

**MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
AUGUST 3, 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, August 3, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers in the Municipal Complex, Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807 & via Live Online Broadcast.

Council President Kirsh read the following announcement:

Notice of Meeting

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT OF NEW JERSEY, ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS PROVIDED ON JANUARY 10 2023, WITH WRITTEN NOTICE AND ELECTRONIC NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE COURIER NEWS AND THE BREEZE POSTING ON THE WEBSITE AND THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND FILING WITH THE TOWNSHIP CLERK

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

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

Also Present: Michael Pappas, Township Administrator
Christopher Corsini, Township Attorney
Grace Njuguna, Deputy Township Clerk

Councilman Norgalis led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was a moment of silence in memory of Lieutenant Governor Sheila Oliver, who passed away earlier this week following a long and distinguished career in public service.

Council Reports

Councilman Kurdyla

- Commended Chief Mitzak and the Bridgewater Police Department for the sixth annual night out noting it was a resounding success!

Councilman Norgalis:

- Attended the 6th Annual Night Out sponsored by the Township with special thanks to the Police Department and the many volunteer groups who made it a truly great family evening activity.
- Bridgewater Hometown Girl Soccer Goalkeeper and Rutgers alum Casey

Murphy is in Australia & New Zealand with the U.S. Women's National Team as it competes for the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup. The 27-year-old native of Bridgewater dominated during her time with the Scarlet Knights and is now competing on the world's biggest stage.

- The August 1st township tax required payment will be delayed until August 31st based upon action that Council will take tonight. The change in billing date is caused by a delay in the tax details from the County which in turn was delayed by the state.
- Councilman Norgalis reported that if this were winter, he and Councilman Kurdyla would be asking residents to clear the snow from the fire hydrants. But during hurricane season, he asked that if able, residents should clean debris from storm drains.

Councilman Pedroso:

- Attended the National Night Out, it was a great event and was pleased to see so many people supporting our Police Department
- Commended Jennifer Loughran for her work in promoting skateboarding and for getting the community involved.

Councilman Ring:

- With regard to land use matters, Councilman Ring reported the last Planning Board meeting was canceled and the Zoning Board only had one small application.
- Due to some personal travels for work, Councilman Ring reported he was not able to attend National Night Out but has been advised it was a success.

Council President Kirsh

- Attended the National Night Out and congratulated those that organized the event, the sponsors, volunteer squads etc. President Kirsh offered that that is the essence of what community policing is in Bridgewater; It is that solid relationship between our officers and our residents.
- President Kirsh announced this will be our last meeting on the RingCentral platform. Beginning on August 17th, we will be transitioning to YouTube.

**Mayor's
Reports**

Michael Pappas, Township Administrator reported on behalf of Mayor Moench

Administrator Pappas reported concerning an extensive discussion that was had

at the last council meeting as members of the public addressed concerns with a property on Gateshead Drive. Following some meetings and discussions with members of the public and members of staff, administration made decisive decisions to call the property owner and address the concerns that were raised.

Following the last Council meeting and in order to address the matter on Gateshead Drive, an Ordinance was drafted and is before the Council for action tonight.

Proclamation 100TH ANNIVERSARY - MARTINSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT
Councilman Timothy Ring read the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, the Martinsville Volunteer Fire Department has been a pillar of strength, bravery, and dedication in the Bridgewater Community for one hundred years; and

WHEREAS, the Martinsville Volunteer Fire Department was founded a century ago, standing as a example of selflessness and community spirit, protecting the residents of Bridgewater Fire District 1; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history, the Martinsville Volunteer Fire Department has been an essential part of our community, safeguarding lives, property, and the environment with unwavering commitment and remarkable courage; and

WHEREAS, the Martinsville Volunteer Fire Department has remained an entirely volunteer-based organization, all of whom willingly serve 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, exemplifying the true essence of altruism and dedication; and

