

MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
JUNE 4, 2020 COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in a regular session on Thursday, June 4, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. via electronic communication.

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, WITH A SUBSEQUENT MEETING NOTICED ON MAY 29, 2020 IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 ET SEQ. AS AMENDED TO PERMIT PUBLIC BODIES AS THEREIN DEFINED TO CONDUCT PUBLIC MEETINGS BY MEANS OF COMMUNICATION OR OTHER ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT, AND WITH WRITTEN NOTICE AND ELECTRONIC NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE COURIER NEWS AND THE STAR LEDGER, POSTING ON THE WEBSITE AND 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: Michael Pappas, Township Administrator
Wells Winegar, Deputy Administrator
Scott Maraldo, Director of Constituent Relations
Christopher Corsini, Township Attorney
Linda J. Doyle, Township Clerk
Grace Njuguna, Deputy Township Clerk

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

Minutes

MAY 18, 2020 - REGULAR SESSION, VIRTUAL ACCESS
On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilman Kirsh, the above mentioned minutes were moved for approval and passed unanimously on a voice call vote.

Council Reports

Councilman Kurdyla:

- Was surprised on Memorial Day that the Martinsville VFW held a Memorial Day ceremony. He attended and offered a statement on behalf of the

governing body.

- He, along with Township Administrator Pappas attended a community block grant virtual meeting that has to do with providing residents funding for rental assistance.

Councilman Ring:

- Continues to work with the animal shelter in these unprecedented times. The shelter is open by appointment only for adoptions. They are also appreciative of the additional signage that helps to better direct people to more easily locate the shelter building.
- Appreciative that the State has started plans to open some non-essential businesses on June 15th. Restaurants with liquor licenses will be permitted to operate and he is prepared to back any resolution that would support this.

Councilman Kirsh:

- Thanked Deputy Administrator Wells for helping him record a video regarding the Census. The Census is still open and Bridgewater as a community is doing well.
 - National 60.6%
 - New Jersey 62.7%
 - Somerset 70.4%
 - Bridgewater 77.5%
 - Internet 92%
- The Planning Board will be meeting on June 9th and has a full schedule moving forward.
- Zoning Board also has a meeting on June 16 and has a full schedule moving forward.
- Bridgewater High school will be having a virtual ceremony for graduating students on Tuesday the 23rd
- Bridgewater has made an application to be one of the voting collection boxes so as to have ease and convenience of voting for our voters. More information on this will follow.
- He offered the following statement:
Our Township Council meetings have always served as a rallying or a

gathering point for our community. In some ways, this has been even more the case since circumstances forced us to a virtual format. As of today, there have been 465 cases of COVID-19 within Bridgewater and the loss of 59 precious lives.

While the number of lives impacted by this plague, and thus the tragedy still grows, there seems to be some light at the end of the tunnel from the dramatic slowing of the infection and death rate we are seeing. While that is hardly solace for those most acutely affected, it offers our community hope at a time we so badly need it.

But at the same time we have achieved this critical ray of hope, our current national condition casts a considerable shadow over all Americans and many parts of the world. To guide my thinking on the tragic death of George Floyd 11 days ago and the ugliness that has unfolded since, I went back to two sentences I read from our dais on January 1 when I was sworn into this office. "There is no mainstream religion or political ideology that justifies hate or intolerance. We must remain vigilant; all stand up and say "that's not alright" when we hear or see bigotry." Unfortunately, we have now witnessed several close cousins of hatred— abuse of power, unnecessary aggression, and a desire to stoke fears and incite lawlessness.

It is my sincere hope that the empathy and compassion we have so proudly seen in Bridgewater related to COVID can be quickly found across America, to deliver a positive resolution to these dual crises.

Council Vice President Pedroso:

- Echoed Councilman Kirsh's statement regarding the impact of the pandemic and the tragic death of George Floyd.

Council President Norgalis offered the following sentiments:

- Brown Road flooding in the area of Petpen Rd, has been an issue for the residents since 2012. A group of concerned citizens led by Arnie Quast has been before the Council several times and directly led to two township engineering jobs which were to permanently resolve the issue.
- Only one of the two was done under the prior administration with the second one deferred in the hope the problem was resolved. It was not. Recently a consortium of township personnel met with Mr. Quast in an on-site visit to determine future action. Mr. Quast was lavish in his praise for Mr. Pappas and his staff to meeting with him especially at

time of such stress in our community.

