

A Special Meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Thursday, August 28, 2014, at 7:05 P.M. at 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Womack.

Roll call:

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

Also present: Business Administrator, Robert Lombard, Director of Community Development, Michael Hritz, Public Information Officer, Craig Yetsko, Police Chief Joe Battaglia, Officer of Emergency Management, Mark Cafferty, Chief Financial Officer, Kala Sriranganathan, Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Services, Lou Ann Benson, Acting Director of Public Works, Eric Chaszar and Deputy Clerk, Milvi Weiner.

Ms. Weiner announced that the notice requirements of the law have been satisfied. Notices were faxed on Monday, August 25, 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 August 25, 2014.

Mayor Womack began the meeting stating that this meeting is for residents concerns living in Berdines Corner.

Mrs. Lisa – resident on 1st Avenue who has concerns of the assault that occurred in their neighborhood last Monday night around 10:30 pm.

Resident that was assaulted said he stepped outside of his house with his smart phone and walked around and then stood next to his car. A 4 door black sedan made a u-turn and came back. Two men with masks and handguns came out. A gun was put to his head and snatched his phone and asked what else he had on him? He had to lay down on his front lawn while they checked his pockets and pulled his shirt over his head and hit him. The resident called 911 when he got up.

Mr. Lisa – has lived on 1st Avenue for 50 years. First time an assault has occurred on their block – isolated case. He is calling upon the Chief of Police to have an informal meeting with the residents in this area. It is a closely knitted community. Feelers will be sent to neighbors to set up a time with Lt. Reinson.

Councilwoman Narra arrives to dais at 7:12 pm.

Mr. Bauer – resident of 4th Street – questioned why North Brunswick in not mentioned in the police blotter of the Home News & Tribune.

Mrs. Lisa – armed robbery at Gulf Station with guns & masks. Need more police presence.

Resident of 4th & Chrome Street – 15 minute wait- called non-emergency police – someone sitting in car at 6:30 am. Questioned why the person was at this location at that time of morning.

Resident of 1st Avenue – heard gunshot in the afternoon – 6 police officers arrived – what is the follow up? More street lights in area of Center Street, 2nd Avenue and 3rd Avenue.

Mr. Nastus – trees / shrubbery blocking light.

Councilman Socio arrives to dais at 7:39 pm.

Mr. Evanchik – millions of dollars spent expanding the high school but the ugly dirt pile is still by Veteran's Park.

Resident – complained of the traffic on Edgewood Place – trucks use road as a short cut – big rig – all hours of the day. Residents of Cleremont Avenue presented the Mayor and Council with a list of grievances and photos pertaining to 56 Cleremont Avenue (see attachment).

Director of Community Development, Michael Hritz stated that the owner of 56 Cleremont Avenue has been cited and that on Tuesday the house will be declared formally & legally uninhabitable.

Resident of Allgair Avenue – responder who is scared and does not know what to do if something happens to her or her neighbors.

Resident – concerns with driving on Georges Road by Krauszers, Subway and China House – perpendicular parking – plenty of parking by Arthur's / PNC Bank.

Mr. Lisi – Georges Road to Nassau Street to gas station – 4-6 pm and early morning. Rte. 1 to New Brunswick – traffic back-up – cannot make left turn. He is asking for a delayed green light there. People who do not work at Jiffy Lube are working on cars. People are working on cars on 1st Avenue and then race down on 1st Avenue.

Mayor Womack leaves dais at 8:20pm and returns at 8:22 pm.

Resident – car safety issue at A & P – hard to pull out to make left turn onto Milltown Road – bushes are in the way. Mr. Hritz said the nursery is a robust service and continuing nonconforming use which means it was a nursery before and is still a nursery today which is permitted.

Ms. Von Bischoffshausen – questioned when her street would be repaved?

Mr. Nastus – questioned snow removal ordinance? King Tutu Hooak Lounge – picking up beer / liquor bottles – garbage in yards.

Mr. Evanchik – great job with the Adams lane improvement.

Resident of Allgair Avenue – complaints about Citgo Gas Station – cars parked along curb (sidewalk) cannot make left turns.

Resident – Jiffy Lube – taxi cabs parked along street. Carpet Futon Gallery – junk yard – too many signs.

Resident – garbage can under sign “You are leaving North Brunswick” on Livingston Avenue full of garbage.

Ms. Von Bischoffhausen – has the Rte. 130 construction alleviated traffic on How Lane?

Mr. Nastus – questioned on having an overpass at Finnegan’s Lane? (County Road)

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

Roll call:

Ayes: Ms. Narra, Messrs. Andrews, Corbin, Davis and Socio

Nays: none

Absent: Ms. Nicola

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Roll call:

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Nays: none

Absent: Ms. Nicola

Adjourn at 8:50 PM

**Milvi Weiner
Deputy Clerk**

