

MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 5, 2019 COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in a regular session on Monday, September 5, 2019 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 9, 2019 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
Filipe Pedroso
Christine Henderson-Rose (absent)
Council Vice President Howard Norgalis
Council President Matthew C. Moench

Also Present: James T. Naples, Township Administrator
William Savo, Township Attorney
Grace Njuguna, Deputy Township Clerk

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

Minutes

The August 19, 2019 regular session minutes will be presented for approval at the next Council meeting.

Council Reports

Councilman Pedroso:

- Nothing new to report.

Councilman Kurdyla:

- Nothing new to report.

Councilman Norgalis:

- Yesterday's Courier News reported that dogs displaced by Hurricane Dorian in Florida have been relocated to our very own Somerset Regional Animal Shelter.

- The Planning Board had its final review of the Choice Hotel and Goddard School to be built next to Morgan Lane on Route 22. The hotel component was actually approved over 20 years ago but never built because of financial issues.
- The Center of Excellence application returns to the Planning Board on Sept 23, 2019 after a long break. The applicant has stated that they will conclude testimony on the project which has spanned four years of hearings.
- A concern has been raised to Council candidate Michael Kirsh, by several Bradley Gardens residents about the safety of school children while getting on or off a school bus at the busy intersection of Chestnut and Ardmaer. It is requested that the police be notified of this concern.

Council President Moench:

- Nothing new to report

Mayor's Reports

Township Administrator Naples:

- Nothing new to report.

Public Comment

On motion of Councilman Pedroso, 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 be heard.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the meeting was closed to the public.

Public Hearing & Final Action Ordinances

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:809; N.J.S.A. 2A:8-13; N.J.S.A. 40A:9-165; N.J.S.A.40A:9-135; N.J.S.A. 40A:9-146, AND CHAPTER 95 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 1996

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

No one wished to be heard.

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

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

Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Aye
Councilwoman Rose	Absent
Council Vice-President Norgalis	Aye
Council President Moench	Aye

ORDINANCE #19-17 WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#19-09-05-197](#) is appended to the official minutes

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING VACATING TWO EXISTING STORM DRAINAGE EASEMENTS LOCATED AT 11 AND 13 STELLA DRIVE; BLOCK 633, LOT 6 AND 7: THE EASEMENTS ARE 15 FEET WIDE AND RUN FROM STELLA DRIVE IN FRONT OF BLOCK 633, LOT 7, KNOWN AS #13 STELLA DRIVE THROUGH BLOCK 633 LOT 6, KNOWN AS #11 STELLA DRIVE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

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

No one wished to be heard.

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

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

Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Aye
Councilwoman Rose	Absent
Council Vice-President Norgalis	Aye
Council President Moench	Aye

ORDINANCE #19-16 WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#19-09-05-198](#) is appended to the official minutes

Resolutions

AMENDING THE SOMERSET REGIONAL ANIMAL SHELTER CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AND THE BOROUGH OF MANVILLE

Council was in consensus to table this resolution pending additional information.

Councilman Kurdyla made motion to table this resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Norgalis and carried on a unanimous voice call vote.

There being no questions on the following resolutions, Council President Moench called for a consent vote:

AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF VARIOUS ITEMS (LISTED IN ATTACHED SCHEDULE) OF MUNICIPAL PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER THROUGH THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET IN THE MANNER OF A PUBLIC AND/OR INTERNET AUCTION

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMUNITY VISITING NURSES ASSOCIATION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICES UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2019 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,970.00

AWARD TO TIMMERMAN EQUIPMENT COMPANY, 3554 ROUTE 22 WEST, WHITEHOUSE, NJ TO PURCHASE, ONE FREIGHTLINER M2 106 CHASSIS EQUIPPED SWEEPER, AN APPROVED 2019 CAPITAL PURCHASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$273,691.20

WAIVER OF FIRE PERMIT FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60.00 FOR BRIDGEWATER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH LOCATED AT 651 COUNTRY CLUB ROAD, BRIDGEWATER IN CONNECTION WITH A FAMILY PICNIC/COOKOUT FOR IT'S SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF PLUMBING, ELECTRIC AND CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$693.00 FOR THE MARTINSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER, INC., 1961 WASHINGTON VALLEY ROAD, MARTINSVILLE, NJ 08836

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the foregoing resolutions were proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Aye
Councilwoman Rose	Absent
Council Vice-President Norgalis	Aye
Council President Moench	Aye

THE RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED.

Copies of resolutions [#19-09-05-199 thru #19-09-05-203](#) are appended to the official minutes.

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF PLUMBING, ELECTRIC AND CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$141.00 FOR THE FINDERNE ENGINE COMPANY, NO. 1, 672 EAST MAIN STREET, BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807

Councilman Kurdyla recused himself from the dais.

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

Councilman Kurdyla	Abstain
Councilman Pedroso	Aye
Councilwoman Rose	Absent
Council Vice-President Norgalis	Aye
Council President Moench	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#19-09-05-204](#) is appended to the official minutes

Adjournment

On the motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Pedroso, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:38pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Matthew Moench
Council President