

**MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
JULY 19, 2021 COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

The Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in a regular session meeting on Monday, July 19, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers in the Municipal Complex, Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807 & via Live Online Broadcast.

Council President Pedroso 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 5, 2021, BY SENDING WRITTEN NOTICE AND ELECTRONIC NOTICE 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. A SUBSEQUENT NOTICE WITH LIVESTREAM INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED ON JULY 15, 2021:

On call of the roll, the following Council members were present:

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

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

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

Oath of Office

JOHNATHAN T. NEWNOM

Chief Payne was present for the swearing in, as well as the friends and family of Johnathan T. Newnom. Mayor Moench expressed it was a pleasure to swear in the newest member of the Bridgewater Township Police Force.

Minutes

JULY 8, 2021 - REGULAR SESSION

These minutes will be presented for Council action at the next regular Council meeting.

Council Reports

Councilman Kirsh

- Participated in a very successful golf tournament. All proceeds will benefit the Somerset Regional Animal Shelter.

Councilman Norgalis:

- Participated in the second quarter 2021 meeting of the Bridgewater Emergency Planning Committee. Participants included the Board of Education, Bridgewater Police, and Chemical Industry. There is continued emphasis on the Emergency Operations plans to include: Evacuation Plans for large building complexes, sheltering during emergency and the development of civilian support groups.
- Council members have all received a copy of the 2020 Municipal Audit Report from the External Auditor. I have reviewed the “Comments and Recommendations” section as is required by NJ State Statute and am glad to report that there are no recommendations for improvements in any of our financial systems. That is very good news.
- Attended the training seminar given by Township Deputy Council Alex Fisher on the state requirements for compliance with the Open Public Records Act. This is a very complex issue with stringent requirements to adhere to the letter of the law regarding this act. There are substantial personal penalties for non-compliance by individual record keepers.

Councilman Ring:

- Was fortunate to attend a portion of a golf tournament hosted by Donna Parolie, held for the benefit of the Somerset Regional Animal Shelter.

Councilman Kurdyla:

- Nothing new to report.

Council President Pedroso

- Nothing new to report.

Mayor's Reports

Mayor Matthew C. Moench

- Expressed he is grateful that Council has returned to in-person meetings as has the Zoning Board and is confident that the Planning Board will also soon return to in-person meetings.
- There are several resolutions on tonight's agenda regarding the road program. Five (5) out of the (6) bid packages came back under the projected price and as such, our township engineer is working to capitalize on the savings that we saw from these bids. We hope to get the

road work started and will do our best to coordinate around school openings and schedules. We will also make sure that Ourbroads website is kept up-to-date.

- Mayor Moench stated he has been advocating for a long time for an ON P.O.I.N.T type program. This is where we are able to utilize social workers to assist our police officers in aiding residents who may have underlying issues. The County has informed us they are instituting a program such as this and would like for Bridgewater to be their pilot program that will hopefully start this fall.
- The State is instituting early voting for this year's general election. We have been informed that Bridgewater will be one of the sites being used for early voting. Mayor Moench thanked Councilman Kirsh and Township Clerk Doyle for advocating for our residents. Once we have more information on how early voting will work, we will provide that to our residents.

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AMENDING THE 2021 INTRODUCED BUDGET

Mayor Moench explained the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) has informed us that in order to approve our introduced budget, there was a line item in the sewer utility budget that needs to go from one column to another. This is strictly an accounting issue and there are no changes to the overall numbers in the budget.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#21-07-19-192](#) is appended to the official minutes

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

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

Jeffrey Brookner, 60 Nicole Terrace, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

He discussed debt and offered that every year, our debt has increased as we

have continued to borrow. He added that keeping the taxes low is irresponsible and that our children and future generations will pay for this. He further addressed the matter of tax rate noting that while it is true that the tax rate has not been increased, there is \$1.5M that the township is raising in taxes. He asked that in the future, Council should have public meetings to discuss budget details prior to public hearing and adoption.

Jill Gladstone, 25 Linvale Lane, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Stated that she is making comment as a resident and not as a member of the Bridgewater/Raritan Board of Education. Ms. Gladstone questioned increases in the Human Resources department and stated the public should be advised the reasoning behind massive increases in certain line items in the budget. She opined there is a lack of planning with regard to the future noting the Council has not addressed the increased cost of government or how it will be managed.

