

MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 18, 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, September 18, 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 (Absent)
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
Grace Njuguna, Township Clerk

Councilman Kurdyla led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

AUGUST 7, 2025 & AUGUST 21, 2025 - REGULAR SESSION

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Council President Norgalis, the August 7, 2025, and August 21, 2025, regular session minutes were moved for approval and passed unanimously on a voice call vote. Councilman Kirsh was absent, Councilman Pedroso abstained.

Minutes for September 4, 2025, will be presented for Council action at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

AUGUST 7, 2025 & AUGUST 21, 2025 – CLOSED SESSIONS

The August 7, 2025 and August 21, 2025 closed session minutes were passed around for Council approval & signature.

Council Reports

Councilman Kurdyla:

- Councilman Kurdyla had nothing new to report.

Council President Norgalis: (Verbatim)

- Councilman Kirsh sends his regards but is unable to attend tonight's meeting because he is handling a medical matter.
- The State of NJ has issued its quarterly report of Unclaimed Property for individuals and businesses in virtually every NJ Town. Names and addresses for hundreds of Bridgewater residents are listed in this 24-page report in a very small type. I will leave my copy with the Township Clerk who will make it available for resident inspection at the reception desk in the Clerk's office for anyone who wishes to look at it. A magnifying glass will also be available.
- Took part in a Zoom meeting with Administrator Pappas, Engineer Burr and our Sewer Utility Engineer Jordon Volk to review the plans to renovate the 40-year-old Town's Middle Brook Sewerage Pumping Station off Easy Street by United Parcel in Finderne. Tonight, you will hear a Presentation from Engineer Vogt and Director Genova regarding this important project. This is a great example of the township being proactive in ensuring that our assets are protected and updated as necessary to continue to provide vital services to our residents and building owners.
- Bridgewater employees and residents are reminded to be very careful in opening emails from unknown sources. Unscrupulous individuals are being very creative in trying to trick folks into disclosing personal information.

Councilman Pedroso:

- Shared that he was unable to attend the previous council meeting because, while traveling in Rome, he and his family had their belongings, including their passports, stolen. He added that his family is now back home and doing well.
- Attended the September 11th remembrance ceremony and thanked the administration for once again organizing a meaningful and well-run event. Councilman Pedroso also recognized the six Bridgewater residents who lost their lives on that day: Noel Foster, Ronald Toro, Lance Multi, Thomas Bohemis, Evan Baron, and Allison Marie Welman.
- Participated in a Somerset County Regional Partnership meeting this week, during which the NJDOT presented a list of upcoming projects scheduled for the next year. Improvements are planned for the Somerville Circle and the Route 22 corridor to help alleviate traffic congestion. In addition, a new ramp will be constructed to provide direct access to I-287 South from Route 202/206 North.
- Councilman Pedroso attended the Bridgewater Family Fun Day with his family and commented that it was a wonderful event, well organized, and enjoyable for all who attended.

- The Al-Fallah Center ran a fall festival, which had great food, many vendors and all in attendance had a good time.
- Begun coaching his second-grade soccer team again this year and extended good wishes to all the athletes and to the Bridgewater Recreation Department for a successful season.

Councilman Pedroso then read the following statement:

On September 10, 2025, Charlie Kirk was assassinated while doing something every American has the right to do — engaging in open political discourse with students.

Like many of us, I knew who Charlie Kirk was. I was not a social media follower of Charlie Kirk, and I was not a devoted fan. But what always stood out to me was his passion. He spoke with conviction. He defended his beliefs strongly. And it was in the very act of speaking freely that his life was taken.

That fact should shake us all. Because this was not just an attack on Charlie Kirk. It was an attack on America itself. A free and democratic society only works when people can speak, organize, and participate in public life without fear of harassment, intimidation, or violence. Freedom of speech — even speech we may strongly disagree with — is the bedrock of democracy.

The goal of this assassination was clear: To silence voices through fear. But if fear dictates who can speak, then freedom itself dies. And that is something we cannot and must not allow.

Political violence against anyone, regardless of party or position, is unacceptable. In America, disagreements must be settled with words and with ballots — never with bullets. Today, we remember that truth in the name of Charlie Kirk.

