

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, March 17, 2014 at 7:03 P.M. in the Municipal Complex located at 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey.

Mayor Womack called the meeting to order.

**Roll call:**

Present: Ms. Narra, Ms. Nicola, Messrs. Andrews, Davis and Socio  
Absent: Mr. Corbin

Also present: Township Attorney, Ronald Gordon, Esq., Business Administrator, Robert Lombard, Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Services, Lou Ann Benson, Director of Community Development, Michael Hritz, Acting Director of Public Works, Doug Robertson, Municipal Clerk, Lisa Russo and Deputy Clerk, Milvi Weiner.

Also present: Senior Activities Supervisor, Jessica Zink, Director of the North Brunswick Library, Cheryl McBride and John Taikina, Tod Associates.

Ms. Russo announced that the notice requirements of the law have been satisfied. Notices were sent by certified mail on January 2, 2014 to the following:

- a) The Home News & Tribune b) Star Ledger c) North Brunswick Sentinel

Notice receipts are on file in the Township Clerk's office. Also, notices were posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Complex and filed in the Clerk's office on January 2, 2014.

Ms. Benson led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**"Proclamation: Friends of the Library"**: Councilwoman Narra presented a proclamation to members of the "Friends of the North Brunswick Library" and the Director of the Library, Cheryl McBride. They have supported our library since 1997 by holding annual book sales, eat outs and other fundraising events. The Friends of the Library have been the sole support of all library programming for kids, teens, and adults by collecting over \$10,000.00 per year. They were awarded on December 3, 2013 the Outstanding Friends Group Award at the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Libraries of Middlesex Awards Reception at the Pines Manor in Edison.  
**"Department of Parks, Recreation & Community Services Eagle Scout Project"** - Councilman Socio presented a proclamation to Jon Minguet a member of Troop 18 and has been scouting for seven years. Jon selected North Brunswick Community Park Softball Complex as the site for his Eagle Scout Project which included the donation of a flag pole and a paver brick area for the residents. He planned, fundraised and organized volunteers to this project which completed on February 25, 2014.

**"Scholar / Athlete / Artist for March 2014" - "Isabel Alex"** - Councilman Andrews presented a proclamation to Isabel Alex who is a fifth grade student at Parsons Elementary School and is on the Honor Roll. She is a member of the Robotics Team and Math Olympiad. Isabel has received the Principal's Excellence Award for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> grades, First Prize in the 2013 Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay / Art Contest for 4<sup>th</sup> grade, her non-fiction essay was selected for publication in "Creative Communication" Spring 2013 national essay contest, earned her Black Belt in June 2013 and is enrolled in piano, violin and Indian Classical Dance lessons.

**"Emily Farrell"** - Councilman Davis presented a proclamation to Emily Farrell who is an eighth grade student at Linwood Middle School and is on the Honor Roll. She is the Captain of the Linwood Middle School Girls Basketball Team, played North Basketball Travel Basketball, Recreation Basketball, Recreation Softball and Recreation Soccer. Emily is a member "LAB" Linwood Awareness Buddies and volunteered for Buddy Ball Soccer and Buddy Ball Basketball.

**"Department of Parks, Recreation & Community Services / Theodore Carlton Hayes / Snow Shoveling"**: Council President Nicola presented a proclamation to Theodore Carlton Hayes who responded to media information asking for volunteers to assist with snow removal. He shoveled snow for three days, six hours per day, assisting North Brunswick Township Senior Housing Residents with removing their cars. Jeanné Selby from the Senior Housing was very thankful for all his help during the inclement weather.

**"Proclamation: C.E.R.T. Team Members"** - Mayor Womack and Councilman Andrews presented proclamations to each of the new members of C.E.R.T. Team who are Gary Craig, Cathleen Kolesar, Robert Kolesar, Chris Petersen, Elmer Zay, Randall Fedon, Sue Kerekesh and Edward Christ. The C.E.R.T. members assist thers in their neighborhood or workplace flowing an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help.

