

**NORTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP |
MINUTES....**

**REGULAR MEETING
May 6, 2019**

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, May 6, 2019 at 7:00pm in the Municipal Complex located at 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey.

Council President Guadagnino called the meeting to order.

Roll call:

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

Ms. Russo announced that the notice requirements of the law have been satisfied. Notices were sent by certified mail on January 2, 2019 to the following:

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

Notice receipts are on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office. Also, notices were posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Complex and filed in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

Lisa Russo led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance

Also present: Business Administrator Kathryn Monzo, Township Attorney Ron Gordon, Esq., Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Services Lou Ann Benson, Director of Public Works Eric Chaszar, Chief Financial Officer Cavel Gallimore, Director Community Development Michael Hritz, OEM Coordinator Mark Cafferty, Municipal Clerk Lisa Russo and Clerk 1 Nellie Sowell.

Mr. Lopez arrives at 7:03pm.

Video is showed for the North Brunswick Municipal Alliance Committee – Women's and Men's Leadership/ Mentorship Series Conference.

Council President Guadagnino presents awards for participation in Linwood Middle School and North Brunswick Township High School – Municipal Alliance Underage Drinking Banner. Awards were presented to... Nyla Tillman, Tiana Cipot, Mariam Yousif, Keira Fitzgerald, Celesle McKenzre, Katherine Manley, Caroline Orokos, Ashley Levitt, Brittany Maguire and Amanda Collado.

Linwood Middle School and North Brunswick Township High School students showed their banner.

Council President Guadagnino asked council members if any items are to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Council President Guadagnino called for a motion to approve items "a" through "n" on the consent agenda. Motion made by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Andrews.

Consent Agenda

- a. 134-5.19 Authorizing the cancellation of overpayments and delinquencies under ten dollars (\$10.00) on Water and Sewer Accounts

- b. 135-5.19 Certifying Review of the Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Audit
- c. 136-5.19 Authorizing the acceptance of the sale of auctioned abandoned motor vehicles
- d. 137-5.19 Authorizing Award of Contract BID19006 to McCloskey Mechanical Contractors Inc. for providing HVAC Maintenance and Repair Services for Municipal Facilities
- e. 138-5.19 Authorizing the Award of Contract BID19007 to J. Fletcher Creamer & Son Inc. for Sewer and Stormwater Collection System Maintenance and Repair Services
- f. 139-5.19 Authorizing an amendment to Contract BID17021 with Rich Tree Service for Tree Removal and Tree Trimming Services
- g. 140-5.19 Authorizing Sale by Public Auction Municipally Owned Property
- h. 141-5.19 Authorizing acceptance of an additional amount of \$6,520.00 from the Middlesex County Urban County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
- i. 142-5.19 Authorizing the Award of Contract BID19001 to Lucas Brothers, Inc. for the 2019 Road Improvements Program
- j. 143-5.19 Authorizing a Change In Scope to the PSA with CME Associates appointed as the 2019 Township Consulting Engineers to include Construction Administration and Record Drawing Services for the 2019 Road Program
- k. 144-5.19 Authorizing the execution of an Emergency Water Supply Interconnection Agreement between the City of New Brunswick and the Township of North Brunswick (12" Georges Road and 12" Jersey Avenue)
- l. 145-5.19 Authorizing refunds to Township Residents for their Water-Sewer Utility Account
- m. 146-5.19 Bill List
- n. 147-5.19 Authorizing a Management Employment Agreement for the position of Deputy Police Chief in the Township of North Brunswick

Roll call:

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

Council President Gaudagnino for a motion to approve item #5 on the agenda. Approval of minutes: Regular Council Meeting Minutes / April 15, 2019 so moved by Mr. Corbin second by Mr. Davis.

Roll call:

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

Public Hearing regarding Performance Bonds: Private Improvements Performance Bond Release for Builders Pro, LLC

Council President Guadagnino opened the Public Hearing. No one for public hearing

Council President Guadagnino called for a motion to close the public hearing, so moved by Mr. Andrews
Second by Mr. Socio

Roll call:

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

Council President Guadagnino called for a motion to approve Resolution #148-5.19 “*Authorizing the Private Improvements Performance Bond Release for Builders Pro LLC*” So moved by Mr. Andrews, seconded by Mr. Socio

Authorizing the Private improvements Performance Bond Release for Builders Pro LLC. ___ 148-5.19

Roll call:

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

Ordinances/First Reading/ Introduction:

#19-11 – An Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 205, “Land Use” of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick to delete Section 205.103(I) “Prohibited Signs”

Council President Guadagnino called for a motion to introduce Ordinance #19-11 so moved by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Andrews.

Second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on May 20, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey following legal publication in the May 9, 2019 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:

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

#19-12 - An Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 205, “Land Use” of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick, to amend Section 205.105(I) “Billboards”

Council President Guadagnino called for a motion to introduce Ordinance #19-12 so moved by Mr. Andrews, seconded by Mr. Socio.

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legal publication in the May 9, 2019 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:

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

Ordinances / Second Reading / Public Hearing:

#19-09 - Second Reading and Public Hearing – An Ordinance of the Township of North Brunswick repealing and replacing Part II, “General Legislation” Chapter 166 “Entertainment, Public” of Code of the Township of North Brunswick.

