MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OCTOBER 6, 2025 - COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in a regular session on Tuesday, October 6, 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: Michael Pappas, Township Administrator

Christopher Corsini, Township Attorney

Grace Njuguna, Township Clerk

Councilman Kirsh led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

SEPTEMBER 4, 2025 - REGULAR SESSION

On motion of Councilman Ring, seconded by Councilman Kirsh, the September 4, 2025, regular session minutes were moved for approval and passed unanimously on a voice call vote. Councilman Pedroso abstained from voting.

Minutes for September 18, 2025, will be presented for Council action at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

SEPTEMBER 18, 2025 - CLOSED SESSION

The September 18, 2025, closed session minutes were passed around for Council approval & signature.

Council Reports

Councilman Kirsh:

 Councilman Kirsh shared that he was absent on September 18th due to undergoing emergency retina surgery earlier that day. He was pleased to report that his recovery has been going well and continues to progress positively.

- He provided updates covering activities from the past two meetings. The Zoning Board met on September 9th and reviewed two matters: an approved extension for a residential addition on Hawthorne Avenue, the continuation of the Rockland APV Bridgewater Energy LLC project, and an innovative industrial battery generating facility at 760 Main Street.
- Councilman Kirsh attended the annual 9/11 ceremony, emphasizing the importance of honoring this meaningful community tradition. On Sunday, September 14th, he participated in Community Funday, an event coordinated with the Jewish Community Center and later offered welcoming remarks at a special session at the Bridgewater Gurdwara (Sikh Temple). The gathering brought together local leaders and community members, including gubernatorial candidate Jack Ciattarelli, in a spirit of unity and celebration.
- He noted that the Planning Board met on September 16th to complete the master plan consistency review, which the Council successfully acted upon during the September 18th meeting. On September 27th, he delivered welcoming remarks at the annual Alzheimer's Walk at Duke Island Park—a well-attended event that raises awareness and support for an important cause. Councilman Kurdyla and Mayor Mench also joined the ribbon-cutting ceremony, highlighting strong community participation.
- On September 30th, the Planning Board held a productive hearing and adopted the updated master plan. On October 4th, he attended the vibrant Mid-Autumn Lantern Festival, a joyful celebration organized in partnership with the Chinese community that showcased cultural appreciation and togetherness.
- He concluded his report by noting that township staff continue to collaborate with the Department of Transportation regarding the Prince Rogers Avenue Bridge construction project. The township, following a creative suggestion from Councilman Ring, proposed a third option designed to keep traffic flowing smoothly in both directions with minimal disruption. The town looks forward to hearing back from the DOT about this potentially positive solution.

Councilman Kurdyla:

- Councilman Kurdyla shared several community events he attended over the past few weeks including Bridgewater Chinese American Association's Backto-School Day and Dance for the Cure event.
- Additionally, Councilman Kurdyla joined Councilman Kirsh at the annual Alzheimer's Walk at Duke Island Park, a meaningful event that brings awareness and support to an important cause. This past Saturday, he both attended and participated in the Bridgewater Township Fireman's Inspection, honoring the six volunteer fire companies that serve the community with dedication and pride.

• In alignment with Councilman Ring's comments, Councilman Kurdyla also addressed the growing use of e-bikes and scooters. He expressed concern for public safety following a recent tragic accident in a nearby community and encouraged parents to carefully consider safety when allowing their children to ride e-bikes. He emphasized the importance of following traffic rules and using these devices responsibly to help prevent accidents and ensure the well-being of all residents.

