

MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
May 20, 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, May 20, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers in the Municipal Complex, Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807.

Acting Council President Kurdyla 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 (arrived at 7:15pm)
Council President Christine Henderson Rose (Absent)

Also Present: Daniel J. Hayes, Mayor
James T. Naples, Township Administrator
Alan Grant, Township Attorney
Robert C. Bogart, Township Engineer
Grace Karanja, Deputy Township Clerk

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

Closed Session

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bridgewater Township Council that this body will now hold a closed meeting to discuss contract negotiations 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 Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Moench, Council convened in closed session at 7:05 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations and

litigation.

A copy of resolution #13-05-20-107 is appended to the official minutes.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second by Councilman Pedroso, the meeting reconvened to open session at 7:35 p.m.

Minutes for Approval

On motion of Councilman Moench, second by Councilman Norgalis, the following minutes were approved on a unanimous voice vote of all present:

Regular Session - May 6, 2013

Closed Session - May 6, 2013

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second by Councilman Moench, the following minutes were approved on a unanimous voice vote of all present:

Agenda Session - May 16, 2013

Council Reports

Councilman Moench reported he attended the Somerset County Governing Officials Meeting. He advised the next meeting in June will be a picnic event and urged everyone to attend.

Councilman Pedroso reported he went to Boston over the weekend to show support after the Boston marathon bombing.

Councilman Norgalis reported as follows:

- He attended the Somerset County Governing Officials Meeting
- Attended the joint 9-11 dispatch meeting with the county and the police department
- Attended the 200-club meeting, an organization that supports police, fire and emergency service families
- Attended the walk and roll for children's specialized hospital where his grandson is being treated. 1200 people attended in support.

Council President Kurdyla reported he attended the joint 9-11 dispatch meeting as an ongoing project.

Mayor's Report

Township Administrator Naples reported the T-Mobile balloon test was held on Saturday, May 18, 2013 and was a success. He added the Mayor attended the Asian Festival on Sunday, May 19, 2013 and was joined by Congressman Leonard Lance.

Public Comment

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Moench, 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 Rd. was present. He asked about the percentage of interest in the bonds we will be utilizing. Township Administrator Naples advised between 2%-3%. He asked if we have cut ties with Birdsall Engineering. Township Engineer Bogart confirmed affirmatively. He asked whether closed session minutes are available for inspection. He was advised they are released once the issues involved in the closed session are complete. Mr. Metz also asked that Council support the resolution to be discussed tonight for waiver of police and public works employee costs for the Bridgewater-Bound Brook rotary street fair with the stipulation that Bridgewater would be named a good neighbor and sponsor.

The following Scouts were present for their Community merit badges and addressed Council:

John Carroll, 1028 Laurel Trail, Martinsville, NJ

John Benson, 2092 Washington Valley Road, Martinsville, NJ

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

**PUBLIC
HEARING &
FINAL ACTION
ORDINANCES**

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$183,587 FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING AN 8 YARD DUMP TRUNK WITH SNOW PLOW, AERA-VATOR WITH RACK ROLLER, SEED BOX, SHAFT -3 POINT HITCH AND LIFT, IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$174,404 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Moench, 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	Absent

THE ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #13-05-20-108 is appended to the official minutes.

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,800,000 FOR VARIOUS SEWER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING REALIGNMENT OF SEWER MAINS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS INCLUDING BRADLEY GARDENS AND FINDERNE AREAS, GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS), REHABILITATION OF MIDDLE BROOK PUMP STATION, EXTERIOR PUMP STATION FOR SENIOR CENTER ON SOMERVILLE ROAD, ACQUISITION OF PICK-UP TRUCK WITH SNOW PLOW AND ACQUISITION OF BOOM FLAIL MOWER, IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,800,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION

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

No one wished to speak.

On motion of Councilman Moench, seconded by Councilman Pedroso, 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 Moench, seconded by Councilman Pedroso, 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	Absent

THE ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #13-05-20-109 is appended to the official minutes

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$3,467,000 FOR VARIOUS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,151,650 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION

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 Moench, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, 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 Moench, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, 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	Absent

THE ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #13-05-20-110 is appended to the official minutes

AN ORDINANCE VACATING PORTIONS OF PLAINFIELD AVENUE, AND BRUNSWICK AVENUE AND ALL OF DUNELLEN AVENUE SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

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

No one wished to speak.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Pedroso, 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 Pedroso, 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	Absent

THE ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #13-05-20-111 is appended to the official minutes

AN ORDINANCE TO SET THE COMPENSATION OF THE MAYOR, TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEMBERS, DEPARTMENT HEADS AND CERTAIN OTHER MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 374 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 1985; N.J.S.A. 2A: 8-13; N.J.S.A. 40A: 9-146; N.J.S.A. 40A: 9-165, AND CHAPTER 95 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 1996

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

No one wished to speak.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Pedroso, 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	Absent

THE ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #13-05-20-112 is appended to the official minutes

Resolutions

RATIFYING AND MEMORIALIZING APPROVAL OF THE BRIDGEWATER MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (BMEA) AGREEMENT FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2012 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014

This resolution was tabled.

