

**MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MARCH 16, 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, March 16, 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 (absent)
Councilman Howard V. Norgalis
Councilman Filipe Pedroso
Councilman Timothy Ring
Council President Michael Kirsh

Also Present: Michael Pappas, Township Administrator
Christopher Corsini, Township Attorney
Linda J. Doyle, Township Clerk
Suzanne Maeder, OCR operated the livestream.

Councilman Norgalis led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

March 2, 2023 - REGULAR SESSION

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Ring, the March 2, 2023 regular session minutes were moved for approval and passed unanimously on a voice call vote.

Council Reports

Councilman Norgalis:

- Was sad to report the passing of Jeff Koerner a retired 40-year Department of Public Works employee and Ex-Chief of the Martinsville Fire Department.

- The Clerk's office has received new instructions from the Somerset County Board of Elections which mandates changes to the voting procedures in our town. More work for Linda Doyle and her staff.

- This week is Ground Water Awareness Week to call attention that whether you have well water or city water, your supply is mostly coming out of the ground and quality checking is vital to public health.

Between this week and next the major religions celebrate special times:

- Purim is a Jewish holiday which commemorates the saving of the Jewish people from annihilation at the hands of Haman, as it is recounted in the Biblical Book of Esther. Haman was the royal vizier to the Persian king.
- Holi is a popular and significant Hindu festival celebrated as the Festival of Colours, Love and Spring. It celebrates the eternal and divine love of the god Radha and Krishna. The day also signifies the triumph of good over evil.
- Ramadan, the Muslim holiday, starts next Wednesday and is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting, prayer, reflection and community service.
- Tomorrow is St Patrick's Day. Saint Patrick was a fifth-century Romano British Christian missionary and bishop in Ireland. He was known as the patron saint of Ireland.
- Attended the Bridgewater Volunteer Recognition Day celebration at the Mall sponsored by Mayor Moench last night. As a town we are truly Blessed in having very caring folks help to make this a great place to live, work and raise a family.
- Will be attending the Hobby Show sponsored by our Senior Citizen Center next week. This is the second year for this program which has been sponsored by Center Staff members Jennifer Osterberg and Judy Cosentino. The senior citizens who participate in these activities simply love these two ladies for the vigor and enthusiasm they bring to the Senior Center every day.
- Chief Mitzak received a letter from an out of town resident. "I want to thank you and bring to your attention two outstanding officers. Officers Daffy and Officer Russell showed respect, compassion and kindness on November 17, 2022 at the time of my Aunt Betty's minor fender bender a mile from her house in Bridgewater. The two officers went above and beyond the call of duty in assisting her".

Councilman Pedroso:

- Attended the Weekend State Republican Summit event. "It was nice to

connect with other politicians across the State”.

- Attended the Somerset County Regional Center Partnership meeting.
- Attended Mayor Moench’s Volunteer Recognition Event. Councilman Pedroso stated he was grateful for the many volunteers we have in Bridgewater who care deeply about our township.
- Wished everyone a Happy Saint Patrick’s Day.

Councilman Ring:

- The Planning Board met earlier this week regarding the M&M Manufacturing facility application on Route 202/206. There were still a number of outstanding concerns related to a report from a traffic expert that the town hired. Based upon that, the applicant has asked the continuation of this application be heard in April. There was a brief testimony from the applicant’s planner regarding some design waivers but the bulk of this application will be heard in April.
- The most recent Zoning Board meeting was spent discussing the warehouse application on Route 202/206. Their next meeting will be held on March 21st.
- The township had an event last night at the mall’s community hub to thank those that participate in the various boards and committees throughout the township. It was a well-done event.
- Attended the viewing of one of our long-term retired township employees who also volunteered for over 50-years with the Martinsville Fire Department as well as spent time with the Martinsville Rescue Squad. Jeff Conner passed away unexpectedly the end of last week.

Council President Kirsh

- Attended the Volunteer Appreciation night yesterday. It was a great event and a tangible way of showing our appreciation and giving others an opportunity to mix and mingle and enjoy part of an evening together.
- The referendum vote occurred two days ago on March 14th. There were some different procedures and machines and an overwhelming number of voters which resulted in the voting extending well past eight o’clock. Council President Kirsh acknowledged Township Clerk Doyle and her staff, noting that “no matter what curve ball you throw at them, they handle it well!”

