

**MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
DECEMBER 19, 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, December 19, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers in the Municipal Complex, 100 Commons Way, 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 (absent)
Councilman Howard V. Norgalis
Councilman Filipe Pedroso
Councilman Timothy Ring
Council President Allen Kurdyla

Also Present: 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

OCTOBER 17, 2023 REGULAR MEETING & NOVEMBER 10, REGULAR MEETING

On motion of Councilman Ring, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the October 17th and November 10th regular session minutes were moved for approval and passed unanimously on a voice call vote. Councilman Norgalis abstained.

DECEMBER 5, 2022 - REGULAR MEETING

On motion of Councilman Ring, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the December 5th regular session minutes were moved for approval and passed unanimously on a voice call vote. Councilman Norgalis abstained.

SEPTEMBER 19, OCTOBER 3, OCTOBER 17 AND NOVEMBER 10, 2022 - CLOSED SESSIONS

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

Council Reports

Councilman Norgalis:

- Attended the Somerset County Business Partnership Annual meeting where retiring RWJ Somerset Hospital President Tony Cava was honored as then Man of the Year for his tireless devotion to hospital services
- The business part of the meeting was a presentation by the PNC Private Bank Executive Director who spoke about the state of the economy. On being asked about economic recession he said, "We are not in a recession now but we will be early next year". His comment agreed with a similar statement from a Fidelity Investment advisor I spoke with last week
- Attended the Somerset County 200 Club Annual Meeting and heard that we had one active duty Fire Department death during the year. While even one is too many, in prior years, there were generally more than one
- Tomorrow night will be the lighting of the menorah in the court yard. Mayor Moench will stand in for Councilman Kirsh who is recuperating from surgery.

Councilman Pedroso:

- Attended the Somerset Regional Animal Shelter Board meeting
- Attended the Center Bridge II holiday party at Maggiano's
- Wished Councilman Kirsh a speedy recovery
- Wished everyone in our community a happy and healthy holiday celebrating Christmas/Hanukkah.

Councilman Ring:

- During the Planning Board meeting last week, an application for minor upgrades for the PSE&G substation off North Bridge Street was considered and approved
- Was contacted by Chief Driscoll of the Green Knoll Fire Department regarding a law that was passed in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania last year that provides direct property tax relief to volunteer fire fighters and EMT's, up to 100%, as a recruitment tool. It allows for each

municipality to determine what that rate would be. We received an email late last week that the State assembly is starting a process on a proposed constitutional amendment to authorize municipalities to provide tax credit of up to 100% for primary residences of volunteer fire fighters and volunteer first aid squads. There are no guarantees as this would have to go to the voters of the State. This matter is being pursued by Assemblyman Dimaio and we appreciate his support

- This week is Christmas as well as Hannukah. Regardless of what everyone celebrates, Councilman Ring stated he hoped everyone takes the time to enjoy the holidays and spend time with friends and family
- Thanked JD, a member of the Office of Constituent Relations who will soon be leaving Bridgewater Township employ and wished him well.

Council President Kurdyla

- Did not attend the business partnership meeting but will be attending the community block grant meeting tomorrow afternoon.

Mayor's Reports

Michael Pappas, Township Administrator reported on behalf of Mayor Moench

- The Mayor is planning on making a presentation to the Council at its January 19th meeting regarding the progress of the 2022 Road Program and the proposal for 2023.

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.

Jane Gandolfe, 2000 Washington Valley Road, Martinsville, NJ 08836 was present

- Thanked Mayor Moench, Township Administrator Pappas and Council for supporting friends of Bridgewater History
- Thanked Township Administrator Pappas for meeting with them in October and providing them an update on what's happening with the township regarding historical sites. They look forward to meeting with him again in January as they are excited about partnering and moving forward on saving some of our historic sites and to make the public aware that they exist
- Was grateful to see there is some work being done at Camp Cromwell

because this site has historic value to the township.

