

**MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MARCH 3, 2022 COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

The Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in a regular session on Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers in the Municipal Complex, Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807 & via Live Online Broadcast.

Council 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, 2022, 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 FEBRUARY 28, 2022.

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

Councilman Michael Kirsh
Councilman Howard V. Norgalis (via ZOOM)
Councilman Filipe Pedroso
Councilman Timothy Ring
Council President Allen Kurdyla

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

It was noted that Councilman Norgalis was present via electronic means following a recent surgery and will abstain from all votes.

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

Minutes

**DECEMBER 20, 2021 - CLOSED SESSION
DECEMBER 23, 2021 - SPECIAL SESSION**

The above referenced minutes will be presented for Council review and approval at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

Mayor's Reports

Mayor Matthew C. Moench thanked the Council for attending the round table community conversation that was held earlier and acknowledged them for their leadership and support. The Mayor explained there was a very troubling incident at the mall that resulted in a lot of national media tension on both the Township and Police Department. That matter was referred to the County Prosecutor's office by Police Chief Payne where it is currently under review. Mayor Moench further explained we do not control the Prosecutor's office as they are an independent agency which has up to 45 days to complete their investigation and provide a report to us with regard to their factual findings and potential legal conclusions. If appropriate, disciplinary proceedings will ensue depending on their report. The Police officers, by law and by contract, have a process which we have to follow with regard to disciplinary action. Mayor Moench stated Administration will ensure the public is aware of the different steps in the process, being mindful that there are laws governing IA investigations, employment actions and a limit to the information that can be relayed to the public.

Separate and apart from that incident, Mayor Moench stated there are proactive measures that we are undertaking. Earlier tonight, there was a community communications panel which was cohosted with Commissioner Director Shanel Robinson. This was a great opportunity to hear from folks who have a completely different perspective than we do on the incident, policing in general and race relations, both within the town as well as within the broader community. Mayor Moench added Administration will commit to have an independent expert come in to work with the township to either guide us through the disciplinary process, to the extent that that is appropriate as well as to look at the broader picture by making sure we are taking the actions appropriate to ensure our Police Department is functioning in the highest level. Mayor Moench added we expect that our independent consultant will have a report for us with recommendations and findings that are separate from the specific mall incident. In the meantime, we will continue to seek feedback from the public as we have made a lot of new connections and engagement with folks and organizations that will be helpful to us in implementing some of these initiatives as well as making sure we are communicating more broadly to the public.

Mayor Moench thanked the Council for their feedback, advise, guidance and support in the last two weeks. He also thanked the public for their patience during this process and for their comments and input as it is helpful in determining how best to move forward.

Council Reports

Councilman Kirsh

- Was present during the community round table. Councilman Kirsh stated

it was an outstanding exchange of ideas and thoughts of which he was glad to have been a part of. He added that hearing the different perspectives makes him a better council member and he looks forward to working with the Mayor and administration on any next steps and follow-ups.

Councilman Pedroso:

- Thanked Mayor Moench for running the community round table earlier today noting it was an exceptional program. Councilman Pedroso stated he issued a public comment regarding the mall incident and for those interested, same is available online.
- His thoughts and prayers are with the people of Ukraine as they go through the current devastating humanitarian issue.

Councilman Ring:

- Nothing new to report

Council President Kurdyla

- Echoed Councilman Kirsch's comments and thanked Mayor Moench for hosting the community meeting this evening adding this is a positive step forward for many reasons.

Proclamation ALAN FROSS

Alan Fross and his family were present to receive this proclamation. Mr. Fross' contributions were acknowledged and appreciated.

