

**MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
JANUARY 19, 2023 COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

The Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in a regular session on Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers in the Municipal Complex, Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807 & via Live Online Broadcast.

Council President Kirsh 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 10 2023, WITH WRITTEN NOTICE AND ELECTRONIC NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE COURIER NEWS AND THE BREEZE POSTING ON THE WEBSITE AND THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND FILING WITH THE TOWNSHIP CLERK

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

Councilman Allen Kurdyla
Councilman Howard V. Norgalis
Councilman Filipe Pedroso
Councilman Timothy Ring
Council President Michael Kirsh

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

Councilman Norgalis led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

DECEMBER 19, 2023 - REGULAR SESSION

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the December 19, 2023 regular session minutes were moved for approval and passed unanimously on a voice call vote. Council President Kirsh abstained.

OCTOBER 3, NOVEMBER 10 AND DECEMBER 19, 2022 - CLOSED SESSIONS

The above noted closed session minutes were passed around for Council approval & signature.

Council Reports

Councilman Pedroso:

- Attended the Martinsville annual installation dinner at Bridgewater Manor
- Acknowledged the policemen that were in attendance to support new Police Officer Thomas A. Gallo

- Participated in a video call where William Burr, Township Engineer provided him a preview of the proposed 2023 road improvements

Councilman Norgalis:

- Attended the Martinsville Rescue Squad annual installation dinner held at the Bridgewater Manor. Mayor Moench administered the Oath of Office. Also attending were Councilmen Kirsch and Pedroso. This is a great organization of dedicated and highly trained folks serving our community.
- Participated in a meeting with Township Engineer Bill Burr among others to discuss the 2023 Road program. Offered that while the road overlay / reconstruction program is vital to the township we should not lose sight of the many situations where there is a really bad section of road embedded in a good road. Love Rd just before the bridge to Bedminster is a good example.

Councilman Kurdyla

- Councilman Kurdyla stated he has been working on an Open Space parcel in the township and is pleased to announce there have been discussions with a group that has interest in partnering with the township. More information will be presented to the governing body in February
- Attended the presentation by William Burr, Township Engineer with regard to the Bridgewater road program and is very pleased that action regarding this item will be taken tonight
- On January 1st, it was his privilege to swear in the officers of the FINDERNE Fire Department and as Councilman Norgalis mentioned, Bridgewater is very blessed to have volunteers who serve in our various rescue squads and fire departments so we endeavor to do everything possible to support them.

Councilman Ring:

- The Planning Board held a reorganization meeting. In conjunction with that, they were scheduled to hear an application for the subdivision of a property on Long Road and Washington Valley Road. It was however determined that the applicant's notice to surrounding owners was insufficient and therefore they were not able to continue the hearing for this matter which was carried to a future date
- The Zoning Board also held their reorganization meeting. In conjunction with that, there was a hearing for an application regarding signage. This application was not heard in its entirety and will be continued at a

future date

- There is an upcoming land use application that will be heard by the Planning Board on January 24th for M&M, a property on Route 202/206, North of the Green Knolle Grille. They are proposing a manufacturing facility for an unknown tenant
- On February 7th, there is an application scheduled before the Zoning Board to tear down four (4) office buildings on Route 22 and replace them with two (2) warehouses. This is one of the three (3) application that applied for a warehouse prior to the changes in our Ordinance
- Met yesterday with RWJ Barnabas health who was the recipient for the contract for daytime ambulance service through SASSA.

