

**MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
DECEMBER 6, 2021 COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

The Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in a regular session on Monday, December 6, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers in the Municipal Complex, Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807 & via Live Online Broadcast.

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 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 NOVEMBER 30, 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 (ABSENT)

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

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

Minutes

NOVEMBER 8, 2021 - REGULAR SESSION

On motion of Councilman Ring, seconded by Councilman Kirsh, the November 28, 2021 regular session minutes were moved for approval and passed unanimously on a voice call vote. Councilman Norgalis abstained.

Council Reports

Councilman Kirsh

- Although he had hoped his candidacy for County Commissioner would be successful, ultimately, he was not successful in the election. Councilman Kirsh thanked everyone for their support and kind words.

- Attended the League of Municipalities in Atlantic City and found it to be beneficial. The highlights for him were the sessions he attended regarding COAH and the impact of Tourism on our hotel taxes. He also visited the trade show and was particularly keen on the vendors in the area of recycling as Bridgewater may consider recycling alternatives moving forward. We may also consider an upgrade to our website in order for it to be more transactional in nature. Councilman Kirsh confirmed he has already shared some of these findings with Mayor Moench and Township Administrator Pappas and will continue to follow-up.
- The Planning Board met a week ago and discussed a regional center change which is a subject on our agenda. The other was a subdivision at Bradley Gardens on Morris Street. One more scheduled meeting will be held this year to conclude Morris Street's application and a subdivision application on Foothill Road.
- We celebrated Hanukkah in the courtyard on Saturday. The JCC, Temple Shalom, and Jewish Federation of Somerset, Warren, and Hunterdon Counties attended.
- Was saddened to announce the death of a key resident and a key contributor to our community, David Stempien, who passed away a week ago. Councilman Kirsh sent his condolences to the Stempien family, noting his positive impact on our community.

Councilman Norgalis:

- Attended the Somerset County 200 Club Annual Meeting where VALOR AWARDS were given to Bridgewater Police Officers Sgt. Kurt Bernhard, Sgt Fredrick Brittain III, Officer Anthony DiGraziano, Officer Puiotr Kaczysnski and Officer Patrick Knapp in recognition of their actions confronting an armed resident on Country Club Rd. who was holding hostages.
- Made numerous visits, along with various Township employees, to the site of the damaged sewer line on Route 22 to assess progress in repairing this vital facility.
- Along with Council Vice President Kurdyla visited the two car dealerships directly affected by Hurricane IDA.
- Received numerous calls from residents congratulating the township on the post storm street cleanup.
- Attended the Martinsville Fire and Rescue Squad combined Open House in conjunction with the 2020 Fire safety month.

- Attended a special rededication at the Hindu Temple repurposing their original temple building as a series of classrooms.
- Was a guest speaker at the Bridgewater/Raritan High School Republican Club where I talked about Campaigning for public office.
- Attended the swearing in of Bridgewater Police Officers Antonios Zaferellis, and Patrick D. Blaydes, both of whom have previous police experience.
- Attended a meeting with Council VP Kurdyla, Admin Pappas, Director Genova and Eng. Burr to discuss the proposed revisions to the Quarry Ordinance.
- Attended the township second annual Menorah lighting mc'ed by Councilman Kirsch.
- Expect to attend the Somerset County Business Partnership meeting on Dec 13 where our very own attorney Christopher Corsini will be recognized as a "TOP 40 UNDER 40" award recipient. Congratulation Chris!

Councilman Ring:

- In November, I attended the NJ State League of Municipalities Conference, a program which provide a vast array of educational and learning programs, along with one of the largest vendor tradeshow. Because of COVID 19 last year, this was my first year attending and found the program extremely beneficial.
- During the League, there was a motion approved which asks the State Legislation to take action to make Emergency Medical Services an essential service in NJ. Such legislation will impact the township, as well as our volunteer rescue squad. November 29, I participated in a meeting with our local volunteer rescue squads to discuss this and their future plans for EMS in Bridgewater
- I attended multiple meetings of the Emergency Responder Memorial Committee, which we will hear more about shortly
- This past Saturday I attended the Township's Menorah lighting held right outside in the court yard. Special thanks to OCR, JCC and Temple Shalom for their efforts putting together a fantastic event, including some holiday songs by local four-year old's.

