

**MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
MARCH 30, 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 30, 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 Norgalis (absent)  
Councilman Filipe Pedroso  
Councilman Timothy Ring  
Council President Michael Kirsh

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

Councilman Kirsh led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes**

**MARCH 16, 2023 - REGULAR SESSION**

On motion of Councilman Ring, seconded by Councilman Kirsh, the March 16, 2023 regular session minutes were moved for approval and passed unanimously on a voice call vote.

**Council Reports**

Councilman Kurdyla

- I would like to thank Mayor Moench for sponsoring the event in which we recognized and thanked all those who volunteer their services for Bridgewater township. People who volunteer for our community deserve a lot more than what we can offer. To them I give my sincere thanks.
  
- Sunday, I plan on attending the Bridgewater Baseball Opening Day.

- I will also be attending a meeting with Fire District commissioners to discuss mutual concerns over county communications.

Councilman Pedroso:

- This evening I got to enjoy the Hobbstown event which is an important part of Bridgewater History. If you get a chance, go to the mall and take a look.
- Attended a meeting for the Somerset Regional Animal Shelter about a week ago.
- I just want to say welcome to all the girl scouts here today and thank you for being here this evening.

Councilman Ring:

- On Wednesday, March 22 I attended the Senior Hobby Fair. This event, hosted by the Township's Senior Center, allows senior members of the community to showcase their hobbies. There was quite a vast collection of displays, including fly fishing lures, paintings, knitting, stamp collection and a diverse collection of items found from using a metal detector over the years. I ran into Councilman Norgalis at the event and if he was here this evening, I am sure he would have even more to say about it- but it was an excellent event- the second year that it has been held and I look forward to returning again next year! Thank you to Jennifer and her team that run the Senior Center for their continued effort to operate an outstanding facility.
- As a follow up to some of the recent discussions during the renewal of the lease to Martin Luther King Center, I have received and reviewed a copy of their required annual report.
- Earlier this evening, I was honored to attend a preview of the Hobbstown-past, present and future cultural and historic exhibit at the Bridgewater Commons Community Hub. This exhibit opens to the public tomorrow and runs through Sunday. It features historical items, heirlooms, photographs and videos that tells stories, honor legacies, and looks forward to the next generation of leaders. This weekend, there will be a panel discussion on the Future History, moderated by Benny Macklin of WIMG, 1300AM
- For those residents that have been accumulating bulky trash, I have been informed that the Spring Bulky Trash days have been scheduled for May 13 and 20. This program is a great opportunity for residents to get rid of

bulky items at no cost. Of course, there are restrictions on some items, so please check the township website for details before getting in line.

- My next item is a request for the administration and Township Council. From time to time, we receive concerns about property conditions around the township. Sometimes, those involve sites that have been issued building permits. While state building laws come into play and often limit what we can do when a construction project grinds to a halt, when a fence is required to be erected around a site, do we have the ability to require not just a fence, but a privacy fence. Over the last year, I have driven past a house on Foothill Road that has been for the most part, torn down as part of a plan to rebuild. However, work has come to a complete halt. The town was able to require the property owner to erect a fence around the site for safety. However, the neighbors still have to look out of their windows at this complete eyesore. A privacy fence while not perfect would shield the eyesore from the neighbors and those driving down the street and would provide some improvement to what is there. Is it possible to look into making this requirement across the township when a fence is required around a construction site?

On land use matters-

- Earlier this week, the Planning Board approved the site plan for the new Fogo De Chao restaurant at the mall. Plans include a small addition of about 150 to the front of the mall, to create a direct entrance and vestibule into the restaurant and adding an outdoor dining area to existing concrete area.
- The Planning Board also heard an application for a four-lot sub division on Washington Valley Road of approximately 14 acres. A large portion of the site has slopes of 30% or greater. After much discussion, the applicant agreed to place all of the property with slopes of 30% or greater in a conservation easement. This action not only reinforces the town's restrictions on building on steep slopes, it also prevents the cutting or removing of any existing trees or landscaping, so as to help eliminate potential water run off issues. The next Planning Board meeting will be April 11 and will be a continuation of the M&M Manufacturing application.
- The last Zoning Board Meeting was the continuation of the Catalyst sign applications, which is scheduled to be continued this coming Tuesday. This Tuesday would be the 5th night of hearings on these applications since January 17. However, I was informed yesterday that the applicant's lawyer reached out to Richard Oller, the Zoning Board's Attorney to inform him the applicant will be withdrawing all three applications.