Matthew C. Moench, Mayor read the following proclamation

HONORING THE SERVICE OF FORMER PLANNING BOARD CHAIRMAN ALAN FROSS AND HIS CONTRIBUTION TO BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, Alan Ross moved to Bridgewater in 1993, settling down on Erin Court in the Bradley Gardens area; and

WHEREAS, Alan and his wife of 32 years, Susan, and their two children Liana and Kyle have been active in our Bridgewater Family; and

WHEREAS, Alan was drafted in 1972 and served his country proudly in the US Naval Air Reserve, for 6 years; and

WHEREAS, Alan has been an adamant volunteer in our community, coaching Girls Rec Softball, Boys Rec Baseball and Soccer, and the Bridgewater Blue

Diamonds girls fast pitch softball team; and

WHEREAS, Alan dedicated over 300 of his evenings to Planning and Zoning board meetings over the course of 13 years and 3 mayors; and

WHEREAS, Alan availed Bridgewater of his leadership skills in his role as Chairman of the Planning board for 8 years, answering the call to serve under two mayors; and

WHEREAS, Alan retired from the Planning Board after over a decade of distinguished service, and thousands of hours of meetings whose outcomes impacted everyone in Bridgewater; and

WHEREAS, Alan Fross has always risen to the occasion to serve his family, friends, and community, and his time and efforts are greatly appreciated by the residents of Bridgewater;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Matthew C. Moench and the Bridgewater Township Council do hereby proclaim, their gratitude to Alan Fross for his years of service and commend him for his dedication to building a better Bridgewater.

Presentation

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LOCATION OF THE C-1 NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS ZONE BOUNDARY LINE TO INCLUDE BLOCK 221, LOT 29, ALSO KNOWN AS 339 UNION AVENUE

Thomas Genova, Director of Municipal Services was present to make a presentation as follows:

The Master Plan Reexamination Report was adopted by the Planning Board and has been forwarded to the governing body. This report addresses certain required areas outlined in the Municipal Land Use Law and is also intended to be considered as a Master Plan Revision. In addition to the recommendation for a new Master Plan, there are several areas of recommendation, a few of which are considered to be recommended for Ordinance amendment at this time. For example:

1. There is a recommendation for a zoning ordinance amendment for Block 221, lot 29 in order to achieve a reasonable opportunity for use of land to avoid a blighted area in Finderne. Abutting Lot 28 is a corner lot located at the intersection of Union Avenue and Adamsville Road, across from The Hoagie Hut and has an old building that has been vacant and in extreme disrepair for over fifteen years. The building is not being used and the property is a spot where trucks and automobiles park all over the lot. This

building has been a blight in FINDERNE for a long time and has been the focus of at least two Zoning Board applications, but because the lot is so small, meaningful development is very difficult. The owner also owns the abutting lot, and rezoning this lot from the residential R-10.1 zone to the C-1 zone will make a reasonable size lot for development at this important intersection. A full description of this recommendation is found in the Reexamination Report (which you have) and further describes the reason for this rezone.

2. Another matter is that of allowing the craft brewery (microbrewery) with a limited brewery license (License 1b) where the former Somerville Lumber store was located. While the permitted principal uses of 'manufacturing' may already be interpreted to permit a craft brewery in the M1-C Manufacturing zone, it would be better to specifically note the craft brewery as a Principal permitted use in this zone in order to distinguish it from other zones that permit manufacturing. This can be accomplished by adding this use to the Principal permitted uses in the M1-C zone.
3. In order to eliminate unnecessary zones from the long list of zones, the Reexamination Report recommends that the Active Adult Residential zone, located along Route 202/206 North be deleted from the list. The AAR zone is an isolated, one-large lot condition that was originally created to offer age restricted housing on separate lots. It is now under construction for a House of Worship and clearly not available for senior housing.
4. As is done every year, the Zoning Board of Adjustment, provided its Annual Report to the governing body and to the Planning Board. The Board recognized that, despite the zone in which they lie, homes are often built right up to the front yard setback line, which prevents the addition of a small porch over the front door of homes without spending a good deal of money to apply to the Zoning Board for a variance. The Zoning Board recommends revision to the ordinance to allow for these small front porches over the front door. This is also recommended in the Reexamination Report.

