

MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
AUGUST 7, 2025 - 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 7, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers in the Municipal Complex, Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807 & via Live Online Broadcast.

Council President Norgalis 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 10, 2024, 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 Filipe Pedroso
Councilman Timothy Ring
Council President Howard V. Norgalis

Also Present: Matthew C. Moench, Mayor
 Michael Pappas, Township Administrator
 Christopher Corsini, Township Attorney
 Juliana Coelho, Deputy Township Clerk

Councilman Ring led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

MAY 27, 2025 - SPECIAL SESSION

On motion of Councilman Ring, seconded by Councilman Kirsh, the May 27, 2025, regular session minutes were moved for approval and passed unanimously on a voice call vote.

JULY 24, 2025 – CLOSED SESSIONS

The July 24, 2025, closed session minutes were passed around for Council approval & signature.

Council Reports

Councilman Kirsh

- Councilman Kirsh reported that no land use board meetings had taken place since the last council session. He also attended the L.L. Bean ribbon-cutting, noting the enthusiasm for the event, though he admitted he arrived too late to receive a promotional gift certificate.

- Councilman Kirsh then addressed a pressing issue affecting the township: rising energy costs. He shared that his own recent utility bill highlighted the potential financial impact on township operations, including sewer and public works facilities, which require continuous energy for pumps, lighting, heating, and air conditioning.
- He indicated that energy costs could affect both the 2025 and 2026 budgets and emphasized the need for energy efficiency measures. Councilman Kirsh suggested considering solar energy and other sustainable initiatives for projects such as the Middlebrook Pump Station and new facilities at Camp Cromwell.
- Councilman Kirsh expressed frustration with the state's long-term energy planning, noting that insufficient past investment in energy infrastructure has contributed to current supply-and-demand challenges. He assured residents that he will continue working with township administration to address energy concerns, though he cautioned that budget impacts may be significant.

Councilman Kurdyla:

- Councilman Kurdyla reported on two issues he had followed up on since the last meeting. Following the Camp Cromwell presentation, he sought clarification from the administration regarding specific details and structures at the site. He stated that the planned activities at Camp Cromwell appear to address most of his concerns.
- Councilman Kurdyla also raised complaints he had received regarding a local construction site. He confirmed that the township's building and zoning departments are actively addressing the issues brought to their attention. He encouraged residents to promptly report any concerns about activity near their property, noting that immediate calls to the township are the most effective way to resolve problems.

Council President Norgalis:(*verbatim*)

- Had a guided tour of the 100-acre Camp Cromwell property courtesy of Michael Pappas and DPW Supt Richard Shimp. It has been several years since my last walkthrough, and the results of the almost weekly vandalism are evident in every building. Our DPW department boards up windows, and the vandals eventually come with their own tools to rip off the boards and smash the windows and frames. It is a senseless destruction of our property. The police respond, but so far no one has been arrested.
- Received a call from our SRVSA Commissionaire that our measured flow to the treatment plant is running far in excess of our estimated flow.

- I am saddened to report the passing of 63-year-old John Sweeney. John was a Republican candidate for Surrogate in the Fall election. He has a wife and 4 children.
- If you wish to save a few dollars on your electric bill, unplug the phone and other chargers from the wall outlet, not just from the phone.
- I received a copy of the 5/8" thick package, which is the Application for Approval for the financial agreement from attorney Kevin Coakley, representing the Route 202/206 location discussed many times over the years. Our legal team will now go over the package page by page.

Councilman Pedroso:

- Councilman Pedroso took a moment to acknowledge the recent passing of Council President John Sweeney of nearby Peapack-Gladstone. He noted that Sweeney, who died suddenly at the age of 63, was an attorney and longtime community leader, as well as a candidate for county surrogate in the current election cycle. Councilman Pedroso extended his condolences to Sweeney's family and the community.

Councilman Ring:

- Councilman Ring noted that he had attended the July 25th ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new L.L. Bean store in Bridgewater. He highlighted the enthusiasm of attendees, including one individual who traveled from Delaware early in the morning to be among the first in line for a promotional gift card. Ring described the opening as a positive addition to the community, emphasizing that L.L. Bean marked the occasion with a \$10,000 donation to the YMCA. He expressed his appreciation for the store's presence in Bridgewater and the excitement it has generated.

**Mayor's
Reports**

Mayor Matthew C. Moench had nothing to report.

Presentation

MAYORS' AWARD FOR EXCEPTIONAL PUBLIC SERVICE

Mayor Moench highlighted a new initiative started this year: the Mayor's Award for Exceptional Public Service. The award is given selectively to individuals—whether police officers or citizens—who demonstrate extraordinary service to the community, going above and beyond what is normally expected.

At the meeting, Mayor Moench recognized three recipients for their exemplary contributions. Two were police officers who consistently serve the community with dedication and without expectation of recognition. The third honoree was a citizen

who provided immediate and remarkable assistance to someone in need. A video of the event was played for attendees, showcasing the actions of the award recipients.

After the video was played, Mayor Moench invited the Chief of Police, command staff, and officers to join him in presenting the awards. He praised the township's police department, emphasizing that while officers on the road are the front line of public safety, the department's strength and character come from leadership at all levels, from the Chief to captains, lieutenants, and all command staff.

Mayor Moench acknowledged the bravery and selfless service demonstrated daily by officers who face unpredictable situations, noting that their leadership instills these values throughout the department. He also recognized the citizen award recipient, highlighting their courage in stepping into a dangerous situation despite having no formal police training. Mayor Moench thanked all honorees for their exceptional service to the community and introduced the Chief of Police to say a few words before the awards were presented.