- On the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) front some good news and some not so good news. Good news, the environmental cleanup of the polluted lagoons and adjacent property behind the ball park is proceeding to the next steps according to a DEP public notice. On the not so good side the DEP, according to yesterday's paper, is fining the Sewerage treatment plant for \$225,000 for excess mercury pollution from its incinerator even though it gave its written permission to SRVSA to operate the incinerator knowing it was out of limits.
- The Old Farm Rd sanitary sewer installation and new road surface will be worked very shortly. Great news for motorists who travel this route as one of two routes over 287 in that part of town.
- Received a letter from former Township Risk Manager Jamie Rick with a \$62,000 refund for the 2019 Risk Policy. It was a nice surprise especially in these tough economic times.
- On the County legal front Judge Thomas Miller will succeed Judge Ciccone as the County Assignment Judge, the most prestigious spot in that organization. Miller has also been the judge who is working all the county fair housing issues. On the lighter side Judge Miller will always remember me as the High School Swimming Official who disqualified his daughter for a stroke violation during a Hillsborough versus Montgomery high school swim meet several years ago..
- I want to give special recognition to Councilman Timothy Ring for stepping up to the challenge the Council faces in dealing with issues related to the Animal Shelter that we share with Manville. It would suffice to say that Tim's Shelter assignment has a lot of moving parts and he is dealing with all of them.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Matthew C. Moench reported as follows:

- Saddened by the events that are going on in the Country following the death of George Floyd. He hoped that we can all come to a time of reflection and prayer and that we can remember all those who are impacted by racism both directly and indirectly. He hoped that those who abuse their power can begin to see the error in their ways and that we can come together as a society to root out systemic injustice. He also hoped that everyone can heal and move forward in a productive manner.

Mayor Moench thanked Police Chief Payne for his statement regarding this matter. He also thanked our Police Department for the integrity and honor with which they act and the sensitivity that they have to our community. His prayers are with everyone in our Country that has been affected by these events.

- Thankful to Kevin Sumner, Health Officer and Christine Madrid, Director of Human Service for their assistance in helping us to manage this crisis locally.
- The municipal building will be open from 9am thru 1pm to the public beginning next week. The employees have been back to work since the beginning of this week.
- There are a group of 21-Mayors from the Central Jersey community; "Mayors for Main street Alliance" that have come together to advocate for a safe and quick reopening of the economy, specifically for small businesses. They have sent a letter to the Governor's office and many towns have also implemented measures locally to begin safe reopening.
- There is a potential resolution on tonight's agenda looking to provide relief to local businesses. The Governor has allowed for outdoor dining for restaurants which will begin to operate with some restrictions beginning June 15. We are working on a way to ensure our Ordinances are not restricting or prohibiting restaurants to offer outdoor dining.
- A veterans committee was established at the beginning of the year. Mayor Moench urged the veterans living in Bridgewater to go online and provide their information so that we are able to reach them. He added that if anyone was interested on serving on this committee, they should let us know. Scott Maroldo, Director of Office of Constituent Relations (OCR) is taking a lead on this project.
- The Board of Education is working to put a plan that will allow an in-house graduation later in the summer. Administration is prepared to do everything they can to support this endeavor.

Public
Comment

On motion of Councilman Ring, seconded by Councilman Kirsh, the meeting was opened to the public.

Members of the public wishing to address the Council on any matter will be allowed to provide public input via electronic transmission with all comments to be read into the record, unless there are unusual circumstances.

There was a five (5) minute recess to allow the public additional time to submit public comment via the link/portal provided.

It was noted that the break in the meeting is to allow for public comment and to provide additional opportunity for "public hearing" input on the ordinance listed below (agenda item 9).

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilman Kirsh, the meeting was opened to the public for comment regarding the public hearing and final action Ordinances.

Following recess, on the call of the roll Township Clerk Doyle, 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

Deputy Administrator Wells Winegar read the following resident comments into the record verbatim:

Kazim Ali, 71 Cain Court, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

With hearts filled with sadness, and a voice that still echoes in each of our minds, "I can't breathe," the killing of George Floyd adds yet another soul to the already long list of victims of racism and hatred. We all have a responsibility to stand up against all forms of injustice whether it be fueled by racism or any other evil through peaceful and constructive means. We ask God Almighty to bring solace and patience to the families of all the victims and to enlighten us to work together to bring forth the change that earns His pleasure and mercy.

