

MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 25, 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, November 25, 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
Council Vice President Howard Norgalis
Council President Matthew C. Moench

Also Present: James T. Naples, Township Administrator
Christopher Corsini, Township Attorney
Linda J. Doyle, Township Clerk

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

Minutes

The November 7, 2019 regular session minutes were presented for approval. On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Pedroso, the minutes were approved. All were in favor.

Council Reports

Councilman Kurdyla:

- It was an honor to speak at the VFW Ceremony on Veterans Day at Chimney Rock Park.
- Attended the League of Municipalities.
- Attended the dedication of a playground at Duke Island Park.

Councilman Pedroso:

- Nothing new to report

Councilwoman Rose:

- Attended the League of Municipalities.

- Attended “Girls on the run 5K” in Somerville. While she did not run, she applauded those who participated in it given the incredibly horrible weather.
- Attended the dedication of a playground at Duke Island Park in memory of Ray Brown and his father Raymond Brown to acknowledge all the work they had done for the park commission.

Councilman Norgalis:

- Attended the Martinsville VFW Veterans Day memorial Service.
- The biggest issue at the Planning Board is multiple meetings to continue to hear the Center of Excellence (COE) application. There have been big crowds of residents ranging from 150 to 200, many of whom wear red in opposition to this application. The applicant has rested their case. Township consultants for traffic and environment continued to be questioned.
- The special meeting scheduled for November 26th will be short of board membership as both Beth Powers and I cannot attend and Evan Lerner has resigned due to personnel reasons.
- When the COE case is finalized at the Planning Board it will return to the Town Council which, according to Planning Board Attorney Tom Collins, has the power to make changes. More to follow on that issue.

Council President Moench

- Nothing new to report.

Mayor’s Reports

Township Administrator Naples

- Nothing new to report.

Discussion

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 170 ENTITLED “SANITATION” TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION “R” TO SECTION 170-5 ENTITLED “NUISANCES SPECIFIED

Council President Moench stated this is a potential Ordinance that came about because there is at least one incidence of a resident whose next door neighbor has giant flood lights on their property, causing a big nuisance to the neighborhood. He added our current Ordinance doesn’t quite address excessive lighting. For that reason, the Township Attorney has drafted potential language in order to provide code enforcement with some ability to address matters such as these. After considerable discussion, Council agreed to send this Ordinance to the code department for feedback on whether or not the language contained in the proposed Ordinance is clearly and fairly defined.

**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.

Bob Papp, 1379 Coriell Drive in Basking Ridge was present. He stated he has been a resident for 40-years, is a trustee of Washington Camp premises and a member of the friends of Bridgewater history. He spoke in favor of the Ordinance that is on tonight's agenda concerning historic preservation for the purposes of creating the office of township historian and a local history advisory committee.

Jane Gandolfe, 2000 Washington Valley Road was present. She stated she is a lifelong resident of Bridgewater adding her family has lived here for over 200-years. She spoke concerning the Ordinance that is on tonight's agenda concerning historic preservation. She expressed her disappointment that it was tabled from the last meeting and asked that this matter be addressed timely and favorably.

Howard Stamato, 10 Northern Drive was present. Spoke in favor of the Ordinance that is on tonight's agenda concerning historic preservation and asked for a favorable vote.

Cathy Franco, 766 Weemac Road in Bridgewater was present. She spoke in favor of the historic ordinance that is on tonight's agenda. Regarding the Ordinance concerning the elimination of a 25-mile residency requirement for the police chief, Ms. Franco stated she continues to have concerns noting the chief of police should be able to respond to an emergency within a reasonable amount of time and should therefore live within the prescribed 25-mile radius.

Michael Kirsh, 25 Danberry Lane was present. He stated he is a council member-elect and wanted to make a scheduling advisory. The Bridgewater United Methodist Church will be hosting a thanksgiving service on Wednesday evening which is a great way for the community to celebrate together.

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

**Public
Hearing &
Final Action
Ordinances**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4 ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION," ARTICLE XIV ENTITLED "DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY," OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, SECTION 4-83 PROMOTIONS, A (6) SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE CHIEF OF POLICE SHALL RESIDE WITHIN A TWENTY-FIVE MILE RADIUS OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP POLICE HEADQUARTERS

On motion of Councilman Pedroso, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the meeting

was opened to the public.

No one wished to be heard.

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

Council President Moench expressed that the 25-mile radius requirement potentially eliminates good candidates just because they live further than 25-miles away. He added that while this restriction does not apply to the two (2) captains of the Chief, two-thirds of the time, those captains are the on-call officers in charge of the Township.

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

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

ORDINANCE #19-18 WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#19-11-25-241](#) is appended to the official minutes

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 206 ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC” TO CREATE A NEW SECTION 206-6.1 ENTITLED “RESTRICTED PARKING IN ELECTRIC VEHICLE DESIGNATED LOCATIONS”

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

No one wished to be heard.

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

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

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

ORDINANCE #19-19 WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution **#19-11-25-242** is appended to the official minutes

**Introduction
of
Ordinances**

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 19 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER ENTITLED “HISTORIC PRESERVATION” FOR THE PURPOSES OF CREATING THE OFFICE OF TOWNSHIP HISTORIAN AND A LOCAL HISTORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

After considerable discussion, Council was in consensus to table this Ordinance to allow them additional time to readdress the language in the Ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Pedroso, second by Councilman Norgalis, the foregoing Ordinance was tabled. The vote was as follows:

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

Resolutions

AUTHORIZING CHANGE OF SCOPE #1 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT INCREASING THE CONTRACT PRICE BY THE SUM OF \$1,300.00 FOR ADDITIONAL SURVEYING SERVICES FOR THE CHIMNEY ROCK PARK ROLLER HOCKEY RINK CONVERSION TO THE REYNOLDS GROUP, INC., (575 ROUTE 28, SUITE 110, RARITAN, NJ 08869) FROM THE CONTRACT PRICE OF \$30,200.00 TO \$31,550.00 FUNDED THROUGH THE 2018 PARK IMPROVEMENTS FUND

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO STAVOLA ASPHALT COMPANIES INC. AND STAVOLA CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS INC. OF CHIMNEY ROCK ROAD, BOUND BROOK, NEW JERSEY TO UTILIZE THE SOMERSET COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM CONTRACT #CC00-11-15, TO PURCHASE ROAD MATERIALS FOR THE AMOUNT OF 70,000.00

AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS FOR ROAD SALT INVOICES FOR THE 2019-2020 WINTER SEASON TO THE SOMERSET COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE DIVISION NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000.00

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF FIRE PERMIT FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60 FOR THE BRIDGEWATER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN CONNECTION WITH OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP USE OF THE FIRE PIT ON SATURDAY DECEMBER 7, 2019 FROM 6-9 P.M.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second by Councilwoman Rose, the foregoing resolutions were proposed. The vote was as follows:

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

THE RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED.

Copies of resolution [#19-11-25-243 thru #19-11-25-246](#) are appended to the official minutes.

Adjournment

On the motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Matthew Moench
Council President