

**MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 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 Thursday, November 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 (Absent)
Councilman Timothy Ring
Council President Howard V. Norgalis

Also Present: Michael Pappas, Township Administrator
Alex Fischer, Deputy Township Attorney
Grace Njuguna, Township Clerk

Councilman Ring led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

SEPTEMBER 18, 2025 & OCTOBER 6, 2025 – REGULAR SESSION

On motion of Councilman Ring, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the September 18, 2025 & October 6, 2025 regular session minutes were moved for approval and passed unanimously on a voice call vote. Councilman Kirsh abstained from the vote on the September 18th minutes

SEPTEMBER 18, 2025 & OCTOBER 6, 2025 – CLOSED SESSIONS

Minutes will be presented for Council action at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

**Council
Reports**

Councilman Kurdyla:

- Councilman Kurdyla provided a positive report on the recent Diwali celebration of light and good, describing it as an enjoyable festival to attend.
- Councilman Kurdyla participated in the Halloween celebration, noting that he

enjoyed the costumes and the attending families. He emphasized that such events are important for community cohesion.

- Received a virtual public information center letter from the NJDOT which includes details of the long-term improvements on Route 22 for the sustainable corridor.
- There was a fire on Leghorn Avenue in the Bradley Gardens section of town. Bridgewater's volunteer fire companies responded and performed a tremendous job extinguishing the fire and controlling the damage.
- Councilman Kurdyla congratulated the newly elected council members. In response to a quote from Ms. Isla in a Bridgewater Patch article, Councilman Kurdyla stated that every council member has always represented all Bridgewater Township residents during his tenure and that that all decisions made by the governing body are to benefit all the residents.

Councilman Kirsh:

- Councilman Kirsh congratulated Joan Geiger, Andrew Bucko and Ridwana Isla on their victory for town council.
- On October 7th, the Planning Board met to discuss the Stavola quarry plan.
- On October 14th, the Zoning Board met and approved a pool application on Gateshead Drive with appropriate concessions. Additionally, a new lot was approved near the corner of Country Club Road and Eisenhower Avenue with appropriate concessions as well.
- Councilman Kirsh stated that the Planning Board met on October 21st and heard a presentation from the Clubhouse of Somerset County, which has been publicized and will be a very positive addition to the community. They are hoping to be up and running by late spring.
- Councilman Kirsh attended the Diwali celebration at the temple. He stated this is an annual event where he is always happy to represent the community and exchange cultural experiences.
- On October 28th, Councilman Kirsh attended the Somerset County Commissioners meeting, alongside several other residents and questioned the plan for Washington Valley Park.
- The Zoning Board heard a case concerning a general contracting business on Harding Road, which was approved with appropriate concessions.

- On October 30th, Councilman Kirsh attended the Township's "Boos and Blues" Halloween celebration.
- Acknowledged the Bridgewater Township Clerk's Office for their assistance with this year's elections – Grace Njuguna, Juliana Coelho, Natalie Troisi, and Aly Gust. In addition, he thanked others who participated - Patti Bueno, Kunal Dash, Maria DeSimone, Nicole Smith, and several members of the DPW.
- Councilman Kirsh met with Congressman Kean at an assisted living facility to discuss relevant issues and begin building a bridge to discuss local matters.

Council President Norgalis: *(verbatim)*

- I am going to depart from the traditional report format and instead talk about the council transition into 2026. As the Election results have clearly shown the residents of Bridgewater have spoken and are altering the Council membership for next year. I have been in contact with Joan Geiger, the top Democratic vote getter and assured her of my complete cooperation in providing Joan and her group with details needed to be ironed out so we will have a fruitful and well-organized Reorganization meeting during the first seven days or so in January. The specific date is yet to be announced.
- I want to thank Allen and Filipe who will be leaving their Council seats at the end of the year for their long service to Bridgewater Township, in Allen's case over 20 years. Speaking of Allen, I would remiss if I did not mention his more than 50 years as a firefighter, many of those as Chief. Our Open Space program has been his baby since it was voter approved many years ago.
- But getting back to transition I will be setting up walkthroughs of the complex and introductions to department heads for our latest Council folks as well as packets of information to help ground them in the township business that goes on in the background and unseen by the public.

Councilman Ring:

- Thanked all candidates who participated in the recent election cycle and offered his congratulations to those who won.
- Reminded all candidates and supporters to retrieve any political signs that they had placed during the election.

