

MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
January 16, 2014 COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in a regular session on Thursday, January 16, 2014 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 7, 2014 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
Howard V. Norgalis
Filipe Pedroso
Christine Henderson Rose
Council President Matthew C. Moench

Also Present: James T. Naples, Township Administrator
William B. Savo, Township Attorney
Robert C. Bogart, Township Engineer
Linda J. Doyle, Township Clerk

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

Minutes for Approval

Minutes will be presented for Council approval at the next meeting.

Council Reports

Councilman Norgalis reported he attended the SRVSA meeting called by Township Administrator Naples and our SRVSA representatives.

Councilwoman Rose reported the Somerset Regional Animal shelter will hold a strategic planning session on 2/1/2014. She also attended the regional center partnership meeting and reported as follows:

- There will be significant renovations at the Promenade by Old Navy and Target stores due to several motor vehicle accidents in this area
- A new Hampton Inn Suites is proposed on Route 22 near Ronson Rd.

Councilman Kurdyla reported he attended a 911 migration meeting with

Councilwoman Rose and a Green Knoll Martinsville Rescue Squad Dinner. He also asked for a closed session at the next Council meeting to discuss open space properties.

Councilman Pedroso had nothing new to report.

Council President Moench reported as follows:

- Met with Mayor Hayes and Township Administrator Naples to discuss 2014 and some of the various issues we may see. He looked forward to working with Administration as the Council President this year.
- Attended the Somerset County Governing Officials Meeting where Obama Care and what it means to businesses and municipalities was discussed.
- Attended the Planning Board meeting. Special Meetings to discuss the Al Falah application are soon to be scheduled at the Bridgewater High School.
- He asked Council to review the Board of Adjustment Annual Report in order that appropriate action on those recommendations may be taken.
- He was accompanied by two gentlemen from the Public Works department to deliver the items collected for the Raritan Pregnancy Aid Center following the very successful Holiday Drive.
- Attended the Green Knoll Martinsville Rescue Squad Dinner.

Mayor's Report

Township Administrator Naples had nothing new to report

Presentation

RECOGNITION OF THE BRADLEY GARDENS FIRST AID AND RESCUE SQUAD, INC.

Council President Moench noted the Bradley Gardens First Aid and Rescue Squad, Inc. was named 2013 Bridgewater Persons of the Year by the Bridgewater Patch. He presented the rescue squad members that were present with a Proclamation which read as follows:

WHEREAS, the **BRADLEY GARDENS FIRST AID AND RESCUE SQUAD, INC.**, a/k/a Rescue 39, has been named 2013 Bridgewater Persons of the Year by the Bridgewater Patch on January 10, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Bradley Gardens First Aid and Rescue Squad was overwhelmingly named by readers of the Bridgewater Patch as Person of the Year for 2013; and

WHEREAS, The Bradley Gardens First Aid and Rescue Squad answered 383 calls in 2013, with its members spending over 1,500 hours on the road to support the sick and injured; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Bradley Gardens First Aid and Rescue Squad volunteered over 50,000 man hours of being on call and helping those in need; and

WHEREAS, the Bradley Gardens First Aid and Rescue Squad's activities also include a cadet program for teens, whose cadet group took first place at a competition of cadet teams at the New Jersey First Aid Council convention, and

WHEREAS, the Bradley Gardens First Aid and Rescue Squad has been serving the residents of Bridgewater Since 1950, and is the oldest Rescue Squad still active in Bridgewater;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater do hereby recognize the **Bradley Gardens Rescue Squad members** for their ongoing dedication and devotion to the community.

Resolutions

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO GIBBONS, P.C. AS BOND COUNSEL FOR THE 2014 CALENDAR YEAR

It was noted that Mr. John Draikiwicz of Gibbons, P.C. has always done an outstanding job as bond counsel and was recommended for award of contract for 2014.

Councilman Norgalis asked that a statement be added to the resolution stating that Gibbons P.C. has honorably served Bridgewater Township for many years.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution **#14-01-16-028** is appended to the official minutes.

**Public
Comment**

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla seconded by Councilman Norgalis, 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.