Councilman Ring:

- Announced that this Saturday will be the final bulky trash collection day until the spring. Additional information, including collection times and details on permitted and prohibited items, is available on the Township's website.

Mayor's Reports

Michael Pappas, Township Administrator reported on behalf of Mayor Moench

- The Township and the Jewish Community Center co-sponsored a Family Fun Day at the Bridgewater Commons Mall. Township Administrator Pappas reported that the event was a great success and expressed appreciation to all who participated.
- Mayor Moench has issued statements under limited circumstances when there is a clear local impact or when a figure's influence touches this community. It is the mayor's hope that everyone joins him in mourning the

senseless murder of Mr. Charlie Kirk and aspire to nonviolent public discourse. Township Administrator Pappas expressed that this statement was made on the mayor's behalf as there are several members of the public that have offered comments, and he wanted to be certain that people understood what his rationale is.

Presentation SEWER UTILITY MIDDLEBROOK PUMP STATION

Director of Municipal Services Thomas M. Genova and Sewer Utilities Engineer Jordan Volk were present to provide an update on the Middle Brook Pump Station Phase 2 Improvement Project.

Director Genova stated that this presentation is a follow-up to the July 24th Council presentation, during which his team provided a detailed summary of the project. That presentation covered the existing site conditions, completion of the Phase 1 Project in 2023, the scope of the Phase 2 improvements, the construction budget, New Jersey Water Bank (I-Bank) financing, and the overall project timeline.

Engineer Volk explained that the Township operates two major wastewater pumping stations—Middle Brook and Gilbride Road—along with approximately 350 miles of collection lines and 50 miles of trunk lines. This system serves Bridgewater, Southern Warren, and Northern Branchburg. He emphasized that the Sewer Utility's mission is to protect public health and comply with all environmental regulations. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) conducted an inspection on February 6th and confirmed that the Township was in full compliance.

Mr. Volk reported that the Middle Brook Pump Station requires a full modernization, as the last major renovation occurred in 1995. The existing generator, which is critical to the sewer conveyance operations, must be replaced with a more reliable unit. The project will include demolition and upgrades to the site, building, pumping equipment, piping, and electrical systems. Construction is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2026 or early 2027.

Funding for the project will be provided through the New Jersey Water Bank (I-Bank), a state program that utilizes federal funds to offer low-interest loans for water and wastewater infrastructure projects. Mr. Volk noted that the I-Bank is a common funding source for similar projects and confirmed that the Township has received authorization to proceed with the bidding process.

Township Administrator Pappas added that Mr. Volk will also submit a written report in addition to his presentation this evening.

Council President Norgalis stated that within the next few weeks, the Township will initiate bonding to advance the project. He emphasized that the I-Bank has strict timeline requirements, which the Township will ensure are met.

Councilman Ring asked whether the pump station had ever experienced flooding. Mr. Genova confirmed that it had not. Councilman Ring also inquired why the new generator would be installed outdoors rather than indoors, as it currently is. Mr. Genova explained that natural gas is not available at the site, which was one of the first considerations during the design phase. He further described how the pump station will remain operational throughout the upgrade process.

Councilman Pedroso asked about the anticipated cost of the project. Mr. Genova advised that the total cost is estimated at approximately \$4 million, including incidental expenses. He added that the I-Bank will provide the Township with a short-term loan at an interest rate of 0.48% to initiate the project.

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 Pedroso, the meeting was opened to the public for comment.

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

Ms. Gandolfe, representing the Friends of Bridgewater History, invited the dais to attend the upcoming “Journey Through the Past” event, which will be held at the Lane Voorhees (Brokaw) House on Milltown Road on October 11th and 12th.

She also announced that on October 22nd, the group will host a presentation on the Sunset Lake area at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Conference Room. In addition, on October 26th, there will be a presentation titled “Now and Then: A Walk Through Our Past” at Saint Martin’s Church at 12:00 p.m., featuring discussions on how Martinsville and Camp Cromwell have evolved over the past 100 years.