**Mayor's
Reports**

Michael Pappas, Township Administrator reported on behalf of Mayor Moench

- Township Administrator Pappas requested Katherine Sarmad, Township Planner, to provide a brief presentation. Planner Sarmad distributed a memo and reported the following:

Bridgewater Township received a request from Somerset Corporate Center, which is primarily an office complex located in the BRCC Zone. She explained that, over the years, the office market and demand in New Jersey have shifted, due not only to corporations and headquarters leaving the state but also to changes in workforce trends driven by remote and hybrid work. Ms. Sarmad noted that the Center currently has approximately one million square feet of vacant space, with additional vacancies anticipated.

She further reported that potential tenants have expressed interest in utilizing the space for medical offices. Ms. Sarmad clarified that the Township is not seeking to rezone the property but is considering permitting additional uses, such as laboratory and ancillary medical uses, within the existing facility.

Township Administrator Pappas stated that a full presentation on the matter will be provided at upcoming Planning Board and Council meetings.

Councilman Kirsh commented on the importance of maintaining reasonable flexibility. While acknowledging the demand for additional medical space, he noted that expanding medical offices across numerous facilities may not be the most effective approach. He expressed that he looks forward to continued discussions on this topic.

Proclamation

VETERAN'S DAY

Councilman Ring read the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, since the founding of our nation, brave men and women have stepped forward to defend the freedoms, values, and principles that define the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Day provides us with a solemn opportunity to honor all who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States — in times of war and in times of peace — and to recognize the immeasurable sacrifices they and their families have made in service to our nation; and

WHEREAS, the veterans of Bridgewater Township are part of a proud legacy of courage and commitment, from the patriots who gathered at Middlebrook during our nation's birth to the service members who continue to protect liberty around the world today; and

WHEREAS, we are forever indebted to those who have worn the uniform — for their strength, their devotion to duty, and their willingness to place country above self; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that all residents pause on this day to remember, reflect, and express gratitude to our veterans for the peace and freedom we enjoy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Matthew C. Moench, Mayor of Bridgewater Township, along with the Township Council, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, November 11, 2025, as Veterans Day in the Township of Bridgewater, and urge all citizens to honor and thank our veterans for their service to our community and our country.

**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 Council President Norgalis, the meeting was opened to the public for comment.

- **Carolyn Troia: 1402 Palley Court – Bridgewater, NJ 08807**

Following Councilman Kurdyla's report on Ms. Isla's comments, Ms. Troia explained that she understood the remarks about town representation to suggest that women will now be serving on the Council.

Ms. Troia attended the Commissioner's meeting, which she found interesting and encouraged the Council to engage the Shade Tree Board more. In honor of the Township's 250th Anniversary, she suggested that the Township hold a fundraiser to place 250 trees in town.

Ms. Troia asked for clarification on the Newcomers Club, specifically inquiring about its function, as she was previously unaware of the organization. Council President Norgalis stated his belief that it is a high school program but committed to double-checking for confirmation. Township Administrator Pappas advised that the club is being funded by a grant and that this funding is the purpose reflected in the related resolution.

- **Andy Cytroen: 654 Stangle Road – Martinsville, NJ 08836**

Ms. Cytroen inquired about the leadership being taken to find information and keep the public informed regarding the County's Washington Valley Park project. Councilman Ring responded that the relationship between the Township and the County on this matter resides within the Administration, not the Council. Ms. Cytroen expressed her hope for better communication and notification moving forward.

Ms. Cytroen then stated that, given the existence of a master plan providing a framework for guidance, it is important for residents to understand how the master plan plays into decision-making regarding zoning, planning, and other matters. Councilman Ring explained the master plan process, noting that it

concludes with the Planning Board preparing a recommendation that is ultimately presented to the Council for approval.

Ms. Cytroen requested a copy of the 2024 Audit, which she noted should have been released by June 30th. Council President Norgalis advised that the Council had not yet received the document. Township Administrator Pappas stated that the Township is still awaiting the final draft from the auditor.

Finally, Ms. Cytroen asked the Council about the scope of work to be performed under the resolution for the \$60,000 for snow removal. Councilman Ring explained that while the DPW runs the snow removal operations, Bridgewater is a large municipality and utilizes a contractor to supplement the work that the DPW cannot handle. He added that this approach is common across other municipalities, the county, and the state.

