

MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MARCH 12, 2020 COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in an agenda session on Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers in the Municipal Complex, Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807.

Council President Norgalis 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 3, 2020 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:

Councilman Michael Kirsh
Councilman Allen Kurdyla
Councilman Timothy Ring
Council Vice President Filipe Pedroso
Council President Howard V. Norgalis

Also Present: Matthew C. Moench, Mayor
Michael Pappas, Township Administrator
Wells Winegar, Deputy Administrator
Christopher Corsini, Township Attorney
Linda J. Doyle, Township Clerk

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

In the interest of public safety, given the COVID-19 pandemic, Council President Norgalis stated the Council will be taking action on resolutions listed on the agenda in order to cancel Monday, March 16th Council regular session meeting. He added the governing body will not be providing their Council reports. Councilman Kirsh however made the following announcements:

Council Reports

Councilman Kirsh:

- Based upon the advice of the County Superintendent of schools, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Bridgewater public schools will be moving to distance learning for the next two (2) weeks.
- There is a proclamation that designated March as Bridgewater's Census awareness month and April 1st as Census Day. Every 10 years, the

American population is counted. He urged every resident to be diligent in completing the Census and doing it accurately and in a timely manner.

**Public
Comment**

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

Council President Norgalis read the following resolutions by title and called for a consent vote:

Resolutions

RESOLUTION LICENSING AND AUTHORIZING RELIABLE WOOD PRODUCTS, LLC D/B/A NATURE'S CHOICE LOCATED AT 398 LINCOLN BOULEVARD, BUILDING B-1, MIDDLESEX, NJ TO MANAGE, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP'S VEGETATIVE WASTE DROP OFF CENTER ("YARD WASTE SITE") AT 136 FOOTHILL ROAD, BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP AT NO COST TO THE TOWNSHIP AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,400.00, AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE SITE IMPROVEMENTS, FOR BLOCK 349, LOT 5, 300 PROMENADE BOULEVARD, BRIDGEWATER, NJ

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES: TRAFFIC ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE TRAFFIC STUDY & RECOMMENDATIONS OF IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE ROUTE 202/206 CORRIDOR (FROM BEDMINSTER BORDER TO FIRST AVENUE) IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER TO MCMAHON ASSOCIATES, INC., D/B/A MCMAHON TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS AND PLANNERS LOCATED AT 4573 SOUTH BROAD STREET, SUITE 200, YARDVILLE, NJ 08620 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$66,100.00

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO.1/FINAL CHANGE ORDER DECREASING THE CONTRACT PRICE FROM \$335,376.21 TO \$324,871.34 A DECREASE OF 3.13% OR \$10,504.87, AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT, RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND, ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND, AND FINAL PAYMENT TO STILO EXCAVATION, INC. (2907 SOUTH CLINTON AVENUE, SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NJ 07080) FOR THE DELLWOOD ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2018 CAPITAL FUND

MEMORIALIZING FIREWORK DISPLAYS AT SOMERSET PATRIOTS STADIUM ON FRIDAY, MAY 1 (RAIN DATE 5-2), SATURDAY, MAY 16 (RAIN DATE 5-30), THURSDAY, MAY 21 (RAIN DATE 6-4), FRIDAY, MAY 29 (RAIN DATE 6-12) SATURDAY, JUNE 13 (RAIN DATE 6-24) FRIDAY, JUNE 19 (RAIN DATE 6-30), SATURDAY JUNE 20 (RAIN DATE 7-12) AND THURSDAY, JUNE 25 (RAIN DATE 7-19)

PROVIDING FOR EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,763.15 FROM THE STRENGTHENING LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH CAPACITY TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP GRANT

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF MICHAEL F. SULLIVAN, ASLA, AICP, OF THE FIRM OF CLARKE CATON HINTZ LOCATED AT 100 BARRACK STREET, TRENTON, NJ 08608 TO SERVE AS SPECIAL PLANNING CONSULTANT TO ASSIST IN THE DRAFTING AND REVIEW OF THE REDEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS CIP II/AR BRIDGEWATER HOLDINGS BLOCK 483 LOTS 17, 18 & 19 ROUTE 202/206 AS KNOWN AS THE BRIDGEWATER CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

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

Councilman Kirsh	Aye
Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Ring	Aye
Council Vice President Pedroso	Aye
Council President Norgalis	Aye

THE RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED.

Copies of resolution [#20-03-12-090 thru #20-03-12-096](#) is appended to the official minutes

WAIVER OF FIRE PERMIT FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60.00 FOR SOMERVILLE ELKS LODGE #1068 AT 375 UNION AVENUE, BRIDGEWATER FOR USE OF FIRE PIT DURING THEIR TAILGATE CHARITY EVENT ON MARCH 14, 2020

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

Councilman Kirsh	Aye
Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Ring	Abstain
Council Vice President Pedroso	Abstain
Council President Norgalis	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#20-03-12-097](#) 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 personnel.

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 Pedroso, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, Council convened in closed session at approximately 7:45 p.m.

A copy of resolution [#20-03-12-098](#) is appended to the official minutes.

On the motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilman Ring, the meeting reconvened to open session at approximately 8:45 p.m. and adjourned immediately thereafter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Howard Norgalis
Council President