Council President Kirsh

- On January 10th, attended the Board of Education meeting where there was extensive conversation about the upcoming referendum. Formal action was taken at that time to set the district-wide referendum election that is scheduled for March 14th, both in Bridgewater and Raritan. Council President Kirsh recognized there were two (2) Board of Education members in our audience: Lucy Li and Jennifer Loughran
- There is an ongoing effort to educate Bridgewater residents on what the referendum is about. In that regard, there are two (2) events scheduled in order to discuss the two (2) questions on the referendum:
 - February 21st at 6pm - a community forum will be held at the Bridgewater Raritan High School
 - February 24th at 6pm - the education foundation of Bridgewater Raritan is holding an event at Somerville Elks
- Attended the Martinsville Rescue Squad annual installation dinner
- On January 15th, had the honor of attending and also briefly speaking at the Christian Clergy Ministry Association 28th Ecumenical community service honoring the life legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. There were three (3) municipal speakers including the Mayors of Manville and Somerville
- On January 17th, briefly appeared before the Zoning Board simply to express his appreciation, on behalf of the mayor and governing body, to what he believes is one of the hardest working boards in Somerset County. Council President Kirsh added this Board has considerable impact

on what Bridgewater will look like

- Our Congressman, Thomas Kean is in temporary residence in the municipal building. His staff is working on a more permanent solution for where his district office will be, hopefully, in or near Bridgewater. In the short term, he is occupying a limited amount of space in our building which is a source of great pride for us and for our community. Council President Kirsh added we have a good relationship and something we can point to with pride.

Mayor's Reports

Michael Pappas, Township Administrator reported on behalf of Mayor Moench

- Mayor Moench was happy to participate in the celebration regarding the legacy of the Late Dr. Martin Luther King that took place last Friday at the Martin Luther King Center. He was very happy to experience the enthusiasm and interest that many of the young people demonstrated in the presentations they had been working on for some time
- On February 5th, the township will be hosting a lunar new year celebration. More details will soon be forthcoming
- The extensive work that William Burr, Township Engineer on the road program is monumental. Administrator Pappas reported we were fortunate, on a weekly basis, to meet with Township Engineer Burr, Director Genova and Mr. Shimp, Public Works superintendent to ensure we have a fully coordinated effort in planning our improvement program. Administration expressed they were thankful for everyone's efforts
- Mayor Moench regrets being unavailable tonight to swear in new police officer Thomas A. Gallo. He expressed appreciation for his service.

Oath of Office

Police Officer Thomas A. Gallo

Linda Doyle, Township Clerk swore in Police Officer Thomas A. Gallo. Officer Gallo was welcomed to the force by Police Chief John Mitzak who stated he is excited to bring Thomas on board as his experience and temperament will be an asset to the department and the residents for years to come.

Presentation

ROAD PROGRAM UPDATE

William Burr, Township Engineer explained at the end of 2020, the township launched the plan to spend \$8 million each year over the next 5 years to remedy the roadways. The target was to improve half of the township's 600 roadways or 250 to 300 roads by the end of the plan. Additionally, Burr noted that after the five-year plan is completed, the township should not need to fully reconstruct roads moving forward and will be able to focus on preventative maintenance.

We will still have to mill and overlay but not get to a point where we totally have to rebuild the entire substructure of the road.

In 2022, the township planned to improve 57 roads. Of that, 45 were completed. The remainder will be completed in the upcoming spring.

Township Engineer Burr outlined Road Improvement Plan proposal for 2023 noting the township is focusing on improving 50 to 70 roads in 2023. As in past years, the projects will be bundled together in six regions of the township to save money. Engineer Burr emphasized that the list of road projects may change once cost estimates are made.

Region 1 - Finderne section near Fulton Avenue and surrounding streets off Finderne Avenue and Main Street

Region 2 - In the area of Old York Road and Milltown roads in the neighborhood of Hancock Avenue and Duval Street

Region 3 - In the area of Garreston road and BRHS roads include Rolling Hills Road, Foxcroft and Spring Valley (these would all be covered under a \$560K grant from NJDOT). The region also includes roads Carlene Drive and Farmer Road

Region 4 - Improvements around sunset lake. Finish the rest of the roads on the southside of the lake and Peach Tree, Timberline Drive area, and two others off Mine Road

Region 5 - Improve the entire section between Woodlawn Avenue and North Bridge Street including Somerset Avenue, Highland Avenue, Hillside Avenue, Prospect Avenue, and Orchard Street. Also, Crestwood Drive and Branch Road

Region 6 - Roads running along Washington Valley Road including East Brook, April Drive, Mayflower Court, Loft Drive, and the Blazier Road neighborhood. Additionally, the two neighborhoods on the southside of Route 22 including Shady Lane, Deerhead Drive, Glen Road, Crest Drive, and Saratoga Avenue

Engineer Burr stated the township is constantly evaluating the roads and investigating complaints from residents. He further noted the township is working closely with New Jersey American Water and PSE&G to coordinate road work with the utilities' replacement of aging lines.