Relief for the home owner is also recommended for open, rear yard decks. The recommended ordinance amendment would allow decks to be 12' closer to the rear than currently permitted.

5. The Reexamination Report recommends that Bridgewater conform to the July, 2021 Municipal Land Use Law amendment by adopting an ordinance

to require an Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan for all commercial and multifamily developments. This conservation element requires applicants to develop designs for all new parking stalls.

Bridgewater Township has already been successful in securing electric vehicle charging stations at some offices and there is a bank of charging stations that has been approved for the parking area at the Wawa, near the Promenade Shopping Center, as well as at the Bridgewater Commons Mall, so this amendment is consistent with township development patterns.

Following the presentation, Thomas Genova, Director of Municipal Services fielded questions from the Council.

**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 Kirsh, seconded by Councilman Pedroso, the meeting was opened to the public for comment.

Cathy Franco, 766 Weemac Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

- She acknowledged that it has been a difficult time for everyone following the recent events at the Bridgewater Commons Mall. She thanked Michael Pappas, Township Administrator for making space available for a press conference on Wednesday in order to keep things calm.
- Thanked the administration staff for making the community conversation possible and wondered whether there would be a link for those unable to attend the meeting to view the meeting from their homes.
- As we move forward, Ms. Franco requested that as a leadership of the township, an example is set by being accepting of different points of view and of all diversity. She asked that there is more tolerance of the diversity of opinions and that a good example is set in the way we deal with residents and with each other.
- Requested that Council consider increasing the two-minute time limit for public comment.
- Expressed concern over some of the resolutions on tonight's agenda that have an increased cost.

Adam Alb, 1482 Long Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Stated he has two properties in Martinsville, one of which is farm land and the other is a residence. He wondered if the Council was familiar with the right to farm act noting over the years, he has had trespassing issues and felt harassed by township officials and others who are not aware this is a private property and not following the right protocols in addressing any concerns. Michael Pappas, Township Administrator and Police Chief Payne will meet with Mr. Alb to address his concerns. Further the right to farm act will be presented to the Council for their review and next steps in supporting Mr. Alb.

George Bateman, 94 Catherine Lane, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Was impressed with the meeting earlier today as there were some intelligent people with a lot of compassion. He added that Bridgewater and Somerset County has done well in hiring good people.

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

Introduction
of
Ordinances

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$8,000,000 FOR VARIOUS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO NEWBERRY STREET, BELLAONE STREET, CHESTNUT STREET, WALTERS BROOK DRIVE NORTH, ROLLING HILLS ROAD, ROLLING KNOLLS WAY, SHERLIN DRIVE, SHERWOOD ROAD, HICKORY DRIVE, CORNELL ROAD, SUSSEX STREET, LINBERGER DRIVE, MIDDLEBROOK ROAD AND LIEDL AVENUE, INCLUDING CURBING, MILLING, PAVING, DRAINAGE, SEWER AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS IMPROVEMENTS AND VARIOUS ROAD OVERLAYS THROUGHOUT THE TOWNSHIP IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$7,600,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION.

Mayor Moench stated this is year two of our five-year commitment to make improvements to the infrastructure of our roads. The roads listed are the main roads but other smaller roads will also be included. The road plan was a success last year and we look forward to another successful year.

Councilman Pedroso expressed concern as he wondered how bonding for these roads will fall in place with the overall budget and how that will impact the taxpayers.

Mayor Moench stated interest rates are low and bonding this will give us favorable pricing. Council was in consensus to move forward with the 5-year commitment they made to improve our infrastructure.

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

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

THE ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED.

A copy of resolution [#22-03-03-063](#) 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 17th day of March, 2022, 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; and

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

PROVIDING FOR EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000.00 FOR THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND

Mayor Moench stated this resolution will allow us to move monies from the temporary budget to the capital improvements fund in order to conduct business as we await adoption of the 2022 municipal budget.