Council President Guadagnino opened public hearing

7:13pm – Mark Lamonica again revisited the topic of Ordinance #19-09. He asked if the council could table the ordinance for numerous reasons. Mr. Lamonica says ordinance is to vague and there is no protection on residence and town. Mr. Lamonica expressed concern on how much money will be spent on services rendered. Mr. Lamonica asked if the services and expenses would all be out sourced or if anything could be kept in house. He asked about bonds, security bonds, etc. being enforced and if fees are not paid what fines or repercussions are administered. Mr. Lamonica feels there needs to be more input into the ordinance from the residence before it is adopted. Mr. Lamonica 5 minute time allowance expired but was allowed to finish statement. He spoke regarding time restriction and feels it is not fair that ordinance was passed to allow time restraint on public hearing. Mr. Lamonica then continued to speak regarding Ordinance #19-09 and questioned how security is paid for big events. Mr. Lamonicas question/concerns was responded to by Township Attorney Ron Gorgon, Business Administrator Kathy Monzo, Councilman Andrews and Councilman Davis.

7:28pm – Tony Nastus agrees with Mark Lamonica, said in his opinion, he shares concerns with Ms. Monzo “trading services for fees”.

7:30pm – Rich Fabian asked Ms. Monzo if she could research and let him know how much it would cost tax payers if the volunteers decided to not volunteer and the township would have to hire people to come in and do the work. He spoke regarding all the functions, for example football, cheerleading, soccer, baseball, softball, etc. He would like to know how much taxes would have to be raised if the volunteers would no longer do it.

7:32pm – Mr. Lamonica came back up to clarify the statement he made regarding the time allowance in public hearing. He disagrees with the ordinance and believes it is going backwards. Mr. Lamonica also wants to clarify he does not have a problem with the organizations, he feels it is not fair with the standards certain organizations are held to and how some have to pay where others are not charged as he

feels they should be. Mr. Lamonica mentioned other organizations. He mentioned he was disappointed he never heard anything about speaking with him for his input on Ordinance #19-09. He said his faith is not there because he feels the council does not follow the ordinance.

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

Roll call:

Present: Messrs. Lopez, Andrews, Corbin, Davis, Socio and Ms. Guadagnino
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adopt Ordinance# 19-09. So moved by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Socio.

Ordinance # 19-09 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the April 18, 2019 issue of the Home News and Tribune.

Roll call:

Present: Messrs. Lopez, Andrews, Corbin, Davis, Socio and Ms. Guadagnino
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO:

Councilman Socio announces for Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services for Lifeguard & Swim Instructors position available for immediate hire. Anyone interested applications are available online or can reach out to DPRCS.

Councilman Socio announces for Department of Parks Recreation and Community Services for “Animals” Art Gallery – Artwork will be on display in the first floor hallway of Municipal Building April 15, 2019 through June 15, 2019. Artist Reception will be held June 13, 2019 6:00pm-7:30pm.

Councilman Socio announces 40th annual Memorial Day 5K run. Registration starts at 7:30am, run starts at 8:30am. \$20 registration fee. Patriotic outfit contest, most patriotic outfit will win a prize. 11am ceremony. Rain or shine.

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing at 7:41pm.

7:41pm - Rose Cipriani stated she has lived in this town for 63 years. She stated she appreciates the headphones, they make her able to hear everything clearly. Ms. Cipriani states she has concerns regarding th senior housing, she has issues with paying for the water for the senior housing. She asked who pays for the water provided to that building. Mayor answers. Ms. Cipriani asked who owns the

building? She states again she does not feel it is right the residents have to pay for it. Kathy Monzo answers questions. Ms. Cipriani asked when time frame ends for tax payers are to pay for senior building water.

7:51pm – Ron Kivers, State Assembly questions completion date for train station. He asked if there is any statement regarding this that he would be able to pass along to inquiring people. Mayor addresses question.

7:55pm – Rose Cipriani stated she live in the Milltown section and had gone to a window in the township building and asked the girl to come to the window to speak with her because she has difficulty hearing and the girl refused to go to window. Ms. Cipriani said she had spoke with Kathy Monzo and Ms. Monzo was aware.

7:56pm – Mr. James Johansen, Damen house. He spoke regarding Damen house, states they are a drug abuse, addiction facility. There is no obstacle for New Jersey residence. There are a variety of programs to help them. A couple months ago they opened an out-patient facility.

8:01pm – Tony Nastus asked regarding ordinance on signs – Ms. Guadagnino addressed his question. Mr. Nastus again questions why certain business exceed the 45 day grace period for new business grace period to display signs/flags, ect. Mayor Womack responds to his concern. Mr. Nastus continues to express he wants the ordinance enforced and continues to ask specific questions regarding allowance on this ordinance. Councilman Andrews and Guadagnino respond to him.

Mr. Nastus then questions Mayor and Ron Gordon regarding vehicle registration that he had provided to them previously. Mr. Gordon responded to him.

Mr. Nastus asked for a status report on the addresses he had written and turned in at the April 15, 2019 meeting. Mr. Nastus mentioned specific addresses on that list and questioned the status on them and how things will be enforced on them. Ms. Monzo responds to his inquiry.

Mr. Nastus then asked how the process code enforcement works. Director Hritz answers. Mr. Nastus then questions why that is the procedure and why things are not run differently. Mayor Womack and Director Hritz respond.

Mr. Nastus named other addresses and asked why property maintance violations have not been given. Mr. Gordon responed.

Mr. Nastus questioned a specific address and states a code enforcement officer from the township lives on the same road. Mr. Nastus said he sees a violation and questioned why that officer has not handled it. Mayor Womack and Director Hritz responed.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adjourn the public hearing. So moved by Mr. Davis second by Ms. Guadagnino

Roll call:

Present: Messrs. Lopez, Andrews, Corbin, Davis, Socio and Ms. Guadagnino
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. So moved by Mr. Davis second by Ms. Guadagnino

Roll call:

Present: Messrs. Lopez, Andrews, Corbin, Davis, Socio and Ms. Guadagnino

Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

Adjourn: 8:18pm

Lisa Russo
Municipal Clerk