Among the reasons cited, the applicant does not feel that they will be able to obtain the votes required needed for approval. It is important to note that until a written notice of withdrawal is submitted, the application remains active and as of 4PM this afternoon, written notice has not been received yet. I know this application has drawn some public interest, so I wanted to share the most recent update on this application.

- While it appears that this application is being withdrawn, there will still be a Zoning Board Meeting this coming Tuesday. They have request to extend previously given approval for a new medical office complex on the corner of Route 22 and Adamsville Road, the site of an old vacant Verizon building. The applicant is working through some issues with State approvals and therefore is requesting some additional time.
- Lastly, beginning in May, there will be a change in Zoning Board of Adjustment and Planning Board Meetings. The Planning Board will now be meeting generally on the on the first and third Tuesday of the month and Zoning Board will generally meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. During certain months, due to holidays and other issues, it is possible that only one meeting will be held. Meetings are always posted on the Township's website.

#### Council President Kirsh

- I attended the Senior center Hobby fair on 22<sup>nd</sup>. I was impressed with all the art and how talented people in our community are.
- On the 29<sup>th</sup>, I was in attendance for the office rededication of the home sharing organization. We took action that allowed them to accept a grant.
- If you have time, go to the Hobbstown event over at Bridgewater mall. It will be up until Sunday and is definitely worth taking a look.
- One issue I spoke of at a recent meeting was our desire to be as transparent as possible with land use applications. We are working closely with Administration, Kudos to Suzanne, to create a separate dedicated list that residents can sign up and receive notifications.
- Congressman Tom Kean has relocated to a new and permanent office at 75 Claremont road Suite 206 Bernardsville New Jersey.

## Mayor's Reports

Mayor Matthew C. Moench

- Bridgewater had a big win in regards to “Rise Against Hate” trying to gain access to all of our residents’ email lists. We refused to turn that over and a local judge ruled against us. So, we took it up to the State Appellate Court and won along with two other towns. Thanks to Mr. Corsini’s office, our residents’ email addresses will continue to remain private.
- This past weekend, I had mobile office hours at the Martinsville Community Center. I would like to thank the folks at the Martinsville Community Center for hosting us as it provided us a great opportunity to speak with residents on a variety of topics. We have a few more of those events coming up so if any residents here would like to chit-chat on whatever the topic is, let us know and we will try to answer your questions or get you answers best we can.
- It was an honor to host Congressman Tom Kean’s office in the municipal building. We look forward in a couple of weeks to host Senator Steinhardt who will have a legislative office here in Bridgewater.

## Proclamation **COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES (CASA)**

Matthew C. Moench, Mayor read the following proclamation:

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Bridgewater recognizes the crisis of child abuse and neglect and is committed to helping victims; and

**WHEREAS**, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Somerset, Hunterdon, and Warren Counties recruits, screens, trains, supports, and supervises community volunteers as advocates for children who have been removed from their homes due to neglect and abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, adverse childhood experiences and trauma, such as those caused by child abuse or neglect, can have long lasting effects on a child’s health, wellbeing and success; and

**WHEREAS**, survivors of child abuse need people in their lives that will consider their best interests and put a plan in action to achieve the best possible outcomes for children and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, the Court Appointed Special Advocate programs have a proven record of public service in protecting the safety and well-being of abused and neglected children; and

**WHEREAS**, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) are assigned by family court judges to champion the needs of child abuse victims; and

**WHEREAS**, CASAs are everyday people with diverse backgrounds and professions, who go through very specialized training to be a volunteer voice for children in the child welfare system; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bridgewater Woman's Club has already taken steps to raise awareness by placing pinwheels on the Municipal Complex Courtyard; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize the need for collective effort as a community to enhance awareness about child abuse and work towards promoting the social and emotional well-being of both children and families in a secure, stable, and nurturing environment.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Mayor Matthew C. Moench, do hereby proclaim April 24,23 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Bridgewater and call upon all residents to work together to prevent child abuse and neglect. We also recognize the efforts of CASA's in our community and commend their dedication and advocacy for the well-being of children who have experienced abuse or neglect. I encourage all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.