- **Joan Geiger: 154 Hillside Avenue – Bridgewater, NJ 08807**

Ms. Geiger thanked the members on the dais who had reached out to her and her running mates, expressing her gratitude for their graciousness and stating that she looks forward to a smooth transition. She offered that her past criticism of the Council stemmed from her deep respect for those who sit on the dais. Finally, Ms. Geiger expressed her appreciation to everyone, regardless of party affiliation, who participated in the record-high turnout of the recent election.

- **Andrew Bucko: 543 Berrywood Lane – Bridgewater, NJ 08807**

Mr. Bucko thanked the council members for their years of service and the voters who participated in the election.

Mr. Bucko expressed his frustrations regarding the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) cutting aid to over 42 million people throughout the country. He stated that over 60% of Americans live paycheck to paycheck, leaving them with impossible decisions on what to spend their money on if they were to lose their job. In Somerset County, as of August 2025, 6,894 families rely on the SNAP program, including 4,790 children, 3,172 seniors and 4,290 individuals with disabilities. Mr. Bucko asked for residents to help their neighbors and contribute to the food bank whenever they can, as we are all Americans.

Councilman Kirsh responded by expressing that Bridgewater is a very generous community, noting that the Township's soccer club runs a successful food drive that collects a considerable amount for donation. He

added that bringing additional visibility to such efforts is beneficial, particularly around the holidays.

- **Hursith Adimulam: 497 Milltown Road – Bridgewater, NJ 08807**

Mr. Adimulam stated that there are many empty lots throughout the town and county and asked what the Council is anticipating for the underutilized areas of town. Councilman Ring advised that the use of a lot depends heavily on its location. He gave the example that if an empty lot is on property deemed as wetlands, the Township cannot build there, and continued by advising that there are many different reasons why a property remains vacant.

Mr. Adimulam continued by asking when Chick-Fil-A will be opening at the lot formerly owned by Ruby Tuesday's. Councilman Kirsh opined that the project received approval from the Planning Board, and he believes it is their intention to begin work in 2026. He also mentioned that the start date depends on various factors such as market conditions and financing.

- **Ridwana Isla: 32 Timberline Drive – Bridgewater, NJ 08807**

Ms. Isla thanked Councilman Pedroso and Councilman Kurdyla for their service and expressed gratitude to all the voters who participated in the democratic process this year. Ms. Isla then commented that healthcare is another area of concern for Americans. She shared the story of a hard-working Bridgewater resident who was in-between a career change and due to lack of insurance neglected to seek care, and subsequently lost their life. Ms. Isla encouraged anyone with sick loved ones to advise them to seek medical attention.

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

**Introduction
of Ordinances**

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$4,100,000, FOR MIDDLE BROOK SANITARY SEWER PUMPING STATION IMPROVEMENTS - PHASE 2 IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,100,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION.

Council President Norgalis stated that this issue is long overdue to be rectified and has been discussed many times over the past year. He added that he and Councilman Kirsh have visited the pumping station and can assure everyone that the necessary repairs must be done.

Councilman Kirsh expressed appreciation for the hard work and passion Council President Norgalis has dedicated to this project. Councilman Kirsh confirmed he has taken on the responsibility to move the project forward and gather the necessary knowledge for its success.

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

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

THE ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED.

A copy of resolution [**#25-11-06-262**](#) is appended to the official minutes

Grace Njuguna, 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 3rd day of December, 2025, 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 AMENDING CHAPTER 138 (MASSAGE AND BODYWORK THERAPY) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER TO CLARIFY CERTAIN PROVISIONS THEREOF

Township Administrator Pappas expressed his appreciation for the Health Office and Police Department for their efforts with this ordinance.

Councilman Kirsh stated that he believes a more effective way to address concerns about massage parlors that may not be operating in full compliance with the law is to take an administrative approach through inspections and enhanced enforcement which is what this Ordinance will allow us to do.

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

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

THE ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED.

A copy of resolution [#25-11-06-263](#) is appended to the official minutes

Grace Njuguna, 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 3rd day of December, 2025, 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 AMENDING CHAPTER 216 (WRECKER ROSTER), SECTION 216-7 (ISSUANCE OF LICENSE; DENIAL, SUSPENSION, TERMINATION) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER TO CREATE A NEW SUSPENSION PROVISION

Township Administrator Pappas advised that the Township has an existing ordinance that regulates towing companies. He stated that the proposed ordinance is an enhancement to that ordinance, intended to ensure that the towing companies providing service to the public are acting properly.

