

**MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 10, 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, November 10, 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 (absent)
Councilman Filipe Pedroso (arrived at 8:18pm)
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

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

Minutes

SEPTEMBER 19, 2022 - REGULAR SESSION

On motion of Councilman Ring, seconded by Councilman Kirsh, the September 19, 2022 regular session minutes were moved for approval and passed unanimously on a voice call vote.

Council Reports

Councilman Kirsh

- Had the opportunity to be part of the Hindu Temple and Cultural Center's Diwali celebration. There were a series of performances and a wonderful open house. It was a reflection of a lot of hard work that went into preparing that and was very appreciative of the warmth that was shown.

- Attended the Halloween celebration that was done in collaboration with the Bridgewater Commons Mall. A lot of people attended and it was a great way to celebrate with our community.
- We just had an election. There was a strong performance, as always, by the township clerk staff to ensure that our election goes with as few hitches as possible. There unfortunately were some hitches that entailed technology of which Clerk Doyle will follow up with the Board of Elections to ensure they do not recur. Overall, it was a smooth operation, both during Early voting as well as the main Election Day. Councilman Kirsh acknowledged Township Clerk Linda Doyle, Deputy Clerk Grace Njuguna, and office staff Juliana Coelho and Alison Gust.
- Councilman Kirsh stated he will have the privilege of speaking at the Veteran's Day ceremony at Bradley Gardens.

Councilman Ring:

- On October 29th, attended the Diwali celebration at the Hindu Temple.
- Attended the township's Halloween Event hosted at the Bridgewater Commons Mall on October 30th.
- Participated in the Elections. Echoed Councilman Kirsh's comments that the Clerk Staff dealt with a number of challenges with systems and connectivity and stepped up to smooth things as best as possible to ensure everyone had the right to vote.
- Commended everyone that stepped up to run for office noting it is not an easy process.
- The Planning Board met. They heard an application in part and will be continued on November 22nd. It is for a 56,000s.f. warehouse on the corner of Chimney Rock Road and Route 22 South of Route 202.
- The Council finalized an Ordinance at their last meeting to change warehouse usage which prevents warehouse application for primary usage being heard. There were three applications that were submitted prior to the Ordinance changes all of which will soon be heard by the Planning Board. Any new applications would need a Use variance approval from the Zoning Board.

Council President Kurdyla

- Attended the Diwali Celebration noting it is a lovely program and the

diversity in Bridgewater township is something to be proud of.

- President Kurdyla stated he is glad the election is over, democracy is alive and well and that we can get back to providing service to the community.

Mayor's Reports

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

- Township Administrator Pappas stated administration joins the Council in acknowledging the efforts of Linda Doyle, Township Clerk and her staff in managing the municipal responsibilities of operating an election. Most people that vote have no idea the amount of time and effort that is put forth by the Clerk's office and those that interact with them understand that.
- The Mayor has began having mobile office hours. The first was held in Finderne and the next will be held on November 14th at the Bradley Gardens Fire Volunteer Fire company at 5pm-7pm. For those members of the public that would wish to meet with him can do so. There is a portal on the website for those residents that wish to schedule a specific time meet with Mayor Moench.
- Acknowledged and thanked the people in the community that sponsored the Diwali festival and the Halloween event. Administrator Pappas endorsed and echoed the Council's sentiments with regard to same.
- Administration shares in the vision that is reflected in the warehouse ordinance that restricts warehouse use. With regard to the application that is before the Planning Board, that is on the site of the old industrial park.

Presentation SCOTT STEPHENS - AUDIO SYSTEM

Township Administrator Pappas stated Council expressed interest in seeing the audio-visual system in the Courtroom being improved. Administration has spent a considerable amount of time pursuing proposals from various organizations and are here tonight to formally present their findings to the governing body and to make a public presentation of what the proposed improvements would mean to the Planning Board, Zoning Board, Council and Court that often use these facilities.

Scott Stephens, Project manager and Claudia Figeleman, Account Manager at Visual Sound Inc. were present for the presentation.

Ms. Figeleman acknowledged and appreciated the working relationship with Wells Winegar, Deputy Township Administrator and Scott Stephens, Project manager with regard to this project.

Mr. Stephens stated the Courtroom and the AV system were built in 2008. There have been a few fixes through the years to ensure the system was running appropriately. What we have now is a very complex cumbersome system of pieces built on top of other pieces. We have experienced outages and there are a few pieces that no longer work. The administration began reaching out, mid last year, to folks who specialize in this type of work. Firms were selected through a process of internal research and surveying some local towns of similar size and type. Four groups were solicited and three showed interest in working with us. All three of those groups were then provided access to the court room and the audio system. All three groups were in agreeance it is best to go with a new system which is time consuming but ultimately the right move. Specs were then put together and presented to these three groups for a quote. Visual Sound Inc. presented the best and lowest offer. They are helpful and very responsive and had good references.