Ms. Gandolfe invited members of the dais to schedule a visit to the Yale House in Martinsville, noting that the Friends of Bridgewater History have accepted a gift of the property from a township developer who plans to renovate it. She encouraged the dais to visit the site both before and after the renovation to appreciate the transformation.

Ms. Gandolfe further requested an opportunity to meet with the Council liaison to the Historical Committee to discuss several preservation ideas. She also expressed interest in reviewing plans for the Hancock Preserve and the Roche Revolutionary Preserve.

- **Kim Wortman: 289 W. Summit Street – Somerville, NJ 08876**

Ms. Wortman requested that the Council rescind its previous ordinance approval regarding the rezoning of Cornell Boulevard, Block 406, Lot 2.01. She

expressed that the zoning change should be reconsidered based on concerns related to safety, environmental impact, and overall appropriateness.

Ms. Wortman stated that the rezoned area presents several safety hazards, noting that the road lacks sidewalks, forcing pedestrians to walk on the street. She added that visibility is poor at dusk and that the roadway is often used as a cut-through, with drivers frequently rolling through the stop sign without due regard for pedestrians or other motorists.

She further expressed concern about the environmental impact, emphasizing that the trees in the area serve as a vital buffer against the noise and congestion of Route 202/206 and provide protection from flooding. She stated that removing these trees would likely cause significant flooding and drainage issues in the neighborhood, thereby diminishing residents' quality of life.

Ms. Wortman also questioned the appropriateness of the rezoning, stating that it would drastically alter the character of a single-family residential community and place additional strain on the existing water and sewer infrastructure. She added that the change could negatively affect property values and residential privacy.

Ms. Wortman concluded by expressing her hope that the Township would consider an alternative location instead of Cornell Boulevard.

- **Peter Mollegard: 452 Lenape Trail – Bridgewater, NJ 08807**

Mr. Mollegard requested that maintenance be performed on the island at the end of the cul-de-sac on Lenape Trail. He noted that the Department of Public Works has previously maintained this area by trimming, spraying, and performing general upkeep. Mr. Mollegard suggested that the Township consider removing the existing hedges and planting grass in their place to make the area easier to maintain in the future.

- **Rob Lewaine: 297 W. Summit Street – Somerville, NJ 08876**

Mr. Lewaine expressed his concerns and frustrations regarding the zoning change for Cornell Boulevard. He requested that the Council either rescind the ordinance approving the change or, at a minimum, conduct a comprehensive traffic study that considers the impact on both Bridgewater and Somerville residents.

Mr. Lewaine further expressed disappointment that Somerville and its residents were not formally included in the decision-making process related to the zoning change.

- **Christopher Zingaro: 555 US 1 South – Iselin, NJ 08830**

Mr. Zingaro, attorney for the Borough of Somerville, stated that he was present to discuss the zoning issue concerning Cornell Boulevard.

Council President Norgalis asked whether Somerville's concerns had been communicated to Bridgewater. Mr. Zingaro responded that he was not certain. Councilman Pedroso then asked Administrator Pappas if he had received any communication from Somerville regarding this matter, to which Administrator Pappas replied that he had not.

Mr. Zingaro explained that on August 21, 2025, Ordinances 25-14 and 25-15 were adopted, creating two new zoning districts permitting the construction of affordable housing at specified densities within the Township. He clarified that these ordinances were not proposed draft ordinances endorsed by the Council for submission to the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program. Rather, they were enacted ordinances establishing new zoning districts. He noted that amendments to these ordinances may come before the Council again for consideration on second reading.

Mr. Zingaro further stated that during a Planning Board meeting held the previous evening, the Borough of Somerville placed comments on the record suggesting that notice may not have been provided to property owners within 200 feet of the affected districts. The Planning Board had indicated that such notice was not required because of the connection between the ordinances and the Board's adoption of the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan. However, Mr. Zingaro maintained that notice is indeed required when enacting new zoning districts, regardless of whether those provisions involve opportunities for affordable housing development.

- **Jerry Edwards: 310 W. Summit Street – Somerville, NJ 08876**

Mr. Edwards stated that he moved to Somerville in 2011, having relocated to the area through his employment with Applegate in the Bridgewater Town Center. He expressed concerns regarding the lack of public awareness and the suddenness surrounding the proposed affordable housing project.