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

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

THE ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED.

A copy of resolution [#25-11-06-264](#) is appended to the official minutes

Grace Njuguna, 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 3rd day of December, 2025, 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 AMENDING CHAPTER 94 (“FEES”) TO AMEND AND RECONFIGURE SUBSECTION F (“HEALTH”) THEREOF OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER

Council President Norgalis stated that Health services for the Township are provided in part by the Middlebrook Health Commission. He noted that the proposed rates in the ordinance under discussion are parallel to the rates used in other towns that utilize the Commission's services.

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

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

THE ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED.

A copy of resolution [#25-11-06-265](#) is appended to the official minutes

Grace Njuguna, 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 3rd day of December, 2025, 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

2026 STAVOLA QUARRY OPERATING LICENSE - BLOCK 711, LOTS 3, 4, AND 6 CHIMNEY ROCK ROAD, BRIDGEWATER, NEW JERSEY, 08807, SOMERSET COUNTY

Thomas Branch, Vice President of Stavola (Quarry), was present. Each year, they are required to submit an application for renewal of their mining license, which was completed on October 7th. The application, now deemed administratively complete, includes rock extraction, earthwork, and grading in addition to additional information on surveying, mine registration and storm management. Mr. Branch assured the council that there has been no mining beyond the limits that have been previously approved in prior years.

Mr. Branch highlighted their efforts regarding an ongoing flood control study that has been initiated at the suggestion of the DEP. He stated that all the blasts they had this year have been within the Department of Labor standards for air over pressure and ground vibration.

Councilman Ring added that the Township does not have control over the blasts as it is handled by the Department of Labor.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#25-11-06-266](#) is appended to the official minutes

RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION NJS 40A:4:87 – BRING OUT YOUR BEST \$10,000.00 - BUDGET CHAPTER 159

RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION NJS 40A:4:87 – NEWCOMERS CLUB \$6,000.00 - BUDGET CHAPTER 159

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	Absent
Councilman Ring	Aye
Council President Norgalis	Aye

THE RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED.

Copies of resolutions [#25-11-06-267 THRU 25-11-06-268](#) are appended to the official minutes

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO CANCEL TRUST ACCOUNT RESERVE BALANCES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$203,488.22 AND TRANSFER THE FUNDS TO CURRENT FUND MRNA – TRUST RESERVE CANCELLED

Township Administrator Pappas stated that these unused funds have remained in accounts with no activity for at least ten years.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#25-11-06-269](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING BRIDGEWATER TAX COLLECTOR BLANCA LYONS TO CONDUCT AN ELECTRONIC TAX SALE

Township Administrator Pappas stated that each year, the Township conducts a tax sale electronically and this will allow Blanca Lyons to do so.

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	Absent

Councilman Ring Aye
Council President Norgalis Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#25-11-06-270](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$308,496.98 IN THE CURRENT FUND

Council President Norgalis advised that each year, during November and December, the Township is authorized by the State to reallocate funds as needed to satisfy outstanding payments. This year, it will be to help cover the cost of electric bills.

Councilman Kirsh stated that the rise in electric costs is a consequence of poor State management. He stated that he had spoken with Senator Steinhart regarding the issue and may seek his support in identifying how the State can assist the Township in addressing it.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#25-11-06-271](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL \$15,000.00 TO COLLIER'S ENGINEERING AND DESIGN, 53 FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE #110, HAMPTON, NJ 08827, FOR TOWNSHIP ENGINEER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR THE YEAR OF 2024 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$135,000.00

AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL \$15,000.00 TO DARLENE GREEN, P.P., A.I.C.P., OF COLLIER'S ENGINEERING AND DESIGN AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLANNER FOR THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR THE YEAR OF 2025 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$55,000.00

AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL \$10,000.00 TO SARMAH PLANNING GROUP, LLC; 26 KING GEORGE ROAD, WARREN, NJ 07059 FOR PROFESSIONAL PLANNING SERVICES IN CONNECTION TO THE MASTER PLAN UPDATE FOR THE YEAR OF 2025 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000.00

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

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

THE RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED.

