

MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
January 17, 2013 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 17, 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
Robert C. Bogart, Township Engineer
Linda J. Doyle, Township Clerk

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

Minutes for Approval

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the following minutes were approved:

December 13, 2012 - Agenda Session
December 17, 2012 - Regular Session
January 7, 2013 - Regular Session
January 11, 2013 - Special Session

Council Reports

Councilman Kurdyla reported he attended the Martinsville Green Knoll Rescue Squad Dinner. He applauded all emergency service organizations and wished them well in 2013.

Councilman Pedroso also reported he attended Martinsville Green Knoll Rescue Squad Dinner.

Councilman Norgalis reported he attended the North Branch Dinner and the Planning Board reorganization meeting.

Councilman Moench reminded everyone of the Somerset County Governing Officials meeting in February. He then reported that we collected over \$1,000.00 in cash donations for the Raritan Pregnancy Aid Center along with a box full of baby items.

Council President Rose reported that she too attended the Martinsville Green Knoll Rescue Squad Dinner.

**Mayor's
Report**

Township Administrator Naples reported Mayor Hayes attended the North Branch and Bradley Gardens Fire House dinners. He also attended the Regional Center Partnership meeting along with Councilwoman Rose.

Township Administrator Naples provided a brief overview of the brush clean up noting that the seven (7) contractors hired for cleanup have now completed their assignments. We now have three (3) DPW crews with chippers working to finish the remaining work. It is estimate that approximately 75% of the Town has been cleared and that DPW will finish the remaining work including picking up logs. To date, the contractors have picked up 14,325 cubic yards of chipped debris. At the Parks, we have moved 19,000 cubic yards of debris to the yard waste site. The Bridgewater Yard Waste Site on Foothill Road has removed over 25,000 cubic yards of debris but is currently closed as of late December and will remain closed until mid March. Township Administrator Naples advised the yard waste site will be using a tub grinder on site which makes it dangerous for the public to be on site while the machinery is in operation.

The Township will keep Harry Ally Park open for resident drop-off while the Yard Waste site is closed. No commercial vehicles will be allowed to drop-off at Harry Ally Park. Harry Ally Park is open for residents only, no contractors, even if the work is contracted for residents. The Township's Curb-side Pickup Program is scheduled to continue until one pass of each roadway is completed.

**Public
Comment**

On motion of Councilman Moench, 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.

No one wished to speak.

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

Resolutions

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO UNIVERSAL UNIFORM SALES OF NEWARK, NJ FOR THE PURCHASE OF POLICE UNIFORMS, SHOES AND LEATHER GEAR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$56,919.70

Township Administrator Naples advised this award will allow for the purchase of police uniforms, shoes and leather gear for the police officers. This award is considerably less than that of last year.

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 #13-01-17-031 is appended to the official minutes.

GRANTING MUNICIPAL CONSENT TO UNITED FEDERAL DATA, LLC LOCATED AT 30 NORTH QUEEN STREET 2nd & 3rd FLOORS, LANCASTER, PA 17603 TO INSTALL TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES ALONG, UNDER AND OVER THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP

Township Administrator Naples advised this is similar to requests received by Council in years past to install fiber optic connections throughout the Township right-of-way/existing poles.

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 #13-01-17-032 is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AND THE NEW JERSEY EASTERN STAR HOME, INC. 111 FINDERNE AVENUE, BRIDGEWATER - BLOCK 252, LOT 2

Township Engineer Bogart advised this project was recently approved by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. This resolution will authorize the execution of a developer's agreement between Bridgewater Township and Eastern Star Home.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, 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 #13-01-17-033 is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1/FINAL CHANGE ORDER DECREASING THE PRICE FROM \$236,822.47 TO \$225,061.72, A DECREASE OF \$11,760.75 OR 4.97% DECREASE, AND FINAL PAYMENT OF \$6,511.09 TO STILO EXCAVATION, INC., AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT AND RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND, B10-016-045, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$236,822.47 AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND, B10-016-045M, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,523.37 ISSUED BY AEGIS SECURITY INSURANCE COMPANY, FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FOOTHILL ROAD PHASE 3 PROJECT

Township Engineer Bogart advised that this resolution was approved last year but has returned to Council due to a clerical error.

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, 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 #3-01-17-034 is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SOMERSET COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER PROVIDING FOR AN ANNUAL REIMBURSEMENT OF \$45,840 TO THE TOWNSHIP FOR THE COST OF PROVIDING SOCIAL SERVICES

Township Administrator Naples advised that in 2011, administration asked the County to take over this function. The County agreed but is currently unable to take this over due to space and personnel constraints but is willing to reimburse us a portion of time and salary for the employee that handles this service.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, 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 #13-01-17-035 is 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 Al-Falah Center, LLC and Municipal Complex litigation matters and contract negotiations for Bridgewater Commons Mall.

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 7:52 p.m.

A copy of resolution #13-01-17-036 is appended to the official minutes.

On the motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the

meeting reconvened to open session at 8:00 p.m.

On the motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Christine Henderson-Rose
Council President