Kazim Ali, 71 Cain Court, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Can you please provide an explanation of the fee structure related to item B

Christine Scally, 834 Hawthorne Ave, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

I am concerned about one of the properties in my neighborhood located at 822 Hawthorne Ave. The owners have been deceased for years. The property has fallen into extreme disrepair. The gutters are torn off the roof, the roof is collapsing and there is a large tree across the back yard. The township hired a landscaping company in the fall and may have condemned the property at some point. Please advise as to what the township is doing or will plan to do, as this property has become an eyesore and I am concerned how it will impact the value of my property. Thank you.

Carolyn Pritchard, 266 Nagle Street, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

I live in the Thomae Park area of Bridgewater. We have several homes that have become eyesores of the neighborhood. However, there is one at 822 Hawthorne that is literally falling down. Grass is high. Trees are down. Gutters are falling off. Roof will collapse soon. I have documented calls for well over 9 months to ask for the Townships help. Why is this allowed to exist? Homeowners trying to sell their homes, have lost money due to this mess. We don't want it boarded up - we want it made safe - which means it should be leveled. Please do something soon to help. I don't understand why nothing has been done.

Thomas Scally, Hawthorne Avenue, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

I am inquiring about the status of a red sticker/condemned property 822 Hawthorne Ave. It's been several months to a year since the town cleared the land from its unsightly condition. Very much appreciated! However the home is continuing to deteriorate with the open roof and hanging gutters on both sides of the home. I live in a neighboring home and find the house unattractive to say it a nice way. It's becoming an eye sore to the community and the Thomae Park community is a very close knit group which takes pride in our neighborhood. Please address what are the next steps and the time frames with this property. Thank You

Geri Staub, 10 Braemar Avenue, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

I would like to ask Mayor Moench and Town Council to acknowledge the amazing renovation work that has been done at the Somerset Regional Animal Shelter during this time of "Shut Down". Work has been done on the outside of the building including landscaping & drainage correction. The entrance looks fantastic. Inside the shelter there has been painting, floor repairs & resurfacing, new lighting installed, remodeled cat room, new guillotine doors at back of the dog runs, and many other inside renovations. These renovations have been done by staff & volunteers. Thousands of dollars have been spent at no cost to the supporting towns or to the shelter. Please take the time to reach out to Brian Bradshaw, manager, to get an update on this work, the names of those who have contributed so much of their own time. Mayor Moench & Council should consider a visit to see what has been happening there. Our community, as well, needs a "big thank you" for its additional support in the form of money.

Councilman Norgalis requested that the governing body is provided a status on the 822 Hawthorne property at the next Council meeting on June 15th.

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

Public
Hearing &
Final Action
Ordinances

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 175 ENTITLED "SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL" TO DELETE SECTION 175-33 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND CREATE A NEW SECTION ENTITLED "GREASE TRAPS

Council President Norgalis explained that this Ordinance will allow us to maintain the Township's sanitary sewer system by regulating the discharging of grease and other items that are detrimental to the sewer system. The device that would limit that impact on the township sanitary system is called a grease trap and allows for the grease to be retained on premise and then cleared out at a later time. Township Administrator Pappas thanked Thomas Genova, Director of Municipal Services for taking the lead on this project.

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

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

ORDINANCE [#20-13](#) WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#20-06-04-139](#) is appended to the official minutes.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 126-341.2 ENTITLED "AFFORDABLE HOUSING" TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION C(3)(c) ALLOCATING RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT FEES INCURRED IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING SALES AND RESALES

Township Administrator Pappas explained that this Ordinance mimics what other municipalities throughout New Jersey are doing in hiring a consultant to carry out the function of affordable housing sales and resales. He also provided the fee structure regarding this Ordinance as requested by resident Ali noting for new sale and rental developments, all of the fees of the Administrative Agent shall be paid by the owners of the affordable units for which the services of the Administrative Agent are required. For resales, single family homeowners and condominium homeowners shall be required to pay three percent of the sales price for services provided by the Administrative Agent related to the resale of their homes. That fee shall be collected at closing and paid directly to the Administrative Agent.