Engineer Burr recommended the township council agree to move forward with the plan to help get things rolling sooner and a chance to save money. The 2023

project is estimated at \$8 million.

Councilman Filipe Pedroso questioned whether to wait until the town budget was completed before agreeing to anything.

Township Administrator Michael Pappas said a budget proposal should be introduced in April. He however warned delaying a vote on proposed plan would push back work on the project.

Councilman Howard Norgalis endorsed the program noting we made a commitment and we're going to keep it.

Councilman Allen Kurdyla requested the township council introduce a bond ordinance at the next meeting.

It was noted the township has a website, ourbwwroads.com, where residents can learn more about the 5-year plan, see how their roads rank as far as worst to best and also see upcoming projects.

**Public
Comment**

Members of the public wishing to address the Council on any matter will be allowed two minutes to speak unless there are unusual circumstances.

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

George Bateman, 94 Catherine Lane, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

On question of Mr. Bateman, it was confirmed the road program is a five-year plan where we allocate \$8M on a yearly basis. It was further confirmed that after the five year, \$8M per year investment, future costs would be considerably less.

Mr. Bateman stated Somerville has been having a lot of problems with speed limits which reinforced the need for strips that slow the traffic down. He offered the strips are not like speed bumps but are enough to slow people down. Mr. Bateman wondered if Engineering would be able to incorporate said strips in the new roads in certain locations because new roads tend to make people drive faster.

Township Engineer Burr stated this is something they are willing to look at adding they had briefly discussed this option. He added the process of improving roads generally starts with people complaining about the condition of the roads but after improvements, the complaints tend to be with regard to speeding. It has not been the Township's policy to install traffic calming devices but this

warrants consideration bearing in mind how this impacts the life of the road as well as plowing and salting.

Lisa Tarzia, 22 Spruce Ln, Belle Mead, NJ 08502

Ms. Tarzia stated she is an administrator for Friends of Animals United NJ/NY which is an all-volunteer organization that advocates for non-human species. She offered matters to do with deer hunting at Duke Island Park (DIP) were recently brought to their attention. Although DIP is a County park, Friends of Animals United NJ/NY would like the municipalities within Somerset County to support non-lethal methods of controlling deer population.

Ms. Tarzia further stated that Animal Protection League NJ offers a brief presentation covering these non-lethal and non-cruel methods that combat deer population. They advocate that for every problem/inconvenience, there is a non-lethal remedy. She added as a society, we need to start addressing our attitudes toward non-human species. Ms. Tarzia explained that deer are intelligent creatures, they are very gentle, form very close relationships with members of their community, and are very loving and nurturing parents. They are also capable of joy, pain and suffering just like our companion animals and we need to start looking at them like friends and sentient creatures that deserve to thrive and love and live.

Ms. Tarzia was asked to send any presentation/materials she would like reviewed by the governing body to Township Clerk Doyle. If there is any Council interest, same will be communicated back to her.

Nicholas Parzucci, 14 Overbrook Road, Somerset, NJ 08873

Mr. Hass stated he was present to speak up on behalf of the innocent sentient deer that are being needlessly killed at Duke Island Park. Hunting takes place from the months of December thru February. Mr. Hass further stated over a dozen of his friends have called in to Thomas Genova, Director of Municipal Services to share their deer hunting concerns noting that deer do not want to die. They feel pain, have families and feel all things just like humans do. He added there is no humane way to kill them and that unnecessary death can be avoided.

Mr. Hass requested that Bridgewater set up a meeting with Doreen Frega from the Animal Protection League to discuss non-lethal methods to combat deer population and other alternatives that may apply to Duke Island Park. He added this organization has worked with many towns throughout New Jersey to keep needless deaths from occurring.

