

MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
April 1, 2013 COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in a regular session on Monday, April 1, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers in the Municipal Complex, Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807.

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 8, 2013 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
Matthew C. Moench (arrived at 7:40 pm)
Howard V. Norgalis
Filipe Pedroso
Council President Christine Henderson Rose

Also Present: James T. Naples, Township Administrator
William B. Savo, Township Attorney
Natasha Turchan, Finance Director
Robert C. Bogart, Director of Municipal Services
Thomas Forsythe, Deputy Director of Municipal Services
Police Chief Richard Borden
Police Captain Manny Caravela
John Langel, Director of Public Works
Linda J. Doyle, Township Clerk

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

Minutes for Approval

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second by Councilman Kurdyla, the following minutes were approved on a unanimous voice vote of all present:
Regular Session - March 18, 2013
Closed Session # 1 and # 2 - March 18, 2013

Council Reports

Councilman Kurdyla reported Norman Lawn who served on many capacities in the Township, especially as being one of the founders of the Open Space Committee recently passed away. He will be missed.

Councilman Norgalis reported as follows:

- Birdsall Engineering has declared bankruptcy after a series of fraud accusations
- A Readington Fire Fighter and State Forestry worker was hit and killed by a car while working at a controlled burn site by Round Valley Reservoir in Readington.
- He attended a Legislate Update Meeting where Michael Doherty presented in detail how the Fair School Funding Plan can lower property taxes.

Councilman Pedroso had nothing new to report

Council President Rose reported she attended the Regional Center Partnership Meeting where there was a presentation from Together New Jersey concerning the plans on Route 202 Corridor between Flemington and Raritan.

**Mayor's
Report**

Township Administrator Naples had nothing new to report.

**2013
MUNICIPAL
BUDGET**

PUBLIC HEARING

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second by Councilman Kurdyla, the meeting was opened up for public hearing.

No one wished to be heard.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second by Councilman Kurdyla, the public portion was closed.

INTRODUCTION OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Finance Director Natasha discussed the budget amendments noting that the changes have zero impact on taxes.

Councilman Pedroso made motion to approve budget amendment #1. The motion was second by Councilman Kurdyla and carried on the following roll call vote:

Councilman Moench	Absent
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Aye
Councilwoman Rose	Aye
Council President Rose	Aye

BUDGET AMENDEMENT #1 was approved
A copy of resolution **#13-04-01-082** is appended to the official minutes.

**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.

Boy Scout Sullivan from Troup 88 was present and addressed the Council.

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

Township Administrator Naples advised Council that John Langel, Director of Public Works, Police Chief Borden and Police Captain Caravela were present to answer any questions concerning the budget.

At a later time during the meeting, Chief Borden and Captain Caravela fielded various questions with regard to the budgetary costs for ammunition.

Council also discussed with John Langel the various vehicles and equipment public works currently hosts and whether they are suitable for collecting debris following Storm Sandy. Mr. Langel confirmed affirmatively.

**Public
Hearing &
Final Action
Ordinances**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 26 ENTITLED "PERSONNEL POLICIES",
ARTICLE 32, SICK LEAVE, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
BRIDGEWATER**

Township Administrator Naples stated this Ordinance has been prepared for the non-union employees concerning personnel policies on sick leave and its cap bank.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Pedroso, the meeting was opened to the public.

No one wished to speak.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Moench, the public comment portion was closed and the meeting was opened up for discussion.

There was no further discussion on this Ordinance.

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

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

THE ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #13-04-01-078 is appended to the official minutes.

Resolutions

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING/SURVEYING SERVICES CONTRACT FOR CHAMBERS BROOK DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO KELLER & KIRKPATRICK, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$47,900

Township Engineer Bogart explained that this will allow for Keller and Kirkpatrick to conduct a study of portions of the Chambers Brook, and the impact of flooding to the Carteret Road - Brown Road intersection and recommend improvements to reduce or eliminate said impact.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #13-04-01-079 is appended to the official minutes.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE SHADE TREE BOARD - JOHN TUCCIARONE

Township Administrator Naples stated John Tucciarone has expressed interest in joining the Shade Tree Board which has two vacancies at the present. Councilman Norgalis stated he has worked with John and recommended him.

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

Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Moench	Aye

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 Moench, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, Council convened in closed session at 9:20 p.m.

A copy of resolution #13-04-01-084 is appended to the official minutes.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second by Councilman Pedroso, the meeting convened to open session at 9:25 pm.

On the motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Moench, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Christine Henderson-Rose
Council President