mr. Naples for an update on the Police study authorized by Council six weeks ago and asked when the RFP or proposal would be set to be considered.
- Mr. Naples advised the Chief has solicited quotes and has selected a company to prepare the study moving forward. He will provide the name when the Chief returns from vacation. He stated it was not a formal RFP.
- Council President asked the Council be given the names of the companies he solicited quotes from and information.
- He noted regarding the campaign he would not comment on the mailers and those who receive them can make up their minds on how the campaigns are being run.

**Mayor's
Reports**

Mr. Naples had no report

**2019
Municipal
Budget**

Council President Moench offered the public hearing on the 2019 Budget will be held on Monday, April 15, 2019.

Discussion**CENTER OF EXCELLENCE**

Council President Moench offered Andy Leven reached out to him regarding the Center of Excellence and asked for additional time to address the Council as he has evidence he would like to present.

Mr. Leven, Esq. 2 Holmes Court, presented a letter to Council and requested Council prepare a resolution expressing the body's opinion that Mayor Hayes and Planning Board Chair Ron Charles be recused from further consideration of the application before the Planning Board concerning the Center of Excellence to be located on Rt. 202/206 in Bridgewater (the COE Application). He offered this was based on legal principles that, as applied to the facts posed by the COE application, test the ability of the planning Board to meet its fiduciary duty to Bridgewater residents.

Mr. Leven advised the Mayor appoints the members to the Planning Board and has made the COE a political issue. Because he is running for re-election as Mayor and will in fact have a vote on the COE application before the Planning Board, he has a direct personal interest and involvement in the COE application. For this reason fact, the Mayor should recuse himself from consideration of the application.

Mr. Leven added Ron Charles is the Treasurer to the Mayor's Campaign for re-election and Debra Albanese is the spouse of Anthony Albanese who is the Mayor's Campaign Manager. He suggested these "entangled interests" could be perceived as impairing their objectivity and predisposing them to vote in favor of the COE application. He cited for these reasons, both Mayor Dan Hayes and Ron Charles should be recused under the common law, MLUL and local government Ethics Law along with Debra Albanese due to her husband's designation as Campaign Manager.

Public Comment

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, 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.

Gabrielle Mulvihill, 629 Stangle Road, Martinsville described a serious issue with stormwater runoff. She added Stangle Road is very steep and the runoff causes what appears to be a mud slide causing debris to be left on her property. Mr. Naples advised the Engineer has received her photographs and has met with her spending over an hour on her property. He advised the roadway is currently under design and drainage and road improvement will be addressed this fall.

Donald Doyle, 61 Murfield Lane opposes the COE. He expressed concern that Bridgewater could be setting up a traffic situation like Hillsborough on 202/206.

Geri Staub, 10 Braemar Place, spoke in opposition to the COE and asked the plan be readdressed. He expressed concern with the road design strategies and questioned why the township doesn't repair roads in areas during the same season. She also showed a flyer received in her mail and expressed she strongly opposed the message and wrote to the PAC (Protect Bridgewater) and asked that they stop sending them.

Timothy Ring, 17 Lawton Road spoke on an agenda item regarding a resolution on Pilot programs (tax abatement) for all redevelopment. He voiced concern with the section that offers monies be funded to the Library and Fire District 3 only as opposed to benefit all the fire districts in varying redevelopments areas.

Councilman Norgalis advised the resolution will be withdrawn and replaced by the revised copy listed on the agenda as12a-1

Liz Mayberry, 764 West Foothill Road, spoke in opposition to the COE. She went to the Planning Board meeting on September 11th, regarding the COE application and was interested in the traffic engineer who spoke regarding a traffic light signal at Foothill Road and various safety improvements. She questioned whether the NJDOT approved this signal.

Michael Kirsh, 25 Danberry Lane, stated he is a member of Zoning Board of Adjustment, Republican Municipal Chairman and Candidate for Council. He encouraged those involved to consider a roadway already burdened, he added his development in the Vanderveer vicinity is nearly impossible to travel during peak rush hours. He asked the policy held by the Township regarding social media administration and the website. He added other State and Government entities have blackout periods during certain times including election periods.