Chief Mitzak thanked Mayor Moench for the introduction and noted that the video highlighted much of the department's work. He described Bridgewater as a busy township, with the police responding continuously to vehicle accidents, domestic violence calls, retail thefts, and other emergencies. He emphasized that the department's work intensifies during severe weather events.

Referring to a recent storm that dumped approximately five inches of rain in two hours, Chief Mitzak noted that the department handled around 70 calls in just four hours. He stressed that safety measures, such as state-of-emergency road closures, are intended to protect residents and officers, but the department always responds to those trapped or in danger.

Chief Mitzak specifically commended Detective Barnett and Detective Macchia for their bravery and quick response during the storm, as well as citizen Michael Fratesi for stepping in to assist despite not being trained as an officer. He also recognized all officers who worked during the storm, highlighting their courage, dedication, and selflessness, noting that none hesitated to serve even under difficult conditions.

Before reading the proclamations and inviting recipients for photographs, Mayor Moench reflected on the dangers of floodwaters and the risks faced during severe weather events. He emphasized that even seemingly shallow water can be extremely powerful and dangerous, citing past storms such as Hurricane Ida, which claimed lives within and near Bridgewater.

Mayor Moench shared a personal note about a local resident, Susie Hannah, who tragically died after her car became trapped in floodwaters, highlighting how quickly such situations can escalate. He praised both the officers and citizens who respond

in emergencies, noting the critical role of bravery and quick action in protecting the community.

He also acknowledged the families of police officers, recognizing the sacrifices they make and the worry they bear, and thanked them for their ongoing support of the officers' service.

Mayor Moench then read the following proclamations:

Honoring Detective Tyran Barnett for Heroic Service and Outstanding Bravery During the July 14, 2025 Flood Rescue

WHEREAS, on July 14, 2025, Bridgewater Township was impacted by a sudden and intense rainstorm, which caused dangerous and fast-rising floodwaters that endangered the lives of multiple residents; and

WHEREAS, during this severe weather emergency, Detective Tyran Barnett responded without hesitation to a life-threatening situation involving three civilians trapped in a partially submerged vehicle amid raging floodwaters; and

WHEREAS, demonstrating exceptional bravery, composure, and an unwavering sense of duty, Detective Barnett alongside his partner entered hazardous waters with swift-moving currents and floating debris, remaining calm under pressure while executing a daring and selfless rescue; and

WHEREAS, his quick actions, clear communication, and commitment to public safety played a pivotal role in preventing a potential tragedy; and .

WHEREAS, Detective Barnett's valor and professionalism in the face of grave danger serve as an inspiring example of public service at its finest and reflect great credit upon the Bridgewater Township Police Department;

WHEREAS, Detective Barnett's conduct reflects the highest ideals of public service, law enforcement, and heroism, and has brought pride to our entire community;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, I Matthew C. Moench, Mayor of Bridgewater Township, and in conjunction with the Township Council do hereby recognize and commend: Detective Tyran Barnett, for his extraordinary courage, selfless service, and lifesaving actions, and call upon all residents to join us in expressing profound gratitude and admiration for his heroism on July 14, 2025 and always.

Honoring Detective Michael Macchia for Heroic Service and Outstanding Bravery During the July 14, 2025 Flood Rescue

WHEREAS, on July 14, 2025, Bridgewater Township was impacted by a sudden and intense rainstorm, which caused dangerous and fast-rising floodwaters that endangered the lives of multiple residents; and

WHEREAS, during this severe weather emergency, Detective Michael Macchia responded without hesitation to a life-threatening situation involving three civilians trapped in a partially submerged vehicle amid raging floodwaters; and

WHEREAS, demonstrating exceptional bravery, composure, and an unwavering sense of duty, Detective Macchia alongside his partner entered hazardous waters with swift-moving currents and floating debris, remaining calm under pressure while executing a daring and selfless rescue; and

WHEREAS, his quick actions, clear communication, and commitment to public safety played a pivotal role in preventing a potential tragedy; and

WHEREAS, Detective Macchia's valor and professionalism in the face of grave danger serve as an inspiring example of public service at its finest and reflect great credit upon the Bridgewater Township Police Department;

WHEREAS, Detective Macchia's conduct reflects the highest ideals of public service, law enforcement, and heroism, and has brought pride to our entire community;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, I Matthew C. Moench, Mayor of Bridgewater Township, and in conjunction with the Township Council do hereby recognize and commend: Detective Michael Macchia, for his extraordinary courage, selfless service, and lifesaving actions, and call upon all residents to join us in expressing profound gratitude and admiration for his heroism on July 14, 2025 and always.

Honoring Mr. Michael Fratesi for Extraordinary Heroism and Selfless Assistance During the July 14, 2025 Flood Rescue

WHEREAS, on July 14, 2025, a powerful and sudden storm struck Bridgewater Township, unleashing torrential rainfall and flash flooding that turned roadways into dangerous waterways, endangering the lives of residents and first responders alike; and

WHEREAS, during this life-threatening event, two Bridgewater Township police detectives were engaged in the rescue of three civilians trapped in a rapidly flooding vehicle when the conditions became increasingly perilous; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Michael Fratesi, an employee of North East Construction and a lifelong member of the Bridgewater community, courageously drove his dump truck through the treacherous floodwaters upon witnessing the scene, using his vehicle

and instincts to provide critical support; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fratesi's selfless intervention played a vital role in ensuring the safety of not only the three stranded civilians but also the two detectives, whose lives were also at risk due to the strength and swiftness of the current; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fratesi, the son of Bridgewater-Raritan High School West alumni Kim and Michael Fratesi, exemplified the highest standards of courage, community spirit, and decisive action in the face of extreme danger; and

WHEREAS, his actions embody the true meaning of a Good Samaritan, demonstrating that heroism is not defined by uniform or duty alone, but by character, compassion, and courage when it matters most;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, I Matthew C. Moench, Mayor of Bridgewater Township, and in conjunction with the Township Council do hereby recognize and commend Mr. Michael Fratesi for his extraordinary bravery, selfless service to others, and unwavering commitment to human life and community safety, and I call upon all residents of Bridgewater Township to join me in honoring his heroic contribution during the flood rescue of July 14, 2025.

