

MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MARCH 7, 2024 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 7, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers in the Municipal Complex, Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807 & via Live Online Broadcast.

Council President Ring 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 DECEMBER 21, 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 Michael Kirsh
Councilman Allen Kurdyla
Councilman Howard V. Norgalis
Councilman Filipe Pedroso (arrived at 7:32 pm)
Council President Timothy Ring

Also Present: Matthew C. Moench, Mayor
Michael Pappas, Township Administrator
Christopher Corsini, Township Attorney
Grace Njuguna, Township Clerk

Sergeant Cooper and Officer Dunlop led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

FEBRUARY 15, 2024 - REGULAR SESSION

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Kirsh, the February 15, 2024, regular session minutes were moved for approval and passed unanimously on a voice call vote.

FEBRUARY 15, 2024 - CLOSED SESSIONS

The February 15, 2024, closed session minutes were passed around for Council approval & signature.

Council Reports

Councilman Kirsh:

- On Saturday, February 17th, Councilman Kirsh attended the Chinese Lunar New Year Cultural Celebration at Raritan Valley Community College. This

event brought several towns and different communities together to celebrate.

- The Zoning Board met to hear an application for Starbucks, which includes a drive-thru, on Route 22 near Morgan Lane. The Planning Board has not meet since the last Council meeting.
- Councilman Kirsh announced that Somerville Borough has a pending Planning Board application for a cannabis dispensary on Route 22 and Gaston Avenue.

Councilman Kurdyla:

- Councilman Kurdyla was part of the interview process for Professional Planners Sarmad and Green. He expressed that it was a pleasure to welcome them.
- This past Monday, Councilman Kurdyla attended an Open Space Committee meeting to review parcels and discuss the future.

Councilman Norgalis (*verbatim*):

- Attended the monthly meeting of the Bridgewater-Raritan Municipal Alliance. There are several major health concerns within the educational community to include mental health and addiction of drugs and alcohol. There are numerous organizations in Somerset County that are comparing notes and developing programs to address these issues.
- Back in July the Council took action to confirm a contract to address deficiencies at Kid Street, the playground next door. That work, to include many maintenance and cleaning issues will soon be evident to residents and visitors.
- Thank you to Mr. Pappas for arranging for new chairs on the dais at no cost to the township. The old ones were in poor shape.
- If you drive in the Borough of Somerville, be aware that the speed limit on all roads in the Borough is now capped at 25 MPH. Exceed that limit and expect a ticket. An example would be if driving in the Finderne section Bridgewater on Route 28 the limit is 40 MPH. Go a short distance and the road goes into Somerville and the limit instantly changes to 25 MPH.
- Attended a Hard Hat walk through of the two new surgical floors under construction at RWJ Somerset Hospital. These floors will specialize in

joint replacement and will be open in 2025. It will be a great enhancement to a splendid community hospital.

- Took part in the interviews with Katherine Sarmad of Harbor Consultants for Township Planner and Darlene Green of Colliers Engineering as Affordable Housing Planner. These ladies are eminently qualified to serve our township and I expect both to be confirmed tonight by Council action.

Councilman Pedroso:

- Attended the Chinese Lunar New Year event which was held at the Edward Nash Theater at RVCC. Councilman Pedroso encouraged everyone to encourage their future events. He acknowledged the Central Jersey Chinese American Association Alliance, along with the Bernardsville Chinese American Association, the Bridgewater Chinese American Association, and the Watchung Hills Regional Chinese American Association for putting on a fabulous event.

Council President Ring:

- This past Saturday, Council President Ring, attended an unveiling of a portrait of decorated war veteran and Bridgewater resident, Joseph Wing, at the Somerville Elks. The portrait now hangs next to his good friend and fellow war veteran, John Basilone. On behalf of Bridgewater Township, Council President Ring presented the family with a proclamation during that event.

Mayor's Reports

Mayor Matthew C. Moench

- Mayor Moench has been in discussions with several mayors in Somerset County, along with Chief Mitzak, regarding car thefts, home break-ins, and similar occurrences in their communities, especially along the Rt. 78 and Rt. 287 corridors. They are working together to try and coordinate a way to monitor these incidents.

Swearing In

Mayor Matthew C. Moench

- Mayor Moench recognized Senator Bateman and former prosecutor Jeff Soriano, who have long supported Bridgewater Law Enforcement and for attending the swearing in of two law enforcement officers.
- Mayor Moench stated that the Bridgewater Police Department is one of the finest in New Jersey due to the great leadership of Chief Mitzak and all the commanding officers. The standards that are set by these individuals is what makes Bridgewater one of the premier Police Department in the state. Mayor Moench wished both officers luck in their new roles and thanked them for their dedication to Bridgewater.