Howard Stamato, 10 Northern Drive stated he has been a resident since 1993. He stated he speaks out of concern for neighbors and the town, read a quote from President Kennedy and expressed deep concern for the discourse we have during this election season. He stated this is a critical time and asked all to face the problems and focus their energies to finding solutions and do the right thing while dealing with multiple levels of jurisdictions. He asked everyone to be civil and have respect.

Laura Whalen, 1238 Mount Vernon Rod spoke in opposition to the COE. She expressed concern with land in Bridgewater being over developed noting it creates problems with storm water, traffic and creates an additional burden to the schools.

Patricia Beronio, 997 Spring Run Lane, Martinsville addressed Council representing the Friends of Bridgewater history and supports the resolutions regarding the Lane Brokaw House.

Council President Moench noted Ms. Beronio is an author on local history.

Beth Powers, 14 Campbell Court stated she attended the past Council meeting and voiced her concern with Councilman Pedroso's comments on the out of town PAC and the campaign that Christine Rose is running. She stated vicious campaign and lies have been alleged about her adding there have been efforts to link her to town development and opposed disingenuous rants. She stated she was removed from Board of Adjustment and Open Space committee and felt it was deliberate.

Andrew Fresco, 15 Glen Eagles Drive stated he supports Mr. Leven's request for a resolution removing Mayor Hayes and Ron Charles from the Planning Board. He supports Mr. Kirsh's point regarding policy on social media page. He addressed Councilwoman Rose alleging she put an operative at an election fundraiser.

Councilwoman Rose stated her campaign did not do that and she does not support it and was distressed by it.

Joe Grabler, 679 Birchhill Drive, expressed concern with the increase of traffic on Foothill Road. Doesn't know details on certain developments but traffic on Foothill is concerning, there are no sidewalks along Rt. 206 for people going to services and safety concerns should be focused on.

Judy Wolk, 850 Bluestone Lane expressed traffic concerns from Bluestone Lane left turn onto Route 206.

Jeannette, 3 Glen Eagles Drive stated Eagles Drive is one of the few streets that does not have any other route in or out of the development which raised her concerns with emergency vehicle access.

MaryAnn Zielinski, 860 Carnoustie Drive stated she does not want a left hand turn from Carnoustie to Bluestone because she would then need to cross two lanes of traffic.

Margarita Iosiphakis-Best, 18 Braemar Place stated she never attended a meeting before as she was not aware of the COE development until two months ago; she would not have bought her home in Bridgewater if she had known. Building has been kept under wraps and the removal of trees for development is an eyesore.

Brian Hoffman 14 Braemar Place stated he attended a very interesting meeting in opposition to the “Preserve Bridgewater” group. He questioned when is traffic concern and control considered a critical juncture?

Ketan Thybe stated Bridgewater is a beautiful town and we do not need any more supermarkets or this development. Although he does not live in this vicinity of town, he expressed that he strongly opposes the COE project.

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

Councilwoman Rose stated she wanted to discuss further some matters that have been brought up this evening. One is the golf club near Burger King and continued to issues on traffic and related planning. She asked Councilman Norgalis as Council liaison to the Planning Board if the Township has finished the independent traffic study. He reported the traffic study related to the COE project is handled as a separate entity. Councilwoman Rose asked because the budget is not yet set, is it possible for the Council to hire an independent traffic consultant to provide and review the traffic from Route 287 North to Rt. 78 in Pluckemin to better gage the data. Councilman Norgalis said we have that flexibility.

Council President Moench offered although that would be helpful, administration and/or legal should provide some information before the meeting on Monday to better gage the scope of this undertaking financially in consideration of possible future development along that roadway.

Councilman Pedroso asked why don't the residents pick the traffic expert to provide data to ensure they feel comfortable with the study and then be reimbursed after it's completed.