PROMOTION ORDINANCE

Administrator Pappas stated that he and Chief Mitzak, in consultation with the township's attorneys, have been reviewing proposed changes to the police promotion ordinance. Draft recommendations have been distributed for council review, and Chief Mitzak will provide a brief presentation highlighting the proposed updates.

Chief Mitzak's Presentation on Police Promotion Ordinance Changes

Chief Mitzak outlined proposed revisions to the township's police promotion ordinance, which had been distributed in draft form for council review. He explained changes across the sergeant, lieutenant, and captain promotion processes, highlighting their intent to strengthen fairness, merit-based evaluation, and operational efficiency.

For sergeant promotions, the proposed process would prioritize supervisory review and oral interviews before considering seniority and education. This ensures candidates are evaluated on current performance and leadership potential rather than legacy factors. Additionally, the proposal clarifies that eligibility is based on the candidate's service at the time the promotion process is officially initiated, eliminates the probationary period for promotions, and simplifies the composition of oral interview panels to allow for flexibility in staffing. Candidates who withdraw from the oral interview would be removed from that promotion cycle, though they remain eligible for future rounds.

For lieutenant promotions, similar adjustments were proposed regarding the start date of the promotion process and the oral interview procedures.

For captain promotions, Chief Mitzak proposed eliminating the long-standing pre-established candidate list. Instead, a new list would be generated whenever a vacancy occurs. This approach is intended to encourage ongoing performance, prevent complacency, and ensure selections reflect current operational needs and candidate readiness.

Chief Mitzak concluded by opening the floor to council questions regarding the proposed changes.

Councilman Ring noted that in the draft ordinance regarding captain promotions, the Chief of Police is responsible for recommending the most qualified candidate. He observed that the ordinance does not specify to whom this recommendation should be submitted and suggested that the ordinance should clarify the recipient of the recommendation. Chief Mitzak clarified that the current ordinance does specify that the Chief of Police's recommendation for captain promotion is submitted to the appropriate authority, which is the Mayor. Mayor Moench agreed with the need for clarity, stating that if the ordinance does not explicitly specify the recipient of the Chief's promotion recommendation, it should be added.

Chief Mitzak explained that the proposed ordinance includes a conflict-of-interest clause. Under this clause, any supervisory officer must recuse themselves from participating in a promotional process if a relative or household member is a candidate. He noted that this addition is intended to ensure fairness and is self-explanatory.

Mayor Moench noted that in paragraph 7 of the draft ordinance, the term "appointing authority" should be replaced with "appropriate authority," as the latter is the correct legal term in this context.

Councilman Ring suggested that the ordinance language regarding the chief's compensation should allow flexibility, stating that it could be set by either an employment contract or a salary ordinance. He also raised a point regarding the captain promotion section, noting that the current wording could be interpreted as implying that a captain would automatically become the next chief. Chief Mitzak clarified that the current ordinance allows both lieutenants and captains to be eligible for the position of chief, and there is no automatic promotion from captain to chief.

Mayor Moench explained that changes made a few years ago were intended to ensure a sufficiently broad pool of candidates for the position of chief. While captains are considered, the goal is to avoid limiting eligibility to the point where only

one or very few candidates qualify, ensuring a fair and competitive selection process.

Council President Norgalis suggested that council members who have comments on the draft ordinance should forward their feedback to the Township Administrator for consolidation and review.

**Public
Comment**

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

On motion of Councilman Kirsh, seconded by Councilman Pedroso, the meeting was opened to the public for comment.

- **Christine Rose: 1725 Woodfield Road – Martinsville, NJ 08836**

Ms. Rose spoke on behalf of the Friends of Bridgewater History, expressing appreciation for community interest during recent events at the 4-H Fair. She emphasized the organization's mission to educate residents about the township's historical properties and offered continued volunteer support for maintenance and beautification projects, including the Lane-Brokaw House, Cromwell, Hancock, Vorhees, and other township-owned sites.

She also raised concerns regarding fire safety and security at certain historical buildings that are currently unoccupied, stressing the need to "mothball" these structures to prevent damage or unauthorized entry. Ms. Rose noted that delays in addressing these issues could increase future restoration costs.

Ms. Rose highlighted the importance of preserving the township's oldest buildings, noting their historical significance and the role they play in celebrating Bridgewater's heritage. She also mentioned plans to participate in the township's upcoming 250th anniversary celebrations and expressed willingness to collaborate with township staff and local historical organizations to ensure the success of these initiatives.

- **Sheryl Gus: Resides Behind Camp Cromwell-Martinsville, NJ 08836**

Ms. Gus, a long-time resident near Camp Cromwell, expressed concerns about potential noise and traffic impacts from proposed recreational activities at the site. She referenced past issues with noise from basketball courts, noting that barriers and trees previously installed to mitigate sound were insufficient and required constant maintenance.

She highlighted that the addition of pickleball courts could exacerbate the noise problem. Ms. Gus also raised concerns about traffic on Vosseller Avenue, particularly during peak times when congestion can extend up the nearby mountain. She emphasized the importance of conducting noise and traffic studies before moving forward with any new activities.

While she expressed strong support for community development and her investment in the township, Ms. Gus urged careful planning to ensure that the project addresses these legitimate concerns effectively.

- **Anda Cytroen: 642 Stangle Road- Martinsville, NJ 08836**

Ms. Cytroen thanked the Council for their interest and the questions raised during the previous Camp Cromwell presentation. She noted that while the application submitted for the project outlined numerous potential improvements, the presentation she received lacked clarity on key items such as project scope, timeline, budget, and prioritization of initiatives.