SERGEANT RUSSELL DUNLOP

Chief Mitzak (*verbatim*)

Tonight, we gather here to recognize the exceptional achievements and celebrate the promotions of two outstanding individuals within our esteemed police force. It is with great privilege and admiration that we witness the elevation of Officer Russell Dunlop to Sergeant and Sergeant John Cooper to Lieutenant. This occasion marks a significant milestone in their careers, reflecting their unwavering dedication, tireless commitment and exemplary service to our community.

Officer Dunlop as a Sergeant you will take on a new set of responsibilities and have the opportunity to lead and mentor a team of officers. Here are some key aspects of your new role. Leadership-, you are responsible for leading and managing a team of officers. Supervision- You will oversee the day to day operations of your squad, ensuring that assignments are completed efficiently and effectively. Training and Development- As a Sergeant you will play a crucial role in the training and development of your squad. Community Engagements- Sergeants often have a significant role in community engagement and building positive relationships with the community. Decision Making- In your new role, you will be entrusted with making decisions that impact the safety and well-being of your squad and the community.

Remember, as a sergeant, you will be in a position of influence and authority. It is essential to lead by example, act with integrity, and prioritize the well-being of your squad and the community.

Officer Dunlop earned the following degrees: Associates of Arts from Raritan Valley Community College, Bachelors of Science from Seton Hall University and his Master of Science from Utica College. He graduated from the Somerset County Police in 2005 and started his police career the same year with the Middlesex Borough Police Department. He made the wise decision to transfer to the Bridgewater Police Department in August 2006. He worked for several patrol squads until starting his detective career in 2017. While as a detective he was our lead detective on all white-collar crimes. He was also the ABC (Alcohol Beverage Control) Coordinator, Megan Law Coordinator and was an alternate school resource officer. Russ also became a member of the Somerset County Dive team in 2011, where he has been involved in several water rescues and recoveries. Additionally, Officer Dunlop is a CPR instructor for the department, a Field Training Officer, and recently a member of the Officer of Emergency Management. After serving 4 years as a detective Officer Dunlop was transferred back to patrol in 2022 so he could re-acclimated with patrol to

prepare him for his new position. As you just heard, Officer Dunlop is well educated and is well trained and is ready and able to take on his new role. I now invite Russ's wife Karen and parents Russ Sr. and Linda up to join in his swearing into Sergeant.

LIEUTENANT JOHN COOPER

Chief Mitzak (*verbatim*)

Sergeant Cooper, your promotion to the rank of Lieutenant is a testament to your exceptional attitude and leadership. As a Lieutenant, your responsibilities and scope of influence will expand. Here are some key aspects of your new role. Command and Supervision- As a Lieutenant, you will be responsible for overseeing part of the Operations Division along with a patrol squad. Leadership and Guidance- You will play a crucial role in leading and guiding your team of officers which involves setting clear expectations, providing mentorship and support, and promoting a positive and productive work environment. Policy Development and Implementation- As a Lieutenant you will be involved in the development and implementation of departmental policies and procedures. Strategic Planning- In your new role you will have the opportunity to contribute to the strategic planning efforts of the police department. Community Relations- Lieutenants often serve as a liaison between the police department and the community. Decision making and Problem solving- AS a Lieutenant, you will be entrusted with making critical decisions that impact the safety and well-being of your personnel and the community.

As you assume the responsibilities of a police lieutenant, I have full confidence that you will continue to lead with integrity, inspire those around you and contribute to the safety and well-being of the Bridgewater Community in even greater capacities.

Sergeant John Cooper resides in Bridgewater and this where he and his wife Collen raised their daughters, Laine and Katie. He earned his bachelor's degree from Hobart College. He graduated from the Somerset County Police Academy in 1999 and he joined the Bridgewater Police Department later that year. He is a 26-year member of this department. During his career he served in the patrol division. He was selected as a negotiator for the Somerset County Crisis Negotiations Team, where he was the lead negotiator in many tense and stressful situations. All of them with successful outcomes. He served on this team from 2003 to 2023, where he worked and earned his way up to Deputy Commander for this team. Sergeant Cooper is a long serving Firearms Instructor for the department. He is also an instructor of Basic Spanish for police officers. Sergeant Cooper is fluent in Spanish. He has received numerous departmental awards during his career. He has earned the Medal of Valor, Lifesaving Award,

CPR Save Award, and Letters of Commendation. He also received the NJ State PBA Valor Award for exceptional police service, the 200 Club Valor Award and the Knights of Columbus Shield Award. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2020 where he mentored several patrol squads. I now invite Sergeant Copper, his wife Collen, mother Virginia and daughter Katie to come up as he is sworn in as a Lieutenant.

