

**MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
JANUARY 5, 2023 - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
REORGANIZATION MEETING**

The Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in a reorganization & regular meeting on Thursday, January 5, 2023, at 7:00 p. m. in Council Chambers in the Municipal Complex at 100 Commons Way, Bridgewater, NJ 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 DECEMBER 14, 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

Roll Call

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
Linda J. Doyle, Township Clerk
Grace Njuguna, Deputy Township Clerk

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

Pledge of Allegiance

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Invocation

Invocations were presented by:

Rabbi Daniel Selsberg of Temple Sholom
Ibaad Sadiq of Al-Falah Center
Hari Krishna Maddali, Head Priest of the Sri-Venkateswara Temple

Council President Outgoing Address

Council President Kurdyla gave his outgoing address

The address is appended to the official minutes ([Schedule A](#))

Selection of Council President

SELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Councilman Pedroso nominated Councilman Kirsh to serve as Council President for the year 2023. Councilman Norgalis seconded the motion. The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

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

Selection of Council Vice-President

SELECTION OF COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

Councilman Kurdyla nominated Councilman Ring to serve as Council Vice-President for the year 2023. Councilman Norgalis seconded the motion. The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

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

President’s Message

COUNCIL PRESIDENT KIRSH’S MESSAGE

The message is attached to the official minutes. ([Schedule B](#))

Council Member Statements

COUNCILMAN NORGALIS:

- Welcomed all the volunteers noting Bridgewater is blessed to have many residents who are involved in assisting the Township
- Thanked the Township Clerk Staff for their help and assistance including Linda Doyle, Township Clerk, Grace Njuguna, Deputy Township Clerk, Juliana Coelho, Confidential Secretary, Aly Gust, Records Specialist
- Wished everyone a great and blessed 2023

COUNCILMAN RING:

- Stated we have had a number of challenges including COVID and Hurricane Ida but we have consistently risen to those challenges. He added we have many people volunteering to serve our community and move our community forward and as such is confident that regardless of challenges that we may face in 2023, we will continue to shine together
- Thanked his fellow council members for their trust and support in moving him to a leadership role in the Council

State of the
Township
Address

COUNCILMAN PEDROSO:

- Thanked Councilman Kirsh for inviting different religious community leaders and having them participate in our reorganization meeting. He noted Bridgewater is a beautifully diverse community and by having different religions participate, we celebrate and acknowledge our diversity
- Noted he has lived in Bridgewater his entire life at eight different addresses and loves it here. Councilman Pedroso appreciated and thanked all volunteers who make Bridgewater an amazing place to live
- Thanked the Mayor for ending the fight with the Center of Excellence and for protecting Bridgewater's quality of life
- Thanked the Police Department noting it is the finest as they keep Bridgewater a safe community for our families to grow up
- Thanked his fellow Council members noting they truly care about the township
- Wished everyone a happy and healthy 2023

MAYOR MATTHEW C. MOENCH STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP ADDRESS
The address is appended to the official minutes. ([Schedule C](#))

**MAYOR APPOINTMENTS WITH ADVICE AND CONSENT
(Staff)**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT KIRSH READ THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS:

APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL J. PAPPAS AS REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second of 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 APPROVED.

A copy of resolution [#23-01-05-001](#) is appended to the official minutes.

APPOINTMENT OF QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT, ROSE WITT AS 2023 PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second of 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 APPROVED.

A copy of resolution [#23-01-05-002](#) is appended to the official minutes.

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR CHRISTOPHER M. CORSINI, ESQ. AND THE LAW FIRM OF SAVO, SCHALK, GILLESPIE, O’GRODNICK & FISHER, P.A., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$470,000 FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second of 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 APPROVED.

A copy of resolution [#23-01-05-003](#) is appended to the official minutes.

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING LEGAL SERVICES FOR CHRISTOPHER M. CORSINI, ESQ. AND THE LAW FIRM OF SAVO, SCHALK, GILLESPIE, O’GRODNICK & FISHER, P.A., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000 FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second of 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 APPROVED.