- Lastly, Somerset County Business Partnership will be holding their annual meeting and luncheon next Monday, during which they will be honoring our own Township Attorney, Christopher Corsini, as one of the Top 40 Under 40 business leaders in the County. Congratulations to Chris on a well-deserved honor.

Councilman Kurdyla:

- Attended the League of Municipalities.
- Attended a meeting with Councilman Ring related to the EMS services in the township that was facilitated by OEM coordinator Jamie Edwards.
- Attended a meeting regarding proposed police and first responder's monument which will be discussed later on tonight.
- It was his pleasure on Veterans Day to attend and speak at Martinsville park with the Martinsville VFW post 6588.
- It was his pleasure to attend the menorah lighting this past Saturday on township grounds.

Mayor's Reports

Mayor Matthew C. Moench

- The menorah lighting ceremony was great. Mayor Moench commended Councilman Kirsh for emceeding that event. The Christmas Tree lighting event is scheduled for this coming weekend.
- The 2021 road program work is mostly done and we hope to either be completed or substantially completed by the end of the year.
- Tomorrow is December 7th which is WWII anniversary. Mayor Moench acknowledged the veterans in our community and thanked them for their service.
- Was contacted by former Councilwoman Rose regarding some Bridgewater artifacts and will soon be looking into ways to secure them.

Presentation

DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR FIRST RESPONDERS MEMORIAL

Roy Gandolfi and Tony Winchatz were present to conduct the presentation. It was noted that former police officers from the Bridgewater Township Police Department approached the administration, Police Chief Payne and representatives from the PBA about the possibility of constructing a police memorial at the Bridgewater municipal complex as a way of honoring the dedicated public service of their fellow police officers. This initial proposal

gained conceptual approval and soon thereafter an ad hoc committee was put together to explore this project. That committee has met and sharpened the vision of this proposed memorial and now intends to expand the scope beyond just the police department to all first responders including Fire and EMS. Outreach has been made to Landscape Architects to help develop the look, feel and location of the installation. Ideas for fundraising efforts have also been discussed.

Council was in support. It was noted that Council will be voting on a resolution later on tonight that will allow us to request permission for a dedication by rider for an emergency services memorial trust fund.

STAVOLA QUARRY MINING LICENSE - TOM BRANCH

Township Attorney Corsini left the dias.

Thomas Branch conducted the presentation noting it concerns Stavola Quarry's relicensing for 2022. Stavola Construction Materials are the owners/operators of the Stavola Quarry located along Route 22 on Chimney Rock Rd. Per Township Ordinances regarding Quarry manning, Stavola is required to submit a renewal application every year in order to continue their business and as such, an application was filed with the Engineering Department and found to be complete.

Mr. Branch discussed in detail the 2022 mining and reclamation plan noting they are not seeking any expansion of limits than what has been previously approved and asked for approval of their 2022 operating license. He also discussed how blasts are conducted and how they have modified the blasting process to minimize impact.

It was suggested that Stavola should send out, with regularity, information with regard to the Quarry which includes the Quarry's contact information should residents have any questions or want to be put on a list that notifies them of upcoming blasts. Blasting is expected to continue for an additional 20-25 years.

Public Comment

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

Jennifer Loughran, 716 Falcon Court, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Stated she was delighted to see the first responder's memorial on the agenda and commended Council for this initiative noting that her family will be one of

those interested in contributing. Ms. Loughran stated that the construction of roads in her neighborhood were completed today and they are amazing. She commended the Public Works department who were outstanding adding it was a complicated and enormous project and was pleased with how everything was handled and how the residents were kept up to speed. Ms. Loughran thanked the township and all the workers for making this happen.

