



TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER

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AGENDA FOR REORGANIZATION MEETING OF JANUARY 4, 2024 AT 6 P.M.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT OF NEW JERSEY, ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS PROVIDED ON DECEMBER 21, 2023, BY SENDING WRITTEN NOTICE AND ELECTRONIC NOTICE 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.

2. PRESENTATION OF COLORS & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BSA Troop 46 Martinsville

3. NATIONAL ANTHEM

Senza Sordino Band: Anna Gu (Cello), Grace Gu (Viola), Wesley Lin (Piano)
Evan Ren (Violin), Bryan Zou (Violin)

4. INVOCATION

Rabbi Dan Selsberg of Temple Sholom

5. CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION

A statement of the determination of the Board of Canvassers of Somerset County, New Jersey, relative to an election held in the County of Somerset on November 7, 2023 for the election of the following mentioned offices in the Township of Bridgewater.

- **ONE FOUR-YEAR MAYOR SEAT** - The said Board determines that Matthew C. Moench was duly elected Mayor.
- **TWO FOUR-YEAR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL SEATS** - The said Board does determine that Timothy Ring and Michael Kirsh were duly elected to the Township Council.

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true, full and correct statement of the determination of the Board of Canvassers of Somerset County, New Jersey.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand the 27th day of November, 2023.

Signed: Anthony J. DeCicco, Chairman of the Board of Canvassers

Attested: Steve Peter, Somerset County Clerk

**Oaths of
Office**

OATHS OF OFFICE

MAYOR – MATTHEW C. MOENCH

Performed by Congressman Thomas Kean, Jr.

COUNCILMAN – TIMOTHY RING

Performed by Honorable Elizabeth Ring

COUNCILMAN – MICHAEL KIRSH

Performed by Honorable Judge Katherine E. Howes

TOWNSHIP CLERK – GRACE W. NJUGUNA, RMC

Performed by Honorable Linda J. Doyle

ROLL CALL

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

SELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

SELECTION OF COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

MAYOR’S STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP ADDRESS

Matthew C. Moench

NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBER STATEMENT

Timothy Ring
Michael Kirsh

6. MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS WITH ADVICE AND CONSENT (Staff)

- a) APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL PAPPAS AS DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION & DIRECTOR OF FINANCE. SALARY & WAGE TO BE SET ANNUALLY PURSUANT TO TOWNSHIP ORDINANCES
- b) APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTINE MADRID AS DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES. SALARY & WAGE TO BE SET ANNUALLY PURSUANT TO TOWNSHIP ORDINANCES
- c) ESTABLISHING THE BID THRESHOLD PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3(A) TO \$44,000 AND APPOINTING SARAH HOUSMAN AS THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP’S QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT (QPA)

- d) APPOINTMENT OF QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT SARAH HOUSMAN AS 2024 PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER (PACO)
- e) APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS M. GENOVA AS DIRECTOR OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES. SALARY & WAGE TO BE SET ANNUALLY PURSUANT TO TOWNSHIP ORDINANCES
- f) AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM H. BURR IV, P.E. OF COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN AS TOWNSHIP ENGINEER FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2024 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$120,000.00
- g) CONFIRMING (THROUGH ADVICE AND CONSENT) THE APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTOPHER M. CORSINI, ESQ. AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW A/K/A THE TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY, UPON APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:69A-43(b) AND CHAPTER 4 (ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION), ARTICLE X (DEPARTMENT OF LAW), SECTION 4-49 OF THE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CODE FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM TO COMMENCE ON JANUARY 1, 2024 AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH THE LAW FIRM OF SAVO, SCHALK, CORSINI, WARNER GILLESPIE, O'GRODNICK & FISHER, PA IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$460,000.00 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR JANUARY 1, 2024 TO DECEMBER 31, 2027
- h) AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING LEGAL SERVICES FOR CHRISTOPHER M. CORSINI, ESQ. AND THE LAW FIRM OF SAVO, SCHALK, CORSINI, WARNER, GILLESPIE, O'GRODNICK & FISHER, P.A., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000 FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2024 TO DECEMBER 31, 2024
- i) AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR TAX APPEAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR CHRISTOPHER M. CORSINI, ESQ. AND THE LAW FIRM OF SAVO, SCHALK, CORSINI, WARNER, GILLESPIE, O'GRODNICK & FISHER, P.A., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000 FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2024 TO DECEMBER 31, 2024
- j) AUTHORIZING CLEARY, GIACOBBE, ALFIERI AND JACOBS LLC, O'TOOLE SCIVO, LLC, ANTONELLI KANTOR RIVERA, BELL, SHIVAS & BELL, AND WOOLSEN ANDERSON PEACH, AS QUALIFIED FIRMS TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR LEGAL MATTERS REQUIRING A SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP FOR THE YEAR 2024 COST TO BE DETERMINED AT TIME OF ENGAGEMENT
- k) AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO JOHN DRAIKIWICZ, ESQ., OF THE LAW FIRM OF GIBBONS, P.C. AS BOND COUNSEL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024