She expressed concern that the ordinance before the Council to borrow nearly \$1 million represented only about 25% of the requested \$4 million, without providing clear details about what would be accomplished with those funds. She compared this to previous municipal presentations, which included a more structured project scope, timeline, budget, and financing plan.

Ms. Cytroen highlighted specific items that were mentioned in the application but not in the presentation, including refurbishing outbuildings for potential revenue generation and the longstanding need for an ADA-compliant playground. She raised questions regarding the establishment of an advisory committee or partnership with community organizations to help prioritize and guide the project.

Additionally, she asked for clarification on the decision-making process for new features, such as a history museum and pickleball courts, and stressed the importance of understanding the shared vision, legacy, and unique value of the property. She also noted minor typos in the presentation that should be corrected.

Finally, Ms. Cytroen inquired about Resolutions 12A and 12B concerning municipal funds returned through a New Jersey Department of Transportation program, seeking clarification on the fiscal year timing and amounts for FY2024 and FY2025.

Mayor Moench explained that the funds referenced in Resolutions 12A and 12B are reimbursable grants from the New Jersey Department of Transportation. He noted that the timing depends on when the township receives the grant, as there is typically a two-year window to utilize the funds. Ideally, the township uses the money in the same year it is received. The FY2024 funds are being received now because the reimbursement process was completed after the project was moved forward.

Ms. Cytroen expressed concern about permits being issued either after an event or concurrently with it. She noted that while she has no objection to the 4H applicant specifically, she is concerned about the council being placed in the awkward position of approving permits retroactively. She suggested implementing deterrents, such as higher fees, expedited review fees, or late fees, to prevent this situation from recurring and to encourage timely permit applications in the future.

Council President Norgalis clarified that 4H is a countywide organization, and the inspections and permitting processes often occur during the event itself. He noted that conditions vary each year—for example, the number of food vendors or deep fryers in the food tent—so inspections must be conducted on-site to ensure compliance, making it difficult to fully complete the process beforehand.

- **Jane Gandolfe: 2000 Washington Valley- Martinsville, NJ 08836**

Ms. Gandolfe thanked the council for continuing to support historic preservation efforts and noted the regular publication of articles by the Bridgewater History Alliance, including their URL for public reference. She expressed appreciation for the 4H fair booth provided by the township, which drew strong public interest, and thanked DPW for providing tables and chairs.

Ms. Gandolfe encouraged the township to use previously collected historical data for Cromwell to avoid duplicating past efforts while including public input. She also highlighted the importance of maintaining other historic buildings, including Hancock and Lane-Brokaw properties, and noted the poor condition of the Cromwell buildings, expressing concern about their preservation.

Council President Norgalis emphasized the importance of preventing further deterioration of other historic properties. Based on discussions with DPW, he noted that the buildings have good structural integrity, and if preserved in time from exposure to the elements, they should be restorable.

- **Maria Gardner: 31 Ray St- Bridgewater, NJ 08807**

Ms. Gardner, a resident of 31 Ray Street, addressed the Council regarding a serious flooding and street damage issue on Ray Street, particularly between Ray Street and Allen Street. She noted that heavy rains in May caused significant flooding, severely damaging the culvert, which she fears may collapse, potentially trapping residents.

Ms. Gardner detailed her efforts to communicate the issue to township officials, including emails to Deputy Dan Hearn and submitted forms, but

reported minimal follow-up. She noted that PSNG placed flags at the site, and two cones were temporarily installed, but no further action has been taken.

She urged the Council to visit the site to assess the damage and take prompt action, highlighting safety concerns due to garbage and recycling trucks navigating the narrow, damaged street.

- **Edenia Sanchez: 24 Ray St- Bridgewater, NJ 08807**

Ms. Sanchez, a Ray Street resident, echoed Ms. Gardner's concerns regarding the damaged culvert and street conditions. She highlighted the safety risks for her three young children, ages 6, 9, and 12, particularly as they walk to the bus stop. Due to the narrow cul-de-sac, buses cannot enter, requiring children to walk toward Allen Road, crossing the compromised culvert.

Ms. Sanchez expressed concern about potholes and unsafe conditions preventing her children from riding bikes or scooters, as well as risks for their pet. She noted that Ray Street has only one streetlight, creating additional hazards during darker winter months. She indicated she has previously reported the streetlight issue to JCPL in 2017 without resolution.

She emphasized the urgency of addressing the culvert and street issues, noting that the township's prior response—advising residents to wait until December—was insufficient given the safety risks.

Mayor Moench thanked the residents for bringing the matter forward and emphasized that the township takes safety concerns seriously. He stated he had already spoken with Mr. Pappas, and the Township Administrator, along with DPW and the Township Engineer, would visit Ray Street the following day to inspect the culvert and surrounding conditions.

He explained that while road projects are prioritized through an overall schedule, drainage issues and safety hazards elevate the urgency of repairs. He noted that drainage projects are often very costly, but when there is a risk of road collapse or immediate safety concerns, they must be addressed quickly.

Mayor Moench acknowledged that potholes and poor pavement conditions also impact residents' quality of life, particularly for families with children. He reassured residents that the township would evaluate both the culvert's structural safety and the need for roadway paving and would develop a plan to move forward once the inspection was complete.

- **Joan DiPaola: 41 Ash St – Bridgewater, NJ 08807**

Ms. DiPaola stated that in addition to the concerns raised by her neighbors, she is particularly worried because her cognitively impaired son, who functions at the level of a child, cannot safely ride his bike on their street. She expressed grave concerns about longstanding safety issues on Allen Road, which she described as sounding like a “drag strip” due to frequent speeding.