Bill Metz, 45 Shannon Road was present. He requested that the governing body look into making Council meetings more public by streaming them for those that are unable to attend. Council agreed to look into this matter.

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

Resolutions

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1/ FINAL CHANGE ORDER DECREASING THE PRICE FROM \$ 225,143.34 to \$ 210,202.28, A DECREASE OF \$ 9,243.36, AND FINAL PAYMENT TO S. BROTHERS GENERAL CONTRACTORS, AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT AND RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND FOR THE BROWN ROAD PAVEMENT RECONSTRUCTION - PAPAN ROAD TO WASHINGTON VALLEY ROAD PROJECT

There was no comment on this resolution.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #14-01-16-029 is appended to the official minutes.

**Introduction
of New
Ordinances**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 75 ENTITLED "TOBACCO FREE OUTDOOR EVENT" AND ALSO AMENDING CHAPTER 76 (DISORDERLY CONDUCT) AND CHAPTER 151 (PARK REGULATIONS) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER SO AS TO PROHIBIT TOBACCO FROM BEING USED AT AN OUTDOOR EVENT AT THE EVENT SITE LOCATED ON OUTDOOR MUNICIPAL PROPERTY

Township Administrator Naples noted the Health Board met previously and have submitted their recommendations via Chris Poulsen, Director of Human Services, in support of this Ordinance. Dr. Livornese and Howard Bixler from the Health Advisory Board were present and spoke in support of this Ordinance.

Donna Drummen, 317 George Street in New Brunswick was present. She noted she was with the Robert Wood Medical School and spoke in favor of the Ordinance. Concerning issues raised about enforcing this Ordinance and issuance of summonses, she offered it would be self enforcing noting a survey had been conducted in over 15 police departments whose municipalities enforce Ordinances such as this and they all confirm self enforcement as no summonses have been issued.

BE IT RESOLVED that the said pending ordinance be passed on first reading and advertised as required by statute fixing the 3rd day of February, 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; and

BE IT 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 with no charge and spread the same upon the minutes of the meeting.

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

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

THE ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED.

A copy of resolution #14-01-16-030 is appended to the official minutes.

Resolutions

AUTHORIZING AND IMPLEMENTING THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP POLICY WITH RESPECT TO THE USE OF TOWNSHIP MOTOR VEHICLES BY TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES

Township Administrator Naples advised this resolution is an update to our current policy concerning the use of Township vehicles. The policy will be revised to include Councilman Norgalis' comments as follows:

Under Driver Responsibility:

- A vehicle walk around shall be performed on Township vehicles every day to assure they are in good working order.
- Municipal vehicles shall be inspected every day to assure they are current for registration, insurance and inspection.

Page 2 Paragraph D (2), 4th sentence will be modified as follows:

- Any penalties incurred by drivers of Township vehicles, or private vehicles while on township business, resulting from moving or parking violations must be borne by the drivers who are also responsible for providing their own legal representation.

Page 3 Paragraph E (2) b will be modified as follows:

- Operation of a vehicle within four (4) hours after the consumption of alcohol and/or certain drugs that affect driving abilities.

The Driver Acknowledgement form will state that this form applies to ALL employees.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #14-01-16-031 is appended to the official minutes

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES FOR THE GREEN KNOLL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, 773 DOW ROAD, BRIDGEWATER, BLOCK 455, LOT 24 IN CONNECTION WITH A KITCHEN UPGRADE TO THE UL 300 SYSTEM IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$183.00

There was no comment on this resolution.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #14-01-16-032 is appended to the official minutes

RESOLUTION OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF BLOCK 329, LOTS 3.01, 13.01 AND 14, KNOWN AS THE "WEYERHAUSER" PROPERTY AS AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT UNDER THE NEW JERSEY LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW (N.J.S.A 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ)

It was Council’s consensus to amend paragraph #4 on page 2 as follows:

WHEREAS, members of the public were invited to present their own testimony, address questions and comments to members of the Planning Board and to the Planning Board’s representatives concerning the designation of the Study Area as an area in need of redevelopment; no one wished to speak, and

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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On the motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Pedroso, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Matthew C. Moench
Council President