Council President Norgalis: (Verbatim)

- I was asked by a member of our Jewish Community to share a few words about Yom Kippur in my comments. In general, some non-Jewish folks refer to Yom Kippur as a holiday. In point of fact it is, for Jews, it is not a holiday but the holiest day of the year, the day that they feel closest to GOD. It is the Day of Atonement—Quoting from the Biblical Old Testament book of Leviticus 16:30 "For on this day He will forgive you, to purify you, that you be cleansed from all your sins before GOD". This year, Yom Kippur was observed from several minutes before sunset on (Oct. 1) to after nightfall on (Oct. 2).
- During the current Federal Shutdown residents are asked to be especially mindful that scammers are preying on the public especially those who are disabled or on Social Security. Be very careful in disclosing your private information.
- Councilman Kurdyla, Mayor Moench and I met with Bridgewater resident Brooke Herbst and a very large contingent of the Bridgewater Raritan High School Cheer team where we helped tie a pink bow about a ginkgo tree in the courtyard symbolizing our support for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. It matters not whether the ribbon you use is yellow or pink, it is the support that counts. More to follow!
- Tonight, the Council will consider closing our five major road jobs for 2025. You will hear me talk about Change Orders and Final Change Orders. You will hear about some final financial numbers going up and some down. Lots of things happen during the weeks that an individual project is under way. Things are discovered that could not be foretold. Hitting blue stone were shale was expected, a resident abutting the project is concerned for runoff and the engineer evaluates and feels that the best solution is additional drainpipe or even an additional sewer collector. Seventy years ago, residential streets did not have or require the Best Practices that we adhere to today. We are designing and engineering our roads for the future and the future starts tomorrow.

Councilman Pedroso:

• Councilman Pedroso wished Councilman Kirsh a continued speedy recovery. He then greeted attendees, noting how wonderful it was to see so many community members present at the meeting.

- He reported attending the One Church Fall Festival over the weekend, describing it as a beautiful outdoor event that benefited from perfect weather. Councilman Pedroso also shared that he participated in two Chinese American community events. The first was the Bridgewater Chinese American Association's Back-to-School and End-of-Summer Picnic. The second was the Mid-Autumn Lantern Festival held at the mall.
- He noted that the Chinese community hosts several well-planned cultural events at the mall each year and encouraged residents to attend and experience these wonderful celebrations, which feature performances and participation from local schools and community members.

Councilman Ring:

- Councilman Ring shared observations about the increasing use of e-bikes and scooters throughout the township. He noted that the Police Department recently published helpful information to ensure safe and lawful operation of these vehicles. He reminded residents that if an e-bike or scooter is capable of exceeding 20 miles per hour, it requires both a license and registration, and operators must be at least 15 years of age. Improper use may result in impoundment, so he encouraged everyone to stay informed about the regulations.
- Councilman Ring also emphasized the importance of safety when charging e-bikes and scooters. He recommended following the manufacturer's guidelines, using only approved batteries and chargers, and avoiding aftermarket products that may pose fire risks. He further advised residents to charge their devices only when they are home and able to monitor them, helping to prevent potential hazards.
- Councilman Ring added that North Bridge Street, which was recently excavated by the water company, is tentatively scheduled, weather permitting, for milling on Monday and Tuesday, followed by repaving on Wednesday and Thursday. He noted that residents should anticipate possible delays during that time but can look forward to smoother and improved roadway conditions once the work is completed.

Mayor's Reports

Michael Pappas, Township Administrator reported on behalf of Mayor Moench

- Administrator Pappas noted that the agenda included closeouts for various road programs. While some individual project costs increased or decreased, the overall result was a net decrease of approximately \$200,000. He expressed appreciation for the diligence and efficiency of the engineering staff and contractors in managing the funds provided by the Council.
- Administrator Pappas also provided an update on the Department of Community Affairs' annual Best Practices Inventory, which municipalities are required to submit. He reported that the township's score improved slightly

from the previous year, rising from approximately 38–39 to 40.5 points. He highlighted the Council's careful review of the documents and the collaboration between staff and Council members, particularly Mr. Norgalis and Mr. Kurdyla, to clarify and refine certain points.

 He emphasized the importance of the inventory, noting that submission and achieving a satisfactory score are necessary for state aid eligibility. With the township comfortably exceeding the minimum required score of 32, Administrator Pappas confirmed that no Council action is required, while affirming that the presentation of the inventory demonstrates the township's continued commitment to best practices and effective governance.