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

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| Councilman Kirsh | Aye |
| Councilman Norgalis | Abstain |
| Councilman Pedroso | Aye |
| Councilman Ring | Aye |

Council President Kurdyla Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#22-03-03-064](#) is appended to the official minutes

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING QUALIFIED VENDORS FOR VARIOUS OPEN-ENDED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND RELATED SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER FOR 2022

Mayor Moench stated we have a list of engineers who have been prequalified to perform professional engineering and related services. William Burr, Township Engineer will work from this list when hiring for said services.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#22-03-03-065](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZATION TO RESCIND RESOLUTION NUMBER 21-06-10-168, ADOPTED BY COUNCIL JUNE 10, 2021, WHICH AUTHORIZED THE RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE #1806-33-011-008 FOR RUBY TUESDAY, INC. CURRENTLY INACTIVE FORMERLY LOCATED AT 754 ROUTE 202 TOWNE CENTER, BRIDGEWATER, NJ DUE TO N.J.S.A.33:1-12:39 SPECIAL RULING REQUIRED

RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE 1806-33-011-008 RUBY TUESDAY, INC. CURRENTLY INACTIVE FORMERLY LOCATED AT 754 ROUTE 202 TOWNE CENTER, BRIDGEWATER WITH SPECIAL RULING N.J.S.A. 33:1- 12:39 APPROVAL FOR TWO LICENSING TERMS 2021-2022 AND 2022-2023

Township Clerk Doyle explained the Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License for Ruby Tuesday, Inc. was last actively used on August 26, 2018 and required to file for special ruling consideration to permit renewal which was done on June 10, 2021. However, James B. Graziano, Director of the NJ Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control has considered all the facts and circumstances related to the

inactive status of this license and has ruled the petitioner has established good cause in accordance with the statutory requirements and has granted a two-term special ruling dated as of February 9, 2022 for renewal of this liquor license for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 license terms. The June 10, 2022 resolution must be rescinded in order to move forward with the recent special ruling.

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

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

THE RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED.

Copies of resolution [#22-03-03-066](#) and [#22-03-03-067](#) are appended to the official minutes

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO TLP CLIMATE CONTROL SYSTEMS, INC. 400 RIKE DRIVE, MILLSTONE, NEW JERSEY, 08510 FOR PLANNED SERVICE AND REPAIR TO VARIOUS TOWNSHIP HVAC SYSTEMS THE AMOUNT OF \$38,610.00 FOR THE QUARTERLY MAINTENANCE AND \$7,500.00 FOR EMERGENCY REPAIR IF NEEDED TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$46,110.00 CONTRACT PERIOD OF MARCH 1, 2022 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2023

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#22-03-03-068](#) is appended to the official minutes

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

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 2022 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$72,985.50

AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE TO THE CONTRACT FOR ROAD SALT INVOICES FOR THE 2021-2022 WINTER SEASON TO THE SOMERSET COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE DIVISION FROM \$80,000 NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000

AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE TO THE CONTRACT FOR THIRD PARTY SNOW REMOVAL TO K & J TREE SERVICE LLC. 16 STONY BROOK ROAD, BRANCHBURG, NEW JERSEY 08853 FROM \$75,000. TO \$175,000.

AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE TO THE CONTRACT FOR RUDERMAN & ROTH, LLC 675 MORRIS AVE #100, SPRINGFIELD, NJ 07081 FOR LEGAL MATTERS REQUIRING SPECIAL COUNSEL FROM \$14,652.00 TO \$22,330.50

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1/FINAL CHANGE ORDER INCREASING THE CONTRACT PRICE FROM \$290,781.21 TO \$347,751.15, AN INCREASE OF 19.59% OR \$56,969.94, AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT, RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND, ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND, AND FINAL PAYMENT TO YOUR WAY CONSTRUCTION. INC. (404 COIT STREET, IRVINGTON, NJ 07111) FOR MOUNTAINSIDE LANE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2018 AND 2020 CAPITAL FUND