- The next Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 30th. we moved what would have been our April 6th meeting to March 30th due to the upcoming Good Friday holiday.

Mayor's Reports

Michael Pappas, Township Administrator reported on behalf of Mayor Moench:

- This morning, Chief Mitzak and Captains Tennant and Savare held a "Coffee with Command Staff" event at a deli on Union Avenue. They were very well received and will do these events regularly in an effort to reach out to the community.

Presentation

STEVEN NAGEL (HOMESHARING INC.)

Steven Nagel, Executive Director of HomeSharing, stated HomeSharing is an organization that has been headquartered in Bridgewater at the People Care Center for more than 38-years. They are a State-wide organization that works to provide affordable housing through two different clients - Providers and Seekers. Providers are those people who own homes or apartments and have a room in their house or apartment that they would like to lease. Seekers are people that are looking for affordable housing. HomeSharing pairs these two groups together to do something they call HomeSharing. It is not a landlord tenant deal but rather two people that are voluntarily agreeing to live together to share the expenses of the home.

Mr. Nagel stated both parties are rigorously vetted with reference checks, professional background checks, interviews and compatibility checks. These people are then brought together and a HomeSharing agreement is initiated. The agreement constitutes the rules the Provider and Seeker will live by which may or may not include a financial arrangement. Once this is completed, they begin to live together while HomeSharing conducts follow-up services to make sure the match is continuing to work well.

Funding for these services are not through Clients but through grants and fundraising activities. Mr. Nagel stated HomeSharing was before the governing body because they are seeking Community Development Block grant funding and part of the requirement for funding is municipal certification.

TINA DEVICO PRICE (YOUTH CONSULTATION SERVICE)

Ms. Tina Devico stated that Youth Consultation Service (YCS) opened in 1918 to care for orphaned children and women who suffered from extreme emotional and financial distress following the aftermath of the first World Wide War and the Spanish flu. YCS has never strayed from its mission. 105-years later, they are a State wide non-profit behavioral health and Social Service agency that provides comprehensive therapeutic support to thousands of individuals with complex special needs. The mission of YCS is to partner with at risk and special

needs children, youth and young adults to build happier, healthier and more hopeful lives within families and communities. As part of the residential service, clients are provided with necessary transportation, education, day program activities or coordination, recreational behavioral support, medical and dental care coordination and other services as needed. These programs provide housing and staffing 24-hours a day, 7-days a week.

YCS owns two (2) residential treatment homes licensed by the NJ Division of Developmental Disabilities in Bridgewater and are looking to use the CDBG monies for one of these. It's an older home with four (4) adult men living in the home. The monies will be used to purchase a new heating system and cater to some renovations including new roofing, gutters, siding, new kitchen cabinets, new flooring, new countertops and appliances and a bathroom remodel.

**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 Ring, the meeting was opened to the public for comment.

Mary Galagher, 102 Highland Avenue, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Ms. Galagher expressed concern that the 200-ft notification list is insufficient noting there has been no notification for the residents of the Green Knoll Area about the proposed manufacturing warehouse with 44 bays that will produce a lot of truck traffic. Ms. Galagher questioned whether the 200-ft list notification can be extended to include her community.

Council President Kirsh offered he is working with administration on a mechanism for residents to voluntarily identify themselves as being interested in being notified regarding land use matters. He added we are working through a mechanism where agenda items can be summarized in some sort of a table.

Council President Kirsh further stated he has inquired from our State Senator Douglas Steinhardt whether the 200-ft list notification can be revisited and whether it can be different based on the type of application. At the moment, anyone looking to extend their porch is treated the same way as a major commercial development. Council President Kirsh stated he is not certain about where this will go but offered Senator Steinhardt and his staff are conducting research on this matter.

Councilman Ring offered while we are frustrated over the 200-ft requirement, it is a State municipal land use law requirement and as such we are trying to determine how best to handle this matter. He added the Township has retained

a special planner as well as a traffic consultant given the size of the warehouse application to make sure we are doing everything we can to protect our community's interests.