Councilwoman Rose asked Mr. Savo what would happen regarding COAH restrictions and obligations regarding our ordinance and how it would impact the Township's obligation. He offered the Township settled our COAH obligations based in part on this redevelopment project. Mr. Savo advised, in doing so, the Township fought off development all over town. If this is not done in a proper way, we stand to lose our designation and forbearance of future developer remedies and could be decertified.

Council President Moench thanked everyone for their input and comments and moved to take action on resolution 12a regarding the Center of Excellence. The first he explained is related to a pilot program to negotiate the allocation of taxes.

Council President Moench offered Councilman Pedroso has provided some information regarding the Center of Excellence (COE) application and whether or not the application has been deemed complete. If the application is not complete it affords the Governing Body more flexibility to make changes to the project as it exists today.

Council President Moench offered Administration has no intent of changing course regarding this site and now with all the current data and discussion it's prudent to get this developer back to the table to figure a way this project can work.

Council President Moench read the resolutions slated for action this evening regarding the Pilot program.

Resolutions **EXPRESSING SENSE OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WITH REGARD TO ANY FEES TO BE PAID PURSUANT TO A TAX ABATEMENT (PILOT/FINANCIAL AGREEMENT) BY A RESIDENTIAL COMPONENT OF A REDEVELOPMENT AREA (Action 4-11)**

Councilwoman Rose withdrew the resolution for consideration. Council was in consensus.

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER DENYING THE TOWNSHIP'S INTEREST, APPROVAL OF OR EXECUTION OF A LONG TERM TAX EXEMPTION FINANCIAL AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET. SEQ. FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AS PORTIONS OF LOTS 17, 18 AND 19 IN BLOCK 483, APPROXIMATELY 61.95 ACRES, LOCATED ON ROUTE 206, COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE (Action 4-11)

Council President Moench advised this resolution states the council will not support any kind of pilot program brought forward by Administration on this project.

Councilman Norgalis offered acknowledgement to Mr. Savo for preparing this resolution, on very short notice, expressing the intent of Council to evoke the decision not to pilot on this project. He advised the development in question / 67 acre site will be taxed at the regular rate and distribution or allocation of those taxes will go forward to the various entities at the normal percentage be it school, town, county, open space, fire district etc. including the tax base across all these units.

Councilman Pedroso said he strongly supports this resolution being presented and stated over the years this topic has come up several times with the current Mayor who has reinforced the intent and supported the pilot on this site to not afford any funding to school system. He noted, without an allocation to the school it will be an additional burden to each tax payer to cover the costs associated with children from this development attending entering the school district.

Councilwoman Rose stated she supports the resolution because it does express the intent of Council to the Mayor and asked a tax abatement consultant come before Council towards the end of year to explain the benefit or detriment of certain abatement programs.

Councilman Kurdyla supports Councilwoman Rose's request to have a consultant come back and share information regarding tax abatement programs in the future without political ramifications.

Mr. Naples disagrees with the assertion that Mayor Hayes has promoted a pilot program and stated the Mayor is in a position to negotiate pilots and has afforded Council information regarding these programs. He noted in 2017, Council authorized hiring a special attorney to advise on tax abatement programs. He said Mayor Hayes has asked Council for their guidance and direction regarding this site and this resolution solidifies Council's intent not to have a pilot. This will not be rescinded after the election because the Mayor only has authority to negotiate not enforce.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Council President Moench, the foregoing resolutions were 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 RESOLUTIONS WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#19-04-11-098](#) is appended to the official minutes.

Council President Moench turned to the other COE related item on the agenda which is an ordinance to be considered for introduction.