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

**Public
Hearing &
Final Action
Ordinances**

AN ORDINANCE TO SET THE COMPENSATION OF THE MAYOR, TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEMBERS, DEPARTMENT HEADS AND CERTAIN OTHER MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 374 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 1985; N.J.S.A. 2A:809; N.J.S.A. 2A:8-13; N.J.S.A. 40A:9-165; N.J.S.A.40A:9-135; N.J.S.A. 40A:9-146, AND CHAPTER 95 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 1996

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

No one wished to be heard.

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

Councilman Pedroso expressed his support for this Ordinance noting at the last Council meeting, he requested that Mayor Moench provide him the reasoning behind some of the increases, which he was grateful to receive. He added it is important for our salaries to remain competitive so that we can continue to provide great service to our residents.

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

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

[ORDINANCE #22-33 WAS ADOPTED.](#)

A copy of resolution **[#22-12-19-318](#)** is appended to the official minutes

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AMENDING SECTION 126-320.2 BRIDGEWATER REGIONAL CENTER ZONE

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

No one wished to be heard.

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

Councilman Pedroso offered he is not comfortable supporting this Ordinance being “establishments for games, entertainment, and/or amusement” is not adequately defined in said Ordinance which may be interpreted to mean an array of different uses.

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

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

ORDINANCE #22-32 WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#22-12-19-317](#) is appended to the official minutes

A CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS/COURT ROOM, BY AND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$112,879 THEREFOR FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREOF

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

No one wished to be heard.

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

Councilman Pedroso offered he supports this Ordinance being this price was the lowest the township was able to obtain after several vendors were solicited. He further noted open transparency is important to the public and this upgrade will allow us to do that.

Councilman Ring stated addressing this cost as a capital ordinance is a formality but we will be paying cash.

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

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

ORDINANCE #22-34 WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#22-12-19-319](#) is appended to the official minutes

Resolutions

AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS BETWEEN BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS -N.J.S. 40A:4-58
Township Administrator Pappas confirmed this resolution will allow us to move monies from one line item to another with zero impact to the Budget.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#22-12-19-320](#) is appended to the official minutes

2023 STAVOLA QUARRY OPERATING LICENSE - BLOCK 711, LOTS 3, 4 AND 6.01 CHIMNEY ROCK ROAD, BRIDGEWATER, NEW JERSEY, 08807, SOMERSET COUNTY

Council President Kurdyla noted there has been a significant amount of activity geared towards providing information on the quarry to the public. The Quarry has hosted public events and tours and this resolution is the final part of the approval process.

Councilman Norgalis stated the proposed resolution reads “WHEREAS, the 2023 quarry license application is essentially the same as the 2022 license”. This means the Quarry is not moving beyond the boundaries that were set at the 2022 license.

Councilman Ring offered that earlier this year, the fee structure was updated as it relates to the Quarry and one of the items that was discussed extensively by Council was reclamation plan escrow. The feeling was the Quarry had 30-years of its life left and that an annual reclamation plan was not necessarily the most appropriate. The memo attached to this resolution draws attention to the fact that we still have in our township ordinance, Chapter 124-5, a section that requires an annual reclamation plan and offered this Ordinance section should be reviewed and updated next year.

Councilman Pedroso offered the changes being made are fair. He added the Quarry is a tax paying business that has shown a lot of respect to the township and residents by addressing issues and being open and transparent.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#22-12-19-321](#) is appended to the official minutes

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A FOUR-YEAR LEASE PURCHASE FINANCING \$105,824.22 ANNUALLY FOR THE TOTAL FINANCING OF \$472,684.32 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PATROL CARS THROUGH KOCH 33 SPECIALIZED UPFITTERS, 3810 HECKTOWN ROAD, EASTON, PA 18045, AS PART OF THE CRANFORD POLICE COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM

Councilman Norgalis stated the police vehicles should have the vehicle number displayed on the top roof. It was confirmed by Police Captain Savare who was representing the Chief at this meeting that his will be done by Public Works.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#22-12-19-322](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 ET SEQ BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, BOROUGH OF RARITAN, BOROUGH OF MANVILLE, AND BOROUGH OF SOUTH BOUND BROOK FOR THE PROVISION OF DAYTIME AMBULANCE SERVICES

