



TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER

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AGENDA FOR REGULAR SESSION MEETING OF BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2026 AT 7:00 PM IN-PERSON WITH LIVE STREAM

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT OF NEW JERSEY, ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS PROVIDED ON DECEMBER 5, 2025, BY SENDING WRITTEN NOTICE AND ELECTRONIC NOTICE 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.

2. ROLL CALL

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

DECEMBER 17, 2025 - REGULAR SESSION

JANUARY 5, 2026 - REORGANIZATION

JANUARY 8, 2026 - REGULAR SESSION

5. TOWNSHIP COUNCIL REPORTS

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

7. PROCLAMATION - School Board Recognition Month

8. PRESENTATION

9. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Members of the public wishing to address the Council on any matter will have three minutes to speak, which may be extended in the discretion of the Council President. An additional minute will be allotted for responses to comments from the Dias.

10. MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS WITH ADVICE AND CONSENT (Staff)

- a) AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM H. BURR, P.E. OF COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN AS TOWNSHIP ENGINEER FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2026 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$140,000.00
- b) AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF KATHERINE SARMAD, P.P., A.I.C.P, OF SARMAD PLANNING GROUP AS TOWNSHIP PLANNER AND AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$77,500.00, FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2026 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026
- c) AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF DARLENE GREEN, P.P., A.I.C.P, OF COLLIERS ENGINEERING AND DESIGN AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLANNER AND AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000.00 FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2026 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026

- d) AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL SULLIVAN OF THE FIRM OF CLARK CATON HINTZ PC AS REDEVELOPMENT PLANNER AND AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000.00 FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2026 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026
- e) AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO JOHN DRAIKIWICZ, ESQ., OF THE LAW FIRM OF GIBBONS, P.C. AS BOND COUNSEL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026
- f) AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE LAW FIRM OF SAVO, SCHALK, GILLESPIE, O'GRODNICK & FISHER, P.A., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$460,000.00 FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2026 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026
- g) AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE LAW FIRM OF SAVO, SCHALK, CORSINI, WARNER, GILLESPIE, O'GRODNICK & FISHER, P.A., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000 FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2026 DECEMBER 31, 2026
- h) AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR TAX APPEAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE LAW FIRM OF SAVO, SCHALK, CORSINI, WARNER, GILLESPIE, O'GRODNICK & FISHER, P.A., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000.00 FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2026 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026
- i) AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MATTHEW GIACOBBE, ESQ., OF THE LAW FIRM OF CLEARY, GIACOBBE, ALFIERI & JACOBS, LLC, AS LABOR COUNSEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2026 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$120,000.00
- j) AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES: MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR JOHN LANZA, ESQ. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$80,000.00 FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2026 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026
- k) AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES: MUNICIPAL PUBLIC DEFENDER TO SCOTT MITZNER, ESQ. FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2026 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000.00
- l) AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CARLIN, WARD, ASH & HEIART, LLC FOR SPECIAL TAX COUNSEL SERVICES AND APPOINTING CARLIN, WARD, ASH & HEIART, LLC SPECIAL TAX COUNSEL TO BE PAID ON A CONTINGENT BASIS AT NO COST TO THE TOWNSHIP

11. MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS WITH ADVICE AND CONSENT (Boards & Committees)

- a) APPOINTMENTS TO THE BRIDGEWATER-RARITAN YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION
 - 1. Arthur Akins, Jr.
- b) APPOINTMENTS TO THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
 - 1. Timothy Ring
 - 2. James Edwards
 - 3. Allen Kurdyla
 - 4. Robert Albano
 - 5. Katelyn Sowden
 - 6. Christopher Ireland

- c) APPOINTMENTS TO THE REGIONAL CENTER PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE
 - 1. Matthew Moench
 - 2. Michael Pappas
- d) APPOINTMENTS TO THE MIDDLE-BROOK REGIONAL HEALTH COMMISSION
 - 1. Christine Madrid
 - 2. Ridwana Isla
 - 3. Stan Stellakis - Alternate

12. MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS WITHOUT ADVICE AND CONSENT

- a) APPOINTMENTS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
 - 1. Jeff Foose - For a 3-year term ending 12/31/2028
 - 2. Ronald Cerenzio - To fill an unexpired 3-year term ending 12/31/2026

13. OATHS OF OFFICE

Administered by Christopher Corsini Esq., Township Attorney

14. PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ACTION ORDINANCES - None

15. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES - None

16. RESOLUTIONS

- a) AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES OF THE MIDDLE-BROOK REGIONAL HEALTH COMMISSION FOR THE YEAR 2026 AT A TOTAL COST OF \$132,220.00 PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF N.J.S.A. 26:3-1, ET SEQ.
- b) AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL \$110,672.52 TO HORIZON BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF NEW JERSEY FOR PROVIDING HEALTH INSURANCE TO THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER FOR A TOTAL ANNUAL PREMIUM OF \$6,323,288.52 FOR THE YEAR OF 2025
- c) AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL \$3,857.48 TO DELTA DENTAL OF NEW JERSEY, INC. FOR PROVIDING DENTAL AND VISION INSURANCE TO THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER FOR A TOTAL ANNUAL PREMIUM OF \$362,621.48 FOR THE YEAR OF 2025
- d) AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ROAD SALT FOR THE 2025 - 2026 WINTER SEASON FROM THE SOMERSET COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE DIVISION, P.O. BOX 3000, SOMERVILLE NJ 08876 IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000.00
- e) AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL \$150,000.00 TO RJM LANDSCAPE AND DESIGN, LLC OF 821 PARSONAGE HILL DRIVE, BRANCHBURG, NJ 08876 FOR SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES FOR THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$210,000.00 TOTAL FOR THE 2025-2026 WINTER SEASON
- f) AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SOCCER CENTERS LOCATED AT 300 MEMORIAL DRIVE, SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY, AND TOWNSHIP RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE SPRING AND FALL TRAVEL, IN-TOWN, JUNIOR PANTHERS, HIGH SCHOOL, ADULT, SUMMER, AND FIELD HOCKEY PROGRAMS. SOCCER CENTERS WILL PROVIDE THE USE OF TURF FIELDS, REFEREES, AND TRAINERS AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$154,250.00. THE AFOREMENTIONED EXPENSE WILL BE PAID THROUGH THE REGISTRATION FEES IN THE SOCCER RECREATION TRUST FUND, RESULTING IN NO OPERATING COST TO BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP

- g) AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00 AND LANDSCAPING BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,400.00, AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE SITE IMPROVEMENTS FOR KANHAA, LLC (CROSSROADS PLAZA) BLOCK 315, LOT 3, AT 600 EAST MAIN STREET
- h) AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF FIRE PERMIT FEES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300 FOR ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX PARISH IN CONNECTION WITH HOSTING "HOME" HOMELESS FAMILIES AT THEIR LOCATION, 500 ROUTE 22, BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807, ON THE FOLLOWING DATES: JANUARY 18-25, MARCH 1-8, APRIL 26-MAY 3, AND JUNE 7-14, 2026
- i) AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF FIRE PERMIT AND SPECIAL EVENT FEES IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$220.00 FOR THE SOMERVILLE ELKS (LODGE #1068) IN SUPPORT OF THE "JACK'S KIDS" TAILGATE FUNDRAISER LOCATED AT 375 UNION AVENUE, BRIDGEWATER, TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2026
- j) EMERGENCY RESOLUTION - NJS 40A:4-46, SNOW REMOVAL SALARY & WAGES
- k) AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A FIFTH AMENDMENT TO THE CONSOLIDATED PHASE I PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE BRIDGEWATER COMMONS MALL, CONSENTING TO THE TRANSFER OF BLOCK 553 LOT 1.03 (THE LIFE STYLE CENTER ALSO COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE VILLAGE AT BRIDGEWATER COMMONS) TO URBAN EDGE PROPERTIES, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A NEW REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH URBAN EDGE PROPERTIES, AND DESIGNATING URBAN EDGE PROPERTIES AS THE REDEVELOPER OF THE LIFE STYLE CENTER

17. DISCUSSION

18. CLOSED SESSION

19. ADJOURNMENT

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