Howard Teichman, 60 Fairmont Avenue, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

He offered the budget presented is “smoke and mirrors” adding the revenue is a bunch of one-time items and its obvious that taxes will be increased after the elections are over. He stated it is difficult to find the budget on township website and offered this is a lack of transparency.

Sandra Rhue, 373 Pond Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

She stated the budget is hard to understand for the layman resident. She added she is concerned about the debt as it has continued to increase.

Kathy Franco, 766 Weemac Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

She discussed the budget and expressed concern over some of the budget items that increased and questioned some of the budget items that have decreased. She added it is not clear what positions have been added or eliminated and expressed she was concerned about increases in salaries and decreases in services.

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

Mayor Moench stated he is proud of this budget noting that Bridgewater suffered substantial revenue loss last year and although some of those numbers have began to come back, we are still not back to where we were pre-2020. The tax rate remains the same although taxes may have gone up based on home assessments. There may be increases from the school for instance but as far as the township is concerned, the tax rate will remain the same.

Mayor Moench explained the debt is for capital improvements/road program. We will continue to bond that money as permitted by law for long term improvements. We are also refunding bonds in order to take advantage of low interest rates. In this budget, we also paid off some of the debt that we incurred last year including emergency bonds and social security payments and other one-time expenditures from last year that will not appear next year.

Mayor Moench stated this budget will do what we set out to do. We will deliver all the services our residents are accustomed to while we continue to fund our road program and police department and continue to keep taxes from going up.

Councilman Ring expressed his support of the budget adding we will maintain the same number of employees as we had last year, 184.

Councilman Kirsh offered he is proud of this budget noting we have maintained the right sizing of government. The monies set aside for the road program will allow us to stop the deterioration of roads as opposed to spending more money on the roads in later years. He added he supports the \$100,000 that has been set aside as a capital improvement to improve the courtroom and sound system which will allow us to better broadcast Council and land use board meetings. He further explained the monies paid out to the County for recycling was also of great impact to the budget. He thanked Township Administrator Pappas, the budget committee and Mayor for their efforts in putting the budget together.

Council President Pedroso expressed his disappointment that the budget was referred to as “smoke and mirrors” noting he takes great priority in having an open and transparent government. He offered the budget has an open process and the Council is here to answer any questions adding at this time, no questions have been asked of the Council. Council President Pedroso thanked the Mayor and his staff for their openness, transparency and willingness to work with the Council which allowed them to produce a very effective and efficient budget.

ADOPTION OF 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Municipal Operating Expense: \$46,899,468.87

Sewer Utility Expense: \$11,135,713.90

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Ring, the 2021 Municipal Budget was proposed. The vote was as follows:

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| Councilman Kirsh | Aye |
| Councilman Kurdyla | Aye |
| Councilman Norgalis | Aye |

Councilman Ring Aye
Council President Pedroso Aye

THE 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#21-07-19-193](#) is appended to the official minutes

**Public
Comment**

Members of the public wishing to address the Council on any matter will be allowed two minutes to speak unless there are unusual circumstances.

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilman Ring, the meeting was opened to the public for comment.

Jeffrey Brookner, 60 Nicole Terrace, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

He stated the Board of Education does not borrow money but rather pays for expenses using their current budget. Mr. Brookner added our debt has gone up from \$60M to \$72M in eight years. During that period, the Board of Education debt was \$47M and is now \$12.3M which means when they finish paying off their debt, service payments will fall off the budget and taxes will go down significantly. He offered this is responsible. He added with regard to transparency, the Board of Education has a budget presentation at each one of their January, February, March and April meetings. The board secretary makes presentation at each of these meetings in detail while the Board asks questions of the secretary. Mr. Brookner opined the Council's budget is neither transparent nor progressive.

Howard Teichman, 60 Fairmont Avenue, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

He offered part of the reason that the Board of Education has been able to pay off their debt is because they have not incurred any new debt since 2004-2005 despite having built all or part of 8-different buildings.

Jill Gladstone, 25 Linvale Lane, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

She expressed that while the number of employees has decreased, the salary payouts have not. She questioned the need for a new office and assistant to the Office of Constituent Relations. She expressed there are now consultants who are being paid more that the in-house employees that were let go.

Sandra Rhue, 373 Pond Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

On question of Ms. Rhue, Mayor Moench explained the program similar to ON P.O.I.N.T noting it is a program where the police and social workers work together to assist residents who once visited by the Police Department a few times are recommended to be helped by social workers and the root cause of the problem be it substance abuse issue or such is dealt with.