Councilman Ring stated for the last twelve years, Bridgewater township has been the lead agency for this service. We utilized a company called Jersey Professional Management (JPM) as the administrator for the last several years. This year, we moved from JPM and one of the things that came to light was that we never updated the interlocal agency shared services agreement that established this shared service 27-years ago. Township Attorney Corsini advised we needed to get this into a shared service agreement format. In that regard this is a resolution to approve the agreement which contains updated language to comply with shared services.

AWARDING A CONTRACT TO ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON HEALTH NETWORK, INC. ON A COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING BASIS FOR THE SOMERSET AMBULANCE SHARED SERVICES AGENCY (SASSA) FOR DAYTIME WEEKDAY AMBULANCE SERVICES, AT \$0 PER YEAR, FOR THE YEARS 2023, 2024, AND 2025

Councilman Ring stated this is an award of a contract, following a bid process, awarding Robert Wood Johnson Health Network, Inc. with no cost to the Township of Bridgewater. The money that was previously paid to JPM will now be paid to the Township as the lead agency to cover the cost of the work performed by our purchasing agent and legal counsel, approximately \$10,000 per year.

In 2023, we will put an EMS advisory committee together to help ensure compliance with the agreement. Township Attorney Corsini has suggested we should do this through an Ordinance and has provided some draft language which will be reviewed in the first quarter of 2023.

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

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

THE RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED.

Copies of resolution [#22-12-19-323](#) & [#22-12-19-324](#) are appended to the official minutes

Recess

There was a five-minute recess at approximately 8:05pm. The meeting resumed to order at approximately 8:10pm with all members present as before.

Resolutions

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AND THE BRIDGEWATER-RARITAN BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR 2021-2022 HAZARDOUS BUSING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$523,808.00

Council expressed concern over the large increment to the hazardous busing fee requested by the Board of Education. Following an extensive discussion, this resolution was tabled to a future date.

Councilman Norgalis stated we have been reimbursing the Bridgewater Board of Education for hazardous busing since 2004 and have paid out about \$4M. Over the last 5-6years, the cost has been in the range of \$240,000 with 2020 being the highest number at \$256,000. The increment in 2022 is staggering.

Council was in consensus Councilman Pedroso and another member of the governing body will follow up.

Councilman Norgalis made motion to table this resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pedroso and carried on the following roll call vote:

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

AUTHORIZING CHANGE OF SCOPE TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT INCREASING THE CONTRACT PRICE BY THE SUM OF \$14,000.00 FOR ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE STONY BROOK DRIVE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - SECTIONS I & II WITH COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN (DBA MASER CONSULTING) (53 FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 110, HAMPTON, NJ 08827) FROM THE CONTRACT PRICE OF \$144,900.00 TO \$158,900.00 FUNDED THROUGH THE 2020 CAPITAL BOND

Following Council discussion, this resolution was tabled to a future date in order to determine the need for the change order.

Councilman Norgalis made motion to table this resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pedroso and carried on the following roll call vote:

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

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1/FINAL CHANGE ORDER INCREASING THE CONTRACT PRICE FROM \$1,083,132.95 TO \$1,098,146.95 AN INCREASE OF 1.39% OR \$15,014.00, AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT, RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND, ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND, AND FINAL PAYMENT TO KM CONSTRUCTION CORP., (14 CORDIER STREET, IRVINGTON, NJ 07111) FOR THE OLD FARM ROAD SERVICE AREA EXPANSION - 2019, SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION AND ROADWAY RESTORATION PROJECT, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2017 SEWER CAPITAL BOND ORDINANCE

Township administrator Pappas stated this change order was necessary in order to address the quantities of materials that had to be adjusted.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#22-12-19-325](#) 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

