

**MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
AUGUST 15, 2022 COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

The Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in a regular session on Monday, August 15, 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 7, 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 MAY 12, 2022.

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

Councilman Michael Kirsh
Councilman Howard V. Norgalis
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
Grace Njuguna, Deputy Township Clerk

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

Minutes

**JUNE 16, 2022 - SPECIAL SESSION
MAY 16, 2022 - CLOSED SESSION**

On motion of Councilman Ring, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the June 16, 2022 regular session minutes were moved for approval and passed unanimously on a voice call vote

Council Reports

Councilman Kirsh

- Attended the National Night Out and it was great to be back in person
- Had the privilege of representing our community on Thursday August 4th,

at an event with the Somerset Patriots for Planned Lifetime Assistance Network (PLAN NJ), an organization based in Bridgewater. Their mission is to answer the question “Who will care for my loved ones when I am gone”. They provide practical solutions to families whose loved ones have significant disabilities and mental health challenges thus lessening the fear and anxieties families experience when planning for the future.

Councilman Norgalis:

- I want to welcome back Deputy Clerk Grace Njuguna. Grace has been on vacation for a month visiting her family in Kenya. Great to have her back
- If you had a chance to visit the Somerset County 4H fair last week, you saw our county at its best. The weather was a little warm but the visitors were glad to have the fair back after the long COVID absence.

Councilman Pedroso:

- Congratulated the Green Knoll Rescue Squad for its 75th anniversary and thanked Councilman Ring and the volunteers of our community for their many years of service
- The Somerset Regional Animal Shelter had a special meeting last week to deal with the annual budget. Councilman Pedroso stated he is proud to report the Board passed a balanced budget for the upcoming year
- Acknowledged and congratulated Macedonia Baptist Church on their 100th Anniversary noting they are a wonderful addition to our Hobbstown community.

Councilman Ring:

- Attended the National Night out, sponsored by the Bridgewater Police Department and held here at town hall
- Attended the 4-H Fair, outstanding event
- Following our last Council meeting, has heard from several residents regarding a concept plan review from PSE&G that was scheduled to be heard by the Planning Board. That meeting has been postponed until September 27th at 7PM
- Our Police Department, in conjunction with the NJ State Police is holding a bike safety event here at the Municipal Complex on Saturday, August 20th from 10am to 2pm

- Our Township is fortunate to be served by a number of volunteers both on the Fire and EMS side as well as many other avenues in the township. This Saturday, the Green Knoll Fire Company is celebrating their 75th anniversary. The public is welcome to attend between 12pm and 5pm.

Council President Kurdyla

- The Open Space committee will be looking into the Stempien property. President Kurdyla added he will be sending an email to the governing body regarding the appointment of an individual to fill a vacancy in the Open Space committee.

Mayor's Reports

Michael Pappas, Township Administrator spoke on behalf of Mayor Matthew C. Moench

- Later on, in the meeting, Thomas Genova, Director of Municipal Services will be making a presentation to the Council regarding some properties in the Somerville Road area
- On behalf of Mayor Moench, administration would like to congratulate Pastor Hobbs of the Macedonia Baptist Church on their upcoming 100th anniversary celebration
- On behalf of Mayor Moench, administration would like to acknowledge the 76th anniversary of the independence of India. There are many members of our community who are of Indian descent and make a very significant contribution to our community.

Proclamation **CELEBRATING MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH'S 100th ANNIVERSARY**

Council President Kurdyla read the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, Macedonia Baptist Church was founded 100 years ago this month by Reverend Amos Hobbs, and is currently led by his grandson, Pastor David D. Hobbs; and

WHEREAS, Macedonia Baptist Church has been a cornerstone of the Bridgewater community since its founding; and

WHEREAS, Macedonia Baptist Church inspired the creation of the Somerville Manor Civic Association in 1960's when the newly proposed Route 28 S would have meant demolishing the church; and

WHEREAS, Macedonia Baptist Church avoided destruction as the path of Route 287 was diverted with the help of the Somerville Manor Civic Association; and

WHEREAS, Macedonia Baptist Church has remained a thriving house of worship and hub of civic engagement in our community for all of the 100 years of its existence; and

WHEREAS, Macedonia Baptist Church will be celebrating this momentous anniversary on Sunday, August 28th at the church located at 519 Mercer Street, Bridgewater; and

WHEREAS, Macedonia Baptist Church has provided incalculable benefits to the culture, character, and faith of Bridgewater residents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Matthew C. Moench and the Bridgewater Township Council do hereby proclaim their congratulations on the 100th anniversary of the Macedonia Baptist Church, and express their best wishes for the beloved institution's next hundred years.