Golshid Keyvan, 2 North crossing, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Spoke in disapproval of the Stavola Quarry noting the neighbors live with constant tremors and shakes. She added the blasts can damage homes and have adverse psychological effects. Mr. Keyvan opined Stavola is a bad neighbor noting that when he complained, he was told to get out of Bridgewater. He added that Stavola has degraded our town into an earthquake zone as the blasts shake the foundation of their homes and can damage them. The Department of Labor has one-point person who is supposed to monitor blasts for the entire State of NJ but has been sick or absent for the past few years so no one is monitoring these blasts. Mr. Keyvan urged Council to help stop these tremors.

Denise Carthas, 45 Linberger Drive, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Has lived in Bridgewater for over 27years and has never heard about a meeting to speak about the blasts and tremors. She stated the blasts sound like a volcano adding their foundations and ceilings are cracked and that they have had to replace several of their windows.

Resident Sarang, 6 Hawthorne Court, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Stated that the blasts are getting worse.

Mario Lopez, 41 Linberger Drive, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

The shaking and vibrations cause things to fall. Dave Maragali from the state is the new person at the State but he has not been helpful. Ms. Lopez stated that the blasts are not healthy for the homeowners and urged Council to intervene.

Mayor Moench explained that although we are looking at updating our Ordinances, some of the complaints that have been brought before the Council are outside of Administration's privy. Council does not have the authority to say "NO" to blasts and cannot regulate or manage the blasts. What Council can do is to work with Stavola to create buffers and offer better notifications to the neighbors.

Councilman Kirsh offered Administration can take an active role in facilitating, working with the residents and Stavola on putting together a community meeting so that residents have a level of understanding on the blasting process and neighbors can have their questions answered. Mayor Moench stated he would reach out to the Governor's office about getting the State person from

the department of labor and inviting them to come. A meeting will be scheduled in the beginning of 2022 but in the meantime, we will look at updating our Ordinances to see what areas can be improved. A quarry worksheet/ Q &A can be placed on township website for the residents.

Steve Giordano, 12 Van Nostrand Rise, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Does not live at the edge of the Quarry but the Quarry has always been at the background of his life. In the last 2-3years, the blasts have increased from a row rumble to a violent vibration and shaking.

Resident Ryan, 530 Steel Gap, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Spoke in opposition to Quarry operations and its effects on their quality of life.

George Wieschenberg, 494 Steele Gap, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Expressed frustration with quarry operations and its effects on the neighborhood.

Mayor Moench explained there is a State law that states municipalities do not have the authority to regulate blasting in Quarries.

Kathy Franco, 766 Weemac Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Thanked Mayor Moench for explaining to the public about how the Quarry is regulated. Congratulated Councilmen Norgalis and Kurdyla for their reelection. Ms. Franco requested that the time limit for public comment be extended to two minutes per topic. With regard to the budget, she requested that a public meeting be arranged where the public can attend to hear department managers address their budgets. With regard to the salary and wage ordinance being introduced tonight, she stated there is a 25% increase for the Director of Human Services. She asked for the Council's consideration of this individual's qualifications, education and experience in reviewing the need to be paid this much as previous directors also served as public health officers and we now have to hire a consultant to do that.

Chris Dandamudy, 4 Alisyn Place, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Was a graduate of Bridgewater High School at which time marijuana and e-cigarette issues affected him and his school mates. It looks like the issue has gotten a lot worse due to access to delta 8 edible products that are extremely potent and requested that Council advocate for lower potency for these edible products.

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

Public
Hearing &
Final Action
Ordinances

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO NEW YORK SMSA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP d/b/a VERIZON WIRELESS FOR TEMPORARY LEASE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY FOR TEMPORARY BALLAST-MOUNTED CELLULAR TOWER LOCATED AT 551 MILLTOWN ROAD IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, ALSO KNOWN AS BLOCK 168, LOT 18 ON THE TOWNSHIP TAX MAP

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

No one wished to be heard.