WHEREAS, the department's two fire stations and seven pieces of apparatus serve as symbols of readiness and preparedness, standing ever-vigilant to respond to emergencies and protect our township and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Martinsville Volunteer Fire Department's legacy of excellence, professionalism, and camaraderie has left an indelible mark on the Bridgewater Community, earning the heartfelt respect and gratitude of its residents; and

WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that we, the Mayor and Council of Bridgewater Township, join with our fellow citizens to commemorate this historic milestone and extend our deepest appreciation to the past and present members of the Martinsville Volunteer Fire Department for their century of outstanding service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Mayor and Council of

Bridgewater Township, do hereby proclaim and celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Martinsville Volunteer Fire Department. We honor the men and women who have served and continue to serve in this esteemed institution, wholeheartedly acknowledging their selflessness, dedication, and commitment to the safety and well-being of our community.

Presentation

JOHN MITZAK

Police Chief Mitzak thanked everyone for their support during National Night Out and especially thanked Lieutenant Kevin Lamy and Officer Brian Sajansky who worked for about nine months to put the event together.

Chief Mitzak stated he was before the governing body to discuss License Plate Readers (LPR's). He added that last year, he went to the Mayor and asked him if we could purchase some LPR's at which time two (2) were approved. Strategic locations were sought and placed within the township.

Chief Mitzak explained that a couple of Fridays ago, a burglar alarm went off in the Finderne area of town. Officers went to that location and discovered there was an attempted burglary. Ten to fifteen minutes later, Sergeant Zeichner on his cell phone received a hit from one of our cameras on the other side of town about a stolen vehicle in the area that is wanted for residential burglaries. That alert pulled officers from the Finderne area to Vanderveer and within 15 minutes, all four burglars were apprehended due to the LPR cameras. Chief Mitzak asked for Council support to purchase six additional cameras noting that each camera costs about \$3,000. He added there has been some criminal activity within the township's Martinsville area and the LPR cameras will be of great help.

Following the presentation, Chief Mitzak fielded questions from the governing body. Council was in consensus LPR cameras are a worthwhile investment.

**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.

Mary Gallagher, 102 Highland Avenue in Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Ms. Gallagher expressed concern over the 200-ft list notification list for land use matters noting 200-ft is insufficient in getting information to homeowners. She offered she attended a previous Council meeting to address this concern and wanted to know what the status was about expanding that limit.

President Kirsh stated he has spoken with Senator Steinert or his staff twice, and legislative services is researching this matter. In addition to this, it was noted we now have a distribution list that individuals or law firms, companies, whoever's interested, can sign up for to get the agendas for both the planning board and zoning board. Ms. Gallagher was also advised to contact her legislature to see about increasing the 200-ft limit. President Kirsh offered he will contact the Senator's office to see where this matter stands.

Jennifer Loughran, 716 Falcon Ct, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Ms. Loughran stated she heard from the Parks Department about the cricket pitch on Chimney Rock Road noting a lot of work has gone into repairing the pitch. She added they are working out a way that the cricket community can advocate and take care of it and be stewards of that space.

Ms. Loughran thanked the Bridgewater Police Department for hosting National Night Out and provided commentary on the highlights of this community event.

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

In furtherance to public comment made regarding Camp Cromwell, Township Administrator Pappas explained that Congressman Kean had requested a \$4 million appropriation for Bridgewater Township to go towards Camp Cromwell. A number of months ago, the administration prepared a detailed request, and that was submitted to his office. So far, Congressman Kean has been successful in seeing it advance in the U.S. House of Representatives and we hope that it will work its way through the process.

Councilman Ring added that Congressman Kean felt confident enough that he would get through those last final hurdles that he formally announced the award of not only \$4 million to Bridgewater, but that every county that he represents in New Jersey is getting some form of money.

Public
Hearing &
Final Action
Ordinances

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 26 ENTITLED "PERSONNEL POLICIES", ARTICLE 32, SICK LEAVE, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER

Councilman Ring stated there was a meeting scheduled with the labor counsel to address this Ordinance. There are two different changes in state laws that are reflective in this ordinance, as well as some efforts made by this governing body years ago around bank time and paid time at time of departure for employees. This creates several different categories where an employee can fall depending

upon when they were hired, and all of that is also completely separate from labor union negotiations.

