

MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
JUNE 17, 2019 COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in a regular session on Monday, June 17, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers in the Municipal Complex, Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807.

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 (Absent)
Council Vice President Howard Norgalis
Council President Matthew C. Moench

Also Present: James T. Naples, Township Administrator
Christopher Corsini, Township Attorney
Linda J. Doyle, Township Clerk

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

Minutes

The June 6, 2019 Council minutes will be made available for approval at the next Council meeting.

Council Reports

Councilman Kurdyla

- Has been corresponding with Christopher Kanarski of the Bridgewater Library. They had the opportunity to apply for a State grant that will pay for half of the cost to repair their HVAC system. Councilman Kurdyla will soon request Mr. Kanarski to appear before the governing body to provide more information on this project.

Councilman Norgalis

- The certification of the Primary Election results will not be available until June 24th. Councilman Norgalis state he was hoping to announce that

Moench, Ring and Kirsh are the certified Republican Township candidates in the November election but that will have to wait another week.

- Attended the Somerset County VOTEC award ceremony where over 100 graduating students received awards or financial assistance checks.
- Congratulations to the County in running a superb shredding day. Last Saturday. I was the 55th car in line at 8:30am for a 9:00am start and was out by 9:21am. They had three shred trucks.
- Attorney William Cooper has confirmed that Somerset County will hire a Planner to assist Township Planner Doyle in evaluating the ballpark as a redevelopment. But at the moment, that entire project is on hold.
- Attended an Eighth Grade graduation held at the American University in Washington DC and was disappointed to see that they did not even salute the flag at the start of the ceremony.

Councilman Pedroso:

- Nothing new to report.

Council President Moench:

- Inquired about the meeting with the school board regarding the Garretson Road project. Township Administrator Naples stated Township Engineer Battaglia spoke to Peter Starrs and the school superintendent. They had no additional concerns and were in agreement with the proposed design moving forward.
- Received an email from a resident about Garretson Road repaving noting they live on Fairways by the golf course. They asked whether the portion of Voorhees that gets you from Garretson to Fairways can be repaired as part of the Garretson Road project. Township Administrator Naples will look into this.
- Received emails with continued concerns regarding flooding on Brown Road and wondered whether there is anything else that can be done.
- We have a resolution later on tonight regarding fireworks at Patriots stadium. Council President Moench stated he has received communication and concerns regarding the frequency of the fireworks and also whether the fireworks displays may or may not interfere with nesting eagles. Councilman Moench requested that this matter be held off until the next Council meeting as more information is sought.

**Mayor's
Reports**

Nothing new to report.

**Municipal
Budget**

It was agreed that this matter will be addressed and introduced at the July 1, 2019 Council meeting.

**Public
Comment**

On motion of Councilman Pedroso, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, 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 meeting was closed to the public.

Resolutions

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF VARIOUS DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE SOMERSET COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY'S SOMERSET MUNICIPAL BANC PROGRAM

Council President Moench stated this resolution will allow us to purchase police vehicles.

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO BBC CLEANING CORPORATION OF 1121 EDGEWATER AVE., RIDGEFILED, NEW JERSEY FOR CUSTODIAL SERVICES FOR THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, POLICE BUILDING, PUBLIC WORKS AND THE SENIOR CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$56,400.00 FOR THE CONTRACT PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020

Council President Moench stated this resolution is for an award of contract for custodial services.

AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF SOMERSET COUNTY FOR 2019 RECYCLING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400,107.60

Council President Moench stated this resolution is for a grant that we enter into for recycling.

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UNDER THEIR 2020 BIKEWAYS PROGRAM FOR THE CAMP CROMWELL BIKE PATH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$306,553

Council President Moench stated this resolution is for a grant application to install bike paths at Camp Cromwell.

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UNDER THEIR 2020 MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM FOR THE COUNTRY CLUB ROAD

IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - SECTION X IN THE AMOUNT OF \$583,834

Council President Moench stated this resolution will allow us to work on Country Club Road.

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UNDER THEIR 2020 MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM FOR THE STEEPLE CHASE LANE/EISENHOWER SCHOOL ACCESS ROADS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$493,585

Council President Moench stated this resolution is for a grant for work on Steeplechase lane and Eisenhower Road.

Council President Moench called for a consent vote on the resolutions noted above:

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

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

THE RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED.

Copies of resolutions [#19-06-17-133 through #19-06-17-138](#) are appended to the official minutes.

AUTHORIZING FIREWORK DISPLAYS AT SOMERSET PATRIOTS STADIUM ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 24 (RAIN DATE 8-28), THURSDAY, AUGUST 29 (RAIN DATE 9-7), FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 (RAIN DATE 9-12) AND SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 (RAIN DATE 9-20)

Councilman Pedroso stated New Jersey cancelled the concert series at Sandy Hook recently because there was a protected bird that set up a nest within 100-ft of the premises. He stated the governing body does not want to be in violation of any NJ law and wants to protect protected species.

Councilman Kurdyla made motion to table this resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pedroso and carried on the following roll call vote:

Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Aye

Councilwoman Rose	Absent
Council Vice-President Norgalis	Aye
Council President Moench	Aye

**LIQUOR
LICENSE
RENEWALS**

Township Clerk Linda Doyle stated that the liquor license applicants noted below have complied with all requirements for renewal of their 2019-2020 Licenses.

2019-2020 RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LIQUOR LICENSES FOR SQUIRES CORNER LIQUORS, INC. AKA SPIRITS OF THE VALLEY, WEGMANS FOOD MARKETS, INC. KRISHA BEVERAGE AKA BRIDGEWATER WINE & SPIRITS AND RAMARAM, INC., AKA BUY BEST WINE & LIQUORS

2019-2020 RENEWAL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER CLUB LIQUOR LICENSES FOR FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES, SOMERVILLE LODGE OF ELKS, RARITAN VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB AND GERALD ABREGO POST AMERICAN LEGION

2019-2020 RENEWAL OF TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSES

RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE HOTEL/MOTEL EXCEPTION 2019-2020 FOR THE HYATT SUMMERFIELD SUITES HOTEL, HILTON GARDENS INN AND FSG BRIDGEWATER HOTEL, LLC ALSO KNOW AS HAMPTON INN AND SUITES

2019-2020 RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE CAFÉ EMILIA, INC. WITH CONDITION

2019-2020 RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE NUMBER 1806-33-021-009 FOR MISH-J.O. INVESTMENT CORP. T/A GREEN KNOLL GRILLE

2019-2020 RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE HOTEL/MOTEL EXCEPTION MARRIOTT HOTEL SERVICES, INC WITH CONDITIONS

RENEWAL OF INACTIVE PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE #1806-33-011-008 RUBY TUESDAY, INC. FORMERLY ACTIVE AT 754 ROUTE 202 TOWNE CENTRE, BRIDGEWATER

RENEWAL OF INACTIVE PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE #1806-33-006-005 MCCORMICK & SCHMICK'S RESTAURANT CORP. FORMERLY ACTIVE AT BRIDGEWATER COMMONS, 400 COMMONS WAY, SUITE 2493, BRIDGEWATER

RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE #1806-33-017-006, CHIMNEY ROCK, LQR LLC, POCKET LICENSE WITH TWO TERM SPECIAL RULING N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39

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

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

THE RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED.

Copies of resolutions [#19-06-17-139 through #19-06-17-148](#) 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 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 Pedroso, Council convened in a closed session at approximately 7:42 p.m.

A copy of resolution [#19-06-17-149](#) is appended to the official minutes

On the motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Pedroso, the meeting reconvened to open session at approximately 7:53pm and adjourned immediately thereafter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Matthew Moench
Council President