Proclamation DANCE FOR A CURE

Proclamation Recognizing Breast Cancer Awareness Month 2025

Council President Norgalis shared that the topic he was about to address is one that is deeply personal and meaningful to him. He explained that he has been personally impacted by the issue over many years, making it a particularly emotional subject to speak about.

He announced that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, emphasizing that breast cancer touches nearly every family in some way. Council President Norgalis expressed gratitude for the support of Brooke, who stood beside him as he read the official proclamation recognizing the importance of the month.

He noted that the group present represented only a small portion of the larger gathering that participated in the ribbon-wrapping celebration, which drew 35 to 40 people wearing bright pink shirts in honor of the cause. He then read the following Proclamation:

WHEREAS, in 2025, the United States faces the sobering reality that more than 319,000 individuals will receive a diagnosis of invasive breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, over 42,000 of our fellow Americans are expected to lose their lives to this disease this year, reminding us of the continued urgency of awareness, research, and early detection; and

WHEREAS, there is hope in the progress we have made—as mortality from breast cancer has fallen by more than 44% since 1989, representing hundreds of thousands of lives extended and families preserved; and

WHEREAS, these victories are the direct result of tireless efforts in medical research, expanded access to screening and treatment, and the compassion of community organizations that walk with patients in their most difficult moments; and

WHEREAS, Dance for the Cure, a fully volunteer-driven organization based here in Central New Jersey, exemplifies this spirit of solidarity by providing direct financial

aid and encouragement to breast cancer patients in Somerset, Hunterdon, and Middlesex counties; and

WHEREAS, through their work, Dance for the Cure has surpassed \$1,000,000 in assistance distributed, easing the burdens faced by families during their fight against breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, this October, Bridgewater resident Brooke Herbst, together with the Bridgewater-Raritan High School Cheer Team, joined the Ribbons of Hope initiative, placing pink bows around the Bridgewater Municipal Complex; and

WHEREAS, these ribbons shine as visible reminders of resilience, of our community's unwavering support for patients and survivors, and of remembrance for those whom we have lost.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Matthew C. Moench, Mayor of Bridgewater Township, along with the members of the Township Council, do hereby proclaim October 2025 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Bridgewater Township. We call on all residents to support Dance for the Cure and other critical organizations, to care for survivors, and to stand together in hope for a future without breast cancer. We further recognize and commend the dedicated efforts of Brooke Herbst and the Bridgewater-Raritan High School Cheer Team for their inspiring leadership in raising awareness throughout our community.

Brook Herps, a 12-year cancer survivor, Kathleen Ceroli, co-founder and co-chair of Dance for the Cure, and Co-chair Joanne Liskovitz briefly spoke about their Organization.

Presentation Community and Connection

Administrator Pappas introduced representatives from Community and Connection, an organization funded by the Council last year, and invited them to provide a brief update on their work in Bridgewater Township. Ken Musgrove, Director of Recovery Support for the organization, explained that they serve as Somerset County's community peer recovery center and are representing the Community Recovery Champion program led by Mike Manion.

Mike Manion, a lifelong Bridgewater resident, certified peer recovery specialist, and person in sustained recovery, described his role as walking alongside individuals struggling with substance use, connecting them to resources, treatment, and hope. He explained that the Community Recovery Champion program focuses on advocacy, building awareness, breaking stigma, and connecting people to help. The program offers one-on-one peer support, recovery education, community workshops, navigation to treatment and recovery resources, free Narcan and harm reduction supplies, Narcan trainings, expungement assistance, and a visible presence for recovery advocacy in the community.

Since January, the program has participated in nine community events, including the 4-H Fair and Overdose Awareness Night, attended multiple community meetings, hosted six outreach events, and led four trainings at the Bridgewater Library. They have distributed 327 Narcan kits and 87 fentanyl test strips, reaching over 1,160 community members. The program has also engaged with over 60 local businesses and organizations to provide educational material and harm reduction supplies, and collaborates closely with the Bridgewater Police Department, Municipal Alliance, and Bridgewater Reach program.