She explained that despite the 25-mph speed limit, very few drivers comply, and traffic volume has steadily increased since she moved to the neighborhood in 1993. The blind curve near Ash Street creates an especially dangerous situation for pedestrians crossing from one side to the other.

Ms. DiPaola noted that previous discussions with traffic safety officials ruled out certain options, such as a four-way stop at Ash Street (due to insufficient cross-traffic) and speed bumps (due to impacts on emergency vehicles). However, she strongly recommended the installation of a marked crosswalk at Allen and Ash Streets. She believes a crosswalk would both provide residents a safer way to cross and alert drivers that pedestrians are present in the neighborhood.

She added that heavy trucks continue to use Allen Road as a cut-through despite posted weight restrictions, and that enforcement of these violations is inconsistent. She urged the Township to take action, stressing that residents should not have to fear for their children’s safety while walking or waiting for school buses.

- **Cathy Franco: 766 Weemac Road – Martinsville, NJ 08836**

Ms. Franco reminded residents that third-quarter property taxes are due on August 10, 2025, with the grace period extended until August 11, 2025 since the 10th falls on a Sunday.

She inquired about the Annual Financial Report (AFR) for 2024, noting that it has not been posted on the Township website despite the statute requiring its availability no later than February 10, 2025. She asked whether the report had been completed but not yet uploaded.

Ms. Franco also asked about the status of the 2024 municipal audit, which was due by June 30. She recalled that last year’s audit was certified on August 15 and requested an anticipated timeframe for this year’s completion. Township officials indicated the audit is not yet finalized but is expected within the next several weeks.

Ms. Franco requested an update on the introduction of the Master Plan. She noted that at least two or three recent Planning Board meetings were

cancelled, delaying review of the document, which must first be considered by the Planning Board before advancing to the Township Council.

Mayor Moench stated that while no specific date has been set, the expectation is for the Master Plan to be introduced in September, as the administration does not want the process to extend too close to the end of the year, since ordinances cannot carry over. He clarified that the Planning Board must first review and adopt the Master Plan. Following that, the Township Council would consider any ordinances necessary to implement the plan.

Ms. Franco stated that she was surprised to see an ordinance introduced for a \$975,000 bond for Camp Cromwell, as last month the amount discussed for the project was \$1.2 million. She asked whether additional funds had been located in the capital budget or if the project costs had been recalculated.

Council President Norgalis responded that the Council attempted to constrain the amount to make it a more manageable activity. He explained that 25% of the available reimbursable funds was a more appropriate reach than attempting to bond for more money than was actually needed. At this time, the specific components covered under the \$975,000 bond have not yet been finalized.

Ms. Franco stated that she appreciated Councilman Kirsh's earlier comments regarding the rising cost of electricity, noting that her own bill had increased and acknowledging the burden placed both on taxpayers and on the township.

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

**Public
Hearing &
Final Action
Ordinances**

AN ORDINANCE TO SET THE COMPENSATION OF THE MAYOR, TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEMBERS, DEPARTMENT HEADS, AND CERTAIN OTHER MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 374 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 1985; N.J.S.A. 2A:809; N.J.S.A. 2A:8-13; N.J.S.A. 40A:9-165; N.J.S.A.40A:9-135; N.J.S.A. 40A:9-146, AND CHAPTER 95 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 1996

Mayor Moench noted that, as a reminder, the Mayor and Council are not receiving any salary increases, and that the compensation has remained unchanged since at least 2003. He emphasized that no raises are included for elected officials.

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

No one wished to be heard.

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

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

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

ORDINANCE #25-08 WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#25-08-07-193](#) is appended to the official minutes

ORDINANCE OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION THROUGH DONATION OF LAND IDENTIFIED AS LOT 4, IN BLOCK 567 LOCATED ON ST. ANTONIO AVENUE, CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 6,000 SQUARE FEET

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

- **Cathy Franco: 766 Weemac Road – Bridgewater, NJ 08807**

Ms. Franco asked whether there is any potential conflict of interest related to a donation from Somerset Properties, noting her understanding that the company is owned by Mr. Genova, who also serves as the Director of Municipal Services. She questioned whether his dual role could present a conflict, given his company’s donation to the Township.

Council President Norgalis clarified that the matter is at arm’s length. He explained that Mr. Genova has offered the property, and the Township is accepting it at no cost, so there is no conflict of interest.

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

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

Councilman Kirsh	Aye
Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Aye
Councilman Ring	Aye

Council President Norgalis Aye

ORDINANCE #25-09 WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#25-08-07-194](#) is appended to the official minutes

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF LAND IDENTIFIED AS LOT 25 & 26, BLOCK 254, CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 8,000 SQUARE FEET, FROM ARLENE F. BAGIN AND K.A. FALCO, AS TENANTS IN COMMON (“SELLER”) FOR THE PURCHASE PRICE OF \$165,000.00 FROM THE TOWNSHIP’S OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND

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

- **Cathy Franco: 766 Weemac Road – Bridgewater, NJ 08807**

Ms. Franco questioned the purchase price of the properties under consideration. She noted that each lot is currently assessed at \$7,800, for a total of \$15,600, yet the Township would be paying more than ten times that amount. She added that the property owners currently pay approximately \$160 per year in taxes per lot.

Ms. Franco further explained that when she compared the assessment formula against her own property’s land value, the cost appeared disproportionately high. She urged the Council to carefully consider these figures before voting on the ordinance.

Mayor Moench responded that the properties in question are located near the Harry Ally Park area and are contiguous to other Township-owned land. The Township’s intent is to continue building its portfolio in that area, which makes the parcels particularly valuable for municipal purposes.

He noted that while the properties are assessed at \$7,800 per lot, assessment values do not always reflect true market value. An independent appraisal was conducted on the properties, which provided the basis for the purchase price.