Council President read the ordinance by title:

**Introduction
of Ordinance**

AN ORDINANCE REVOKING CHAPTER 126 (LAND USE), ARTICLE XLII (USE REGULATIONS), SECTION 321.6 ENTITLED REDEVELOPMENT R-SEED SPECIAL ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (R-SEED), RELATED TO THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE ON ROUTE 202/206 IN BRIDGEWATER

Councilman Pedroso advised three years ago, Council approved an ordinance to create the R-Seed Zone. The checklist requirements for the redevelopment zone are set forth in Section 126-321.6. to apply before the Planning Board. He offered that he, in collaboration with the community, had funded some legal research on this issue. He presented a memorandum from Ted Maciag, Esq. a Planning Attorney with long standing in other towns with regard to the time of application law. In his memo, Mr. Maciag identifies one of the checklist items named a “Traffic Circulation Plan” was not submitted in completion which therefore, argues the Center of Excellence project is not protected by the Time of Application Law and thus not deemed complete.

He advised if not deemed complete, the Governing Body can revoke the zoning in this redevelopment site from the R-Seed designation. He proposed this body consider this option and introduce the ordinance which will provide an opportunity to change the zone not preventing the owner to develop the site but for the developer and property owner to revise the project and prevent the overdevelopment of this site.

Council President Moench viewed the memorandum and expressed the introduction will afford the opportunity to fully vet the matter prior to the public hearing and final action in May.

On motion of Councilman Pedroso, seconded by Council President Moench, the foregoing Ordinance was proposed. Council discussed the proposed ordinance.

Councilwoman Rose asked whether anyone has reached out to the developer.

Councilman Pedroso offered due to the nature of the deficiency in the application which was in fact redacted by name in the proposed ordinance the law does not permit the applicant be made aware as they may file the deficient report and argue they have now satisfied the application standards before adoption.

Councilwoman Rose asked whether the Township Attorney, Bill Savo has reviewed this information.

Mr. Savo interjected he did briefly review the memorandum and has knowledge

of the “Dunbar” case cited in the argument but does not feel it applies to this situation and does not recommend the rezoning consideration in part due to legal ramifications that most likely would rise.

Councilman Norgalis reported he received multiple calls today from people he respects urging him to vote in favor to introduce. He was one of the two “no” votes in 2015, opposing this project. He said he went back to his notes from December 2015, were in fact again he expressed to Mayor Hayes his objection to the number of rental units, the hotel elevation and the food store but it was approved by majority and here we are today. He reported he received a redacted copy of the ordinance today, not made aware of the specific deficiency and immediately reached out to Scarlett Doyle, Planner who was able to provide a completed determination which identified two reports that were waived from consideration and sent to the developer’s attorney.

Councilman Norgalis turned to Mr. Savo to provide him guidance on whether legally this would have any standing.

Councilman Norgalis motioned to table to have Bill Savo, Tom Collins, Planning Board Attorney and Scarlett Doyle review and advise on the status on completion.

Councilman Kurdyla strongly objected to the ordinance and the timeliness of its proposal and lack of review by the Council’s attorney and will only entertain a vote in this matter when he has a legal opinion to support the rezone. He stated a topic of this magnitude certainly deserves better review and discussion. Councilman Kurdyla seconded the vote to table.

Councilman Pedroso understands why the members may be upset by the timeliness but this is not a typical situation and his concern that to table affords the developer the opportunity to file the deficient reports.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the foregoing Ordinance was tabled. The vote was as follows:

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

THE ORDINANCE WAS TABLED.

Council President Moench asked Mr. Savo review this matter expeditiously to determine whether it can be introduced at an upcoming Council session.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AMENDING SECTION 126-326 PROVIDING FOR A NEW SECTION H REGULATING APPROVED LOT COVERAGE, LOT AREA COVERAGE, IMPERVIOUS LOT AREA COVERAGE, LOT WIDTH AND FLOOR AREA RATIO FOR LOTS THAT ARE SUBDIVIDED OR ACQUIRED BY GIFT OR PURCHASE BY A PUBLIC ENTITY FOR PERMANENT OPEN SPACE

Resolutions

The governing body briefly discussed the following resolutions. No action was taken.