“Presentation” – “Linda Sicora / teachers from John Adams – Donation for the Food Bank and the North Brunswick Seniors

Linda Sicora, Dr Frederick Johnson and members of the Student Council presented the Senior Center with a check for \$326.84 and a check for \$300.00 to the Food Bank. They raised this money by selling 2,000 Halloween pencils in October and 3,000 Valentine lollipops and tomorrow they will be donating \$500.00 to the “Make A Wish Foundation” in Monroe.

“Representative of VFW #459 – Michael Rizzi” - Mr. Rizzi encouraged all residents to come by to their upcoming Meatloaf Dinner on Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. The dinner will run from 5-8 pm with tickets at \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children ages 5-12. Dorr prizes will be available. Any questions please call the Post at 732-249-4147 and support our local veterans by attending this dinner.

Break for Proclamation Recipients: 7:32 pm  
Resume Meeting: 7:42 pm

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve item # 6 on the Agenda. Approval of minutes: Regular Council Meeting / February 18, 2014. So moved by Ms. Narra, second by Ms. Nicola.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Narra, Ms. Nicola, Messrs. Corbin and Socio  
Nays: none  
Absent: Mr. Andrews and Mr. Davis

Council members discussed Consent Agenda item # 102-3.14 – “Certifying review of the Fiscal Year Best Practices Inventory” and acknowledged discussion at the March 10, 2014 Workshop.

Mayor Womack asked council members if any items are to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Motion made by Ms. Nicola to approve items “ 9a – 9o ” on the agenda, second by Mr. Davis.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Narra, Ms. Nicola, Messrs. Andrews, Davis and Socio  
Nays: None  
Absent: Mr. Corbin

Consent Agenda:

- a. Authorizing the redemption of various Third Party Liens \_\_\_\_\_ 94-3.14
- b. Authorizing the application for a Middlesex County Department on Aging Grant:
  - i. Transportation - \$5000.00 \_\_\_\_\_ 95-3.14
  - ii. Outreach - \$9,500.00 \_\_\_\_\_ 96-3.14
  - iii. Congregate Meals - \$16,500.00 \_\_\_\_\_ 97-3.14
- c. Item of revenue in budget: (Chapter 159)
  - i. Office of Aging and Disabled Senior Transportation - \$5000.00 \_\_\_\_\_ 98-3.14
  - ii. Office of Aging and Disabled Services Senior Outreach - \$9,500.00 \_\_\_\_\_ 99-3.14
  - iii. Office of Aging and Disabled Services Congregate Meals - \$16,500.00 \_\_\_\_\_ 100-3.14
- d. Authorizing the reinstatement of installment payments for property owners within Belcourt at Hidden Lake for Water Services Project \_\_\_\_\_ 101-3.14
- e. Certifying review of the Fiscal Year Best Practices Inventory \_\_\_\_\_ 102-3.14
- f. Certifying review of the Fiscal Year 2013 Annual Audit \_\_\_\_\_ 103-3.14
- g. Establishing Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services Program Fees 2014 \_\_\_\_\_ 104-3.14
- h. Authorizing the re-advertisement for Receipt of Bids under the Department of Public Works for Replacement Parts for Automated Refuse Truck Bodies \_\_\_\_\_ 105-3.14
- i. Authorizing the sale of abandoned vehicles \_\_\_\_\_ 106-3.14
- j. Authorizing Award of Contract BID14001 to Lucas Brothers, Inc. for the 2014 Road Improvements Program \_\_\_\_\_ 107-3.14
- k. Awarding an adjustment to Township residents \_\_\_\_\_ 108-3.14
- l. Authorizing an unpaid leave of absence to Michael A. McCormick \_\_\_\_\_ 109-3.14
- m. Authorizing Award of Contract PRO13048 to Hoagland, Longo, Moran, Dunst & Doukas, LLP for Environmental Legal Counsel to provide Environmental Legal Services \_\_\_\_\_ 110-3.14
- n. Authorizing the cancellation of taxes on exempt property known as Block 148, Lot 91 on the Official Tax Map of the Township of North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey, also known as Darmody Avenue, North Brunswick, New Jersey Acquired and now owned by the Township of North Brunswick \_\_\_\_\_ 111-3.14
- o. Payment of bills \_\_\_\_\_ 112-3.14