Mr. Hass was advised he should address his concerns with the Board of Commissioners. He was further asked to provide whatever material he would like the Mayor and Council to review and if there is interest, same will be communicated back to him.

Cathy Franco, 766 Weemac Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Ms. Franco questioned how much employees contribute to their health benefits. She was advised the contribution is formula driven, based on employee salaries. The scale will be provided to Ms. Franco and any concerns will be addressed by Township Administrator Pappas.

Councilman Kurdyla assured Ms. Franco that Council and administration has spent a considerable amount of time on the employee health benefit packages in order to ensure the best value for the dollar for every tax payer in Bridgewater.

Ms. Franco suggested that an opportunity be afforded, in the future, to have the public virtually participate in Council meetings or have a recording of the meeting readily available to the public to observe at their leisure rather than having to request a copy of the audio. Council President Kirsh stated a range of options that are not currently available will be available once audio/visual upgrades to the courtroom are completed. He added we will consider the best way to keep our meetings available, accessible and as transparent as possible. Councilman Ring confirmed said upgrades will commence in February.

Ms. Franco stated she is hoping to see the 2023 budget in place sooner than mid-summer.

Ms. Franco further stated we have a temporary congressional office here at the township and wondered how the costs associated with same, may in the future impact the township's budget. Township Administrator Pappas stated that conversation has taken place between the administration and the congress staff representatives. They are exploring ways in which any costs we incur will be reimbursed to the township.

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

Resolutions

REVISED - AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE HONORABLE BRITT J. SIMON, ESQ. OF NEW JERSEY AS THE ALTERNATE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER

Township Administrator Pappas explained there is a phrase that was included in the original resolution that needed to be deleted.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#23-01-19-040](#) is appended to the official minutes

APPOINTMENTS TO THE RECREATION BOARD CLAUDIO VESCIO AND LORI WATSON

Councilman Norgalis thanked the appointees for volunteering their time on behalf of the township.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#23-01-19-041](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO THE BRIDGEWATER-RARITAN BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR 2021-2022 HAZARDOUS BUSING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$523,808.00 PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF THE MAY 17, 2021 HAZARDOUS BUSING AGREEMENT

Councilman Ring stated this is an obligation that was committed to based on a 2020-2021 agreement. Council expressed they were displeased with the \$278,000 increase but we have to pay this bill based on the 2020-2021 agreement. Council President Kirsh confirmed the wording on this resolution authorizes payment for this bill alone without future obligation.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#23-01-19-042](#) is appended to the official minutes

ACKNOWLEDGING TOWNSHIP COUNCIL’S REVIEW OF SALARIES FOR THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1, NO. 2, NO. 3, AND NO. 4 FOR THE YEAR 2023

Councilman Kurdyla recused himself and left the dais. Councilman Ring stated that every February, the fire commissions hold a fire election in their respective districts which sets their salaries, funded through tax payer dollars. The State of NJ is now requiring that the governing body review and approve this resolution.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#23-01-19-043](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING DELTA DENTAL OF NEW JERSEY, INC. TO PROVIDE DENTAL AND VISION INSURANCE TO THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER FOR A TOTAL ANNUAL PREMIUM OF \$326,200.00 FOR THE YEAR 2023

AUTHORIZING BENECARD SERVICES, LLC OF NEW JERSEY, INC. TO PROVIDE PRESCRIPTION INSURANCE TO THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER FOR A TOTAL ANNUAL PREMIUM OF \$1,950,600.00 FOR THE YEAR 2023

AUTHORIZING STATE HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM OF NEW JERSEY TO PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE TO THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER FOR A TOTAL ANNUAL PREMIUM OF \$5,814,000.00 FOR THE YEAR 2023

Township Administrator Pappas explained the totals constitute a large budget item, however, municipalities as well as the private sector have seen increases in health benefit costs. He added that we will continue to explore options and determine any cost-effective measures for the future.