A copy of resolution [#23-01-05-004](#) is appended to the official minutes.

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR TAX APPEAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR CHRISTOPHER M. CORSINI, ESQ. AND THE LAW FIRM OF SAVO, SCHALK, GILLESPIE, O’GRODNICK & FISHER, P.A., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000 FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second of 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 APPROVED.

A copy of resolution [#23-01-05-005](#) is appended to the official minutes.

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM H. BURR, P.E. OF COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN AS TOWNSHIP ENGINEER IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$120,000 FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2023

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second of 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 APPROVED.

A copy of resolution [#23-01-05-006](#) is appended to the official minutes.

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF SCARLETT DOYLE TOWNSHIP PLANNER AN AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000 FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2023

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second of 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 APPROVED.

A copy of resolution [#23-01-05-007](#) is appended to the official minutes.

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL SULLIVAN OF THE FIRM OF CLARKE CATON HINTZ PC AS REDEVELOPMENT PLANNER AND AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.00 FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2023

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second of 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 APPROVED.

A copy of resolution [#23-01-05-008](#) is appended to the official minutes.

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

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second of 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 APPROVED.

A copy of resolution [#23-01-05-009](#) is appended to the official minutes.

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES: CHIEF MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR JOHN LANZA, ESQ. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$80,000 FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2023

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second of 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 FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.

A copy of resolution [#23-01-05-010](#) is appended to the official minutes.

AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MATTHEW GIACOBBE, ESQ., OF THE LAW FIRM OF CLEARY, GIACOBBE, ALFIERI & JACOBS, LLC, AS LABOR COUNSEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2023 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$120,000

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second of 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 APPROVED.

A copy of resolution [#23-01-05-011](#) is appended to the official minutes.

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO GIBBONS, P.C. AS BOND COUNSEL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second of 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 APPROVED.

A copy of resolution [#23-01-05-012](#) is appended to the official minutes.

AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT TO ROUND HILL RISK PARTNERS, LLC OF 788 MORRIS TURNPIKE, SUITE 101, SHORT HILLS, NJ 07078 TO SERVE AS THE TOWNSHIP'S RISK MANAGER FOR HEALTH INSURANCE SERVICES FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2023 PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS AS DEFINED BY N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second of 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 APPROVED.

A copy of resolution [#23-01-05-013](#) is appended to the official minutes.

AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT TO NORTH AMERICAN INSURANCE MANAGEMENT (NAIM) OF 1460 ROUTE 9 NORTH, SUITE 310, WOODBRIDGE, NEW JERSEY 07095 TO SERVE AS THE TOWNSHIP'S RISK MANAGER FOR PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE SERVICES FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2023 PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS AS DEFINED BY N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second of 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 APPROVED.

A copy of resolution [#23-01-05-014](#) is appended to the official minutes.

AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT TO HOLMAN FRENIA ALLISON OF 1985 CEDAR BRIDGE AVENUE, SUITE E, LAKEWOOD, NJ 08701 TO PROVIDE CERTIFIED MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER SERVICES FOR A TERM COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2023 AND TERMINATING ON DECEMBER 31, 2023 IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$132,000.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second of 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 APPROVED.

A copy of resolution [#23-01-05-015](#) is appended to the official minutes.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS WITHOUT ADVICE AND CONSENT

COUNCIL PRESIDENT KIRSH READ THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS:

APPOINTMENTS TO THE LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (LEMC)

- i. James Edwards
- ii. Howard V. Norgalis
- iii. Wells Winegar
- iv. Christopher Corsini
- v. Stephen Rodzinak
- vi. Timothy Ring
- vii. Thomas Scalera
- viii. Christine Madrid
- ix. John Mitzak
- x. Richard Shimp
- xi. Ankit Shah
- xii. Michael Voorhees
- xiii. Wayne Carter

APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS

- i. Class 1 - Thomas Genova - Alternate
- ii. Class II - Michael Pappas
- iii. Class III - Council Appointment
- iv. Class IV - James Magura (Environmental Rep)
- v. Class IV - Inderpreet Banga
- vi. Class IV - Sonja Chartowich - Alternate #1
- vii. Class IV - Grant Van Eck - Alternate #2

APPOINTMENTS TO THE 2023 SOMERSET COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONSORTIUM

- i. Wells Winegar
- ii. Michael Pappas (Alternate)
- iii. Allen Kurdyla
- iv. Timothy Ring (Alternate)

APPOINTMENT TO THE SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- i. Thomas Genova

APPOINTMENT TO THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

- i. James Edwards

**MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS WITH ADVICE AND CONSENT
(Boards & Committees)**

APPOINTMENT TO CREATIVE ARTS COMMITTEE

- i. Adam Perle

APPOINTMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

- i. Alexander Mycio

APPOINTMENTS TO THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

- i. Christine Phillips
- ii. Mei Rehman

APPOINTMENTS TO THE GREEN BROOK FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION

- i. Thomas Genova
- ii. Michael Kirsh
- iii. Allen Kurdyla (Alternate)

APPOINTMENTS TO THE RARITAN AND MILLSTONE FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION

- i. Thomas Genova
- ii. Wells Winegar (Alternate)
- iii. Michael Kirsh
- iv. Allen Kurdyla (Alternate)

APPOINTMENTS TO THE BRIDGEWATER-RARITAN YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION

- i. Tyran Barnett
- ii. Lindsay Schambach

APPOINTMENTS TO THE PARK BOARD

- i. Melissa Ferrao
- ii. Susan Weideli

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

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

THE RESOLUTIONS WERE APPROVED.

Copies of resolutions [23-01-05-016 thru 23-01-05-022](#) are appended to the official minutes.

**COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS
(Staff)**

APPOINTMENT OF ASSESSMENT SEARCH OFFICER - WILLIAM H. BURR, IV

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 [#23-01-05-023](#) is appended to the official minutes

APPOINTMENT OF TAX SEARCH OFFICER - DARROW MURDOCK

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 [#23-01-05-024](#) is appended to the official minutes

**APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR - SUPLEE CLOONEY & COMPANY, 308 EAST BROAD STREET,
WESTFIELD, NJ 07090-2123 IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000**

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 [#23-01-05-025](#) is appended to the official minutes

**COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS
(Boards & Committees)**

APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

- i. Bruce Bongiorno - Regular member
- ii. Pushpavati Amin - Regular member
- iii. James Weideli - Regular member
- iv. John Gayeski- Alternate member #1
- v. Jeffrey Sicat- Alternate member #2
- vi. John Kulak - Alternate member #3

APPOINTMENTS TO THE BRIDGEWATER-RARITAN MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE

- i. William Rijksen
- ii. Daniel Ahern
- iii. Claudia Bateman
- iv. Alexis Tarrazi-Hutchings
- v. Christina Steffner
- vi. John Mitzak
- vii. Howard V. Norgalis

APPOINTMENTS TO THE REGIONAL CENTER PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

- i. Filipe Pedroso
- ii. Allen Kurdyla (Alternate)

APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING BOARD

- i. Timothy Ring - Class III

APPOINTMENTS TO THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- i. Toni Hoffman
- ii. James Tumminelli

APPOINTMENTS TO THE SOMERSET REGIONAL ANIMAL SHELTER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- i. Robert Devnani
- ii. James Weideli
- iii. Filipe Pedroso

APPOINTMENT TO THE SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- i. Howard V. Norgalis

APPOINTMENTS TO THE SOMERSET RARITAN VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

- i. Howard V. Norgalis
- ii. Michal Kirsh - Alternate

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second of Councilman Kurdyla, 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 APPROVED.

Copies of resolutions [23-01-05-026 thru 23-01-05-033](#) are appended to the official minutes.