Mayor Moench added that while the arrangement is beneficial to the property owners, it also provides significant long-term value to the Township because of the potential uses and expansion opportunities in that location.

Council President Norgalis stated that while he recognizes the value of the property, given its contiguity with other Township-owned parcels, he remains concerned about the cost. He acknowledged that the Township has the funds available to make the purchase, but emphasized that \$165,000 is a significant expenditure, and he questioned the overall rate of return on the investment.

Councilman Kirsh stated that it is important to note that an independent appraisal was completed for the property. He emphasized that the purchase represents a strategic acquisition, not only for the parcel itself but also in light of potential future opportunities in the surrounding area. He concluded that he believes the price is justified and confirmed his support for the acquisition.

Councilman Pedroso thanked the Open Space Committee for its work and acknowledged Councilman Kurdyla for his years of leadership. He noted the committee recommended this acquisition and that the property adds value by connecting to existing Township land and a public park. The purchase was appraised independently and will be funded through the Open Space Trust Fund with no new taxes. He said he supports the acquisition.

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

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

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

ORDINANCE #25-10 WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#25-08-07-195](#) is appended to the official minutes

**Introduction
of Ordinances**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AMENDING THE R-10A SINGLE-FAMILY ZONE, SECTION 126-308.1 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE TO PERMIT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Administrator Pappas explained that the property is part of the Township's affordable housing plan. It will include a five-unit structure for hearing-impaired individuals, and the designation of "supportive housing" is required to receive the necessary affordable housing credits.

Administrator Pappas explained that the ordinance permits one township-owned structure with five individual apartment units for hearing-impaired residents.

Councilman Pedroso raised a legal concern, asking whether the term unit was clearly defined so it could not later be interpreted to mean multiple buildings. Administrator Pappas clarified that the intent is five independent apartments within a single

structure. Council President Norgalis added that the model is similar to cooperative housing near the post office, though in this case, each apartment would be fully independent.

Councilman Ring pointed out that the ordinance also refers to a density of 2,500 square feet per dwelling unit, which could create ambiguity. Administrator Pappas acknowledged the concern and suggested it may refer to the overall building size, noting that the professionals could confirm.

Due to time constraints related to funding, Administrator Pappas urged the council to move forward with the introduction, with technical clarifications to be made before final adoption. Council President Norgalis recommended that approach, noting the township attorney would determine if any revisions were material and would require reintroduction.

The council agreed to proceed with the introduction, with the understanding that the definition of “unit” would be clarified before adoption.

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

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

THE ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED.

A copy of resolution [#25-08-07-196](#) is appended to the official minutes

Juliana Coelho, 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 21st day of August, 2024, 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.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AMENDING SECTION 126 OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP CODE, ADDING SECTION 126-321.10 TITLED “AH-3 AFFORDABLE HOUSING ZONE” ALLOWING FOR 100% AFFORDABLE MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AND DISABLED VETERANS HOUSING PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE FAIR HOUSING ACT AND ANY UNIFORM HOUSING AND AFFORDABILITY CONTROLS

Administrator Pappas explained that this proposal is also part of the township’s housing plan. It would provide five apartment units: one for a family and four for disabled veterans.

Council President Norgalis asked whether this was the project previously discussed about possibly expanding to six units. Mr. Pappas clarified that this was a separate project.

Councilman Kurdyla noted that, similar to the earlier ordinance, questions may arise about the definition of “unit.” He recommended moving the ordinance forward while ensuring the same clarifications are made before final adoption.

Councilman Pedroso agreed, stating for the record that he had the same concerns regarding the definition of “unit” as with the prior ordinance.

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

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

THE ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED.

A copy of resolution [#25-08-07-197](#) is appended to the official minutes

Juliana Coelho, 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 21st day of August, 2024, 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.

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$975,000 FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AT CAMP CROMWELL IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$926,250 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION

Councilman Ring noted that he appreciated the provision specifying that as funds are reimbursed, they must be applied directly toward the note.

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

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

THE ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED.

A copy of resolution [#25-08-07-198](#) is appended to the official minutes

Juliana Coelho, 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 21st day of August, 2024, 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

CONSENT VOTE

COUNCIL PRESIDENT NORGALIS READ THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS BY TITLE AND ALLOWED FOR DISCUSSIONS/QUESTIONS. HE THEN CALLED FOR A CONSENT MOTION.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION N.J.S.A. 40A:4:87 – BUDGET CHAPTER 159 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$404,652.00 FOR THE NJDOT FISCAL YEAR 2024 MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM

RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION N.J.S.A. 40A:4:87 – BUDGET CHAPTER 159 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$356,411.00 FOR THE NJDOT FISCAL YEAR 2025 MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM

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

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

THE RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED.

Copies of resolutions [#25-08-07-199 thru #25-08-07-200](#) are appended to the official minutes

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REDUCTION OF TAXES DUE TO APPROVED STATE TAX APPEALS AND REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 430 ROUTE 22

Council President Norgalis explained that the overall building assessment was reduced from \$19.4 million to \$16.9 million, resulting in a reduction worth \$48,775, which the township owes.

Councilman Ring asked whether the township funds the full \$48,775 or if the school board covers its 66% share.

Administrator Pappas clarified that the township funds the entire amount, per state regulations.

Councilman Ring noted that this means if someone wins a tax appeal, the township is responsible for paying the full bill.

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

Councilman Kirsh	Aye
Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Aye

Councilman Ring Aye
Council President Norgalis Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#25-08-07-201](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE POLICE SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS (“SRO”) WITH BRIDGEWATER- RARITAN BOARD OF EDUCATION (“BOARD”) LOCATED AT 836 NEWMANS LANE, P.O. BOX 6030, BRIDGEWATER, NJ FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM COMMENCING ON AUGUST 1, 2025

Administrator Pappas explained that this agreement is identical to last year’s, except that the amount has been adjusted upward due to increased salary costs.