**Presentation**

**GIRL SCOUT TROOP 60029**

Girl Scout Troop 60029 was present for the presentation. Scouts Olivia, Olivia B., Ainsley, Kennedy, Josephina, Karina, Brianna, Emmanuela, Olivia, Julia and Emma were in attendance. They spoke about their Bike Safety Take Action project where they proposed for a sign to be placed on specific roads to help guide bikers when riding. This proposal will be in collaboration with the Police Department.

Council was appreciative to the Girl Scouts and commended them for a job well done.

Councilman Norgalis made a motion to endorse the resolution supporting the efforts of Girl Scouts Troop 60029. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ring and passed unanimously on a voice call vote.

**JENNIFER LOUGHRAN, "CAN YOU DIG IT" EVENT**

Jennifer Loughran was present for the presentation. She offered that in recognition of Earth Day and National Volunteer Week, the Bridgewater Parks Division is inviting the community to take part in "Can You Dig It?", a free, inclusive, fun Earth Day experience. This is an effort to support our Local Parks

and will be held on Saturday April 22, 2023 at Chimney Rock Park from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Ms. Loughran stated that Gabriel's Fountain is bringing Ice Cream. Attendees will have an opportunity to plant flowers, make pollinator flower bombs to take home, paint with nature, volunteer, and learn about the trails of Chimney Rock Park. This "Hands in the Earth volunteer experience is free for all.

**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 Kurdyla, seconded by Councilman Ring, the meeting was opened to the public for comment.

**Cathy Franco, 766 Weemac Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807**

Ms. Franco spoke with regard to Catalyst withdrawing three (3) applications and expressed concern that at the last Council meeting, there was an Ordinance that was to be introduced which meant there would be a fourth application. She asked that Council review this carefully before allowing an organization to rent space for a non-permitted use since advertising signs are not permitted anywhere in any zone. She also expressed concern over lack of transparency after having emailed the township with regard to this matter and not receiving a response.

Ms. Franco expressed the girl scouts did a great job with their proposal but asked that the scope of the placement of signs be extended and that signs are placed away from North of Route 22 and away from East of Route 202/206.

Ms. Franco stated it appears there was some issue with health insurance for one of our retirees and asked that attention is made to ensure there are no future liabilities to the township and that the health insurance benefits and pensions are fully funded and that audits are done in that respect.

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

Mayor Moench addressed Ms. Franco's concerns and offered the signs that were before the Zoning Board are being withdrawn. The fourth proposed sign is the Municipal building sign which will soon be placed before the Planning Board for a courtesy review. The intent is that if the sign is approved, the \$1M dollars that will be received upfront will be used for park and recreation improvements. Mayor Moench added we complied with the public bidding laws by putting this

project out to bid. Catalyst was the only company that responded and therefore won the bid.

Councilman Ring also informed Ms. Franco the Ordinance with regard to the monument display was introduced at the March 2<sup>nd</sup> Council meeting. Public hearing and Final action for this Ordinance was originally scheduled for March 16, 2023 but was subsequently carried to April 20, 2023.

**Public  
Hearing &  
Final Action  
Ordinances**

**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**

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

No one wished to be heard.

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

Councilman Ring offered this Ordinance is a necessity based on the Borough of Somerville selling their sewer system to the water company. For those residents in Bridgewater serviced by that system, without this Ordinance, they will be adversely affected.

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

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

**ORDINANCE #23-07 WAS ADOPTED**

A copy of resolution [#23-03-30-114](#) is appended to the official minutes

**Introduction  
of  
Ordinances**

**AN ORDINANCE VACATING THE TOWNSHIP'S AUTHORITY AND CONTROL OVER A PORTION OF VALLEY VIEW ROAD IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.**

This Ordinance will vacate a portion of Valley View Road at the request of an adjacent homeowner.



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

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

**THE ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED.**

A copy of resolution [#23-03-30-115](#) is appended to the official minutes

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the said pending ordinance be passed on first reading and advertised as required by statute fixing the 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.

