

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 7:06P.M.in the Municipal Complex located at 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey.

Council President Davis called the meeting to order.

Roll call:

Present: Messrs., Davis, and Andrews, Corbin and Lopez  
Absent: Ms. Guadagnino and Mr. Socio and Mayor Womack

Also present: Township Attorney Ronald Gordon, Esq., Business Administrator Kathy Monzo, Director of Public Works Eric Chaszar, Director of Community Development Michael Hritz, Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Services Lou Ann Benson, OEM Director Mark Cafferty, Municipal Clerk, Lisa Russo, Clerk Janet Maer and Clerk Loren Ventrice.

Ms. Russo announced that the notice requirements of the law have been satisfied. Notices were sent by certified mail on December 26, 2017 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 December 26, 2017.

Pledge of allegiance led by Councilman Lopez.

Proclamation to Richard Altman: Council President Davis presented Dr. Richard Altman a proclamation for Youth Peer Advocate Award 2017 in recognition of distinguished leadership efforts and volunteer activities in serving the youth of the Township of North Brunswick. Rich started coaching and volunteering with the North Brunswick Travel Soccer as a coach when his youngest daughter, Tatum, started to play. He became part of the North Brunswick Girls Lacrosse Program over ten years ago. The Lacrosse program has thrived and it has become a great springboard program for the Linwood Middle School and the High School teams. Today, the girls Lacrosse teams continue to develop and be successful at all levels.

Scholar/Athlete/Artist:

Cassandra Updegraff-Councilman Lopez presented a proclamation to Cassandra Updegraff; she is an eleven year old in the seventh grade at Linwood Middle School. As a young child, Cassie excelled in academics, bypassing the second grade and is currently a High Honor Roll student taking Advanced Math as well as Advanced Language Arts. Cassie serves as a peer tutor during her lunch periods at Linwood, helping others with schoolwork. Her hobbies include reading, spending time with friends and listening to music.

Break for Proclamation recipients: 7:14pm

Resume: 7:20pm

Council President Davis asked council members if any items are to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Motion made by Mr. Andrews to approve items 6a-6k on the agenda, second by Mr. Corbin.

Consent Agenda

- a. NJ State Fireman's Application / Fire Co. #3 / Raymond Troxell
- b. 44-1.18 Authorizing the reinstatement of installment payments for property owners within Belcourt at Hidden Lake for Water Service Project
- c. 45-1.18 Authorizing the acceptance of the State of New Jersey, Solid Waste Administration & Middlesex County Improvement Authority 2017 Recycling Tonnage Grant - \$86,845.97
- d. 46-1.18 Item of revenue in budget (Chapter 159) 2017 Recycling Tonnage Grant - \$86,845.97
- e. 47-1.18 Certifying Review of the Fiscal Year 2017 Annual Audit
- f. 48-1.18 Authorizing an amendment to the Agreement with the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA) concerning Payment In Lieu of Taxes and other matters
- g. 49-1.18 Amending Contract BID16001 with Lucas Brothers, Inc. for the 2016 Road Improvements Program Project Closeout Change Order (\$204,802.45)
- h. 50-1.18 Authorizing an amendment to the agreement with Ronald H. Gordon, Esq. of the Firm Decotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP
- i. 51-1.18 Authorizing adjustments to Township Residents for their Water-Sewer Utility Account
- j. 52-1.18 Authorizing the submittal of a grant application for the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) Local Freight Impact Fund (Fiscal Year 2018) for Finnigans Lane Improvements

k. 53-1.18 Bill List

Council President Davis called for a motion to approve item #7 on the Agenda. Approval of minutes: Regular Council Meeting / December 18 2017. So moved by Mr. Corbin, second by Mr. Andrews.

Roll call:

Ayes: Messrs., Andrews, Davis, Corbin and Lopez  
Nays: None  
Absent: Ms. Guadagnino, Mr. Socio and Mayor Womack

Ordinance/First Reading/Public Hearing:

#18-01 - An Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 243 "Property Maintenance", Article II, "General Provisions", Section 243-31, to add a new section 243-31(A)(18) "Outdoor Athletic Equipment" of the Code of the Township North Brunswick

Council President Davis called for a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 18-01. So moved by Mr. Andrews, second by Mr. Corbin.

Roll call:

Ayes: Messrs., Andrews, Davis, Corbin and Lopez  
Nays: None  
Absent: Ms. Guadagnino, Mr. Socio and Mayor Womack

#18-02 - An Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 243 "Property Maintenance", Article II, "General Provisions" Section 243-31, to add a new Section 243-31(A)(19) "Fire hydrants" of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick

Council President Davis called for a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 18-02. So moved by Mr. Corbin, second by Mr. Andrews.

Roll call:

Ayes: Messrs., Andrews, Davis, Corbin and Lopez  
Nays: None  
Absent: Ms. Guadagnino, Mr. Socio and Mayor Womack

#18-03 - An Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 334 Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick to regulate the parking of vehicles

Council President Davis called for a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 18-03. So moved by Mr. Corbin, second by Mr. Andrews.

Roll call:

Ayes: Messrs., Andrews, Davis, Corbin and Lopez  
Nays: None  
Absent: Ms. Guadagnino, Mr. Socio and Mayor Womack

Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO:

Council President Davis reported that the birthday celebration for MLK Jr. was great, the event was successful, we had a packed court room.

Council President Davis opened the Public Hearing at 7:29pm

Mr. Nastus (955 Bergen) – received a new water bill, it is all correct and makes sense. Thanked Ms. Monzo for her help with it. Asked about the snow removal ordinance, Ms. Monzo stated that it was tabled until the snow removal sub-committee could review it. Mr. Nastus said he would like to volunteer to be on the committee. Asked who is on the sub-committee for snow removal. Ms. Monzo responded that it was made up of council members, department directors, herself & the Mayor.

Ms. Kicia Powell (47 Brighton Way) – Wanted to follow up with the Garden State Farmers market traffic issue and mediation between the owners. Mr. Gordon clarified that it is a dispute between the two property owners and the exit/entrance on to Route 1 is under jurisdiction of NJ DOT, and there is nothing the Township can do to intervene.

Council President Davis called for a motion to close the Public Hearing; so moved by Mr. Andrews, second by Mr. Corbin.

Roll call:

Ayes: Messrs., Andrews, Davis, Corbin and Lopez  
Nays: None  
Absent: Ms. Guadagnino, Mr. Socio and Mayor Womack

Council President Davis called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. So moved by Mr. Andrews, second by Mr. Corbin.

Roll call:

Ayes: Messrs., Andrews, Davis, Corbin and Lopez  
Nays: None  
Absent: Ms. Guadagnino, Mr. Socio and Mayor Womack

Adjourn: 7:32pm

Municipal Clerk  
Lisa Russo