- l) AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MATTHEW GIACOBBE, ESQ., OF THE LAW FIRM OF CLEARY, GIACOBBE, ALFIERI & JACOBS, LLC, AS LABOR COUNSEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2024, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$120,000
- m) AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES: MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR JOHN LANZA, ESQ. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$80,000 FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2024
- n) AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES: MUNICIPAL PUBLIC DEFENDER TO SCOTT MITZNER, ESQ. FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2024 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000
- o) AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES: FIRST ALTERNATE MUNICIPAL PUBLIC DEFENDER TO MEGAN A. ODUYELA, ESQ. FOR TERM COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2024 AND TERMINATING ON DECEMBER 31, 2024 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,400
- p) AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT TO ROUND HILL RISK PARTNERS, LLC OF 788 MORRIS TURNPIKE, SUITE 101, SHORT HILLS, NJ 07078 TO SERVE AS THE TOWNSHIP'S RISK MANAGER FOR HEALTH INSURANCE SERVICES FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2024 PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS AS DEFINED BY N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7 AT NO COST TO THE TOWNSHIP
- q) AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT TO NORTH AMERICAN INSURANCE MANAGEMENT (NAIM) d/b/a ACRISURE NJ PARTNERS INSURANCE SERVICES, LLC OF 1460 ROUTE 9 NORTH, SUITE 310, WOODBRIDGE, NEW JERSEY 07095 TO SERVE AS THE TOWNSHIP'S RISK MANAGER FOR PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE SERVICES FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2024, PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS AS DEFINED BY N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7 AT NO COST TO THE TOWNSHIP
- r) AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES OF THE MIDDLE-BROOK REGIONAL HEALTH COMMISSION FOR THE YEAR 2024 AT A TOTAL COST OF \$115,672.00 PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF N.J.S.A. 26:3-1, ET SEQ.
- s) AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL SULLIVAN OF THE FIRM OF CLARK CATON HINTZ PC AS REDEVELOPMENT PLANNER AND AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.00 FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2024

- t) AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT TO REHABCO, INC. OF 44 EAST WATER STREET, TOMS RIVER, NJ 08753 TO SERVE AS THE TOWNSHIP'S ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND PROVIDE HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM SERVICES FOR A TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2024 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$180,000.00 PAID FROM THE TOWNSHIP'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND

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

a) APPOINTMENTS TO THE GREEN BROOK FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION

1. Thomas M. Genova
2. Allen Kurdyla - Council Liaison
3. Michael Kirsh - Alternate Liaison

b) APPOINTMENTS TO THE RARITAN MILLSTONE FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION

1. Wells Winegar - Alternate
2. Allen Kurdyla - Alternate

c) APPOINTMENTS TO THE REGIONAL CENTER PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

1. Matthew Moench
2. Michael Pappas
3. Andrew Fresco
4. Filipe Pedroso - Council Liaison

d) APPOINTMENTS TO COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)

1. Ashish Thakur
2. Cherlyn Acquista
3. Colin Critchlow
4. Dhiren Patel
5. Ed Schueler
6. James Edwards
7. Jason Sherrard
8. Joseph Cusamano II
9. Kamal S. Afiouni
10. Leisa Begley
11. Leonard Contarino
12. Mahesh Chandra
13. Marybeth Englehardt
14. Michael Harvis
15. Nicky Badlani
16. Pat Sullivan
17. Richard Weidemann, Jr.
18. Robin Cusamano
19. Steven Cornella Sr.