Ms. Rue requested that when Council renovates the courtroom to use technology that will allow residents to fully participate in Council and Land Use board meetings virtually. She suggested that the finance committee also comprise of a member of the public in order to have a resident's voice weighing in on the budget.

Kathy Franco, 766 Weemac Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Thanked the Council for addressing the hilltop turn on Vosseller Avenue as she can attest to the dangers that existed.

Ms. Franco stated that on tonight's agenda, the Council will be reviewing an Ordinance regarding an increase in fines to nursing homes for none ALS calls. In reviewing that ordinance, she now recognizes that although this has been in the books since 2003, she takes issue with it. As background, she stated she is both a licensed nursing home administrator and an EMT who has served in this Township. As an NLHA officer, she has served throughout the State of New Jersey and in that role has maintained contracts for both emergency and nonemergency calls. Ms. Franco offered that in reviewing contracts for these services in facilities she recently served, in an emergency clause situation, calls would be answered within 45 minutes 90% of the time. In the event of a hip fracture for instance, that call, 90% of the time would be answered within 45 minutes. Under this Ordinance, as written, that call could be fined because it is not on ALS call. Ms. Franco offered these contracts were acceptable and recognized both in the State of New Jersey and the centers for Medicare and Medicaid. She wondered why they Township at this time is asking for an increase in these fines and added that having served on our rescue squad for a number of years, she has never questioned the need for a call to a nursing home.

Ms. Franco further questioned why the agenda for this meeting was not provided timely to the residents and why we are not able to successfully continue to stream these meetings while allowing for comment and public input as we did during Covid.

John Arcoleo, 1110 Washington Valley Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

The office of attorney general has reported that Bridgewater is on the high side with regard to the use of force by police and wondered if this program similar to ON P.O.I.N.T may be of use in this regard by training the police. He also questioned the reason for the major revenue shortfall on the sewer budget. Mayor Moench stated that at this point, we do not envision that social workers will provide training to police officers. Mayor Moench added we had virtual reality training for our officers to help them understand how they would react to real life situations. ON P.O.I.N.T is about us being proactive in finding help for our residents by collaborating with social workers. With regard to the sewer

question, most businesses are not metered but are offered a flat rate. Few businesses are large enough that they have a meter. More information can be provided to Mr. Arcoleo via email as it is not readily available.

Jennifer Loughran, 716 Falcon Court, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

She has been served well by our Police Department and was pleased to be able to witness the police swearing that occurred earlier during this meeting.

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

Mayor Moench offered debt is an incredibly useful tool when used appropriately noting we will continue to do what we need to do to improve our infrastructure and not run into any problems in the future. With regard to Office of Constituent Relations, Mayor Moench offered he is proud of this department as their only goal is to provide answers and/or direct residents appropriately and also run meetings such as these.

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 217 ENTITLED "AMBULANCES" TO MODIFY THE TERMINOLOGY USED TO DESCRIBE THE AMBULANCE SERVICES AND TO MODIFY THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS

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

No one wished to be heard.

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

Councilman Ring stated that over the years, our nursing home facilities would call 911 for an ambulance to send patients for routine medical tests. This puts a burden on our volunteer squads which are in turn not available for true emergencies. This ordinance does not prevent these facilities from calling for true emergencies but it prevents them from calling for non-emergency situations while requiring them to make arrangements for non-emergency alternative transportation.

Councilman Ring stated the Township is party to a shared service agreement with RWJ Health Network, Inc. as an ambulance provider in the Somerset Ambulance Shared Service Alliance (SASSA). This Ordinance will allow us to modify the terminology within this Chapter to include said contracted

ambulance services and to modify the penalties for violations in order to drive improved compliance with the health-care facilities.

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

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

ORDINANCE #21-16 WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#21-07-19-194](#) is appended to the official minutes

CERTIFICATION OF 2020 AUDIT

Resolutions Mayor Moench stated this is customary and has been in place in previous years.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#21-07-19-195](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND THE GRACE PERIOD FOR THE 2021 ANNUAL SEWER CHARGE FROM JUNE 1st TO AUGUST 31, 2021

Mayor Moench explained the grace period is needed as the budget was just adopted.