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

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Ring, 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 | Absent |

ORDINANCE #21-19 WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#21-12-06-270](#) is appended to the official minutes

RESOLUTIONS

Council agreed to amend the agenda and vote on the emergency services memorial and Stavola Quarry so that the parties involved could leave the meeting at will.

REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR AN EMERGENCY SERVICES MEMORIAL TRUST FUND REQUIRED BY N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39(b)

Mayor Moench stated Administration is excited to work on this project and looks forward to getting it done. This resolution needs approval as this proposal requires approval from the State because in order to accept donations, there has to be a mechanism for doing that. He added donations received can only be used for this specific function.

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

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

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| Councilman Norgalis | Aye |
| Councilman Ring | Aye |
| Council President Pedroso | Absent |

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#21-12-06-278](#) is appended to the official minutes

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, GRANTING A TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF THE 2021 STAVOLA QUARRY OPERATING LICENSE

On motion of Councilman Ring, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, 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 | Absent |

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#21-12-06-279](#) is appended to the official minutes

Public
Hearing &
Final Action
Ordinances

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 89 ENTITLED "EXCAVATIONS" TO UPDATE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS, FEES, ENGINEERING AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR EXCAVATIONS

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

No one wished to be heard.

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

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Kirsh, 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 | Absent |

ORDINANCE #21-20 WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#21-12-06-271](#) is appended to the official minutes

RESOLUTION PROVIDING REASONS FOR ADOPTING ORDINANCE #21-21 DESPITE ANY INCONSISTENCY WITH THE MASTER PLAN PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:55D-62a

Mayor Moench explained that the Bridgewater Commons Mall had advised the Township that the Crate & Barrel store will be vacating as of December 31, 2021. The Mall has a potential tenant who can rent this space for medical purposes. The Mall has further advised the Township that it, like malls across the country, is struggling because of the pandemic and online purchasing and has requested the Township to assist them by providing an additional use for the Crate & Barrel store. This Ordinance allows medical use of the Crate & Barrel store and site plan review by the Bridgewater Township Planning Board.

On motion of Councilman Kirsh, 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 | Absent |

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#21-12-06-273](#) is appended to the official minutes

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AMENDING SECTION 126-320.2 BRIDGEWATER REGIONAL CENTER ZONE

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

Claudia Bateman, 94 Catherine Lane, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

She questioned whether medical marijuana will be prescribed or dispensed from this outpatient facility. We don't know what the facility is yet, furthermore, we cannot regulate what the doctors prescribe but it is unlikely that this will be a medical marijuana dispensary.

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

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Ring, 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 | Absent |

ORDINANCE #21-21 WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#21-12-06-272](#) is appended to the official minutes

Introduction
of
Ordinances

AN ORDINANCE TO SET THE COMPENSATION OF THE MAYOR, TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEMBERS, DEPARTMENT HEADS AND CERTAIN OTHER MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 374 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 1985; N.J.S.A. 2A:809; N.J.S.A. 2A:8-13; N.J.S.A. 40A:9-165; N.J.S.A.40A:9-135; N.J.S.A. 40A:9-146, AND CHAPTER 95 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 1996

Mayor Moench explained that the salaries and compensation for the Mayor and Council will remain the same. Salaries for all other positions reflect a 2% raise except for the Director of Human Services who has a higher increase because she will also be handling the Human Resources responsibility because the HR department is being restructured following the retirement of previous staff.

On motion of Councilman Kirsh, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, 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 | Absent |

ORDINANCE #21-22 WAS INTRODUCED.

A copy of resolution [#21-12-06-274](#) 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 20th day of December, 2021, 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.