Mr. Edwards remarked that he had experienced more political and civic engagement from his neighbors in the past 72 hours than in his previous 40 years living in various parts of the country. He expressed frustration with the proposed development, stating that it would negatively impact the unique charm and character of the long-established small-town community.

- **Richard Cash: 203 Cornell Boulevard – Bridgewater, NJ 08807**

Mr. Cash thanked the residents from Somerville for attending the meeting and for sharing their concerns. He noted that his home is located adjacent to the wooded area in question.

Mr. Cash expressed frustration about the anticipated impacts of the proposed development, including increased noise, traffic, and safety concerns related to children playing in the area. He stated that the removal of trees and construction of new buildings would further contribute to these issues.

Mr. Cash also reported that the area already experiences flooding, with water flowing across his yard even after he installed two additional drains in an attempt to mitigate the problem.

- **Jennifer Fleischer: 110 Prospect Street – Somerville, NJ 08876**

Ms. Fleischer, a Somerville resident, stated that she is among the most directly affected homeowners by the proposed affordable housing construction in Bridgewater, noting that her property is the third most impacted.

She shared that her children play outside daily, are well-acquainted with their neighbors, and often sell lemonade on the street. She expressed concern for their safety, emphasizing that the absence of sidewalks and poor street lighting force children to ride their bicycles in the middle of the road.

Ms. Fleischer urged the Bridgewater Township Council to visit the site to better understand local conditions and to consider an alternative location for the housing project. She also requested that the Council rescind the rezoning of the block in question.

- **Tanish Desai: 427 Country Club Road – Bridgewater, NJ 08807**

Mr. Desai inquired about Item 10C on the meeting agenda. Council President Norgalis explained that there would be a public hearing for that item later in the meeting and asked Mr. Desai to reserve his questions until that portion of the agenda.

- **Brett Radi: 289 W. Summit Street – Somerville, NJ 08876**

Mr. Radi asked whether Bridgewater Township has a written or verbal agreement with the developer intending to construct the affordable housing project on Cornell Boulevard. He further inquired whether the Township Council has any plans to acquire property on Cornell Boulevard through eminent domain or by purchase.

Council President Norgalis advised Mr. Radi to submit his questions to Township Administrator Pappas so that they may be reviewed by the Planning Department.

Mr. Radi stated that the proposed multi-dwelling building is not consistent with the existing zoning in the area. He suggested that the Township seek an alternative developer or location for the 15 units currently proposed on Cornell Boulevard.

Council President Norgalis explained that the predicament facing Bridgewater—and other municipalities throughout the state—results from the Governor’s affordable housing mandate, which requires towns to meet specific housing obligations. He noted that if the Township failed to take proactive steps to satisfy these requirements, builders could have exercised greater control over where development occurred.

Councilman Ring added that the State of New Jersey had identified Cornell Boulevard as buildable land meeting the state’s requirements for affordable housing.

- **Barbara Cook: 199 Cornell Boulevard – Bridgewater, NJ 08807**

Ms. Cook stated that she attended the last council meeting to discuss her concerns regarding affordable housing, however she didn’t receive any feedback. Council President Norgalis advised that she was supposed to provide the council with documentation on the matter. Ms. Cook told him that she would submit it to them the following day for their review.

- **Brian Reilly: 100 Prospect Street – Somerville, NJ 08876**

Mr. Reilly stated his objection to the proposed affordable housing plans and expressed that he shares the concerns raised by the residents who previously addressed the Council. He requested that the Township consider an alternative location for the construction of the buildings.

- **John Arcoleo: 1110 Washington Valley Road, Martinsville, NJ 08836**

Mr. Arcoleo asked the Council and Administration about the affordable housing lawsuits recently reported by the MyCentralJersey website. He also noted that the last several Council meeting agendas have included “Litigation – Affordable Housing” under the Closed Session items.

Council President Norgalis responded that the Township was not prepared to address his questions at this time.

Mr. Arcoleo further stated that both the Eden Woods project and the affordable housing development proposed for Cornell Boulevard were not well thought out.