Mr. Stephens explained there will be new monitors for the dais, new monitors throughout the courtroom for the audience, all new microphones, new high definition articulating cameras which will stream out to the public, microphones will also clear out all the audio problems we have faced with live streaming. The overflow areas used during bigger meetings will also be tackled. The conference room will have new technology and new monitors.

Following the presentation, Scott Stephens and Claudia Figeleman fielded questions from the governing body.

RICHARD SHIMP - PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Richard Shimp, Superintendent of Public Works was present for the presentation. He offered they received complaints this past summer, via “Safe Parks” email. Mr. Shimp stated there is a sign posted on each park where residents can contact us to let us know of any problems in the park. The proposed improvements stem from those emails.

Mr. Shimp discussed the park improvement proposal for Alfred Brown Park and Harry Ally Park. Ben Shaffer Recreation Inc. was solicited to assist with this proposal and they have developed a custom configuration based on the requirements for the two parks while providing a safe and affordable playground environment which is aesthetically pleasing and fully compliant with playground safety standards. The life expectancy for the new equipment is approximately

20-years.

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

**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.

Jennifer Loughran, 716 Falcon Court, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Expressed excitement over the proposed improvements to the Alfred Brown Park and Harry Ally Park.

Ms. Loughran stated they will be hosting their biggest skate event in Bridgewater on Saturday. She acknowledged NJ Skate Shop for their support noting they are located in New Brunswick and were the original Brick City Kids. Zoomies at the mall is also supporting their event. The manager there is in contact with their foundation to support their program. Bridgewater resident, Brian Lindenbaum owns One Stop Board Shop in Somerville and is also supporting the event. It means a great deal to have a place to do something you love and no matter who shows up to it or how it goes, it has so much meaning to many people.

Skate for the Paws is a skate boarding event to benefit the animal shelter.

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

**Public
Hearing &
Final Action
Ordinances**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 566, LOT 6 ON ST. ANTONIA AVENUE (A PAPER STREET) ON THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER TAX MAP FOR THE ASSESSED SUM OF THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$3,200.00) PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE OPEN SPACE FUND

The purpose of this ordinance is to authorize the purchase of real property on St. Antonia Ave (Paper Street) Blk 566, Lot 6 at the assessed value.

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:

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

ORDINANCE #22-19 WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#22-11-10-281](#) is appended to the official minutes

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 567, LOT 16 ON BROAD STREET (A PAPER STREET) ON THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER TAX MAP FOR THE ASSESSED SUM OF TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,600.00) PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE OPEN SPACE FUND

The purpose of this ordinance is to authorize the purchase of real property on Broad Street (Paper Street) Blk 567, Lot 16 at the assessed value.

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

No one wished to be heard.

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

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

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

ORDINANCE #22-20 WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#22-11-10-282](#) is appended to the official minutes

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 124, "QUARRIES", SECTION 7, "FEES", OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend Chapter 124, entitled Quarries, Section 7, Fees to the type and amount of fees quarries are responsible pursuant to Chapter 124 given the changes in costs and burden to the township over the last several decades.

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

No one wished to be heard.

On motion of Councilman 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:

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

ORDINANCE #22-28 WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#22-11-10-283](#) is appended to the official minutes

**Introduction
of
Ordinances**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 126-34 AND 126-35 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER CODE REGARDING ESCROW FEES FOR LAND USE

The purpose of this ordinance is to clarify the escrow replenishment obligation for land use applications.

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

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

THE ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED.

A copy of resolution [#22-11-10-284](#) 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 5th day of December, 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.

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 \$254,778.42 FOR THE BRIDGEWATER SENIOR CENTER COVID-19 RESILIENCY PROJECT, IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF 242,040 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION. THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER EXECUTED A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET FOR THE PROVISION OF GRANT FUNDS TO COVER THE PROJECT COST IN FULL

The purpose of this Ordinance is for the Bridgewater Senior Center COVID-19 Resiliency Project. Improvements will include installation of several touchless features throughout the Center, including but not limited to bathroom fixtures, entry doors and lighting and also the construction of an outdoor deck space, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

Township Administrator Pappas explained this Ordinance had been presented to the Council several months ago and was approved. We however came to find out recently that the newspaper published this on the wrong newspaper. The bond counsel required this ordinance to be introduced again then be published properly.

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

Councilman Kirsh	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Absent

Councilman Pedroso	Absent
Councilman Ring	Aye
Council President Kurdyla	Aye

THE ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED.

A copy of resolution [#22-11-10-285](#) 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 5th day of December, 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.

