

MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 12, 2013 COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in an agenda session at 6:30 p.m. and a regular session immediately thereafter on Thursday, September 12, 2013 at 6:50 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, and the time change noticed on September 6, 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 (absent)
Matthew C. Moench
Howard V. Norgalis
Filipe Pedroso (arrived at 6:35 pm)
Council President Christine Henderson Rose

Also Present:

James T. Naples, Township Administrator
Robert Bogart, Director of Municipal Services
Thomas J. Forsythe, Deputy Director of Municipal Services
William B. Savo, Township Attorney
Linda J. Doyle, Township Clerk

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.

Marcia Zalewski, 218 N. Bridge Street in Somerville spoke on behalf of the People Care Center. Ms. Zalewski requested a waiver of the requirement to post escrow fees in the amount of \$6000 and application fees in the amount of \$500. These fees are in connection with a Zoning Board application request to install a new sign outside the People Care Center. Ms. Zalewski offered that the People Care Center is a nonprofit organization and this fee requirement will pose a hardship for them.

Township Administrator Naples advised the escrow fees pay our professionals who are outside consultants but in this case, administration is willing to work with the People Care Center and provide in house review of the application so as not to require the posting of escrow.

Council was in consensus that this was the right thing to do as The People Care Center is a nonprofit that benefits the Bridgewater community and has been providing excellent service for many years.

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

Resolutions

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF APPLICATION AND ESCROW FEES FOR PEOPLE CARE CENTER FOR NON PROFITS

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #13-09-12-208 is appended to the official minutes.

Council President Rose opened the hearing for discussion on the items on the agenda. The discussion was as follows:

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PSE&G'S ENERGY STRONG PROGRAM

Concerning this resolution, Township Administrator Naples advised that he and Mayor Hayes met with our representative from Public Service, Eileen Leahey whose request is for Bridgewater to support PSEG's energy strong program.

Council was hesitant to support this resolution citing there are too many unanswered questions. They agreed to not consider and/or vote on this resolution.

**Motion to
Adjourn
Agenda Mtg**

On the motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Moench, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Immediately following the Agenda Session, the Regular Meeting commenced at 6:50 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION MEETING

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

**Council
Reports**

Councilman Moench reported he attended the Governing Officials Meeting last night and the Ribbon Cutting for the new turf fields at the high school.

Councilman Pedroso had nothing new to report.

Councilman Norgalis reported as follows:

- The Planning Board meeting for this week was cancelled
- He too attended the Ribbon Cutting for the bleachers
- Attended two September 11 ceremonies.
- He reminded everyone that bulky trash is scheduled for 9/14, 9/21 and 9/28.

- He will be meeting with Troop 88 to talk about civic responsibility
- He will be attending GE Capital's ribbon cutting in the coming week.

Council President Rose also attended the Ribbon Cutting and two Bridgewater Police Officer promotions.

Mayor's Report

Township Administrator Naples advised Mayor Hayes is supporting a blood drive in conjunction with the Somerset County Medical Center on October 22 in the Courtroom between 3p.m. and 7p.m. A Halloween Festival is scheduled for 10/30/2013.

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

Resolutions

AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$160,374.00 (SELECTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA SURETY BOND NO. 1098712 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$144,336.60 AND A CASH PORTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,037.40), ACCEPTANCE OF THE SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,047.00 FROM SELECTIVE INSURANCES COMPANY OF AMERICA, BOND NO. B 1132859 FOR OPEN ROAD OF BRIDGEWATER, LLC, BLOCK 222, LOT 1 - 1140 ROUTE 22 EAST

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #13-09-12-209 is appended to the official minutes.

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING/SURVEYING SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE GRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) ASSET MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND MAPPING SERVICES TO MASER CONSULTING, P.A. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$144,630

Township Administrator Naples stated that GIS will be used to map all of our sanitary and storm water systems that will be more detailed than the County's GIS system and more technical in nature. Thomas Forsythe, Deputy Director of Municipal Services has looked into this and other systems including consultants and found that what is presented is the best.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #13-09-12-210 is appended to the official minutes.

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET TO PROVIDE PARTICIPATION IN A COOPERATIVE MEANS OF CONDUCTING CERTAIN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Township Administrator Naples stated we have been participants of this program for many years. The program provides substantial benefits to persons of low and moderate income including the elderly and disabled, and these benefits would be lost without a renewal of the County cooperation agreement.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #13-09-12-211 is appended to the official minutes.

APPOINTMENT OF JEAN GARZILLA TO THE SHADE TREE BOARD

Township Administrator Naples stated Ms. Garzilla has submitted her request and interest in the Shade Tree Board where a vacancy exists. She comes highly recommended by Chris Poulsen, Director of Human Services and will be a welcome addition to that group.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #13-09-12-212 is appended to the official minutes.

AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO CRIM ROAD AND MOUNTAIN TOP ROAD - RETAINING WALL IN BLOCK 718, LOT 7 FROM A CONTRACT PRICE OF \$18,779.00 TO AN INCREASED AMOUNT OF \$35,351.00 DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

Township Administrator Naples advised during the excavation for the retaining wall, a rock outcrop was encountered which must be removed for the construction of a retaining wall.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #13-09-12-213 is appended to the official minutes.

On the motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Christine Henderson-Rose
Council President