CELEBRATING INDIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

Councilman Kirsh read the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, on August 15, 1947, India gained its independence from the British Empire; and,

WHEREAS, the Indian Independence Act of 1947 was approved by the British Parliament; which allowed the Constituent Assembly of India to write the Constitution of India, marking the beginning of India's independence after many years of British rule; and

WHEREAS, the Indian independence movement was led by Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, and Sardar Patel, and through their message of nonviolence and civil disobedience, they inspired civil rights leaders from around the world; and

WHEREAS, India's Independence Day is one of India's three national holidays and is celebrated by 1.3 billion people across India with flag-hoisting ceremonies, kite-flying, and parades; and

WHEREAS, diversity is one of Bridgewater's greatest strengths, and Bridgewater is proud to be home to a large Indian-American population who contribute greatly to the social, economic, and civic health of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Bridgewater joins with our Indian-American community in celebrating India's independence;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Matthew C. Moench and the Bridgewater Township Council do hereby recognize August 15, 2022, as the 75th INDIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY in our TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, and I call this servance to the attention of all our residents

**Public
Hearing &
Final Action
Ordinances**

GREEN KNOLL GRILLE

Township Attorney Chris Corsini explained that based upon a police report and body cam footage that we have, a violation on the liquor license for the Green Knoll Grille (GKG) occurred on the 10th of June. The hearing tonight is to determine whether or not provisions of the license should be invoked for suspension adding the Council can either suspend or dismiss as they see fit. This is not a hearing on the renewal of the actual license which is also on tonight's agenda but a hearing with regard to the June 10th incident.

Acting Police Chief John Mitzak and Police Officer Bryce Forke were present.

David Cassidy interrogated Officer Forke then concluded the June 10th incidence was a one-time de-minimis violation without need for excessive penalty. He opined suspending the license for a day was excessive and offered Council should consider another remedy such as a minor fine or a warning.

Township Attorney Corsini offered that Council should open the meeting to the public to speak with regard to the GKG before making a final determination on this matter.

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

Lisa Dichiara, 15 Tullamore Court Ringoes, NJ

They have owned GKG for almost 26 years and have been good corporate citizens that serve the community. Nothing has changed as they have been having live outdoor entertainment for as long as she can remember. They cater to many different people and employ many Bridgewater residents as well as their children who come home from college looking to work in the summer. They give back to the community, donate to the animal shelter, homeless shelter and different charities. Ms. Dichiara offered they are located on a busy, heavily travelled highway off Route 202/206 and that the cars are louder than any live outdoor entertainment. She added there was a professional noise meter study done years ago which proved the highway noise was much greater than the GKG and after that study was completed nothing much was mentioned for a while.

Ms. Dichiara stated only the GKG has been given the strictest restrictions in all of Bridgewater. She added they had over 1600 signed petitions in support of the GKG and asked that Council not take away the outdoor entertainment option for those that love it.

Greg O'Neal, 1134 Concord Drive, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Offered he and his family frequent the GKG and that they and others have wonderful times there. COVID has done a terrible thing to society and affected many people in so many different ways but GKG brings back normalcy and live music affects people positively. He offered the penalty should be minimized as the violation is de-minimis.

Nelson Cantillo, 352 Berkshire Valley Road, Roxbury, NJ

Stated he is one of the band players and it has always been made very clear what noise levels and hours of playing live music were. Occasionally, some exceptions occur but the management has always made a very distinct mention of making sure the bands comply with the hours stipulated. Mr. Cantillo stated he was present when a decibel meter was activated in order to ensure they complied and also noted the music levels were much lower than the noise produced by the traffic. Mr. Cantillo added GKG is an amazing employer.

Michael Craggan, 6 Valley Road, Manalapan, NJ

Stated he travels 45-minutes with his family and friends to get to the GKG. He offered rules are confusing and that noise levels at the GKG are lower than the noise emanating from the highway.

Terry Beck, 21 Bloomingdale Drive, Hillsborough, NJ 08844

Stated she is a faithful customer of GKG and offered the highway noise is way higher than the noise from the band.