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

AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS BETWEEN BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS - N.J.S. 40A:4-58

Township Administrator Pappas explained this is done each year as transfers are permitted between budget appropriations during the last two months of the appropriation year. There is no increase to the overall budget.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#22-11-10-286](#) is appended to the official minutes

PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2022 BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948) NJDOT \$40,378.00

Township Administrator Pappas explained this is a grant we applied for and are receiving in order to purchase devices to allow the Police Department to issue e-tickets. Traditionally, tickets or violation notices by the police are paper copies. This grant will allow us to purchase of twenty (20) devices in order to transition to the use of technology for efficiency. Currently, the court has to manually record violations.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#22-11-10-287](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CHANGE FUND FOR THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP HEALTH DIVISION

Township Administrator Pappas explained one of the services offered by the health department is the issuance of marriage licenses. In many instances, people bring cash which is problematic when obtaining change.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#22-11-10-288](#) is appended to the official minutes

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN BRIDGEWATER COMMONS MALL II, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AND BRIDGEWATER COMMONS MALL DEVELOPMENT, LLC, A MARYLAND LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, BOTH HAVING AN OFFICE C/O TRADEMARK PROPERTY COMPANY, 1701 RIVER RUN

SUITE 500, FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76107 (COLLECTIVELY REFERRED TO AS THE “REDEVELOPER”)

Township Administrator Pappas explained the current agreement requires construction to be completed by December 31st of 2022. This agreement extends that a few more years. The mall has been in the process of seeing additional tenants interested in filling vacancies and they are therefore looking for an extension of time.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#22-11-10-289](#) is appended to the official minutes

AWARD OF SECOND YEAR RENEWAL OF CONTRACT TO MIDDLE BROOK REGIONAL HEALTH MEMBERSHIP, 111 GREENBROOK ROAD, GREEN BROOK NEW JERSEY 08812 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$111,180.00 AND TERMINATING ON DECEMBER 31, 2022

The Council approved a two-year agreement with the Middlebrook health commission. Administration later realized they had not approved a resolution to issue payment for 2022.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#22-11-10-290](#) is appended to the official minutes

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO AUTHORIZE AN OPEN ORDER FOR PCP PUMP AND PROCESS OF 41 PLYMOUTH STREET, FAIRFIELD, NEW JERSEY TO REPAIR TO

THE TOWNSHIPS GRINDER PUMPS AS NEEDED NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF \$65,000.00

This resolution will allow for the repair on Gilbride and Middlebrook pumping stations.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#22-11-10-291](#) is appended to the official minutes

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO BEN SHAFFER RECREATION OF 5677 BERKSHIRE VALLEY ROAD, OAK RIDGE, NEW JERSEY FOR ALFRED BROWN PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT UNDER THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY(ESCNJ) COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM #ESCNJ 20-21/22, FOR \$59,857.89.

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO BEN SHAFFER RECREATION OF 5677 BERKSHIRE VALLEY ROAD, OAK RIDGE, NEW JERSEY FOR HARRY ALLY PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT UNDER THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY(ESCNJ) COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM #ESCNJ 20-21/22, FOR \$60,303.86.

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

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

THE RESOLUTIONS WAS ADOPTED.

Copies of resolution [#22-11-10-292](#) & [#22-11-10-293](#) are appended to the official minutes

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP TO ACCEPT A SUBGRANT AWARD OF THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2022 OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ASSISTANCE

Township Administrator Pappas explained this is an annual grant that the township receives. It goes towards the expenses we incur to operate the office of emergency management.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#22-11-10-294](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,328.00, ACCEPTANCE OF THE SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,393.75 FOR ALLEN HOMES, INC., SUNNYSIDE TERRACE - BLOCK 224 LOTS 4, 5 & 7

AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$565,688.88, ACCEPTANCE OF THE SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$235,703.71 FOR BRIAD DEVELOPMENT, LLC, 600 SOMERSET CORPORATE BOULEVARD - BLOCK 411 LOTS 39.02 & 39.11

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

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

THE RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED.

Copies of resolution [#22-11-10-295](#) and [#22-11-10-296](#) is appended to the official minutes

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF \$260,420 FROM THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND TO MAINTAIN THE AFFORDABILITY OF EIGHTY-ONE AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS IN THE PROJECT KNOWN AS THE CROSS ROADS CONDOMINIUMS LOCATED AT CAIN COURT

Township Administrator Pappas explained this project has been in existence for many years. There has been financial assistance provided to the organization before as they had serious issues with a previous Board that was not acting properly. This proposal will provide a grant for 81-units to remain in the affordable housing program.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#22-11-10-297](#) is appended to the official minutes

EXTENDING SUNDAY HOURS OF OPERATION TO 9AM FOR PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSES INCLUDING WEGMANS MARKETS, SPIRITS OF THE VALLEY, KRISHA BEVERAGE AND BUY BEST WINE AND LIQUORS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20th AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022

Township Ordinances prohibit the sale, service or delivery of any alcoholic beverages on Sundays prior to 11 a.m. The holder of a Plenary Retail Distribution License has requested that the hours be extended to allow holders of Plenary Retail Distribution Licenses to commence hours of operation at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 20th and Sunday, December 18, 2022.