RESOLUTIONS

2023 TEMPORARY BUDGET-CURRENT FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF 14,983,190.64 The Current Fund Temporary Budget is set not to exceed 26.25% of the 2022 year’s budget to meet obligations and payments due prior to approval of the budget for 2023.

On motion of Councilman Ring, second of 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 APPROVED.

A copy of resolution [#23-01-05-034](#) is appended to the official minutes.

2023 TEMPORARY BUDGET-SEWER UTILITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,330,427.54

The Sewer Fund Temporary Budget is set not exceed 26.25% of the 2022 year’s budget to meet obligations and payments due prior to approval of the 2023 budget.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second of 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 APPROVED.

A copy of resolution [#23-01-05-035](#) is appended to the official minutes.

ESTABLISHING CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN AND NAMING OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES

The Cash Management Plan is prepared pursuant to the provisions of NJSA 40A 5-14 in order to set forth the basis for deposits and investments and name certain depositories for Township funds.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second of 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 APPROVED.

A copy of resolution [#23-01-05-036](#) is appended to the official minutes.

2023 GENERAL BUSINESS

The General Business resolution sets certain rates, designates the Courier News as the Township Official Newspaper for all legal Notices and The Breeze as the online newspaper it also names certain department heads specific authorities to operate in 2023.

On motion of Councilman Ring, second of 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 APPROVED.

A copy of resolution [#23-01-05-037](#) is appended to the official minutes.

2023 TOWNSHIP COUNCIL SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

The Schedule of Meetings set the 2023 Township Council Meeting Dates throughout the year; they are also posted on the website.

On motion of Councilman Ring, second of 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 APPROVED.

A copy of resolution [#23-01-05-038](#) is appended to the official minutes.

AUTHORIZING BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP ENGINEER WILLIAM H. BURR, IV, TOWNSHIP ENGINEER TO EXECUTE NJDEP, NJDOT, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND SOMERSET COUNTY PERMITS ON BEHALF OF THE TOWNSHIP

It is required to name by resolution and authorizes William Burr, P.E. as Township Engineer to sign permits from NJDOT, NJDEP, State of New Jersey and Somerset County on behalf of the Township.

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, second of 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 APPROVED.

A copy of resolution [#23-01-05-039](#) is appended to the official minutes.

**Meeting Open
to Public**

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

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

Kelly Clarke, 703 Wicklow Way, Bridgewater, NJ 08807 was present

Offered she has lived in Bridgewater for thirteen years and was glad to hear council comments regarding Bridgewater being a community that values quality of life adding she moved here for those reasons.

Ms. Clarke stated she lives in the rental community “The Village” and was present with many of her fellow neighbors to discuss the issues they are facing since the new management company “Living Emerald” took over the property. She added the residents

have tirelessly tried to protect our community. They have combated the issue of fire hazards as the annual dryer vents have not been cleaned for over 3-years. They have spoken to the fire marshal and the police about the safety hazards including no street lights, wood piles lying about the property with giant nails that are dangerous for small children. There are mold issues, plumbing issues that have gone unaddressed for 28-weeks while mold continues to grow, leaks continue to happen and exposed ceilings that are not being maintained or addressed.

Ms. Clarke opined the property has been abandoned. There is no leasing office on ground, no maintenance crew on ground and the residents, which include many senior citizens, live with arbitrary fees that are unethical and illegal. There was a 19% rent increase and arbitrary fees for nonexistent features such as club houses and gyms. Ms. Clarke asked the township to assist the residents of “The Village” in order to maintain their quality of life. She offered New York is also assisting and protecting their residents from the same property management.

Ms. Clarke was asked to provide her contact information to Township Clerk Doyle. She was further advised Township Administrator Pappas will reach out to her and offer assistance to the degree that the township is able to help.

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

Benediction The benediction was presented by Fr Brian Nolan, Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church

Adjournment On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Ring, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Michael Kirsh
Council President