Resolution

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TOWNSHIP CLERK JULIANA COELHO

On motion of Council President Ring, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the modification to the agenda was proposed to move up the appointment of Juliana Coelho. The vote was as follows:

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

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#24-03-07-082](#) is appended to the official minutes

Swearing In

JULIANA COELHO, DEPUTY TOWNSHIP CLERK

Juliana Coelho was sworn in by Council President Ring.

Presentation

SEWER BILLS

Michael Pappas, Township Administrator

Township Administrator Pappas distributed a memo regarding issuing estimated sewer bills in 2025. He asked that the Council allow time to discuss this with the Administration over the next several months.

**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 Kirsh, the meeting

**Public
Hearing &
Final Action
Ordinances**

was opened to the public for comment.

No one wished to be heard.

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, CHAPTER 147-4 “NOTICE OF TORT CLAIM FORM”

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

No one wished to be heard.

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

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

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

[ORDINANCE #24-02 WAS ADOPTED.](#)

A copy of resolution **[#24-03-07-080](#)** is appended to the official minutes

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$8,000,000 FOR VARIOUS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ACORN DRIVE, JAMESTOWN ROAD, BERWICK DRIVE, NORTH AVENUE, CANDLEWICK LANE, LOVE ROAD, STAR VIEW WAY, LAKEVIEW DRIVE, SOMERSET AVENUE, BIRCH HILL DRIVE AND PERRINE ROAD, INCLUDING CURBING, MILLING, PAVING, DRAINAGE, SEWER AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS IMPROVEMENTS AND VARIOUS ROAD OVERLAYS THROUGHOUT THE TOWNSHIP IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$7,600,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION.

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

No one wished to be heard.

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

Councilman Pedroso stated that he will not be supporting this ordinance for reasons he expressed in the previous Council meeting.

Councilman Kirsh offered that he had a conversation with CFO, William Pandos, regarding the township's finances. Mr. Pandos confirmed that the township can absorb the interest responsibility from last year's action, along with the 5% from this year's action.

Mayor Moench thanked the Council for adopting this ordinance early in the year as it will help expedite the road improvements process.

Councilman Norgalis thanked Township Engineer, William Burr, for his leadership, not just this year but in previous years as well.

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

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

ORDINANCE #24-03 WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#24-03-07-081](#) is appended to the official minutes

Resolutions

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION RESERVES TRANSFERS

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#24-03-07-083](#) is appended to the official minutes

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,131,949.80 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT BUDGETED TO DATE OF \$18,679,843.80

Mayor Moench stated that this is an action allowed by law since the township needs funding before the final budget is passed in April or May.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#24-03-07-084](#) is appended to the official minutes

APPOINTMENTS TO THE BRIDGEWATER-RARITAN YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 18-24 CREATING CHAPTER 21 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2026 RACHEL BARRETT & LYNNE HURLEY

Mayor Moench commended Superintendent of Recreation, Rachel Barrett, and Assistant Superintendent of Recreation, Lynne Hurley, for the excellent job they do through the Recreation Department, as well as the Youth Services Commission.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#24-03-07-085](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF KATHERINE SARMAD, P.P., A.I.C.P, OF HARBOR CONSULTANTS, INC AS TOWNSHIP PLANNER AND AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000

FOR THE PERIOD OF MARCH 8, 2024 - DECEMBER 31, 2024 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE PLANNING DIVISION-PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ACCOUNT

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF DARLENE GREEN, P.P., A.I.C.P, OF COLLIERS ENGINEERING AND DESIGN AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLANNER AND AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000 FOR THE PERIOD OF MARCH 8, 2024 - DECEMBER 31, 2024 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE COAH TRUST FUND-MOUNT LAUREL EXPENSES ACCOUNT

Council President Ring stated that there was extensive search by Administration and Land Use Boards, along with Council interviews, to find two individuals to fill the Planner positions.

Mayor Moench thanked the Council and Land Use Chairs, Jeffrey Foose and Maurizio Vescio, for their help in assisting with this process adding he is confident that Ms. Sarmad and Ms. Green will serve the township well.

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

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

THE RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED.