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

Councilman Kirsh	Aye
Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Ring	Aye

Council Vice President Pedroso Aye
Council President Norgalis Aye

ORDINANCE [#20-14](#) WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#20-06-04-140](#) is appended to the official minutes

Introduction
of
Ordinances

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE "TOWNSHIP") PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000.00 TO FUND CONTRACTUALLY REQUIRED SEVERANCE LIABILITIES RESULTING FROM THE RETIREMENT OR LAY OFF OF TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES

Mayor Moench stated that under NJ Law, towns are allowed to borrow for special emergency, one of which is employee severance. The Township has to make pay-outs to employees when they leave. This is an obligation that we have no matter what. Normally, we would fund this in the normal course of the budget. Due to the drop in revenue associated with COVID-19, we do not have the capacity to do that this year. This Ordinance will allow us to spread that payment out over five years. Not passing this will not limit the exposure or payment that we owe and we would have to raise taxes to meet this expenditure.

Councilman Ring wondered how many employees, roughly, in the next 5-years would be eligible for retirement and what would be the potential pay-out. Mayor Moench explained we can predict retirement but cannot ascertain whether employees will retire or whether others will just leave. Whatever numbers we have, Mayor Moench stated that administration will provide to the Council. It was also noted that we are not permitted to question when an employee will retire.

Councilman Kirsh wondered about the ability to carry over and bank vacation days. Mayor Moench explained that these are set by labor agreements. Employees can carry over vacation days but sick time is capped at a certain number.

Councilman Kirsh wondered what we can do to ensure these payouts are not cumbersome to the budget. He will be provided previous agreements. He also asked whether the layoffs have been finalized. These plans will be finalized shortly and those impacted will be notified.

Councilman Pedroso wondered whether administration has the numbers of those that were severed last year. 2017-2019 numbers will be provided.

It was confirmed these monies will be paid back in five (5) years or sooner if possible.

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilman Kirsh, the foregoing Ordinance was 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 [ORDINANCE](#) WAS INTRODUCED.

A copy of resolution [#20-06-04-141](#) is appended to the official minutes

Linda J. Doyle, Township Clerk read the following report:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said pending ordinance be passed on first reading and advertised as required by statute fixing the 15th day of June, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time on said day as the time and the Bridgewater Township Municipal Court Chambers at 100 Commons Way in said Township as the place for hearing and final action.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk shall forthwith post on the bulletin board in the Township Municipal Building at 100 Commons Way, a true copy of said ordinance and make copies available to members of the general public and spread the same upon the minutes of the meeting.

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$3,500,000 FOR VARIOUS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,325,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION

Mayor Moench explained this Ordinance will allow us to move forward with road improvements. He added that the roads will be rated by a consulting company and using that, a long term plan will be formulated.

On question of Councilman Kirsh, it was confirmed that bids are coming in at an attractive pattern and hoped it may continue. In that case, more roads will be taken care of or the bond will be paid off faster.

Councilman Pedroso offered the township has bonded for road repair for many

years. He commended Mayor Moench for his vision to work on roads using cash as opposed to by bond.

On motion of Councilman Pedroso, seconded by Councilman Kirsh, the foregoing Ordinance was 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 [ORDINANCE](#) WAS INTRODUCED.

A copy of resolution [#20-06-04-142](#) is appended to the official minutes

Linda J. Doyle, Township Clerk read the following report:

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FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk shall forthwith post on the bulletin board in the Township Municipal Building at 100 Commons Way, a true copy of said ordinance and make copies available to members of the general public and spread the same upon the minutes of the meeting.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance will forward the Supplemental Debt Statement received this date electronically to the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, Trenton, New Jersey.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 94-2 ENTITLED "SCHEDULE OF FEES" TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION (O) ESTABLISHING A ZONING PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE

This Ordinance updates our zoning fee schedule and allows us to recover our cost. Thomas Genova, Director of Municipal Services was commended for his work on this.

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

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

THE [ORDINANCE](#) WAS INTRODUCED.

A copy of resolution [#20-06-04-143](#) is appended to the official minutes

Linda J. Doyle, Township Clerk read the following report:

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FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk shall forthwith post on the bulletin board in the Township Municipal Building at 100 Commons Way, a true copy of said ordinance and make copies available to members of the general public and spread the same upon the minutes of the meeting.

Resolutions AUTHORIZING BRIDGEWATER TAX COLLECTOR DARROW MURDOCK TO CONDUCT AN ELECTRONIC TAX SALE

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilman Ring, the foregoing resolution was 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 RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#20-06-04-144](#) is appended to the official minutes.

SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET AND BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP FOR THE MILLING, RESURFACING AND RESTRIPIING OF VARIOUS STREETS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$919,969.00

Mayor Moench explained this is part of the program with the County that has been successful. We do not have control over when the County will work on these roads as they have control on the timing and the amount they allocate to us.