Council President Norgalis confirmed that this represents the only direct police support the township provides.

Councilman Kirsh asked if, as in the prior year, the township may provide an additional School Resource Officer (SRO), but is not obligated to do so.

Administrator Pappas clarified that providing an additional SRO is at the chief’s discretion. He confirmed that the agreement acknowledges the township will provide one officer, who will be paid by the school district.

Councilman Ring noted that last year, a second officer was provided to the middle school rather than the high school.

Administrator Pappas confirmed this allocation was at the chief’s discretion and reported that it was considered effective.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#25-08-07-202](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF JORDAN R. VOLK, P.E., P.M.P. OF COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN AS SEWER UTILITY ENGINEER FOR THE TOWNSHIP FOR

A ONE-YEAR TERM COMMENCING ON AUGUST 7, 2025 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000.00

Council President Norgalis stated that the township went through an extensive interview process for engineering services. He noted that while there are many qualified firms, some are very costly. He emphasized that the selected firm represents a good balance between quality and cost.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#25-08-07-203](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO A SITE ACCESS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AND ETHICON, INC. FOR THE INSTALLATION OF MONITORING WELLS ON BLOCK 411, LOT 39.07 AND BLOCK 411.01, LOT 41

Council President Norgalis explained that Ethicon will continue to bear responsibility for ecological and environmental matters at the site, including the costs of installing and maintaining monitoring wells. Councilman Ring sought clarification on whether the wells would be located on township property, and Council President Norgalis confirmed that while the wells will be installed on Ethicon's property, access through township-owned land will be required.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#25-08-07-204](#) is appended to the official minutes

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO TOP LINE CONSTRUCTION CORP. (22 FIFTH STREET, SOMERVILLE, NJ 08876) FOR THE 2025-1 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, WHICH INCLUDES THE BASE BID FOR THE ENTIRE LENGTHS OF MONROE STREET AND JACKSON STREET, IN THE SUM OF \$322,382.93, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2025 CAPITAL ROAD FUND

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO TOP LINE CONSTRUCTION CORP. (22 FIFTH STREET, SOMERVILLE, NJ 08876) FOR THE 2025-2 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WHICH INCLUDES THE BASE BID FOR THE ENTIRE LENGTHS OF DANBERRY LANE, VILLA DRIVE AND HEINRICK WAY AND ALTERNATE BID "A" FOR THE ENTIRE LENGTHS OF EMMONS COURT AND RICHARDSON LANE, IN THE SUM OF \$573,378.16, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2025 CAPITAL ROAD FUND

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO TOP LINE CONSTRUCTION CORP. (22 FIFTH STREET, SOMERVILLE, NJ 08876) FOR THE 2025-3 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WHICH INCLUDES THE BASE BID FOR THE ENTIRE LENGTHS OF CABOT HILL ROAD AND RIVERVIEW DRIVE (EAST OF MEADOW ROAD) AND ALTERNATE BID "B" FOR THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF WEST FOOTHILL ROAD, IN THE SUM OF \$789,554.22, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2025 CAPITAL ROAD FUND

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO TOP LINE CONSTRUCTION CORP. (22 FIFTH STREET, SOMERVILLE, NJ 08876) FOR THE 2025-4 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WHICH INCLUDES THE BASE BID FOR THE ENTIRE LENGTHS OF SUNSET DRIVE AND MEINERS DRIVE, AND ALTERNATE BID "A" CLAIRE DRIVE (ARTHUR ROAD TO ROBIN WAY), ROBIN WAY AND GLENWOOD TERRACE (FOOTHILL ROAD TO CLAIRE DRIVE), IN THE SUM OF \$826,747.49, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2025 CAPITAL ROAD FUND

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO TOP LINE CONSTRUCTION CORP. (22 FIFTH STREET, SOMERVILLE, NJ 08876) FOR THE 2025-5 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WHICH INCLUDES THE BASE BID FOR THE ENTIRE LENGTHS OF RIDGE ROAD, MIDDLE ROAD, AND BOLMER FARM ROAD, IN THE SUM OF \$557,981.03, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2025 CAPITAL ROAD FUND

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO ADG CONTRACTING CORP. DBA CROSSROADS PAVING (121 S. MIDLAND AVENUE, KEARNY, NJ 07032) FOR THE 2025-6 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WHICH INCLUDES THE BASE BID FOR THE ENTIRE LENGTHS OF FOREST VIEW DRIVE, BLAZIER ROAD, WOLF HILL TERRACE AND OWENS COURT, IN THE SUM OF \$591,313.00, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2025 CAPITAL ROAD FUND

Council President Norgalis noted that the township was fortunate to have Topline as the low bidder on the project, describing the bid as significantly lower and praising the quality of their work. Councilman Ring agreed with their good reputation but

raised a concern about whether the company had sufficient capacity to handle the volume of work required. Administrator Pappas assured the council that Topline did indeed have the capacity.

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

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

THE RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED.