Kathy Franco, 766 Weemac Road, Martinsville, NJ 08836

Stated the residents at the Crossroads are asking that the GKG act as a good neighbor and as such would support a one-day suspension of the GKG liquor license due to the violation because this is not the first infraction by the GKG.

Brigid Lorncz, 284 Old York Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Offered she is an employee at GKG and that a day makes a big difference for a server or bartender. GKG has done so much for her and for the residents and asked that Council consider those that will be affected by the 1-day suspension.

Bryan Maskeris, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Offered the GKG brings people together and asked the Council reconsider the repercussions of a suspension. He added the noise levels are much lower than the highway noise.

Stephanie Villa, 263 Seville Court, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Stated she is a new Bridgewater resident but grew up in Hillsborough and GKG has been a place that she and her family frequent and enjoy. She asked that Council reconsider the penalty noting a one-day suspension makes a big difference for small businesses.

Dale Tothe, 2 Badminton Court Sea Bright, NJ 07760

Stated he is on a band that has performed at GKG for many years. He offered it is unusual that those who complained about the GKG are not present today to represent themselves and offer their complaints. He added the musicians watch the decibels very closely and that GKG is a great employee. Mr. Tothe asked that the penalty be minimized.

George Bateman, 94 Catherine Lane, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

He asked that the Council make the public aware there are a lot of thieves operating in our town and are not able to be policed by the Police Department because they are doing this electronically.

John Arcoleo, 1110 Washington Valley Road, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

He questioned the affordable housing agreement with GCP that is on tonight's agenda noting the property is not appropriate for this. Mr. Arcoleo was advised the site is already developed as a hotel. The township had an obligation for 40-affordable units which will be transferred from the Center of Excellence site on Route 202/206 to this site. This proposal will fulfil our obligation without any additional development and with much less impact.

Kathy Franco, 766 Weemac Road, Martinsville, NJ 08836

Stated she is concerned with the R-SEED agreement noting the apartments will likely impact our school system and wondered if there have been any discussions with the school district as to how that will affect their assignment of students to schools. Ms. Franco also questioned the monies being given to the hotel to develop affordable housing and was advised it is to offset the cost which is substantially less than the going rate for an affordable housing unit contribution.

Ms. Franco also questioned how the township plans to meet the budgetary implication of changing the composition of the Police Department and having additional police officers. Ms. Franco was advised the Ordinance does not add positions, it provides the option to add.

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

Presentation SOMERVILLE ROAD TRACT UPDATE/ CONVEYANCE OF TOWNSHIP LOTS

Thomas Genova, Director of Municipal Services made presentation as follows:

Somerville Road Tract

The Somerville Road tract has frontage on Vogt Drive and Somerville Road. It was created by a map titled "Mountain Side Park" filed with the Somerset County Clerk on November 9, 1907 and a map titled "Somerset Heights" filed with the Somerset County Clerk on July 28, 1910. These maps created lots measuring 20' X 100' fronting on paper streets. The streets were never improved. The total tract contains approximately 40 acres. The majority is undeveloped.

I prepared a Tax Map to show the ownership with the color green for Bridgewater Township owned lots, the color yellow represents privately owned lots. The color pink represents developed lots where single-family homes exist. The Senior Center is located on Block 575.

It is in the Townships best interest to complete the assembly of land in this tract. Currently there are 12 privately owned lots North of Somerville Road and 4 privately owned lots South of Somerville Road. I have contacted the remaining privately-owned lots. Many owners have expressed an interest in selling to the Township. I will be working with the Township Attorney's office to have ordinances prepared for the upcoming council meetings.

When the assembly is completed, the next step is to vacate all of the paper streets.

Conveyance of Township Lots

I am in the process of evaluating Township owned lots. As part of that process I have identified four lots where there is no public use or future purpose. The lots do not comply with the Township zoning ordinance. The Township ownership creates maintenance and liability issues. The Township has no use for these lots. Selling the lots will put the property back on the Tax Rolls. The best use for the lots would be to sell them to the adjoining owners. NJ Statutes 40A:12-13 (b) (5) "A sale to the owner of the real property contiguous to the real property being sold; provided that the property being sold is less than the minimum size required for development under the municipal zoning ordinance and is without any capital improvement thereon" This is subject to the Township attorney's office to determine the same.

Block 548 Lot 2 has 50' of frontage on Highland Avenue and Allen Road. this is an isolated undersized lot. Adding this lot to the adjoining lot would make it more conforming.