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY VALUED AT ITS CURRENT TAX ASSESSMENT OF ONE THOUSAND AND THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,300.00) LOCATED ON BROAD STREET AT BLOCK 572, LOT 12 ON THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER TAX MAP

Township Attorney Corsini explained we received a request from Cecilia Marra, to accept donation of property known and designated as Block 572, Lot 12 (located on Broad Street) for public purposes. This property is adjacent to township owned land.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Ring, 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 | Absent |

[ORDINANCE #21-23 WAS INTRODUCED.](#)

A copy of resolution **[#21-12-06-275](#)** 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 20th day of December, 2021, 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 \$400,000, FOR MIDDLE BROOK TRUNK SEWER RENOVATIONS AND OTHER SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE THROUGHOUT THE TOWNSHIP DUE TO FLOODING RESULTING FROM

HURRICANE IDA IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$400,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION.

Mayor Moench explained these are bonds to pay for the emergency appropriation as part of Ida recovery. Most of these are FEMA reimbursable but we need to pay the bills now and seek reimbursement later.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Ring, 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 | Absent |

[ORDINANCE #21-24 WAS INTRODUCED.](#)

A copy of resolution [#21-12-06-276](#) 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 20th day of December, 2021, 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.

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.

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$2,000,000 FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS STREETS, ROADWAYS AND INFRASTRUCTURE THROUGHOUT THE TOWNSHIP AND RENOVATION OF VOSELLER AVENUE RETAINING WALL AND OTHER DITCH EXCAVATION IMPROVEMENTS DUE TO

FLOODING RESULTING FROM HURRICANE IDA IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,900,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION.

These are bonds to pay for the emergency appropriation as part of Ida recovery. Being that most of these expenses are reimbursable by FEMA and in order to have no impact on taxes, it is prudent to fund this by bond now & then pay off immediately after FEMA reimbursement.

On motion of Councilman Ring, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, 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 | Absent |

[ORDINANCE #21-25 WAS INTRODUCED.](#)

A copy of resolution [#21-12-06-277](#) 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 20th day of December, 2021, 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.

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.

Resolutions

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

AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS FOR ROAD SALT FOR THE 2021-2022 WINTER SEASON TO THE SOMERSET COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE DIVISION LOCATED AT 410 ROYCEFIELD ROAD, HILLSBOROUGH TOWNSHIP, NJ 08844, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$80,000.00

AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 BRIDGEWATER/RARITAN MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE REQUEST FOR APPLICATION WITH SOMERSET COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,575.84

CHANGE ORDER AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL \$34,361.81 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020 FOR THE TOWNSHIP LABOR COUNSEL CLEARY, GIACOBBE, ALFIERI & JACOBS LLC

PROJECT RESOLUTION FOR BIDDING SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION OVERSIGHT (INSPECTION) AND ADMINISTRATION SERVICES 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) TO COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN, INC. (DBA MASER CONSULTING) (53 FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 110, HAMPTON, NJ 08827) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,000.00, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2021 CAPITAL FUND

AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT, RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND, ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND, AND FINAL PAYMENT TO V&K CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. (37 BARTHA AVENUE, EDISON, NJ 08817) FOR THE LANE VOORHEES HOUSE STABILIZATION PROJECT

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF FIRE PERMIT FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60.00 FOR THE BRIDGEWATER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN CONNECTION WITH OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR THE CHURCH'S YOUNG FAMILIES MINISTRY ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2021 FROM 2:30 PM TO 5:30 PM WITH A RAIN DATE OF SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021

AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF A ONE-TIME STIPEND TO THE TOWNSHIP TAX ASSESSOR, ANTHONY DIRADO, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000.00

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Ring, 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 | Absent |

THE RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED.

Copies of resolution [#21-12-06-279 thru #21-12-06-286](#) are appended to the official minutes.

Discussion

GREEN KNOLL GRILLE

David Casidy, Esq. was present as litigation Counsel for Green Knoll Grille because the special conditions matter was remanded back to Council by the State Alcoholic Beverage Control. An appeal was filed by GKG with the ABC. He noted that GKG has had no incidences and has complied with special conditions #12 & #13.

Following an extensive discussion, Council agreed to eliminate special condition #14.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#21-12-06-287](#) is appended to the official minutes

Adjournment

On the motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Ring, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Filipe Pedroso
Council President