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1/FINAL CHANGE ORDER INCREASING THE CONTRACT PRICE FROM \$301,742.07 TO \$353,065.96 AN INCREASE OF 17.01% OR \$51,323.89, AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT, RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND, ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND, AND FINAL PAYMENT TO TOP LINE CONSTRUCTION CORP., FOR THE STEEPLE CHASE LANE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2020 CAPITAL FUND AND THE 2020 NJDOT MUNICIPAL AID GRANT

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1/FINAL CHANGE ORDER INCREASING THE CONTRACT PRICE FROM \$22,604.00 TO \$43,999.00 AN INCREASE OF 94.65% OR \$21,395.00, AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT, AND FINAL PAYMENT TO DESANTIS CONSTRUCTION, INC. (PO BOX 6030, SOMERSET, NJ 08875) FOR THE SHERWOOD ROAD DRAINAGE PROJECT, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2017 & 2019 CAPITAL FUNDS

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1/FINAL CHANGE ORDER DECREASING THE CONTRACT PRICE FROM \$922,905.70 TO \$868,600.94 WHICH IS A DECREASE OF 5.88% OR \$54,304.76, AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT,

RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND, ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND, AND FINAL PAYMENT TO TOP LINE CONSTRUCTION CORP., FOR THE 2021-7 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2020 AND 2021 CAPITAL FUNDS

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Copies of resolution [#22-03-03-069 thru #22-03-03-076](#) are appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF THE CASH PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE SITE IMPROVEMENTS FOR HAMPTON MEADOWS, LLC, 9 FINDERNE AVENUE, BLOCK 303, LOT 6)

Township Administrator Pappas explained this resolution will allow for the release of the performance guarantee. William Burr, Township Engineer has confirmed the project has been completed and monies can be released.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#22-03-03-077](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SITE ACCESS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AND ALGONQUIN GAS TRANSMISSION, LLC FOR SURVEYING OF AN EXISTING PIPELINE ON BLOCK 168, LOT 23.16 (MILLTOWN ROAD)

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#22-03-03-078](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A TEMPORARY SITE ACCESS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AND GEORGE WALKER FIELD, INC. DBA SOMERSET AIR SERVICE TO PERMIT THE REMOVAL OF ONE (1) TREE FROM BLOCK 442, LOT 19 FRONTING ON LOVE ROAD

It was the Consensus of the governing body to add a condition to the resolution that there would be a \$250.00 contribution to the tree fund.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#22-03-03-079](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AND NEW YORK SMSA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP FOR A TEMPORARY CELL TOWER LOCATED ON BLOCK 168, LOT 18 (551 MILLTOWN ROAD) IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER

New York SMSA Limited Partnership ("Verizon") obtained Preliminary and Final Site Plan Approval and certain bulk variances for a temporary cell tower on the subject property, memorialized by Resolution of the Planning Board on July 14, 2020. The Township subsequently entered into a lease agreement with Verizon concerning the construction of a temporary cell tower on the subject property. The purpose of this Agreement is to address the obligations of Verizon as delineated in the Resolution of approval and the reports of Scarlett Doyle,

Township Planner, William H. Burr, IV, PE, Township Engineer, and other Township Officials. This Agreement was reviewed and favorably recommended to the Township Council by Alexander Fisher, Deputy Township Attorney, and, accordingly, is satisfactory to the Township as executed by the Developer.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#22-03-03-080](#) 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 contract negotiations.

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 Kirsh, seconded by Councilman Ring, Council convened in closed session at approximately 9:30 p.m.

A copy of resolution [#22-03-03-081](#) is appended to the official minutes.

On the motion of Councilman Kirsh, seconded by Council President Kurdyla, the meeting reconvened to open session at approximately 9:50 p.m. and adjourned immediately thereafter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Allen Kurdyla
Council President