

**MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
AUGUST 23, 2021 VIRTUAL MEETING**

The Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in a special session meeting on Monday, August 23, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. via electronic communication.

Council Vice President Kurdyla read the following announcement:

**Notice of Meeting**

**IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT OF NEW JERSEY, ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS SPECIAL MEETING WITH VIRTUAL ACCESS ONLY WAS PROVIDED ON AUGUST 18, 2021, IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 ET SEQ. BY SENDING WRITTEN NOTICE AND WITH WRITTEN NOTICE AND ELECTRONIC NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE COURIER NEWS AND THE BREEZE 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 Howard V. Norgalis  
Councilman Timothy Ring  
Council Vice President Allen Kurdyla  
Council President Filipe Pedroso (called in at 7:38pm)

Also Present: Michael Pappas, Township Administrator  
Christopher Corsini, Township Attorney  
Wells Winegar, Deputy Township Administrator  
Grace Njuguna, Deputy Township Clerk

Council Vice President Kurdyla led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**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 Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Ring, the meeting was opened to the public for comment.

Any resident with additional comments was advised they can send in their comments via the methods displayed on the screen as follows:

- ⇒ Link for Public Comment Submission:  
<https://bridgewaterocr.typeform.com/to/Hi2WaldE>
- ⇒ Use raise hand feature to give audio comments

- ⇒ Use Q&A feature for written comments
- ⇒ Text 908-912-4247 for written comments

There was a four (4) minute recess to allow the public additional time to submit public comment via the ways shown above.

Following recess, on the call of the roll by Deputy Township Clerk Njuguna, the following Council members were present:

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

Wells Winegar, Deputy Township Administrator read the following public comments which are recorded verbatim:

**Kaushal Verma, 19 Terrace Lane, Bridgewater, NJ 08807**

Great job on improving roads. Keep it up!

**Kori Knapp, 2121 Washington Valley Road, Martinsville, NJ 08836**

I want to suggest that the mayor and council make a proclamation against residents being forced against their will to wear masks just like the mayor of Branchburg did. The mayor and council need to work to protect their constituents' constitutional rights to not be forced to wear any experimental muzzles.

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

## Resolutions

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

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND THE GRACE PERIOD FOR THE 2021 3rd QUARTER TAX PAYMENT FROM AUGUST 1, 2021 TO OCTOBER 6, 2021**

Township Administrator Pappas stated this is for the purposes of extending the grace period for payment of property taxes. The need for this is due to the timing of the adoption of the 2021 Budget.

**AWARD OF CONTRACT TO TOP LINE CONSTRUCTION CORP., (22 FIFTH STREET, SOMERVILLE, NJ 08876) FOR THE 2021-2 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WHICH INCLUDES THE ENTIRE LENGTHS OF KILLARNEY STREET, BRAHMA AVENUE, AND**

**POPLAR STREET, IN THE SUM OF \$712,083.74, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2021 CAPITAL FUND**

Township Administrator Pappas stated seven (7) bids were received for this project, the award of contract was recommended by Township Engineer William Burr.

**AWARD OF CONTRACT TO TOP LINE CONSTRUCTION CORP., (22 FIFTH STREET, SOMERVILLE, NJ 08876) FOR THE 2021-7 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WHICH INCLUDES THE ENTIRE LENGTHS OF DOW ROAD, BETH COURT, ALISYN PLACE, POWELSON LANE AND PARK AVENUE (SHEPHERD AVENUE TO NAGLE STREET) WITH AN ALTERNATE BID FOR THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF MADISON AVENUE AND MCKINLEY STREET (COUNTRY CLUB ROAD TO MADISON AVENUE), IN THE SUM OF \$922,905.70, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2020 & 2021 CAPITAL FUND**

Township Administrator Pappas stated seven (7) bids were received for this project, the award of contract was recommended by Township Engineer William Burr.

**PROJECT RESOLUTION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING/SURVEYING/ INSPECTION SERVICES FOR 2021-8 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WHICH INCLUDES THE ENTIRE LENGTHS OF SHERLIN DRIVE, SOUTHBROOK DRIVE, CORNELL ROAD AND NEWBERRY STREET TO COLLIER ENGINEERING& DESIGN (DBA MASER CONSULTING) (53 FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 110, HAMPTON, NJ 08827) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$141,300.00, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2021 CAPITAL BOND**

Township Administrator Pappas explained these are for the roads that have been identified that do not require extensive work. This will be engineered in time for Spring construction.

**AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT AWARD TO A STATE CONTRACT VENDOR, ASPHALT PAVING SYSTEMS, INC. (PO BOX 530, 500 NORTH EGG HARBOR ROAD, HAMMONTON, NJ 08037) FOR THE 2021 PAVEMENT PRESERVATION PROGRAM (MICROSURFACING) - PHASE II, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$140,428.14 FUNDED THROUGH THE 2021 CAPITAL FUND**

Township Administrator Pappas explained this is for the second phase of our very effective pavement preservation program in order to extend the lives of our roads.

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

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

Council President Pedroso Aye

**THE RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED.**

Copies of resolution [#21-08-23-219 thru #21-08-23-223](#) are appended to the official minutes.

**Adjournment**

On the motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Ring, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

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Filipe Pedroso  
Council President