Regarding the PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) program, Mr. Arcoleo commented that the Township discontinued funding for hazardous busing several years ago, shifting that responsibility to the school district. He asked whether, once PILOT revenues begin to be collected, the Township would consider resuming financial support for hazardous busing.

Councilman Ring explained that the issue of hazardous busing is a broader matter that extends beyond the Township Council's authority. He noted that Bridgewater has historically been burdened with paying for hazardous busing due to the presence of county and state roads within the Township. Council President Norgalis reiterated that the Council was not prepared to discuss the issue further at this time.

Township Administrator Pappas added that, as Mr. Arcoleo was leaving the podium, he made a comment suggesting that the Council and Administration had not adequately prepared an affordable housing plan. Administrator Pappas clarified that since 2023, the Township has developed the plan with great care, professional expertise, and deliberate effort, emphasizing that it was not prepared hastily or without consideration.

- **Cathy Franco: Block 816, Lot 10.02**

Ms. Franco stated that she was providing the Council with her residence block and lot information, noting that the ordinance for Cornell Boulevard referenced only block and lot numbers when it was introduced.

Ms. Franco asked Township Administrator Pappas whether the affordable housing project on Cornell Boulevard was proposed because a monument could not be placed on that property as part of the 2023 plan. Administrator Pappas explained that the parcel was not considered for affordable housing at that time. He stated that the professional staff and consultants began reviewing the requirements of new state legislation to determine how the Township should proceed. He further advised that there was no specific parcel identified in December 2023 when discussions began. Subsequently, the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) issued a list of suggested developable parcels, which was reviewed by the Township's consultant. Following this review, it was determined that approximately 126 acres in Bridgewater had been incorrectly included on the DCA list.

Ms. Franco stated that she had originally planned to use her time to observe a moment of silence for Charlie Kirk, law enforcement in Pennsylvania, school shooting victims, and the victims of 9/11. However, she instead chose to

express that she has felt unheard at Council meetings over the years. She reminded everyone of the importance of freedom of speech and the responsibility that accompanies it.

Ms. Franco then requested copies of the Township audit, the 2024 annual financial statements, and the Master Plan. Administrator Pappas responded that a draft of the Master Plan would be available by September 20th, and that a public hearing on the plan would be held on September 30th.

Lastly, Ms. Franco noted that while employee salaries are generally available to the public, she was unable to locate all Township employees on the state salary website. Council President Norgalis explained that the Township has adopted a Salary and Wage Ordinance, which outlines the salaries of department heads and administrative staff, and that this ordinance is considered an official public document.

- **Barbara Cook: 199 Cornell Boulevard – Bridgewater, NJ 08807**

Ms. Cook returned to the podium to ask when the September 4th meeting minutes would be available and whether the meeting would be reopened to the public following the Closed Session.

Councilman Ring explained that the meeting minutes will be posted on the Township website once they have been formally approved. He further stated that the meeting will be reopened after the Closed Session, but no formal action will be taken at that time.

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilman Pedroso, 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

Public hearing for this Ordinance was carried to October 6, 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

Public hearing for this Ordinance was carried to October 6, 2025

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4 (ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION), ARTICLE XIV (DEPARTMENT OF POLICE), SECTION 4-83 (PROMOTIONS) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER TO AMEND THE POLICE PROMOTION ORDINANCE

Township Administrator Pappas stated that the extensive presentation previously given by Chief Mitzak thoroughly explained the ordinance under discussion. He added that he is open to any questions from the public.

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

No one wished to be heard.