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	Aye
Council Vice President Pedroso	Aye
Council President Norgalis	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#20-06-04-145](#) is appended to the official minutes.

EXTENSION OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE NUMBER NO.1806-33-014-009 ISSUED TO HOP BRIDGEWATER, LLC LOCATED AT 1200 ROUTE 22 EAST, BRIDGEWATER, NJ - 08807 TO LANDRY'S, LLC, AS DESIGNATED PURCHASER, PURSUANT TO AN ORDER ISSUED BY THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

Township Administrator Pappas explained this resolution will allow for a transfer of ownership due to bankruptcy.

On motion of Councilman Ring, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the foregoing resolution was 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 RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#20-06-04-146](#) is appended to the official minutes.

AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE TWIN OAKS ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PHASES I AND II TO CAPITAL PAVING AND CONTRACTING, LLC. (1225 ROUTE 31 SOUTH, BUILDING A SUITE 124, LEBANON, NJ 08833) PHASE I TWIN OAKS ROAD (FOOTHILL ROAD TO MORNINGSIDE DRIVE) PHASE II TWIN OAKS ROAD (MORNINGSIDE DRIVE TO STEELE GAP ROAD) AND STEELE GAP ROAD (TWIN OAKS ROAD TO NEWMANS LANE), IN THE SUM OF \$1,086,746.53, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2017 CAPITAL FUND AND ACCEPTING THE REQUEST FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE BID SUBMITTED BY ADG CONTRACTING, INC., FOR THE SAME PROJECT

Mayor Moench explained this is an example of a road that was funded in years passed but has not been completed. Administration is looking forward to

complete work this road.

On motion of Councilman Ring, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the foregoing resolution was 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 RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#20-06-04-147](#) is appended to the official minutes.

AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE CHIMNEY ROCK PARK PROPOSED PARKING LOT TO PAVE-RITE (40 RADEL AVENUE, BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807), IN THE SUM OF \$206,442.05, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2019 CAPITAL FUND

Mayor Moench explained this is an example of a road that was funded in years passed but has not been completed. The proposal is to remove the skate park and install an additional 77-parking spaces. It was confirmed this will be a gravel parking lot.

On motion of Councilman Kirsh, seconded by Councilman Ring, the foregoing resolution was 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 RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#20-06-04-148](#) is appended to the official minutes.

AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION OF WILLIAM K. MOSCA, JR., OF THE LAW FIRM OF BEVAN, MOSCA & GIUDITTA LOCATED AT 222 MOUNT AIRY ROAD, BASKING RIDGE, NJ 07920 TO SERVE AS SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL IN AN AMOUNT NOT OT EXCEED \$24, 532.33, FOR REVIEW, ADVICE, AND COUNSEL RELATED TO THE PETITION OF NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER COMPANY, INC. TO THE NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES TO INCREASE BASE TARIFF RATES AND CHARGES

Mayor Moench explained New Jersey American Water Company has submitted a petition for the approval of an increase in the base tariff rate assessed to

ratepayers for 2020 as well as an increase in other charges for water and wastewater services, in addition to other tariff revisions. Nine (9)-total towns have come together to advocate for the residents and bring this cost down. In that regard, we have retained an attorney to serve as our legal counsel.

On motion of Councilman Kirsh, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the foregoing resolution was 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 RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#20-06-04-149](#) is appended to the official minutes.

PROVIDING LOCAL ENFORCEMENT GUIDELINES FOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 150 (MURPHY) AND SR-2020-10 (NJ ABC) CONCERNING OUTDOOR DINING, OUTDOOR RETAIL SALES, AND SPECIAL COVID-19 EXPANSION PERMIT LIQUOR LICENSES

Township Attorney Corsini explained Governor Murphy has issued an order to allow for restaurants to open and provide outdoor dining to their constituents. We are amending our current zoning temporarily in order to allow for outdoor dining and do it in a way that maintains social distancing provisions. This resolution will allow us to honor this order in a way that allows our restaurants to operate while protecting the township and the public.

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilman Ring, the foregoing resolution was 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 RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#20-06-04-150](#) 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 litigation & 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 Kurdyla, seconded by Councilman Ring, Council convened in closed session at approximately 9:10 p.m.

A copy of resolution [#20-06-04-151](#) is appended to the official minutes.

On the motion of Councilman Pedroso, seconded by Councilman Ring, the meeting reconvened to open session at approximately 9:53 p.m. and adjourned immediately thereafter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Howard Norgalis
Council President