Councilman Ring offered that following the meeting, there are a few more pieces to consider and, in that regard, made motion to table this Ordinance and then come back at a future meeting and introduce a new version of said Ordinance.

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

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND UPDATING CHAPTER 216 ENTITLED "WRECKERS" SO AS TO CLARIFY APPLICATION AND INVESTIGATION PROCEDURES AND RE-TITLE THE REVISED CHAPTER AS "WRECKER ROSTER"

Councilman Norgalis stated that following many revisions to the wording on this Ordinance, we now have a very valuable document and a good tool for our police department in terms of how we handle wrecker situations.

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.

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

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

ORDINANCE [#23-12](#) WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#23-08-03-221](#) is appended to the official minutes

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 94 OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED “FEES” TO CREATE A FLOOD HAZARD AREA DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FEE

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

No one wished to be heard.

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

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

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

ORDINANCE [#23-14](#) WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#23-08-03-222](#) is appended to the official minutes

**Introduction
of
Ordinances**

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH CHAPTER 152 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER ENTITLED “SHORT-TERM RENTALS”

Township Administrator Pappas explained this Ordinance was drafted following concerns brought about by some neighbors to a property on Gateshead Drive. Numerous municipalities have seen this become a problem that existing Ordinances such as zoning seemed inadequate to address.

Following an extensive discussion, Council was in consensus that this Ordinance needs further addressing in order to create an ordinance that will allow owner-occupied rentals with certain safeguards. It was agreed President Kirsh and Councilman Ring would interface with the administration on this Ordinance and have an updated version at the next Council meeting that would address concerns raised. The Ordinance as is will limit a lot of good people who may need to rent their properties for a short time period; it will punish people because of the bad conduct of one or two individuals.

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

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

THE ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED.

A copy of resolution [#23-08-03-223](#) is appended to the official minutes

Grace Njuguna, Deputy 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 17th day of August, 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

AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND THE GRACE PERIOD FOR THE 2023 3RD QUARTER TAX PAYMENT FROM AUGUST 1, 2023 TO AUGUST 31, 2023

Township Administrator Pappas explained the tax bills came out late because the County rate was delayed thus the need to extend the grace period.

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 [#23-08-03-224](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JENNI PETERSON AS INTERIM MUNICIPAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR FOR A SECOND ONE (1) YEAR APPOINTMENT BEGINNING JULY 18, 2023 AND ENDING JULY 17, 2024

Township Administrator Pappas explained the interim court administrator expects to be certified by the end of the calendar year and at that time, the interim title will be removed.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#23-08-03-225](#) is appended to the official minutes

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO FOVEONICS IMAGING TECHNOLOGIES INC. OF 99 GRAYROCK ROAD #103, CLINTON, NEW JERSEY 08809 FOR DOCUMENT SOLUTIONS UNDER THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY (ESCNJ) COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM #ESCNJ-22/23-11 INCREASING THE PURCHASE ORDER NO. 20230352 FROM \$35,000.00 TO A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$145,000.00 FUNDED FROM THE MUNICIPAL CLERK RECORDS RETENTION BUDGET LINE ITEM

Township Administrator Pappas explained this resolution will allow us to continue digitizing our records and in so doing increase efficiency for staff and quicken the time with which members of the public can access records.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#23-08-03-226](#) is appended to the official minutes

CHANGE ORDER AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL \$5,784.00 FOR VISUAL SOUND, INC. OF 485 PARK WAY, BROOMALL, PENNSYLVANIA FOR COURTROOM AUDIO/VISUAL UPGRADES UNDER THE HUNTERDON COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION (HCESC) COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM #HCESC-CAT-19-06 AND AS AWARDED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION NO. 22-12-19-329 (CHANGE ORDER NO. 1)

Township Administrator Pappas explained when the township sought proposals for the A/V system in this room, we had each firm look at the entirety of our system. The company that subsequently was awarded the contract at the time did not think that some system devices needed to be replaced. Since then, there was a glitch that was identified which requires that some units are replaced in order to ensure that there would not be any problems in utilizing the system fully.