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve item # 10 on the Agenda. Approval of minutes: Regular Council Meeting / March 3, 2014. So moved by Mr. Socio, second by Ms. Narra.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Narra, Ms. Nicola, Messrs. Corbin and Socio  
 Nays: none  
 Abstain: Mr. Andrews and Mr. Davis  
 Absent: Mr. Corbin

Public Hearing: Public Improvements Letter of Credit Release for Jack's Famous Furniture  
 Site Improvements

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing. No comments from the public. Mayor Womack called for a motion to close the public hearing, so moved by Mr. Socio, second by Mr. Andrews.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Narra, Ms. Nicola, Messrs. Andrews, Davis and Socio  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: Mr. Corbin

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve Resolution #113-3.14 - "Authorizing the Public Improvements Letter of Credit Release for "Jack's Famous Furniture ", so moved by Mr. Socio, second by Ms. Nicola.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Narra, Ms. Nicola, Messrs. Andrews, Davis and Socio  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: Mr. Corbin

Public Hearing: Private Improvements Performance Bond Release for BJ'S Wholesale Club Inc. -  
 Solar Panel Array

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing. No comments from the public. Mayor Womack called for a motion to close the public hearing, so moved by Ms. Narra, second by Mr. Socio.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Narra, Ms. Nicola, Messrs. Andrews, Davis and Socio  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: Mr. Corbin

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve Resolution #114-3.14 - "Authorizing the Private Improvements Performance Bond Release for BJ's Wholesale Club, Inc. - Solar Panel Array", so moved by Mr. Andrews, second by Ms. Narra.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Narra, Ms. Nicola, Messrs. Andrews, Davis and Socio  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: Mr. Corbin

Ordinances / First Reading / Introduction:

#14-02 – An Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 356, "Wreckers", Section 356-21(A) "Rates for towing and Storage Service" to increase fees

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 14-02. So moved by Mr. Socio second by Ms. Nicola, second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on April 7, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey following legal publication in the March 20, 2013 issue of the Home News and Tribune as according to law. This Ordinance is posted in the Municipal Complex and copies are available upon request.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Narra, Ms. Nicola, Messrs. Andrews, Davis and Socio  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: Mr. Corbin

**Ordinances / First Reading / Introduction:**

**#14-03 – An Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 205, “Land Use”, Article XVII, “Industrial District”, Section 205-76.1, “Transit-Oriented Mixed-Use Development Overlay”, of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey**

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce *Ordinance No. 14-03*. So moved by Mr. Andrews second by Ms. Nicola, second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on April 21, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey following legal publication in the March 20, 2013 issue of the Home News and Tribune as according to law. This Ordinance is posted in the Municipal Complex and copies are available upon request.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Narra, Ms. Nicola, Messrs. Andrews, Davis and Socio  
Nays: None  
Absent: Mr. Corbin

**Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO:**

Mayor Womack – April 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am – “Breakfast with the Easter Bunny” co-sponsored by the Heritage Day Committee, April 5<sup>th</sup> Tree planting for Salvatore Liguori at the Municipal Building at 9:00 am. Opening Days for Soccer and Baseball on April 5<sup>th</sup> at the North Brunswick Community Park. Nominations are being taken by Ms. Benson for the “2014 Veteran of the Year”.

Mr. Andrews – wished everyone a “Happy St. Patrick’s Day”

Mr. Socio - explained the procedure of an ordinance going into effect to the Towing Companies that were present at the meeting. Tonight is the First Reading followed by the Second Reading on April 7<sup>th</sup> and it should be in effect by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing at 7:48 pm. No comments from the public.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to close the Public Hearing. So moved by Mr. Socio, second by Mr. Andrews.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Narra, Ms. Nicola, Messrs. Andrews, Davis and Socio  
Nays: None  
Absent: Mr. Corbin

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. So moved by Mr. Socio, second by Mr. Andrews.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Narra, Ms. Nicola, Messrs. Andrews, Davis and Socio  
Nays: None  
Absent: Mr. Corbin

Adjourn – 7:48 pm

Municipal Clerk  
Lisa Russo