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

**Resolutions**

**AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A DEVELOPER’S AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AND MARTINSVILLE REALTY ASSOCIATES, LLC REGARDING ZONING BOARD APPROVALS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF 8 SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS ON BLOCK 802, LOT 131 (802 CHIMNEY ROCK ROAD)**

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

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution [#23-03-30-116](#) is appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZING THE PROVISION OF A LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000. PURSUANT TO THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR MARY STRUGALA, THE PURCHASER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT LOCATED AT 4 CAIN COURT, BRIDGEWATER NEW JERSEY 08807**

**AUTHORIZING THE PROVISION OF A LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000, PURSUANT TO THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR CRISTINA ALMEIDA, THE PURCHASER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT LOCATED AT 173 JESSICA COURT, BRIDGEWATER NEW JERSEY 08807**

**AUTHORIZING THE PROVISION OF A LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000. PURSUANT TO THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR HESHAM EL NAGGAR, THE PURCHASER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT LOCATED AT 4311 RIDDLE COURT, BRIDGEWATER NEW JERSEY 08807**

**AUTHORIZING THE PROVISION OF A LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000. PURSUANT TO THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR ANDREA DUDLEY, THE PURCHASER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT LOCATED AT 2713 PACKER COURT, BRIDGEWATER NEW JERSEY 08807**

**AUTHORIZING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 PURSUANT TO THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL TO EDWINA VANOTOO, THE PURCHASER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT**

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

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

**THE RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED.**

Copies of resolutions [#23-03-30-117 thru #23-03-30-121](#) are appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ENTER INTO THE NATIONWIDE SETTLEMENTS TO RESOLVE ALL OPIOID LITIGATION**

**BROUGHT BY THE STATES AND LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AGAINST TEVA, ALLERGAN, WALGREENS, AND WALMART**

Mayor Moench explained we have already received \$60,000 and advised there is a possibility for additional funding that will enable us to supplement anti-drug and alcohol initiatives in the community in addition to what the Municipal Alliance already does.

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

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution [#23-03-30-122](#) is appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL TECHNICAL INPUT AND REVIEW SERVICE WITH REGARD TO DESIGN OF A DUAL INVERTED SEWER SYPHON TO REPLACE A 54-INCH SEWER LINE IN DUKE ISLAND PARK TO CDM SMITH. THIS PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AWARD WILL BE TOTALLY FUNDED BY EPEC POLYMERS INC. AND IS THEREFORE AT “NO COST TO BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP**

Councilman Ring explained this is tied to some work that is being done that necessitates moving of the sewer pipes at no cost to us.

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

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution [#23-03-30-123](#) is appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT TO RETIRED BRIDGEWATER EMPLOYEE, JOHN NOGUEROL, OF HIS PENSION’S HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM AND MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENTS FOR BOTH JOHN NOGUEROL AND HIS WIFE JOAN NOGUEROL**

**FOR MAY THROUGH DECEMBER OF CALENDAR YEAR 2022 FOR \$683.02 PER MONTH FOR A TOTAL OF \$5,464.16 AND FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023 FOR \$640.84 PER MONTH FOR A TOTAL OF \$7,690.00**

John Nogueroles was the Finance Director during Mayor James Dowden's Administration who retired utilizing his time as a Municipal employee and his military service. Then-Mayor James Dowden and the Township Attorney William Lanigan agreed that Nogueroles and his wife were entitled to lifetime health benefits based on time served as a Municipal employee and his years in military service. However, an issue has arisen as to the length of Nogueroles's military service.

Councilman Ring explained this situation came to light when we transferred to the State health benefits plan last year that necessitated proof of length of service and subsequent need to make reimbursements to his health insurance premiums. It was confirmed this arrangement will persist for as long as we will continue to be on the State health plan.