Township administrator Pappas explained this was a huge project and as we began construction, the complexity of certain drainage improvements that were not anticipated necessitated the change order. The work also required additional field work, design and oversight.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#22-12-19-326](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1/FINAL CHANGE ORDER INCREASING THE CONTRACT PRICE FROM \$65,000.00 TO \$67,300.00 AN INCREASE OF 3.53% OR \$2,300.00, AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT, AND FINAL PAYMENT TO PAVE-RITE, INC. (40 RADEL AVENUE, BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807) FOR THE EAGLES DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP AND BRIDGEMARK HOSPITALITY, LLC, GREYMARK BUILDINGS, LLC & BRIDGEMARK DEVELOPMENT, LLC, 2017 VARIOUS SEWER IMPROVEMENTS

It was confirmed this was work that was done several years ago but recently resulted in the need for a settlement agreement and subsequent change order.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#22-12-19-327](#) is appended to the official minutes

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO EARTHWORKS, INC. (13 MORELLO CORT, FARMINGDALE, NJ 07727) FOR THE 2022 CAMP CROMWELL TRAIL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, IN THE SUM OF \$598,100.00, FUNDED THROUGH THE OPEN SPACE GRANT AGREEMENT AND OPEN SPACE

Township administrator Pappas explained nine companies went to bid and this was the lowest competitive bidder. Administration has every confidence that Earthworks, Inc will do an exception job in improving the Camp Cromwell Trail and making it available to the public.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#22-12-19-328](#) is appended to the official minutes

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO VISUAL SOUND, INC. OF 485 PARK WAY, BROOMALL, PENNSYLVANIA FOR COURT ROOM AUDIO/VISUAL UPGRADES UNDER THE HUNTERDON COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION (HCESC) COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM #HCESC-CAT-19-06, FOR \$112,879.00

Township administrator Pappas explained this resolution authorizes the award of contract to visual sound, Inc. to make upgrades to the audio/visual system in the courtroom.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#22-12-19-329](#) is appended to the official minutes

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF FIRE PERMIT FEES INCLUDING \$60.00 FIRE PIT, \$60.00 PROPANE GRILLS AND \$100.00 SPECIAL EVENT FEES IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$220.00 FOR THE SOMERVILLE ELKS LODGE, 375 UNION AVENUE, BRIDGEWATER, NEW JERSEY 08807 IN CONNECTION WITH AN ANNUAL TAILGATE FUNDRAISER FOR JACKS KIDS TO BE HELD IN THE PARKING LOT OF THE SOMERVILLE ELKS BUILDING ON JANUARY 14, 2023 FROM 12 PM TO 4 PM

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#22-12-19-330](#) is appended to the official minutes

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO AUTHORIZE AN OPEN ORDER FOR STAVOLA ASPHALT COMPANIES OF PO BOX 482, RED BANK, NJ 07701 TO PURCHASE HOT MIX ASPHALT AND ASSOCIATED MATERIALS FOR THE TOWNSHIP TO REPAIR POT HOLES AS NEEDED NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF \$47,000.00

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#22-12-19-331](#) is appended to the official minutes

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROVISION OF A LOAN PURSUANT TO THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT LOCATED AT 4311 RIDDLE COURT, BRIDGEWATER NEW JERSEY 08807

Township administrator Pappas explained part of our affordable housing court settlement allows for affordability assistance. The purchaser meets the criteria

for the assistance in the amount of \$10,000. The life of the COAH unit is extended for an additional 10-years as a result of this assistance.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#22-12-19-332](#) is appended to the official minutes

**Closed
Session**

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

When and if the matters discussed become public record, this will be made known to the public at that time.

The public is excluded from said meeting and further notice thereof is dispensed with all in accordance with Sections 8 and 4a of the Open Public Meetings Act.

On the motion of Councilman Ring, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, Council convened in closed session at approximately 8:35 p.m.

A copy of resolution [#22-12-19-333](#) is appended to the official minutes.

On the motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Ring, Council reconvened to open session at approximately 8:45 p.m. and adjourned immediately thereafter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Allen Kurdyla
Council President