Township Attorney Corsini offered legal has looked into this and although they would love to expound on this 200-ft requirement, we cannot go any further.

John Merten, 184 Adamsville Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Mr. Merten stated that at an earlier Council meeting, he spoke in support of the flood plain ordinance that is coming up for review and discussion. He requested that Ordinances on rainfall and stormwater runoff management be reviewed to ensure that best practices are being utilized. Several of the applications that he has looked at such as M&M still make reference and use of the 2007 data which he finds to be deficient. He further requested that there is communication from this group to the other Boards that any approvals on stormwater reports be paused until a review or confirmation of values is acknowledged.

Township Administrator Pappas stated he met with our township Engineer to discuss this topic. The State is requiring municipalities to update stormwater management plans. They will be meeting again within the next week to come up with the Engineer's proposed timeline and approach noting this is a substantial undertaking that most municipalities in NJ are facing.

Wendy Pinchinson, 408 Brokaw Court, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Ms. Pinchinson expressed concern over the monument display that is being erected. She offered it is an electronic billboard similar to what is in Raritan Township. It is an eye sore; very bright at night, and very distracting. She questioned what the monies proposed to be collected for this will be used for.

Cathy Franco, 766 Weemac Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Ms. Franco spoke with regard to the proposed monument display noting this property was rezoned in October of 2022. She offered the zoning map on the township website has not yet been updated to reflect that a portion of that piece of property is now zoned commercial.

Even with the zoning changes, Ms. Franco stated our Ordinances limit the size of signage and free-standing signs and offered she does not see this as being permitted even in a commercial zone. She questioned why we are renting space for something that would still need to go through zoning and planning and questioned what will happen to the rental agreements if zoning or planning are not in favor of the proposed monument display.

Ms. Franco further questioned how the one million fee that is to be collected will be spent. She offered that the general consensus throughout Bridgewater is discontent with this idea.

Ms. Franco also questioned what is the relationship between the LLC that is renting this property, the owners of the billboard company and Senator Douglas Steinhardt who is also renting property from this township for office space. She also questioned why this monument is proposed to be erected at an intersection that has one of the highest volumes of traffic and probably one of the highest incidents of motor vehicle accidents.

John Arcoleo, 110 Washington Valley Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

He expressed he was opposed to the proposed placement of the monument noting it will be backing into Kid Street.

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

Public
Hearing &
Final Action
Ordinances

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF LAND IDENTIFIED AS LOT 5, BLOCK 712 CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 5.01 ACRES, KNOWN AS 525 STEELE GAP ROAD FROM MARY JEAN STEMPIEN AND KATHRYN ANN HARKNETT, AS TENANTS IN COMMON (“SELLER”) FOR THE PURCHASE PRICE OF \$565,000.00 FROM THE TOWNSHIP’S OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND

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

James Weideli, 23 Forest Avenue, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Mr. Weideli stated he is the Chairman of the Open Space Committee and was present two weeks ago when this Ordinance was introduced. He added he was present today to reaffirm this purchase will be a terrific addition to the township as it backs up to the Wemple property. Mr. Weideli expressed his appreciation for Township Planner Doyle and Township Attorney Savo for their assistance with this acquisition. He also acknowledged the efforts of the Open Space members including Councilman Kurdyla, Maurizio Vescio and Ray Bella.

Mary Jean Stempien, 525 Steel Gap Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Ms. Stempien stated that if this Ordinance passes, it will bring this 5-acres piece of land full circle with the 35 acres already preserved from the Wemple estate noting it was originally all part of the Wemple estate. The 5-acres were first curved out in 1946 when they were sold to John and Fendi Stein by Dorothy Wemple. The Steins built the home that is currently on the property. The

Stempien's purchased the land from the Stein's in 1968.

Councilman Pedroso offered he supports this Ordinance and thanked the Open Space committee for their hard work on this.

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

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

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

ORDINANCE #23-05 WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#23-03-16-103](#) is appended to the official minutes

ORDINANCE AWARDING A LEASE TO CONSTRUCT A MONUMENT DISPLAY ON A PORTION OF TOWNSHIP OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 100 COMMONS WAY, BRIDGEWATER NEW JERSEY, AND IDENTIFIED AS LOT 42, BLOCK 411.01 OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP TAX MAP TO 100 COMMONS L BRIDGEWATER LH, LLC (3400 WEST CHESTER PIKE NEWTOWN SQUARE, PA 19073) HAVING SUBMITTED THE ONLY BID IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000 ONE-TIME FEE AND \$12,000 ANNUALLY.