Bridgewater is the first municipality in Somerset County to implement a program where a peer recovery specialist meets individuals directly in municipal court, providing immediate support and resources. Recently, as part of Save a Life Day, the team distributed 550 naloxone kits countywide, including 31 at the Bridgewater Food Bank. Their consistent presence at local community locations has led to tangible results, including residents entering treatment programs, local businesses stocking harm reduction supplies, and community members seeking peer support.

Manion emphasized that recovery is possible, especially when individuals have someone to walk alongside them. He expressed gratitude to the Township Council for their continued support and partnership, highlighting the meaningful impact of the program on lives in Bridgewater.

Administrator Pappas noted the significant positive impact of Community and Connection, explaining that the program is funded through an opioid settlement class-action suit. He praised the organization's collaboration with the municipal court and the police department and recognized the Council's funding as an ideal investment that is making a real difference in the community.

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

• Jennifer Loughran: 716 Falcon Court- Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Ms. Loughran praised the Community Recovery Champion program for its impact on Bridgewater residents and thanked the team for their dedication. She addressed e-bikes, emphasizing safe, independent mobility for youth while encouraging thoughtful community design with safe pathways and accessible routes.

Finally, she invited the community to the "Skate for the Paws" event on Sunday, October 12th, at the municipal building—a skateboarding fundraiser for the Somerset County Regional Animal Shelter featuring live music. She thanked the Council for supporting this popular community-building event.

Anda Cytroen: 654 Stangle Road – Martinsville, NJ 08836

Ms. Cytroen of Stangle Road, Martinsville, shared feedback with the Council on two important topics. Regarding the e-bike discussion, she praised the newsletter grid and Councilman Ring's input as informative and suggested using it as a public safety awareness opportunity. She recommended partnering with the Board of Education and School Resource Officers to educate students on safety guidelines and responsible use. Ms. Cytroen emphasized that this approach highlights the community's care for all residents and encourages safe, active transportation.

On the topic of township finances, she inquired about the 2024 financial audit, noting that the auditors are in the process of finalizing the draft. Administrator Pappas confirmed that the report will be available soon, ensuring that the Council and public will have access to this important information.

• Jane Gandolfe: 2000 Washington Valley Rd- Martinsville, NJ 08836

Ms. Gandolfe, representing Friends of Bridgewater, reminded the community about the upcoming "Journey Through the Past" event this weekend. She shared that the historic house at 551 Milltown Road, owned by Bridgewater Township, will be open to visitors with displays, demonstrations, and Colonial-era children's games. Ms. Gandolfe also provided information about the history of the house and warmly invited attendees to visit the Lane-Voorhees House as well, encouraging anyone interested to contact her for more details.

• Daniel Zelinski: 715 Chimney Rock Rd- Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Mr. Zelinski addressed the Council regarding the recently approved pilot program. He highlighted that while state law provides parameters for pilot programs, thoughtful consideration and public engagement can help maximize community benefits and ensure decisions support Bridgewater's long-term growth. Mr. Zelinski noted examples of successful developments proceeding without pilots, illustrating that there are multiple approaches to supporting local development while protecting taxpayer interests.

Cathy Franco: 766 Weemac Road, Martinsville, NJ 08836

Ms. Franco expressed appreciation for Dance for the Cure and their continued support of individuals diagnosed with cancer.

She also highlighted the importance of timely financial transparency, noting the pending 2024 audit and encouraging the Council and administration to ensure that annual financial statements and related information are accessible and clear to the public.

Regarding the recently approved pilot program, Ms. Franco emphasized the value of providing full documentation and analysis to the Council and community. She detailed her request for records related to negotiations,

financial analyses, and advisory reports, underscoring the importance of due diligence and public access to relevant information in supporting informed decision-making.

Administrator Pappas clarified that the annual financial statement referenced by Ms. Franco is a state-submitted document, which must be reviewed and approved by the state before the Council can consider and approve the budget. He noted that the document is in proper form and meets all state requirements.