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

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| Councilman Kirsh | Aye |
| Councilman Kurdyla | Aye |
| Councilman Norgalis | Aye |
| Councilman Ring | Aye |

Council President Pedroso Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#21-07-19-196](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF VARIOUS DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE SOMERSET COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY'S SOMERSET MUNICIPAL BANC PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$395,000.00

Township Administrator Pappas explained this resolution will allow us to finance the police cars described on item 12f below.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#21-07-19-197](#) is appended to the official minutes

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PEDROSO READ THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS BY TITLE AND ALLOWED FOR DISCUSSIONS/QUESTIONS. HE THEN CALLED FOR A CONSENT MOTION.

- 12d. **AWARD OF CONTRACT TO BEST CLEANING SERVICES INC., 1121 EDGEWATER AVE, #21 RIDGEFIELD, NEW JERSEY FOR CUSTODIAL SERVICES FOR THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, POLICE BUILDING, PUBLIC WORKS AND THE SENIOR CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000.00 FOR THE CONTRACT PERIOD OF AUGUST 1, 2021 THROUGH JULY 31, 2022**

- 12e. **AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT TO APPRAISAL SYSTEMS, INC. 264 SOUTH STREET, BUILDING 2, SUITE 1B, MORRISTOWN, NJ 07960 TO PERFORM PROFESSIONAL APPRAISAL INSPECTIONS AND RELATED SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE TOWNSHIP REASSESSMENT PROGRAM FOR 2021 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$72,961.00**

- 12f. **AWARD TO GENTILLINI FORD/CHEVROLET, 500 JOHN S PENN BOULEVARD, WOODBINE, NJ 08270 TO PURCHASE, TWO 2021 POLICE SUV INTERCEPTORS, BLACK AND WHITE, EACH, FULLY EQUIPPED WITH THE REQUIRED EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$91,074.64, TWO 2021 FORD POLICE**

INTERCEPTORS FOR ADMINISTRATION-DETECTIVE BUREAU, EACH FULLY EQUIPPED WITH THE REQUIPPED EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT FOR A TOTAL OF \$67,302.00, ONE 2021 CHEVROLET TAHOE, BLACK AND WHITE, FULLY EQUIPPED WITH THE REQUIRED EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT FOR A TOTAL OF \$49,669.67, TO BE FUNDED THRU THE SOMERSET COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY SOMERSET MUNICIPAL BANC PROGRAM

AWARD TO WINNER FORD, 250 HADDONFIELD-BERLIN ROAD, CHERRY HILL, NJ 08034, ONE 2021 FORD F250 EXTENDED CAB WITH UTILITY BODY, BLACK AND WHITE, FULLY EQUIPPED WITH THE REQUIRED EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT TOTALING \$55,107.80, TO BE FUNDED THRU THE SOMERSET COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY SOMERSET MUNICIPAL BANC PROGRAM

AWARD TO VIGILANT SOLUTIONS, 1152 STEALTH STREET LIVERMORE, CA 94551, FOR TWO 3-CAMERA MOBILE PLATE READER, FOR TWO POLICE FORD SUV INTERCEPTORS LISTED ABOVE, TOTALING \$49,160.00, TO BE FUNDED THRU THE SOMERSET COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY SOMERSET MUNICIPAL BANC PROGRAM

AWARD TO ISLAND TECH SERVICES, 46 FOURTH STREET SOMERVILLE, NJ 08876, FOR EMERGENCY LIGHTING AND SYSTEM FOR POLICE FORD SUV INTERCEPTORS, CHEVROLET TAHOE, FORD F250, AND TWO FORD SUV INTERCEPTORS FOR ADMINISTRATION - DETECTIVE BUREAU, TOTALING \$77,667.98, TO BE FUNDED THRU THE SOMERSET COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY SOMERSET MUNICIPAL BANC PROGRAM