Councilman Norgalis made motion to postpone the public hearing and final action for this Ordinance to April 20, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ring and carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Linda J. Doyle, Township Clerk read the following report:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the public hearing and final action is scheduled for the 20th day of April, 2023, 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.

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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.

Councilman Ring stated he has received some emails and calls with concerns over this Ordinance. He offered there was concern that this monument is proposed to be placed next to Kid Street which is not the case. There was further concern that the bill board is going to resemble those in Los Vegas which is not true and added they will be turned off for eight hours a day. Councilman Ring asked that information regarding this Ordinance be shared with the public prior to the April 20th meeting so that people have accurate information.

AN ORDINANCE BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REPEAL ARTICLE XXXIX, SPECIFIC FLOODPLAIN REQUIREMENTS, SECTIONS 126-289 TO 126-299; TO ADOPT A NEW ARTICLE XXXIX, SPECIFIC FLOODPLAIN REQUIREMENTS, SECTIONS 126-289.101, ET SEQ.; TO ADOPT FLOOD HAZARD MAPS; TO DESIGNATE A FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

[THE ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED.](#)

A copy of resolution **[#23-03-16-104](#)** is appended to the official minutes

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said pending ordinance be passed on first reading and advertised as required by statute fixing the 20th day April, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time on said day as the time and the Bridgewater Township Municipal Court Chambers at 100 Commons Way in said Township as the place for hearing and final action; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk shall forthwith post on the bulletin board in the Township Municipal Building at 100 Commons Way, a true

copy of said ordinance and make copies available to members of the general public and spread the same upon the minutes of the meeting.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk forward this ordinance to the Bridgewater Township Planning Board for their meeting to be held April 11, 2023 to review and prepare a recommendation.

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING CONSENT AND PERMISSION TO NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER COMPANY, INC. TO FURNISH WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND CONVEYANCE SERVICE IN A PORTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, NEW JERSEY

Township Administrator Pappas stated that several months ago, Council adopted an Ordinance that allowed the pass-through of the sewer fees for portions of the Township that are served by Sewer Conveyance systems in neighboring Townships. The Borough of Somerville conveys Sanitary Sewer for 43 properties located in Bridgewater Township. As per the Ordinance, The Borough of Somerville bills the users directly. This arrangement has been ongoing for decades.

On February 7, 2023, the Borough of Somerville and New Jersey American Water Company, Inc (NJAW) executed an agreement of sale for the Borough's wastewater collection system. The Bridgewater residents who are currently served by the Somerville Sewer Utility, and who will continue to be served by the Somerville conveyance system shall become customers of NJAW upon completion of the acquisition. NJAW is seeking the municipal consent of the Township to continue to provide this wastewater collection and conveyance service.

There was question as to how many properties are included in this change. Council agreed to table this matter to the end of the meeting at which time an accurate number will be confirmed.

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

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

Resolutions

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES: FIRST ALTERNATE MUNICIPAL PUBLIC DEFENDER TO MEGAN A. ODUYELA, ESQ. FOR TERM COMMENCING ON MARCH 20, 2023 AND TERMINATING ON DECEMBER 31, 2023 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,400

The resolution was amended to correctly state the gender of Public Defender Oduyela.

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	Aye
Councilman Ring	Aye
Council President Kirsh	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#23-03-16-106](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES: SECOND ALTERNATE MUNICIPAL PUBLIC DEFENDER TO JOSEPH J. BELL IV, ESQ. FOR A TERM COMMENCING ON MARCH 20, 2023 AND TERMINATING ON DECEMBER 31, 2023 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,400

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#23-03-16-107](#) is appended to the official minutes

NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2023 SOMERSET COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT BY THE FOLLOWING NONPROFITS WITH INTENDED PROJECTS WITHIN BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP: HOMESHARING, INC., AND YOUTH CONSULTATION SERVICE

At the request of Ms. Devico, the Pearl Street portion of the Youth Consultation Service proposal was withdrawn. The resolution was amended to reflect this change.