A copy of resolutions [#24-03-07-086 thru #24-03-07-087](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF RESOLUTION 22-11-10-288, NAMING CHRISTINE MADRID, DIRECTOR OF HUMAN SERVICES AS CUSTODIAN OF THE CHANGE FUND FOR THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP HEALTH DIVISION

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#24-03-07-088](#) is appended to the official minutes

APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN A SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY UP TO THE AMOUNT OF \$45,150.00

Council President Ring stated that the grant will be used to help fund the officers in our Traffic Safety Division within the Police Department.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#24-03-07-089](#) is appended to the official minutes

NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2024 SOMERSET COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT BY THE FOLLOWING NONPROFITS WITH INTENDED PROJECTS WITHIN BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP: HOMESHARING, THE MARTIN LUTHER KING YOUTH CENTER, THE SHIMON AND SARA BIRNBAUM JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER, VISIONS AND PATHWAYS, AND YOUTH CONSULTATION SERVICES

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#24-03-07-090](#) is appended to the official minutes

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO PAVE-RITE, INC., 40 RADEL AVENUE, BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807 IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000.00 TO PROVIDE TRAIL DEBRIS REMOVAL SERVICES DUE TO HURRICANE IDA STORM DAMAGE ON THE

MIDDLEBROOK TRAIL SYSTEM THROUGH THE SOMERSET COUNTY COOPERATIVE TO BE FUNDED FROM THE OPEN SPACE FUND ACCOUNT

Township Administrator Pappas offered that when the township previously went out to bid for this contract, the estimate was significantly higher than the cost that the county contract currently provides.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#24-03-07-091](#) is appended to the official minutes

AWARD OF A PROPRIETARY CONTRACT TO EDMUNDS GOVTECH, 301 TILTON ROAD, NORTHFIELD, NJ 08225 IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$113,844.00 TO PROVIDE FINANCE REPORTING SOFTWARE TO BE FUNDED FROM THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS FINANCE DEPARTMENT-COMPUTER SERVICES/ STREETS & ROADS -SOFTWARE/ BUILDINGS & GROUNDS-SOFTWARE/ SEWER UTILITY-SOFTWARE/ FINANCE DEPARTMENT- COMPUTER SERVICES

Mayor Moench stated that the township needs to update its financial software from what is currently in use in order to make financial reporting easier and more streamlined.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#24-03-07-092](#) is appended to the official minutes

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO CRS LLC, 107 BLUEBIRD DRIVE 1D, HILLSBOROUGH, NJ 08844 IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,400.00 TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT AND MONITORING FOR THE

PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 1, 2024 - APRIL 30, 2024 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT-PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ACCOUNT
Mayor Moench explained that since one of the members of the IT Department has resigned, this contract will assist the township in all IT matters.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#24-03-07-093](#) is appended to the official minutes

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO SIEMENS INDUSTRY, INC, 8 FERNWOOD ROAD, FLORHAM PARK, NJ 07932 TO PROVIDE BUILDING AUTOMATION AND PNEUMATIC CONTROL SYSTEMS FOR THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP LIBRARY IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$33,115.00 FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2024 - DECEMBER 31, 2024 TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$64,653.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE MAINTENANCE OF LIBRARY- MAINTENANCE CONTRACT ACCOUNT

Township Administrator Pappas thanked Mr. Genova, Ms. Housman and Mr. Pandos for their work on this project.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#24-03-07-094](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING QUALIFIED VENDORS FOR VARIOUS OPEN-ENDED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING, PLANNING, SURVEYING, AND CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER FOR 2024

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#24-03-07-095](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER TO ENTER INTO AN EMERGENCY CONTRACT WITH SCHILKE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY INC. FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO THE BRIDGEWATER BRANCH OF THE SOMERSET COUNTY LIBRARY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$44,150.40 TO BE FUNDED FROM MAINTENANCE OF LIBRARY-OTHER EXPENSES ACCOUNT

The Director of Municipal Services, Thomas M. Genova, determined that emergency repairs were required to remediate the damage before further structural damage and loss of valuable property occurred.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#24-03-07-096](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SOMERSET HILLS TENNIS ASSOCIATION, LLC LOCATED AT 128 VAN CLEEF ROAD SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY TO PROVIDE TENNIS AND PICKLEBALL INSTRUCTION FOR BOTH YOUTH AND ADULT PROGRAMS FOR 2024 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$43,000.00 TO BE PAID FROM THE RECREATION TRUST FUND ESTABLISHED SPECIFICALLY FOR REGISTRATION FEES COLLECTED FROM PROGRAMS AT NO EXPENSE TO THE TOWNSHIP

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#24-03-07-097](#) is appended to the official minutes

"SOMERSET REGIONAL ANIMAL SHELTER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS JOAN FLYNN, REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT DEVNANI, ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE"

Councilman Pedroso explained that Ms. Flynn will now be serving as secretary and Mr. Devnani will be moving to an alternate representative for the committee.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#24-03-07-098](#) 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 Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Kirsh, Council convened in closed session at approximately 8:35 p.m.

A copy of resolution [#24-03-07-099](#) is appended to the official minutes.

On the motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Council President Ring, the meeting reconvened to open session at approximately 8:50 p.m. and adjourned immediately thereafter.

Adjournment

On the motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Grace Njuguna, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Timothy Ring
Council President