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

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

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

ORDINANCE #25-20 WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#25-09-18-244](#) is appended to the official minutes

Resolutions

INCREASING BID THRESHOLD PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3(A) FROM \$44,000 TO \$53,000 CONTINUING THE APPOINTMENT OF SARAH HOUSMAN AS THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER'S QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT

Township Administrator Pappas advised that the State of New Jersey is permitting municipalities to increase their bid threshold.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#25-09-18-245](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$392,406.00, ACCEPTANCE OF THE SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND ACCEPTANCE OF

THE MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,050.75 FOR HAWKEYE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY OF BLOCK 653, LOT 36 & 37, ON RIDGEVIEW TERRACE

Upon review of the construction status and associated documentation, William H. Burr, IV, Township Engineer, reported that all on-site improvements have been completed in accordance with the approved plans. He therefore recommended the release of the performance guarantee and acceptance of the improvements, as stated in his correspondence to the Council.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#25-09-18-246](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION OF AND ENTRY INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH VISIONS & PATHWAYS FOR \$300,000 SOLELY FROM THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#25-09-18-247](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A MOTION TO INTERVENE IN THE MATTER PENDING IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY ENTITLED NJDEP, ET AL. v. E.I. DUPONT DE NEMOURS AND CO., ET. AL, CASE NO: 1:190cv-14766-RMB-JBC (D.N.J.) REGARDING THE PROPOSED JUDICIAL CONSENT ORDER AS TO THE 3M COMPANY

Council President Norgalis offered that he had many conversations with Bob Albano and Township Administrator Pappas on this issue. The purpose of this resolution is to authorize the Township of Bridgewater to file a motion to intervene (or pursue

alternative relief like amicus curiae status) in the ongoing federal litigation, NJDEP, et al. v. E.I. DuPont de Nemours and Co., et al., specifically concerning the proposed Judicial Consent Order (JCO) with 3M Company. Bridgewater is seeking this intervention because the broad language of the proposed JCO threatens to release the Township from its own future rights to seek cost recovery or contribution from 3M regarding PFAS contamination, which could negatively impact the Township's residents due to their significant contribution to the local sewer authority.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#25-09-18-248](#) is appended to the official minutes

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, WAIVING FIRE PERMIT FEES FOR BIZTRO HOSPITALITY/ZINNA'S EATS FOOD TRUCK, BIZTRO HOSPITALITY/FINGERZ & FRIEZ FOOD TRUCK, CAT-LIKE REFLEXES, AND THE DAWG HOUSE FOOD TRUCK, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$240.00, FOR THE GREEN KNOLL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY #1, A 501(c)(3) ORGANIZATION, IN CONNECTION WITH ITS ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

The purpose of this festival is to raise funds in support of the operations of the Green Knoll Volunteer Fire Company No. 1, which provides essential public safety services to the residents of Bridgewater Township.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#25-09-18-249](#) is appended to the official minutes

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 PERSON-TO-PERSON AND PLACE-TO-PLACE TRANSFER OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE #1806-36-042-001 FROM FSG BRIDGEWATER HOTEL TO BRIDGEWATER HOSPITALITY GROUP LLC & BRIDGEWATER LIQUOR, LLC T/A HAMPTON INN & SUITES LOCATED AT 1277 WEST ROUTE 22, BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807

AUTHORIZING THE PERSON-TO-PERSON & PLACE-TO-PLACE TRANSFER OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE #1806-33-019-004 CURRENTLY HELD IN AN INACTIVE POCKET STATUS BY (LICENSEE) A PEARL, INC., TO (APPLICANT) RYUJIN NJ CORPORATION t/a RYUJIN SUSHI TO BE LOCATED AT 1339 PRINCE RODGERS AVENUE, BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807

AUTHORIZING THE PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSFER OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE #1806-33-017-007 CURRENTLY HELD IN AN INACTIVE POCKET STATUS BY (LICENSEE) CHIMNEY ROCK LQR, LLC, TO (APPLICANT) THE CLUBHOUSE OF SOMERSET COUNTY, LLC T/A THE CLUBHOUSE

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

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

THE RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED.

Copies of resolutions [#25-09-18-250 thru #25-09-18-252](#) are appended to the official minutes

**Closed
Session**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bridgewater Township Council that this body will now hold a closed meeting to discuss litigation, potential 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 Ring, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, Council convened in closed session at approximately 9:16 p.m.

A copy of resolution [#25-09-18-253](#) is appended to the official minutes.

On the motion of Councilman Ring, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the meeting reconvened to open session at approximately 9:29 p.m.

Adjournment

On the motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilman Ring, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Grace Njuguna, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Howard Norgalis
Council President