Council expressed concern that this courtesy was not extended to all liquor license establishments.

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

Councilman Kirsh	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Absent
Councilman Pedroso	Nay
Councilman Ring	Nay

Council President Kurdyla Aye
THE RESOLUTION FAILED

AUTHORIZING FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT SOMERSET PATRIOTS STADIUM ON THURSDAY, APRIL 6 (RAIN DATE 4-7), SATURDAY, APRIL 8 (RAIN DATE 4-21), SATURDAY, APRIL 22 (RAIN DATE 5-6), FRIDAY, MAY 5 (RAIN DATE 5-18), SATURDAY, MAY 20 (RAIN DATE 5-19), SATURDAY, JUNE 3 (RAIN DATE 6-2), FRIDAY, JUNE 16 (RAIN DATE 6-15), SATURDAY, JUNE 17 (RAIN DATE 6-21), THURSDAY, JUNE 22 (RAIN DATE 6-23), SATURDAY, JUNE 24 (RAIN DATE 7-5), TUESDAY, JULY 4 (RAIN DATE 7-6), FRIDAY, JULY 7 (RAIN DATE 7-26), SATURDAY, JULY 8 (RAIN DATE 7-27), FRIDAY, JULY 28 (RAIN DATE 8-10), SATURDAY, JULY 29 (RAIN DATE 8-12), FRIDAY, AUGUST 11 (RAIN DATE 8-23), THURSDAY, AUGUST 24 (RAIN DATE 8-25), SATURDAY, AUGUST 26 (RAIN DATE 9-7) AND SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 (RAIN DATE 9-8)

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#22-11-10-299](#) is appended to the official minutes

WAIVER OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$99 PLUS AN ADDITIONAL \$466 FOR SOMERVILLE ELKS LODGE #1068 AT 375 UNION AVENUE IN BRIDGEWATER FOR CONSTRUCTION FEES ASSOCIATED WITH BOILER AND HOT WATER RESERVE REPLACEMENT

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#22-11-10-300](#) is appended to the official minutes

WAIVER OF FIRE PERMIT FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300 FOR ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX PARISH AT 500 ROUTE 22, BRIDGEWATER IN CONNECTION WITH HOSTING THE HOME HOMELESS FAMILIES AT THE CHURCH ON OCCASION

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#22-11-10-301](#) is appended to the official minutes

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF FIRE PERMIT FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100.00 FOR THE SOMERSET COUNTY VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL (SCVTHS) PTO IN CONNECTION WITH A VENDOR FAIR EVENT SCHEDULED TO BE HELD AT 14 VOGT DRIVE ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2022 FROM 10AM TO 3PM

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#22-11-10-302](#) is appended to the official minutes

EXTENDING SUNDAY HOURS OF OPERATION TO 9AM FOR PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSES INCLUDING WEGMANS MARKETS, SPIRITS OF THE VALLEY, KRISHA BEVERAGE AND BUY BEST WINE AND LIQUORS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20th AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022

Councilman Kirsh made motion to reconsider the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ring and carried on the following roll call vote:

Councilman Kirsh	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Absent

Councilman Pedroso	Nay
Councilman Ring	Aye
Council President Kurdyla	Aye

EXTENDING SUNDAY HOURS OF OPERATION TO 9AM FOR PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSES INCLUDING WEGMANS MARKETS, SPIRITS OF THE VALLEY, KRISHA BEVERAGE AND BUY BEST WINE AND LIQUORS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20th AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022

Following extensive discussion with legal, Council was in consensus that the courtesy for extended hours be extended to all liquor license holders in Bridgewater. The resolution was amended as follows:

EXTENDING SUNDAY HOURS OF OPERATION TO 9AM FOR ALL ACTIVE PLENARY RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSEES FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022

Councilman Pedroso expressed concern that the public was not afforded an opportunity to comment on this amended resolution.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#22-11-10-298](#) 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 litigation and 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 9:20 p.m.

A copy of resolution [#22-11-10-303](#) is appended to the official minutes.

On the motion of Councilman Ring, seconded by Councilman Kirsh, Council reconvened to open session at 11:35 pm.

Resolutions

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH GURU REALTY, LLC

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#22-11-10-317](#) is appended to the official minutes

Adjournment

On the motion of Councilman Ring, seconded by Councilman Kirsh, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Allen Kurdyla
Council President