Joan Geiger: 154 Hillside Ave- Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Ms. Geiger addressed the topic of political affiliations among Council members and public speakers. She provided context on the current composition of the Council, noting that most members ran on the Republican ticket, while she is running on the Democratic ticket and, if elected, would be the first Democrat on the Council in 37 years. She suggested that understanding party representation can provide helpful context for community discussions and decision-making.

Mary Robbins: 26 Ash St- Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Ms. Robbins expressed gratitude to the Mayor, Council, and the paving company, including project staff, for the recent improvements on Ash Street and Ray Street. She noted that the culvert was repaired, and the streets were completely redone, and praised the quality of the work, highlighting the attention to detail and the positive impact on the neighborhood.

Andrew Bucko: 543 Berrywood Ln- Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Mr. Bucko addressed the discussion regarding the annual financial statements, noting that the document currently linked on the township website does not reflect the full financial statement.

Kevin Hoppel: 16 Deer Run Drive- Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Mr. Hoppel provided updates on township development, highlighting that major projects have been thoughtfully scaled back to balance growth and community needs. He emphasized that all proposals comply with regulations and undergo proper board review. Residents are encouraged to follow the township newsletters for updates. He also noted Bridgewater's continued commitment to meeting state-mandated affordable housing goals responsibly.

• Ridwana Isla: 32 Timberline Drive- Martinsville, NJ 08836

Ms. Isla introduced herself as a Democratic candidate for Township Council, running alongside Joan Geiger and Andrew Bucko. She expressed concern about potential traffic impacts if large-scale trucking operations were to occupy the former Ethicon site, emphasizing the importance of preserving Bridgewater's quality of life, safety, and community character.

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

Public Hearing & Final Action Ordinances

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AMENDING SECTION 126-321.10 OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP CODE TO CLARIFY DWELLING UNITS

Township Attorney Chris Corsini provided clarification on agenda items 10A and 10B. He advised that both matters would be carried to Thursday, October 16th for public hearing and final action. No further notice will be required.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Ring, the foregoing Ordinance was carried to October 16, 2025. The vote was as follows:

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

The public hearing for this Ordinance was carried to October 16, 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AMENDING THE R-10A SINGLE-FAMILY ZONE, SECTION 126-308.1(e) OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE TO CLARIFY DWELLING UNITS AND MAXIMUM BUILDING SIZE

On motion of Councilman Ring, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the foregoing Ordinance was carried to October 16, 2025. The vote was as follows:

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

The public hearing for this Ordinance was carried to October 16, 2025

Resolutions

CONSENT VOTE

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

AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO PAVE-RITE, INC., 40 RADEL AVENUE, BRIDGEWATER, NJ, 08807, FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$48,250.00 FOR THE HEMLOCK DRIVE OUTLET ROAD REPAIRS VIA THE SOMERSET COUNTY OPEN-ENDED COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM CONTRACT

CC-0028-24 TO BE FUNDED THROUGH 2024 ROAD IMPROVEMENT-CAPITAL FUND

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1/FINAL CHANGE ORDER INCREASING THE CONTRACT PRICE FROM \$1,240,166.31 TO \$1,247,146.49 AN INCREASE OF 0.56% OR \$6,980.18, AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT, RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND, AND FINAL PAYMENT TO ADG CONTRACTING CORP. T/A CROSSROADS PAVING (386 SOUTH STREET, SUITE 169, NEWARK, NJ 07105) FOR THE 2021-8 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WHICH INCLUDES THE ENTIRE LENGTHS OF SHERLIN DRIVE, CORNELL ROAD & SOUTHBROOK DRIVE, AND A PORTION OF FAIRFIELD ROAD, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2024 ROAD IMPROVEMENT – CAPITAL FUND