PROVIDING FOR EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT FUND \$10,490,622.64

APPOINTMENT TO THE SHADE TREE BOAD - BARBARA RONCA

AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO ACCEPT FUNDS FROM NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SUBGRANT AWARD OF THE CFDA #97.042 FY 17 OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00 IN FEDERAL FUNDS AND PROVIDING APPROPRIATE MATCH OF \$10,155.75

AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF \$322,305.00 FROM THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND (A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$183,714.00 AND \$138,591.00 AS A LOAN) TO MAINTAIN THE AFFORABILITY OF HOUSING UNITS IN THE PROJECT KNOWN AS THE CROSS ROADS CONDOMINIUMS LOCATED AT CAIN COURT

AUTHORIZING A PROGRAM TO PURCHASE EXTENSIONS OF AFFORDABILITY CONTROLS ON CERTAIN FOR-SALE AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS USING FUNDS FROM THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND PURSUANT TO THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER'S APPROVED AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND SPENDING PLAN

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SOMERSET COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO ACCEPT THE 2016 HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$85,660 FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE LANE-BROKAW HOUSE ON MILLTOWN ROAD AND THE EXPENDITURE OF \$85,660.00 AS A MATCHING AMOUNT FROM THE TOWNSHIP'S OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND

Council President Moench recused himself from this discussion and asked Vice President Norgalis to chair this discussion.

Councilman Norgalis requested the wording in paragraph 7 of the contract be revised or stricken regarding the commitment portion and the township obligations moving forward.

Councilman Kurdyla offered after a meeting he attended with County representatives, he understood the township liability for future funding does not apply but only provides the township an outlet to support applications for future grants.

Councilman Norgalis asked the agreement be clarified reading there is “no obligation to fund in the future” or remove paragraph 7 all together and he will have no objection.

AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE SOMERSET COUNTY CULTURAL AND HERITAGE COMMISSION FOR THE 2019 SOMERSET COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$271,510 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRESERVING ITS HISTORICALLY SENSITIVE WORK ON THE HOUSE LOCATED AT 551 MILLTOWN ROAD, COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE LANE BROKAW HOUSE

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AND THE BRIDGEWATER-RARITAN BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR 2018-2019 HAZARDOUS BUSING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 241,429.00

AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$149,318.42 IN THE FORM OF CASH FOR SOMERSET VALLEY REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER (CARE ONE, LLC), BLOCK 800, LOT 8 - 1621 ROUTE 22

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1/FINAL CHANGE ORDER DECREASING THE PRICE FROM \$280,859.55 TO \$268,155.96, WHICH IS A DECREASE OF 4.52% OR (\$12,703.59) FROM THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT, FINAL PAYMENT TO ASPHALT PAVING SYSTEMS, INC., (PO BOX 530, 500 NORTH EGG HARBOR ROAD, HAMMONTON, NJ 08037) AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT, RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND FOR THE 2017 MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR WORK CHIP SEAL AND MICROSURFACING PROJECT FUNDED THROUGH THE 2017 CAPITAL FUND

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1/FINAL CHANGE ORDER DECREASING THE PRICE FROM \$327,730.75 TO \$327,599.80, WHICH IS A DECREASE OF 0.04% OR (\$130.95) FROM THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT, FINAL PAYMENT TO ASPHALT PAVING SYSTEMS, INC., (PO BOX 530, 500 NORTH EGG HARBOR ROAD, HAMMONTON, NJ 08037) AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT, RELEASE OF THE

**PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND FOR
THE 2017 MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR WORK CHIP SEAL AND MICROSURFACING
PROJECT FUNDED THROUGH THE 2017 & 2018 CAPITAL FUNDS**

**REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF BUILDING, PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL AND FIRE
PROTECTION PERMIT FEES IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$803.00 FOR THE
SOMERVILLE LODGE #1068 LOCATED AT 375 UNION AVE, BRIDGEWATER, NJ
08807**

**Motion to Set
Agenda** On motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the agenda was set for the April 15, 2019 Township Council regular meeting.

On the motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Pedroso, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Matthew C. Moench
Council President