20. Wayne Carter
21. Zuoming Zheng

8. MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS WITHOUT ADVICE AND CONSENT

a) APPOINTMENTS TO THE LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

1. Ankit Shah
2. Christine Madrid
3. Christopher Corsini
4. Howard Norgalis
5. James Edwards
6. John Mitzak
7. John Tillotson
8. Michael Voorhees
9. Richard Shimp
10. Thomas Scalera
11. Timothy Ring
12. Wayne Carter
13. Wells Winegar

b) APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS

1. Class I - Mayor Matthew C. Moench
2. Class II - Michael Pappas
3. Class IV - Sonja Chartowich
4. Class IV - Ashley Sikora
5. Class IV - Inderpreet Banga
6. Alternate I - Niren Choudhury
7. Alternate II - William Atkins

c) APPOINTMENT TO THE SOMERSET COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1. Thomas M. Genova

d) APPOINTMENTS TO THE SOMERSET COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONSORTIUM

1. Wells Winegar
2. Scott Stephens - Alternate

e) APPOINTMENTS OF NJ INTERGOVERNMENTAL INSURANCE FUND COMMISSIONERS

1. Michael Pappas
2. Wells Winegar - Alternate

9. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

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- a) APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR - SUPLEE CLOONEY & COMPANY, 308 EAST BROAD STREET, WESTFIELD, NJ 07090-2122 IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000 FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2024
 - b) APPOINTMENT OF ASSESSMENT SEARCH OFFICER
 - 1. William H. Burr IV, Township Engineer, P.E.
 - c) APPOINTMENTS TO THE BRIDGEWATER-RARITAN MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE
 - 1. Alexis Tarrazi- Hutchings
 - 2. Andrew Fresco
 - 3. Howard Norgalis
 - 4. John Mitzak
 - 5. Serena Collado
 - d) APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
 - 1. Bruce Bongiorno - Regular Member
 - 2. John Gayeski - Alternate 1
 - 3. Claudio Vescio - Alternate 4
 - e) APPOINTMENT OF CLASS III PLANNING BOARD MEMBER
 - 1. Michael Kirsh
 - f) APPOINTMENT OF TAX SEARCH OFFICER
 - 1. Darrow Murdock
 - g) APPOINTMENTS TO THE SOMERSET COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONSORTIUM
 - 1. Allen Kurdyla
 - 2. Howard Norgalis - Alternate
 - h) APPOINTMENT TO THE SOMERSET COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
 - 1. Howard Norgalis
 - 2. Michael Kirsh - Alternate
 - i) APPOINTMENTS TO THE SOMERSET RARITAN VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
 - 1. Robert Albano - Commissioner
 - 2. Howard Norgalis - Council Liaison
 - 3. Michael Kirsh - Council Alternate
 - j) APPOINTMENTS TO THE SOMERSET REGIONAL ANIMAL SHELTER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
 - 1. James Weideli
 - 2. Joan Flynn
 - 3. Robert Devnani
 - 4. Toni Hoffman

10. OATHS OF OFFICE

Administered by Christopher Corsini Esq., Township Attorney

11. RESOLUTIONS

1. 2024 GENERAL BUSINESS RESOLUTION GRANTING VARIOUS AUTHORITIES TO TOWNSHIP STAFF AND SETTING OFFICIAL DESIGNATIONS, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES PURSUANT TO VARIOUS APPLICABLE LAWS
2. 2024 TOWNSHIP COUNCIL SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS
3. 2024 TEMPORARY BUDGET-CURRENT FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,371,289.65
4. 2024 TEMPORARY BUDGET-SEWER UTILITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,468,858.98
5. ESTABLISHING CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN AND NAMING OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES
6. AUTHORIZING BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP ENGINEER WILLIAM H. BURR, IV, P.E OF THE FIRM OF COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN TO EXECUTE NJDEP, NJDOT, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND SOMERSET COUNTY PERMITS ON BEHALF OF THE TOWNSHIP

12. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

13. BENEDICTION:

Pastor David D. Hobbs of Macedonia Baptist Church

14. ADJOURNMENT:

01/04/2024

REFRESHMENTS TO BE SERVED IN THE ADJACENT CONFERENCE ROOM

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