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

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution [#23-03-30-124](#) is appended to the official minutes

**AWARD OF CONTRACT TO REIVAX CONTRACTING CORP. (165 RIVERROAD, FLEMINGTON, NJ 08822) AS THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER FOR THE BILLIAN, MORTON & KLINE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, IN THE BASE BID SUM OF \$1,140,734.91, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2017 & 2018 CAPITAL SEWER FUND. ONE BID WAS REJECTED ON ADVICE OF COUNSEL DUE TO MISSING SUBCONTRACTOR DISCLOSURE**

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

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

Council President Kirsh                      Aye

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution [#23-03-30-125](#) is appended to the official minutes

**AWARD OF CONTRACT TO CMS CONSTRUCTION, INC. (521 NORTH AVENUE, PLAINFIELD, NJ 07060) FOR THE CAMP CROMWELL PARTIAL DAM REMOVAL PROJECT, IN THE SUM OF \$287,790.00, FUNDED THROUGH OPEN SPACE**

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

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution [#23-03-30-126](#) is appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1/FINAL CHANGE ORDER DECREASING THE CONTRACT PRICE FROM \$601,865.50 TO \$498,835.76 A DECREASE OF 17.12% OR \$103,029.74, AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT, RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND, ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND, AND FINAL PAYMENT TO PAVE-RITE, INC. (40 RADEL AVENUE, BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807) FOR THE 2022-1 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, ENTIRE LENGTH OF NEWBERRY STREET, RADEL AVENUE, AND RAMSEY STREET, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2022 CAPITAL ROAD FUND**

**AUTHORIZING CHANGE OF SCOPE TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT INCREASING THE CONTRACT PRICE BY THE SUM OF \$14,819.60 FOR ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE 2021-2 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WHICH INCLUDES ENTIRE LENGTHS OF BRAHMA AVENUE, KOLARNEY STREET, AND POPLAR STREET TO MCMAHON ASSOCIATES, INC. (4573 SOUTH BROAD STREET, SUITE 200, YARDVILLE, NJ 08620) FROM THE CONTRACT PRICE OF \$127,760.00 TO \$142,579.60 FUNDED THROUGH THE 2023 CAPITAL BOND**

**AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1/FINAL CHANGE ORDER DECREASING THE CONTRACT PRICE FROM \$775,065.38 TO \$598,932.10 A DECREASE OF 22.72% OR \$176,133.28, AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT, RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND, ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND, AND**

**FINAL PAYMENT TO DESANTIS CONSTRUCTION, INC. (PO BOX 6030, SOMERSET, NJ 08875) FOR THE 2022-2 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, ENTIRE LENGTH OF CHESTNUT STREET, MCGOVERN COURT, TRACI ROAD, WALTERS BROOK DRIVE NORTH AND SECTIONS OF MAPLE STREET AND OAK STREET (ARDMAER DRIVE TO OLD YORK), FUNDED THROUGH THE 2022 CAPITAL ROAD FUND**

**AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1/FINAL CHANGE ORDER INCREASING THE CONTRACT PRICE FROM \$976,845.54 TO \$1,002,377.32 AN INCREASE OF 2.61% OR \$25,531.78, 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) FOR THE 2022-5 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, ENTIRE LENGTHS OF BRIAN DRIVE, HAELIG COURT, HODGE DRIVE, KALE DRIVE, LINBERGER DRIVE, LOGAN ROAD, MERCER STREET, RICHARD STREET, SUSSEX AVENUE AND A PORTION OF LINVALE LANE, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2022 CAPITAL ROAD FUND**

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

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

**THE RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED.**

Copies of resolutions [#23-03-30-127 thru #23-03-30-130](#) is appended to the official minutes

**ACCEPTANCE OF BID FOR NEW PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LIQUOR LICENSE AS THE SOLE QUALIFIED BIDDER TO BHAVATH SINGH KETHARAJU OF BRIDGEWATER WINES, LLC, TRADE NAME LIQUOR CAVE, 674 US HIGHWAY 202/206, BRIDGEWATER, NEW JERSEY 08807 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$451,000.00**

Council agreed to monitor the future of liquor licenses due to proposed legislation.

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

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution [#23-03-30-131](#) 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**

Councilman Ring stated this applicant made site plan application with the Planning Board. Their plan entails the addition of about 28-seats outside for outdoor dining. They have confirmed that the only music they will have outside is ambient background music.

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

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

**THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

A copy of resolution [#23-03-30-132](#) 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 [#23-03-30-133](#) is appended to the official minutes.

On the motion of Councilman Ring, seconded by Councilman Kirsh, the meeting reconvened to open session at approximately 9:20 p.m. and adjourned immediately thereafter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

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Michael Kirsh  
Council President