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	Aye
Councilman Ring	Aye
Council President Kirsh	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#23-03-16-108](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A DEVELOPER’S AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AND CHAMPION REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT, LLC REGARDING ZONING BOARD APPROVALS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A 5,364 SQUARE FOOT ADDITION TO AN EXISTING AUTO BODY REPAIR SHOP ON BLOCK 170, LOTS 1 -3 LOCATED AT 208 ROUTE 28

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	Aye
Councilman Ring	Aye
Council President Kirsh	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#23-03-16-109](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1/FINAL CHANGE ORDER FOR THE 2022-3 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, ENTIRE LENGTHS OF DARBY PLACE, FOX RUN, ROLLING KNOLLS WAY, AND WINDING BROOK WAY, DECREASING THE CONTRACT PRICE FROM \$1,011,429.51 TO \$986,142.93 A DECREASE OF 2.50% OR \$25,286.58, AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT, RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND, ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND, AND FINAL PAYMENT TO TOP LINE CONSTRUCTION CORP. (22 FIFTH STREET, SOMERVILLE, NJ 08876) FUNDED THROUGH THE 2022 CAPITAL ROAD FUND

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	Aye
Councilman Ring	Aye
Council President Kirsh	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#23-03-16-110](#) is appended to the official minutes

PROJECT RESOLUTION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR MIDDLEBROOK SANITARY SEWER PUMPING STATION - PHASE 2 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO PENNONI ASSOCIATES, INC. (24 COMMERCE STREET, SUITE 300, NEWARK, NJ 07102) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$162,700.00, FUNDED THROUGH THE 21-13 SEWER BOND ORDINANCE

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	Aye
Councilman Ring	Aye
Council President Kirsh	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#23-03-16-111](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1/FINAL CHANGE ORDER DECREASING THE CONTRACT PRICE FROM \$312,500.00 TO \$310,056.82 A DECREASE OF 0.78% OR \$2,443.18, ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT AND FINAL PAYMENT TO VNL, INC. (158 OLD TURNPIKE ROAD, CALIFON, NJ 07830) FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MIDDLEBROOK PUMPING STATION - PHASE I, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2021 CAPITAL SEWER FUND

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

Councilman Kurdyla	Absent
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Aye
Councilman Ring	Aye

Council President Kirsh Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#23-03-16-112](#) is appended to the official minutes

PERSON TO PERSON AND PLACE TO PLACE TRANSFER OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE FROM (LICENSEE) RUBY TUESDAY OPERATIONS, LLC, BRIDGEWATER, LICENSE NUMBER 1806-33-011-009 TO (APPLICANT) FOGO DE CHAO CHURRASCARIA (BRIDGEWATER), LLC, TRADE NAME FOGO DE CHAO, NEW LICENSE NUMBER 1806-33-011-010 FOR PREMISES TO BE SITUATED AT BRIDGEWATER COMMONS, 400 COMMONS WAY, SPACE 2690, BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807

It was confirmed that the applicant has requested additional time to finalize the transfer.

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

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

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AN ORDINANCE GRANTING CONSENT AND PERMISSION TO NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER COMPANY, INC. TO FURNISH WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND CONVEYANCE SERVICE IN A PORTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, NEW JERSEY

It was confirmed that forty-three (43) households will be impacted by Ordinance. The Ordinance was amended to that regard.

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

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

THE ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED.

A copy of resolution [#23-03-16-105](#) is appended to the official minutes

Closed
Session

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 30th day March, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time on said day as the time and the Bridgewater Township Municipal Court Chambers at 100 Commons Way in said Township as the place for hearing and final action; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk shall forthwith post on the bulletin board in the Township Municipal Building at 100 Commons Way, a true copy of said ordinance and make copies available to members of the general public and spread the same upon the minutes of the meeting.

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 Norgalis, Council convened in closed session at approximately 8:45 p.m.

A copy of resolution [#23-03-16-113](#) is appended to the official minutes.

On the motion of Councilman Ring, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the meeting reconvened to open session at approximately 9:05 p.m. and adjourned immediately thereafter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Michael Kirsh
Council President