- 12g. AWARD OF CONTRACT TO ADG CONTRACTING CORP. T/A CROSSROADS PAVING (386 SOUTH STREET, SUITE 169, NEWARK, NJ 07105) FOR THE 2021-1 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, ENTIRE LENGTHS OF FIELD STREET, GRAND BOULEVARD, MANVILLE BOULEVARD, RIHA STREET, AND WOODROW AVENUE, IN THE SUM OF \$604,936.80, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2021 CAPITAL FUND
- 12h. AWARD OF CONTRACT TO ADG CONTRACTING CORP. T/A CROSSROADS PAVING (386 SOUTH STREET, SUITE 169, NEWARK, NJ 07105) FOR THE 2021-3 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, ENTIRE LENGTHS OF BURNING BUSH ROAD, CAMELOT DRIVE, FALCON COURT, MOUNTAINVIEW AVENUE, RED LION WAY, ST. GEORGE ROAD, AND VICTOR STREET (MOUNTAINVIEW AVENUE TO BYRD AVENUE), IN THE SUM OF \$1,119,062.82, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2021 CAPITAL FUND
- 12i. AWARD OF CONTRACT TO CCM CONTRACTING, INC. (336 ROUTE 22 WEST, GREEN BROOK, NJ 08812) FOR THE 2021-4 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, ENTIRE LENGTHS OF CAMBRIDGE LANE, MARK DRIVE, MUIRFIELD LANE, AND TOK PLACE, IN THE SUM OF \$815,665.48, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2021 CAPITAL FUND

12j. AWARD OF CONTRACT TO TOP LINE CONSTRUCTION CORP., (22 FIFTH STREET, SOMERVILLE, NJ 08876) FOR THE 2021-5 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, ENTIRE LENGTHS OF CRICKET LANE, MALLARD DRIVE, MASTAPETER ROAD, AND NORTH GASTON AVENUE (ROUTE 22 TO SOMERVILLE ROAD EXCLUDING THE ROUTE 287 OVERPASS), IN THE SUM OF \$551,839.52, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2021 CAPITAL FUND

12k. AWARD OF CONTRACT TO CCM CONTRACTING, INC. (336 ROUTE 22 WEST, GREEN BROOK, NJ 08812) FOR THE 2021-6 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, ENTIRE LENGTHS OF AMUR ROAD, CEDARCREST ROAD, DIAMOND PLACE, OPAL WAY, AND REDWOOD ROAD, IN THE SUM OF \$618,381.50, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2021 CAPITAL FUND

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

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

THE RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED.

Copies of resolution [#21-07-19-198 thru #21-07-19-205](#) are appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING CHANGE OF SCOPE TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT, INCREASING THE CONTRACT PRICE BY THE SUM OF \$9,248.00, FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES, FOR THE BILLIAN STREET, KLINE PLACE AND MORTON STREET SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION AND RESTORATION PROJECT, WITH PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING, INC., (OCTAGON 10 OFFICE CENTER, 1719 ROUTE 10, SUITE 314, PARSIPPANY, NJ 07054) FROM THE PRICE OF \$198,965.00 TO \$208,213.00 FUNDED THROUGH THE 2017 CAPITAL SEWER FUND

Mayor Moench explained this road work and sewer rehabilitation was initially approved in 2017. There were many difficulties and at this time, the township engineer has recommended that we separate the roadway project from the sanitary sewer rehabilitation project to allow this project to move forward and be completed in a more efficient manner than is currently happening. The change of scope is for the purpose of addressing the engineering cost needed to address those needs.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#21-07-19-206](#) is appended to the official minutes

RESOLUTION BYPASSING THE VACATION TIME CARRYOVER PROVISIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 26-31(B) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AND RE-EXTENDING SAME FROM JUNE 30, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021 IN CONSIDERATION OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND THE EMPLOYEES WHO WERE UNABLE TO UTILIZE THEIR ACCRUED VACATION CARRYOVER LEAVE AS USUAL

Mayor Moench explained our employees are required to take their vacation by a certain date or they lose their days. We have seen in the past year that some employees could not take time off as they were needed to be at work. In order to not penalize those employees, this resolution will allow us to extend the time in which they can take their vacation. Councilman Norgalis hoped the employees will take the time to be away from work and with their families and hoped this is the last time Council will need to act on a resolution such as this.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#21-07-19-207](#) is appended to the official minutes

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO REINER PUMP SYSTEMS OF 53 US HIGHWAY 206, STANHOPE, NJ 07874 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A SULZER/ABS XFP205J-CB2 PE1040/4 DRY PIT SUBMERSIBLE PUMP FOR THE GILBRIDE SANITARY SEWER PUMP STATION, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$51,390.00 FUNDED THROUGH THE 21-13 SEWER BOND ORDINANCE

Mayor Moench explained this will allow us to purchase a pump for the sanitary sewer pump station. Councilman Norgalis stated he visited the pump station and noted this sewer pump is no longer operational and the limited pumping capacity is a potential health hazard.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#21-07-19-208](#) is appended to the official minutes

Adjournment

On the motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Ring, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:10p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Filipe Pedroso
Council President