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1/FINAL CHANGE ORDER INCREASING THE CONTRACT PRICE FROM \$632,695.60 TO \$641,017.92 AN INCREASE OF 1.32% OR \$8,322.32, AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT, RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND, AND FINAL PAYMENT TO ADG CONTRACTING CORP. T/A CROSSROADS PAVING (386 SOUTH STREET, SUITE 169, NEWARK, NJ 07105) FOR THE 2022 ROADWAY PREPARATION PROJECT, WHICH INCLUDES THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF BELLACONE STREET, BUXTON ROAD, CENTRAL AVENUE, CHARLES STREET, CHESHIRE ROAD, COLE STREET, CROYDEN ROAD, FAIRMOUNT AVENUE, RECTOR ROAD, SHERWOOD ROAD, THOMAS STREET, TIMBER LANE, AND A PORTION OF BLOSSOM DRIVE, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2024 ROAD IMPROVEMENT- CAPITAL FUND

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #2/FINAL CHANGE ORDER INCREASING THE AMENDED CONTRACT PRICE FROM \$1,177,439.91 TO \$1,220,093.98 AN OVERALL INCREASE OF \$42,654.17, AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT, RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND, ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND, AND FINAL PAYMENT TO ADG CONTRACTING CORP. T/A CROSSROADS PAVING (386 SOUTH STREET, SUITE 169, NEWARK, NJ 07105) FOR THE STONY BROOK DRIVE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT SECTIONS I & II, AND THE PEDESTRIAN PATHWAY, WHICH INCLUDES THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF STONY BROOK DRIVE FUNDED THROUGH THE 2023 ROAD IMPROVEMENT- CAPITAL FUND

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1/FINAL CHANGE ORDER DECREASING THE CONTRACT PRICE FROM \$1,263,133.80 TO \$1,043,571.58 A DECREASE OF 17.38% OR \$219,562.23, AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT, RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND, ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND, AND FINAL PAYMENT TO ADG CONTRACTING CORP. T/A CROSSROADS PAVING (386 SOUTH STREET, SUITE 169, NEWARK, NJ 07105) FOR THE 2023-3 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WHICH INCLUDES THE ENTIRE LENGTHS OF CARLENE DRIVE, FLORAL DRIVE, FARMER ROAD, JULEO COURT, NORTH BRANCH ROAD, AND JUNIPER LANE (COUNTRY CLUB ROAD TO NORTH BRANCH ROAD), FUNDED THROUGH THE 2023 CAPITAL ROAD FUND

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1/FINAL CHANGE ORDER DECREASING THE CONTRACT PRICE FROM \$399,158.58 TO \$393,405.08 A DECREASE OF 1.44% OR \$5,753.50, AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT, RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND, ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND, AND FINAL PAYMENT TO TOP LINE CONSTRUTION CORP. (22 FIFTH STREET, SOMERVILLE, NJ 08876) FOR THE 2024-6 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WHICH INCLUDES ENTIRE LENGTH OF PERRINE ROAD, DAVIS COURT, BITTLE COURT AND WEAVER DRIVE, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2024 CAPITAL ROAD FUND

On motion of Councilman Ring, seconded by Council President Norgalis, 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 #25-10-06-254 thru #25-10-06-259 are appended to the official minutes

PROJECT RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE ADAMSVILLE SCHOOL PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROJECT TO GREENMAN-PEDERSEN, INC., 520 US HIGHWAY 22, SUITE 200, BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$337,821.40, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2025 CAPITAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT BOND AND AS PART OF A NJDOT SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT (FY 2022), WHICH AMOUNT IS REIMBURSABLE IN TOTAL THROUGH THE NJDOT ASSOCIATED DESIGN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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 <u>#25-10-06-260</u> 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 public safety, litigation, and 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 Kirsh, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, Council convened in closed session at approximately 8:58 p.m.

A copy of resolution #25-10-06-261 is appended to the official minutes.

On the motion of Councilman Ring, seconded by Council President Norgalis, the meeting reconvened to open session at approximately 9:46 p.m.

Adjournment

On the motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilman Ring, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Grace Njuguna, RMC Municipal Clerk

Howard Norgalis Council President