Block 154 Lot 12.01 has 20' of frontage on Maple Street. Flag lots are not permitted. Adding this lot to the adjoining lot would make it conforming with the zone and neighborhood.

Block 517 Lot 4 has 20' of frontage on Monmouth Avenue. The property to the East is developed with a single-family home. The property to the West is owned by the Township. Combining the 20' lot to this property would bring it into conformance with the zone and provide a buffer. I have been in contact with the owners of Block 517 Lots 16 & 17 who have an interest in selling the same to the Township.

Block 243 Lot 7.01 is a landlocked parcel. This is a very unusual case in the back yards of a residential subdivision.

Following the presentation, Mr. Genova fielded questions from the governing body.

Recess

Council President Kurdyla called for a 5-minute recess at 9:30pm. The meeting resumed at 9:35pm with all members present as before.

**Introduction
of
Ordinances**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 175 (SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL) REVISING THE VOLUME CHARGE FOR METERED USERS FROM \$3644 TO \$4311 PER MILLION GALLONS

It was noted there are only about six (6) commercial properties in the township that have meters at this time.

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

No one wished to be heard.

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

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

Introduction
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Ordinances

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

ORDINANCE #22-15 WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#22-08-15-223](#) is appended to the official minutes

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER TO CREATE THE RMDU-26 MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONE AT THE SITE OF THE HYATT HOUSE, BLOCK 400, LOT 7 LOCATED AT 530 ROUTE 22.

Township Administrator Pappas stated this is a proposed Ordinance change that would permit the conversion of the Hyatt house hotel to a multifamily apartment complex. 40 of those units are slated to meet the 40-unit affordable housing obligation.

Councilman Pedroso stated he supports meeting the COAH obligations. However, he has never voted in favor of an apartment complex in Bridgewater and feels very strongly that Bridgewater should not become an apartment community. He added it appears there is a financial incentive for the the hotel owner to move forward with this and not sure why tax abatements and benefits should come at a cost to Bridgewater taxpayers. Councilman Pedroso stated he will address this question with administration in the course of the next few weeks but will not be voting in favor of this Ordinance at this time.

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

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

ORDINANCE #22-17 WAS INTRODUCED.

A copy of resolution [#22-08-15-224](#) is appended to the official minutes

Grace Njuguna, Deputy 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 19th day September, 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 Township Clerk forward this ordinance to the Bridgewater Township Planning Board for their meeting to be held September 13, 2022 to review and prepare a recommendation.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 52 OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED “ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES”, SECTION 52-9, PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSES AUTHORIZING A SIXTH PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE PERMITTED DUE TO POPULATION GROWTH

It was noted that based upon the recent decennial census and current population, Bridgewater is entitled to up to six Plenary Retail Distribution Licenses to exist at any time in the Township. In that regard, this Ordinance amends chapter 52 to authorize a sixth plenary retail distribution license.

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

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

[ORDINANCE #22-16 WAS INTRODUCED.](#)

A copy of resolution **[#22-08-15-225](#)** is appended to the official minutes

Grace Njuguna, Deputy 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 8th day September, 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.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4 (ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATIONS), ARTICLE XIV (DEPARTMENT OF POLICE), SECTION 4-84 (CHIEF OF POLICE) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER TO AMEND THE COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION PROVISION

Township Administrator Pappas stated the proposed amendment permits the township to increase the number of SRO's to three and Class III Officers from three to ten (10).

Council was in consensus that this is a necessary step in the process of keeping our schools safe once an agreement is reached with the school district.

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

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

[ORDINANCE #22-18 WAS INTRODUCED.](#)

A copy of resolution **[#22-08-15-226](#)** is appended to the official minutes

Grace Njuguna, Deputy 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 8th day September, 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.