Administrator Pappas further explained he attempted to get the company to absorb this cost or at least part of it. It was finally agreed the township would pay for the parts while the vendor would absorb the cost for installation/servicing.

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 [#23-08-03-227](#) is appended to the official minutes

AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 23-02-16-075 AND RESOLUTION NO. 23-06-29-196, CONCERNING AWARDS OF CONTRACT FOR HVAC MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, AND OTHER RELATED SERVICES AS HEREIN DESCRIBED TO TLP CLIMATE CONTROL SYSTEMS, INC. OF 400 RIKE DRIVE, MILLSTONE, NJ 08510. RESOLUTION 23-02-16-075 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$125,799.22. RESOLUTION 23-06-29-196 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$105,451.00

Township Administrator Pappas explained that the Council has, over the last several months, approved a number of resolutions to address the needs of our HVAC system in this complex. This resolution captures the entirety of the cost for both repairs that had been undertaken of the system, some of which were

emergency repairs while some of the repairs, although not emergent needed to be carried out to ensure that both our heating and air conditioning systems were fully functional. This resolution clarifies and fully documents all of the costs that were incurred and properly details the costs that had been presented.

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	Nay
Councilman Ring	Aye
Council President Kirsh	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#23-08-03-228](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE SOMERSET COUNTY BUILDINGS & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPLEMENTING THE TOWNSHIP'S WORKFORCE ON A TEMPORARY BASIS AS NEEDED

Township Administrator Pappas explained this resolution permits the township, on a discretionary basis, to be able to enhance our workforce temporarily. For instance, during Hurricane Ida, our staff was overwhelmed due to the devastation that parts of town underwent. In such situations, this option would be utilized due to the need for temporary increase in the work force.

On motion of Councilman Ring, 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 [#23-08-03-229](#) is appended to the official minutes

MEMORIALIZING PARTICIPATION IN SOMERSET COUNTY'S EFFORT TO OBTAIN A "LEAP" IMPLEMENTATION GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400,000 FOR FUNDING OF A SHARED STREET SWEEPER COLLECTION FACILITY

Township Administrator Pappas explained the purpose of this shared services agreement is to construct a street sweeping collection facility which will benefit the residents of all participating local units. Somerset County has agreed to be the lead agency in this program and will submit the application to the DLGS on behalf of all participating units.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#23-08-03-230](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDED JURISDICTIONAL AND JOINT AGREEMENT, FOR THE PURPOSES OF UNIFYING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 21 VONES LANE, ALSO KNOWN AS BLOCK 164, LOT 4 ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AND BLOCK 1, LOT 11 ON THE TAX MAP OF THE BOROUGH OF RARITAN PRIOR TO SUBDIVISION; AND AS BLOCK 164, LOTS 4.01 AND 4.02 ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AND BLOCK 1, LOTS 11.01 AND 11.02 ON THE TAX MAP OF THE BOROUGH OF RARITAN

AUTHORIZING IMPROVEMENTS TO AND THE USE OF A RIGHT-OF-WAY SITUATED WITHIN BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP SITUATED NEAR EDGEWATER TERRACE, FOR INGRESS, EGRESS, AND SERVICES TO PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 164, LOT 4.02 ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AND BLOCK 1, LOT 11.02 ON THE TAX MAP OF THE BOROUGH OF RARITAN

These resolutions will allow for the execution of an agreement to unify the administration of a property located both in Bridgewater Township and in Raritan Borough.

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 RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED.