Councilman Ring stated we were with a private service but after extensive review transitioned to the State health benefits program which unfortunately has had extensive increases this year. We will continue to investigate ways to reduce cost.

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

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

THE RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED.

Copies of resolution [#23-01-19-044](#), [#23-01-19-045](#) and [#23-01-19-052](#) are appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SOCCER CENTERS LOCATED AT 300 MEMORIAL DRIVE SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY AND TOWNSHIP RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE SPRING AND FALL TRAVEL, IN-TOWN, JR, PSA, HIGH SCHOOL, ADULT, SUMMER AND FIELD HOCKEY PROGRAMS. SOCCER CENTERS WILL PROVIDE THE USE OF TURF FIELDS, REFEREES AND TRAINERS AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$144,500. THE AFOREMENTIONED EXPENSE WILL BE PAID THROUGH THE USER FEES IN THE SOCCER RECREATION TRUST FUND RESULTING IN NO OPERATIONAL COST TO BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP

Councilman Norgalis stated the resolution title was amended to read that all the costs will be covered through the soccer trust which is funded by user fees. There will be absolutely no operational costs to Bridgewater.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#23-01-19-046](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AND EPEC POLYMERS, INC. TO REPLACE A 54-INCH SEWER LINE IN DUKE ISLAND PARK AT NO COST TO THE TOWNSHIP

Councilman Ring stated this is an effort by the State to remove a head dam in Duke Island Park and in conjunction with that, there is a sewer pipe that has to be moved, at no cost to the township. EPEC will write a check to the township in the amount of \$45,000 to cover our legal and engineering costs associated with overseeing the moving of our sewer. We are benefitting from a new pipe being installed while other efforts are taking place.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#23-01-19-047](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING CHANGE OF SCOPE TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT INCREASING THE CONTRACT PRICE BY THE SUM OF \$14,102.00 FOR ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE OLD FARM ROAD SERVICE AREA EXPANSION - 2019 SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION AND ROADWAY RESTORATION PROJECT WITH THE REYNOLDS GROUP, INC. (575 ROUTE 28, SUITE 110, RARITAN, NJ 08869) FROM THE CONTRACT PRICE OF \$144,600.00 TO \$158,702.50 FUNDED THROUGH THE 2017 SEWER CAPITAL

The change of scope will address additional Professional Engineering and Construction Inspection Services related to additional detail design to address

unforeseen existing drainage issues, and related additional construction inspection.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#23-01-19-048](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING A REDUCTION IN THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FROM \$119,208.00 TO \$67,548.78 FOR THE FOOTHILL ESTATES SUBDIVISION APPLICATION, POSTED BY LAROSA BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION, LLC, BLOCK 718, LOTS 160, 161 & 164 (NOW 160.01, 160.02, 160.03 & 160.04) ON WHITNACKS ROAD

Township Administrator Pappas explained this will be the last reduction prior to the project being formally completed and closed out.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#23-01-19-049](#) is appended to the official minutes

PERSON TO PERSON PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE FROM TRANSFEROR HOULIHAN'S BRIDGEWATER, LLC, LICENSE NUMBER 1806-33-014-008 FORMERLY LOCATED ON 1288 ROUTE 22 EAST, BRIDGEWATER, NJ HELD IN POCKET STATUS SINCE SEPTEMBER 29, 2022, TO TRANSFEREE MEGA LAND HOLDINGS, LLC - NEW LICENSE NUMBER 1806-33-014-009

Councilman Ring confirmed this license will remain in pocket status.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#23-01-19-050](#) 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 THE FOLLOWING DATES FEBRUARY 5-12, MAY 7-14, AUGUST 6-13, OCTOBER 22-29 AND DECEMBER 3-10, 2023.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#23-01-19-051](#) 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 for Vones Lane and EMS.

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 Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, Council convened in closed session at approximately 9:55 p.m.

A copy of resolution [#23-01-09-053](#) is appended to the official minutes.

On the motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, Council reconvened to open session at 10:22 pm and adjourned immediately thereafter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Michael Kirsh
Council President