Copies of resolutions [#25-08-07-205 thru #25-08-07-210](#) are appended to the official minutes

PROJECT RESOLUTION FOR CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES (PHASE 2) FOR THE 2025-1 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WHICH INCLUDES THE ENTIRE LENGTHS OF MONROE STREET, JACKSON STREET, COLUMBIA DRIVE, DARTMOUTH AVENUE, STANFORD DRIVE AND KELLY COURT TO MORGAN ENGINEERING LLC, 8 CENTRAL AVENUE, BOX 220, ISLAND HEIGHTS, NJ 08732, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$105,500.00, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2025 CAPITAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT BOND

PROJECT RESOLUTION FOR CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES (PHASE 2) FOR THE 2025-2 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WHICH INCLUDES DANBERRY LANE, VILLA DRIVE, HEINRICK WAY, EMMONS COURT, RICHARDSON LANE CATHERINE LANE, KAREN PLACE, LEWIS DRIVE, ELMARA DRIVE, BOYER DRIVE, STAPLETON COURT AND SLACK COURT TO COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN, INC., SHELBOURNE AT HUNTERDON, 53 FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 110, HAMPTON, NJ 08827, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$88,020.00, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2025 CAPITAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT BOND

PROJECT RESOLUTION FOR CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES (PHASE 2) FOR THE 2025-3 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WHICH INCLUDES THE ENTIRE LENGTHS OF CABOT HILL ROAD, RIVERVIEW DRIVE (EAST OF MEADOW ROAD), SHORT HILLS DRIVE, BYK PLACE, FALMOUTH PLACE, WEST FOOTHILL ROAD AND EISENHOWER AVENUE/ MCKINLEY STREET (WEST OF COUNTRY CLUB ROAD) TO REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS, 429 ROUTE 79, SUITE 21, MORGANVILLE, NJ 07751, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$77,480.00, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2025 CAPITAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT BOND

PROJECT RESOLUTION FOR CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES (PHASE 2) FOR THE 2025-4 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WHICH INCLUDES ENTIRE LENGTHS OF SUNSET DRIVE, MEINERS DRIVE, CLAIRE DRIVE (ARTHUR ROAD TO ROBIN WAY), ROBIN WAY, GLENWOOD TERRACE (FOOTHILL ROAD TO CLAIRE DRIVE), RUSSET LANE, PEACHTREE ROAD, RICKY DRIVE, PAPEN ROAD (WEST OF ROGER AVENUE), BLUESTONE LANE, CARNOUSTIE DRIVE AND TURNBERRY COURT TO REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS, 429 ROUTE 79, SUITE 21, MORGANVILLE, NJ 07751, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$71,510.00, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2025 CAPITAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT BOND

PROJECT RESOLUTION FOR CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES (PHASE 2) FOR THE 2025-5 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WHICH INCLUDES ENTIRE LENGTHS OF RIDGE ROAD, MIDDLE ROAD, BOLMER FARM ROAD, 6TH AVENUE, 7TH AVENUE AND CRESTWOOD DRIVE TO COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN, INC., SHELBOURNE AT HUNTERDON, 53 FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 110, HAMPTON, NJ 08827, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$59,940.00, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2025 CAPITAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT BOND

PROJECT RESOLUTION FOR CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES (PHASE 2) FOR THE 2025-6 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WHICH INCLUDES ENTIRE LENGTHS OF FOREST VIEW DRIVE, BLAZIER ROAD, WOLF HILL TERRACE, OWENS COURT, AND BROOKSIDE DRIVE TO CP ENGINEERS, LLC, 11 PARK LAKE ROAD, SPARTA, NJ 07871-3241, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$97,131.00, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2025 CAPITAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT BOND

PROJECT RESOLUTION FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES (PHASE 2) FOR THE PLYMOUTH ROAD, RYAN WAY AND JEFFREY LANE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WHICH INCLUDES THE ENTIRE LENGTHS OF PLYMOUTH ROAD, RYAN WAY, AND JEFFREY LANE TO COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN, INC., SHELBOURNE AT HUNTERDON, 53 FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 110, HAMPTON, NJ 08827, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$136,500.00, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2025 CAPITAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT BOND AND FY 2024 NJDOT MUNICIPAL AID GRANT

Councilman Kurdyla commended the contractors for their work, noting that the streets involved were particularly challenging areas to repair and maintain.

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

Councilman Kirsh	Aye
Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Abstain
Councilman Ring	Aye

Council President Norgalis Aye

THE RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED.

Copies of resolutions [#25-08-07-211 thru #25-08-07-217](#) are appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1/FINAL CHANGE ORDER DECREASING THE CONTRACT PRICE FROM \$1,900,000.00 TO \$1,624,709.71 A DECREASE OF 14.5% OR \$275,290.29, AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT, RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND, ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND, AND FINAL PAYMENT TO BLACK ROCK ENTERPRISES, LLC (1316 ENGLISHTOWN ROAD, OLD BRIDGE, NJ 08857) FOR THE 2022-6 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WHICH INCLUDES THE ENTIRE LENGTHS OF MIDDLEBROOK ROAD, WASHINGTON AVENUE, WASHINGTON ROAD, WOODLAND TERRACE (WASHINGTON ROAD TO MIDDLEBROOK ROAD), LEXINGTON AVENUE, LIEDL AVENUE, AND VOSSELLER AVENUE (HILLCREST ROAD TO CEDARCREST ROAD), FUNDED THROUGH THE 2023 CAPITAL ROAD FUND

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#25-08-07-218](#) is appended to the official minutes

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF PERMIT FEES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,560.00 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 6, 7 & 8, 2025

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#25-08-07-219](#) is appended to the official minutes

**Closed
Session**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bridgewater Township Council that this body will now convene in a closed session to discuss the following matters:

- **Litigation:** Warren Township
- **Contract Negotiations:** Affordable Housing, Bridgewater Mall, and The Center of Excellence/Peter's Brook

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 Kurdyla, seconded by Councilman Ring, Council convened in closed session at approximately 9:50 p.m.

A copy of resolution [#25-08-07-220](#) is appended to the official minutes.

On the motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilman Ring, the meeting reconvened to open session at approximately 10:09 p.m.

Adjournment

On the motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilman Ring, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Grace Njuguna, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Howard Norgalis
Council President