Copies of resolution [#23-08-03-231 thru #23-08-03-232](#) are appended to the official minutes

APPROVING A RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AND NEW YORK SMSA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP d/b/a VERIZON WIRELESS FOR USE, INSTALLATION, AND REPLACEMENT OF UTILITY POLES LOCATED AT 600 GARRETSON ROAD AND 100 COMMONS WAY

Verizon Wireless proposes one new utility pole in the municipal right of way at 600 Garretson Road and one replacement utility pole in the municipal right of way at 100 Commons Way. These small cell antennas are being proposed to remedy coverage deficiencies at the high school and the municipal complex.

It was confirmed that Under the federal Telecommunications Act, a municipality is essentially required to permit small cells on utility poles in the municipal right of way. It was also confirmed municipalities have limited time to enter into a right of way agreement with the carrier, or else the proposed small cell is automatically approved without any agreement. The "cutoff" date for entering into a right of way agreement for these proposed small cells is August 9, 2023.

Following an extensive discussion, there was suggestion to table this resolution and schedule a special meeting next week in order to properly notice the public. Verizon will need to appear before the Council to provide testimony about their proposal.

Councilman Pedroso made motion to table the foregoing resolution. Motion was seconded by Councilman Kirsh, and failed on the following roll call vote:

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

No further action was taken on the foregoing resolution.

AUTHORIZATION TO RESCIND RESOLUTION NUMBER 23-06-08-189, ADOPTED BY COUNCIL JUNE 8, 2023, WHICH AUTHORIZED RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE NO. 1806-33-011-009, FOR FOGO DE CHAO CHURRASCARIA (BRIDGEWATER) LLC, T/A FOGO DE CHAO FOR THE

PREMISES LOCATED AT THE BRIDGEWATER COMMONS MALL, 400 COMMONS WAY, SPACE 2690, BRIDGEWATER, NJ CURRENTLY HELD IN INACTIVE STATUS DUE TO N.J.S.A. 12:39 SPECIAL RULING REQUIRED

2023-2024 RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE 1806-33-011-009, FOGO DE CHAO CHURRASCARIA (BRIDGEWATER) LLC, T/A FOGO DE CHAO FOR THE PREMISES LOCATED AT THE BRIDGEWATER COMMONS MALL, 400 COMMONS WAY, SPACE 2690, BRIDGEWATER, NJ WITH SPECIAL RULING N.J.S.A. 33:1- 12:39 APPROVAL FOR TWO LICENSING TERMS 2023-2024

It was confirmed above resolutions will allow us to take a license that is inactive and make it active for the new restaurant, Fogo De Chao Churrascaria.

On motion of Councilman Ring, 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 RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED.

Copies of resolution [#23-08-03-233 thru #23-08-03-234](#) are appended to the official minutes

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF PERMIT FEES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9,000.00 FROM THE FIRE OFFICIAL, THE CONSTRUCTION CODE DEPARTMENT, AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR THE SOMERSET COUNTY 4-H ASSOCIATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE SOMERSET COUNTY 4-H FAIR AT NORTH BRANCH PARK LOCATED AT 310 MILLTOWN ROAD, BRIDGEWATER ON AUGUST 9, 10 & 11, 2023

On motion of Councilman Ring, 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 [#23-08-03-235](#) is appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZATION FOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY RARITAN VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB,
747 STATE ROUTE 28, BRIDGEWATER, NEW JERSEY ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER
4, 2023 (RAIN DATE: N/A)**

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#23-08-03-236](#) is appended to the official minutes

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING WILLIAM PANDOS AS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER FOR
THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER FROM JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH
DECEMBER 31, 2027**

Township Administrator Pappas stated we have been seeking a full time CFO and have now offered the position to William Pandos.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#23-08-03-237](#) 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 litigation and personnel.

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

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

On the motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the Council convened in a closed session at approximately 10:20 p.m.

A copy of resolution [#23-08-03-238](#) is appended to the official minutes.

On the motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilman Ring, the meeting reconvened to open session at approximately 10:20 p.m. and adjourned immediately thereafter.

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Michael Kirsh
Council President