

**MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**  
**April 15, 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 15, 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  
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  
Dispatch employees  
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 - April 1, 2013  
Closed Session #1 and # 2 - April 1, 2013  
Road Tour - April 6, 2013

**Council Reports**

Councilman Moench reported he attended the Somerset County Governing Officials Meeting and the Business Partnership networking event at the Martinsville Community Center.

Councilman Kurdyla reported he attended a swearing in of new officers at the municipal building. Special consideration was given to Malik, a courageous 4-year old with a terminal illness. He also attended Bridgewater Baseball's opening day ceremony and the Business Partnership networking event.

Councilman Pedroso reported he too attended the swearing-in ceremony. He also shared in Councilwoman Rose's last eleventh hour toast as the exalted ruler of the Elks.

Councilman Norgalis reported as follows:

- He attended Somerset County's access and mobility improvement committee meeting
- Attended the Business Partnership meeting at the Norris McLaughlin building on Route 22.
- Attended the Business Partnership event at the Martinsville Community Center
- He too attended the swearing-in ceremony of new police officers at the municipal building
- Attended Governor Chris Christie's town meeting at Raritan Valley Community College
- Attended Bridgewater Baseball's opening day ceremony
- Will be attending the Jersey Housing Resource Center meeting on 4/18/2013, employer legislative committee meeting on 4/19/2013, 9-11 task force presentation for the EMS on 4/23/2013 and a Library Round Table Discussion on 4/30/2013 to talk about proposed improvements to the Somerset County Library

Council President Rose reported she participated in the robotics competition on 4/6/2013. She also attended the Business Partnership event at the Martinsville Community Center and Bridgewater Baseball's opening day ceremony.

## Mayor's Report

Township Administrator Naples invited everyone to the upcoming eco-blast sustainability fair being organized by the environmental commission. The event will be held on 5/4/2013 from 10am-3pm at Kid Street Park. He also reported that a road tour was held with the governing body in order to go over the capital projects that will be undertaken in the coming year.

## 2013 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

### PUBLIC HEARING BUDGET AMENDMENT #1

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

No one wished to be heard.

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

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

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

**BUDGET AMENDMENT #1** was approved.

A copy of resolution #13-04-15-085 is appended to the official minutes.

#### **INTRODUCTION OF BUDGET AMENDMENT #2**

Finance Director Natasha discussed the budget amendments noting the budget has been amended to reflect the numbers that the State has provided.

Councilman Norgalis made motion to approve budget amendment #2. The motion was second by Councilman Kurdyla and carried on the following roll call vote:

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

**BUDGET AMENDMENT #2** was approved.

A copy of resolution #13-04-15-086 is appended to the official minutes.

#### **ADOPTION OF THE 2013 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

Township Administrator Naples noted administration is happy to present a budget with zero impact on taxes.

It was Council's consensus to table this item and go into closed session at the end of this meeting to discuss personnel matters that concern the budget. They

will then vote on the budget immediately following the closed session.

**Resolutions**

**REQUEST TO WAIVE FIRE PERMIT FEES FROM THE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY IN CONNECTION WITH AN EVENT ON FRIDAY, APRIL 19 FROM 6-9 P.M. AT THE BRIDGEWATER COMMONS CENTER COURT**

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
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Aye
Council President Rose	Aye

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #13-04-15-087 is appended to the official minutes.

**AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #2 - FINAL CHANGE ORDER DECREASING THE PRICE FROM \$84,463 TO \$84,043.28, A DECREASE OF \$419.72 OR 0.5% DECREASE, AND FINAL PAYMENT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,590.68 TO KULPEKSA LAND IMPROVEMENT CORP., AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND, BOND NUMBER 61270538, ISSUED BY WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$71,867.50 AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND, BOND NUMBER 61270538, ISSUED BY WESTERN SURETY COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,606.49 FOR THE DONAHUE ROAD DRAINAGE DITCH STABILIZATION PROJECT**

Township Administrator Naples stated this is due to damage caused by Hurricane Irene. The change order was necessary in order to reflect the as-built quantities verses the bid quantities.

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, 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 #13-04-15-088 is appended to the official minutes.

**2012 RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION**

Township Administrator Naples stated this is a mandatory resolution required when we submit our recycling tonnage grant application. DEP requires this resolution to demonstrate the governing body is committed to recycling.

On motion of Councilman Moench, 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 #13-04-15-089 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.

George Jones, 117 Mountainside Lane was present. He questioned the amount of money that has been budgeted for street lights and legal services noting they are considerably higher than last year's. He also asked about the procedure on reporting street lights that are out. Mr. Naples detailed how residents can report outages using the web. Mr. Jones further noted that Carol Juth and Jane Waldren were extremely instrumental in rebuilding the Martinsville Community Center and making it the great facility that it is today.

James Vitale, Green Knoll Fire Chief of 484 Knollwood Drive was present. He noted he supports keeping the dispatchers in town.

Michael Galay, 31 Forest Ave was present. He asked who will make the decision on migrating our dispatch to the County. He was advised it is the Council's job to approve contract to transfer the 911 service, but it is the Mayor's job to recommend the change and to negotiate the contract with the County and then present that recommendation to Council for final review and approval.

Bill Metz, 45 Shannon Rd. was present. He advised there is an area near the Bradley Middle School that is still in need of clean up. He then asked whether Council can share via the monitors whatever documents they are reviewing during the meeting with the public. Mr. Metz was advised Council will look into this.

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

**Closed  
Session #1**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bridgewater Township Council that this body will now hold a closed meeting to discuss personnel matters.

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 Pedroso, Council convened in closed session at 8:55 p.m.

A copy of resolution #13-04-15-090 is appended to the official minutes.

Council President advised members of the audience there will be a brief closed session to discuss certain budget matters. After that discussion, Council will open the session, invite members of the public back in and vote on the budget, then reconvene in closed session to discuss various other matters.

Motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Moench, the meeting reconvened to open session at 8:00 p.m.

#### **ADOPTION OF THE 2013 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

Councilman Moench made motion to adopt the 2013 Municipal Budget. The motion was seconded by Councilman Norgalis and carried on the following roll call vote:

**2013  
MUNICIPAL  
BUDGET**

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution #13-04-15-091 is appended to the official minutes

**Closed  
Session #2**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bridgewater Township Council that this body will now hold a closed meeting to discuss BMEA contract negotiations, personnel matters and litigation.

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 Kurdyla, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, Council convened in closed session at 8:05 p.m.

A copy of resolution #13-04-15-092 is appended to the official minutes.

Motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Moench, the meeting reconvened to open session at 8:40 p.m.

On the motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Moench, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

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Christine Henderson-Rose  
Council President