Copies of resolutions [#25-11-06-272 THRU #25-11-06-274](#) are appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 BRIDGEWATER/RARITAN MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE REQUEST FOR APPLICATION WITH SOMERSET COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,575.36

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	Absent
Councilman Ring	Aye
Council President Norgalis	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#25-11-06-275](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING DISBURSAL OF \$44,300 FROM THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND FOR RENOVATIONS AND REPAIRS FOR TWO (2) LOW- AND MODERATE-INCOME PROPERTIES THROUGH THE BRIDGEWATER HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM

Township Administrator Pappas offered that the two property owners have undergone inspections for renovations needed to make these homes code compliant.

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

Councilman Kirsh	Aye
Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Absent

Councilman Ring Aye
Council President Norgalis Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#25-11-06-276](#) is appended to the official minutes

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO RJM LANDSCAPE AND DESIGN, LLC OF 821 PARSONAGE HILL DRIVE, BRANCBURG, NJ 08876 FOR SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000.00 FOR THE 2025 – 2026 WINTER SEASON

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#25-11-06-277](#) is appended to the official minutes

RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION NJSA 40A:4:87 – UNIVERSAL DRAINAGE ASSESSMENT- \$156,000.00 – BUDGET CHAPTER 159

Township Administrator Pappas stated that this resolution accepts funds from a grant which was discovered by Township Engineer Burr.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#25-11-06-278](#) is appended to the official minutes

RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION NJSA 40A:4:87 – PLYMOUTH ROAD, RYAN WAY & JEFFREY LANE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - \$404,652.00 - BUDGET CHAPTER 159

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	Absent
Councilman Ring	Aye
Council President Norgalis	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#25-11-06-279](#) is appended to the official minutes

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO TOP LINE CONSTRUCTION CORP. (22 FIFTH STREET, SOMERVILLE, NJ 08876) FOR THE PLYMOUTH ROAD, RYAN WAY AND JEFFREY LANE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, WHICH WAS AWARDED A FY 2024 NJDOT MUNICIPAL AID GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$404,652.00, FOR THE ENTIRE LENGTHS OF PLYMOUTH ROAD, RYAN WAY AND JEFFREY LANE, IN THE SUM OF \$642,997.23, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2025 CAPITAL ROAD FUND

Township Administrator Pappas advised that two-thirds of the project is funded by a DOT grant, with the remaining one-third covered through the bond ordinance adopted by the Council earlier this year.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#25-11-06-280](#) is appended to the official minutes

PROJECT RESOLUTION FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE UNIVERSAL DRAINAGE ASSESSMENT PROJECT TO COLLIER'S ENGINEERING & DESIGN, INC., INC., SHELBOURNE AT HUNTERDON, 53 FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 110, HAMPTON, NJ 08827, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$156,000.00, FUNDED THROUGH THE

FEMA HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (HMGP) AND 2025 CAPITAL ORDINANCE

Councilman Kurdyla stated that this is a tremendous advantage for the Township and suggested working in conjunction with Stavola Quarry to enhance the benefit for both parties.

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	Absent
Councilman Ring	Aye
Council President Norgalis	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#25-11-06-281](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING THE 2026 FIREWORKS DISPLAY SCHEDULE FOR SOMERSET PATRIOTS GAMES AT TD BANK BALLPARK

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	Absent
Councilman Ring	Aye
Council President Norgalis	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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CONSENTING TO THE INSTALLATION OF TWO NEW TURF FIELDS AT THE PRINCE RODGERS BASEBALL COMPLEX BY BRIDGEWATER BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL, INC. AT NO COST TO THE TOWNSHIP

Township Administrator Pappas stated that the property belongs to the Township and that the governing body must formally consent to the installation. He noted that Township Engineer Burr has approved the plans and that all parties agree the project will be funded by Bridgewater Baseball and Softball, Inc (BBSI).

Councilman Kurdyla asked whether the Township would be responsible for the turf replacement in five to ten years. Councilman Kirsh responded that BBSI will be responsible for all repairs and replacement.

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

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#25-11-06-283](#) 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, contract negotiations, and litigation.

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 Kurdyla, Council convened in closed session at approximately 9:02 p.m.

A copy of resolution [#25-11-06-284](#) is appended to the official minutes.

On the motion of Councilman Ring, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the meeting reconvened to open session at approximately 10:20 p.m. and adjourned immediately thereafter.

Adjournment

On the motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilman Ring, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Grace Njuguna, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Howard Norgalis
Council President