2013 REGIONAL CENTER PARTNERSHIP OF SOMERSET COUNTY PLANNING ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,000.00

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	Absent

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #13-05-20-113 is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING/SURVEYING/INSPECTION SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE VOSELLER AVENUE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, SECTION II TO THE REYNOLDS GROUP, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,100

Township Administrator Naples advised this is the second phase of road improvements on Vosseller Avenue from approximately Miller Lane down to the overpass. The Reynolds group has been recommended to do this work as they performed the engineering/surveying/inspection services on the first phase and have intimate knowledge of this road improvement.

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	Absent

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #13-05-20-114 is appended to the official minutes

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO LUCAS CONSTRUCTION GROUP FOR THE BUENA PARKWAY - SANITARY SEWER AND ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, IN THE

SUM OF \$249,577

It was confirmed that although the Township has not had prior dealings with Lucas Construction Group, Thomas Forsythe, Deputy Director of Municipal Services has worked favorably with them in the past and the references they provided checked out.

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	Absent

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #13-05-20-115 is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT TO APPRAISAL SYSTEMS, INC. TO PERFORM PROFESSIONAL APPRAISAL INSPECTIONS AND RELATED SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE TOWNSHIP REASSESSMENT PROGRAM FOR 2013 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$74,240

Township Administrator Naples advised they are recommending the award to Appraisal Systems, Inc. as they are the lowest bidder and have performed this service for us in the past. He further advised it's a requirement as part of the reassessment process to have them inspect 25% of the properties each year for four years in order that after four years, all properties have been inspected.

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	Absent

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #13-05-20-116 is appended to the official minutes

**APPOINTMENT TO THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD OF CINDY CULLEN 16
LINBERGER DRIVE, BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807**

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	Absent

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #13-05-20-117 is appended to the official minutes

2013 COPS HIRING PROGRAM (CHP) GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$201,461.87

Council noted that utilization of this grant would have exceeded the Council authorized headcount for the police department.

DUE TO THE ABSENCE OF A MOTION, THIS RESOLUTION WAS DEFEATED

A copy of resolution #13-05-20-118 is appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FIREWORK DISPLAY AT THE RARITAN VALLEY
COUNTRY CLUB, 747 STATE ROUTE 28, BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807 - JULY 4,
2013**

On motion of Councilman Moench, 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	Absent

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #13-05-20-119 is appended to the official minutes

**REQUEST FROM THE SOMERSET COUNTY 4-H ASSOCIATION FOR WAIVERS OF
FIRE, BUILDING AND ANY OTHER NECESSARY PERMIT IN CONNECTION WITH
THE SOMERSET COUNTY 4-H FAIR BEING HELD AUGUST 7,8,9, 2013 AT THE
SOMERSET COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS ON MILLTOWN ROAD IN BRIDGEWATER**

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, 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	Absent

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #13-05-20-120 is appended to the official minutes

REQUEST FROM BRIDGEWATER BASEBALL & SOFTBALL FOR WAIVER OF FIRE PERMIT FEES IN CONNECTION WITH 12U SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT ON SATURDAY, MAY 18-19, 2013 AT NORTH BRIDGE STREET SOFTBALL FIELDS FROM 8 AM TO 6 PM

On motion of Councilman Pedroso, 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	Absent

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #13-05-20-121 is appended to the official minutes

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF POLICE AND PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE COSTS OF APPROXIMATELY \$2,400 FOR SERVICES RENDERED DURING AND AFTER THE BRIDGEWATER-BOUND BROOK ROTARY STREET FAIR JUNE 1, 2013

Council expressed concern with precedence noting if this is approved, they would be obligated to offer the same courtesy to other nonprofit organizations. Since the street involved is a County Road, there may also be a union issue regarding Bridgewater employees cleaning up a County owned street.

DUE TO THE ABSENCE OF A MOTION, THIS RESOLUTION WAS DEFEATED

A copy of resolution #13-05-20-122 is appended to the official minutes

On the motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Moench, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Christine Henderson-Rose
Council President