Resolutions

2022-2023 RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE NUMBER 1806-33-021-009 FOR MISH-J.O. INVESTMENT CORP. T/A GREEN KNOLL GRILLE, 645 ROUTE 202/206 SO. BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807 WITH CONDITIONS

Council was in consensus to approve the renewal of the 2022-2023 liquor license as is being there was no discussion/request to amend the conditions of the resolution.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#22-08-15-227](#) is appended to the official minutes

ENFORCING A ONE-DAY SUSPENSION ON MISH-J.O. INVESTMENT CORP. T/A GREEN KNOLL GRILLE, THE HOLDER OF LIQUOR LICENSE NO. 1806-33-021-009 PURSUANT TO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 21-12-06-287

Council was in consensus the one-day suspension for the Green Knoll Grille was appropriate following the violation that occurred on June 10, 2022 and pursuant to the penalties stipulated on their resolution #21-12-06-287.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#22-08-15-228](#) is appended to the official minutes

RATIFYING AND MEMORIALIZING APPROVAL OF THE BRIDGEWATER MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024

Township Administrator Pappas stated administration has undergone extensive negotiations with the BMEA representatives. The contract expired in 2018 and this year, active discussions were engaged and they were very amenable to extending the contract beyond the three-year term. The increases captured have mirrored the percentages that the non-union employees have received. There are approximately 16 employees in the BMEA.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#22-08-15-229](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR ASSISTANT TOWNSHIP PROSECUTOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 4-76 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO IRENE KIM ASBURY, ESQ. OF THE LAW FIRM OF POST POLAK, P.A IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000.00 FOR A TERM COMMENCING ON AUGUST 15, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022

Township Administrator Pappas stated this resolution will allow for attorney Kim Asbury to stand in when the prosecutor is away due to illness, vacation etc.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#22-08-15-230](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE 2022 2023 SNOW REMOVAL SERVICE TO K & J TREE SERVICE, LLC, 16 STONY BROOK ROAD, BRANCHBURG, NEW JERSEY 08853 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$125,000.00

Township Administrator Pappas explained we have seen an increase from last year due to the cost of fuel and addition of a few larger vehicles that will be available for use.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#22-08-15-231](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS FOR ROAD SALT FOR THE 2022-2023 WINTER SEASON TO THE SOMERSET COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE DIVISION NOT TO EXCEED \$80,000.00

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#22-08-15-232](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING AGREEMENT WITH GCP BRIDGEWATER LP TO INCENTIVIZE THE PRODUCTION OF FORTY (40) AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS ON BLOCK 400, LOT 7, 530 ROUTE 22, IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AT A COST OF \$590,000 FUNDED ENTIRELY THROUGH THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND

Township Administrator Pappas explained part of the agreement stipulates that the affordable units will be renovated first and it will be done within 2-years. Half the payment will be disbursed at the beginning of the construction and the remaining monies will be disbursed at the end of 2-years.

Councilman Pedroso stated he will be voting “No” because he is not able to justify the tax abatements for this owner.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#22-08-15-233](#) is appended to the official minutes

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF UTILITY ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT (UECA-6-RT28-183590) TOGETHER WITH THE ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT AMENDMENT WITH EXHIBITS 1-10 BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER (SEWER) AND THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AT NO COST TO BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP

Township Administrator Pappas explained the New Jersey Department of Transportation is planning to undertake the design and construction of the bridge on Route 28 over Chuckles Brook located in Bridgewater Township. This agreement will allow for the same.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#22-08-15-234](#) is appended to the official minutes

RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LIQUOR LICENSE 1806-44-044-003 FOR WINE OUTLET BRIDGEWATER, LLC, 120 EMILY PLACE, PARSIPPANY, NJ 07054 TRANSFERRED FROM PRASADA RAJU INDUKURI ON JUNE 23, 2022 AND HELD IN INACTIVE STATUS

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#22-08-15-235](#) is appended to the official minutes

RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION INACTIVE LIQUOR LICENSE SOLO BRIDGEWATER, LLC, NO. 1806-32-003-006 WITH SPECIAL RULING N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39 APPROVAL FOR TWO LICENSING TERMS 2022-2023 AND 2023-2024

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#22-08-15-236](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE POLICE SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS (“SRO”) WITH BRIDGEWATER-RARITAN BOARD OF EDUCATION (“BOARD”) LOCATED AT 836 NEWMANS LANE, P.O. BOX 6030, BRIDGEWATER, NJ

This resolution was removed from the agenda.

**Closed
Session**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bridgewater Township Council that this body will now hold a closed meeting to discuss contract negotiations and the animal shelter.

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 Ring, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, Council

convened in closed session at approximately 10:48 p.m.

A copy of resolution [#22-08-15-237](#) is appended to the official minutes.

On the motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Ring, the meeting reconvened to open session at approximately 11:10 p.m. and adjourned immediately thereafter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Allen Kurdyla
Council President