

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

**REGULAR MEETING  
May 20, 2019**

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, May 20, 2019 at 7:21pm 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: Messrs. Lopez, Andrews, Davis, and Corbin  
Nays: None  
Absent: Ms. Guadagnino, Mr. Socio

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.

Councilman Davis 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, Municipal Clerk Lisa Russo and Administrative Assistant Marilu Ruiz.

***Proclamations:***

***May - "Mental Health Awareness Month"***

Dr. Lopez read the proclamation for Mental Health Awareness Month, for more than 50 years, Mental Health America has proclaimed May as, "Mental Health Awareness Month", to raise awareness, combat the social stigma & discrimination associated with mental illness that often prevents people from seeking help. Promote a message of hope and recover, and celebrate consumer strength and resilience. The Township of North Brunswick stands with those impacted by behavioral health challenges and pledges to increase awareness and greater understanding of these conditions. The Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, proclaim the month of May, 2019 as Mental Health Awareness Month and call upon all citizens to participate in efforts to increase awareness and better understanding of mental illness & addiction, and work towards eliminating stigma in North Brunswick Township!

***May-Men's Health Month***

Councilman Davis read the proclamation for Men's Health Month educating the public and health care providers about the importance of a healthy lifestyle and early detection of male health problems will result in reducing rates of mortality from disease. The Men's Health Network worked with Congress to develop a national men's health period as a special campaign to help educate men, boys, and their families about the importance of positive health attitudes and preventative health practices.

[www.MensHealthMonth.org](http://www.MensHealthMonth.org) The Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick Proclaim June as Men's Health Month and encourage all of our citizens to pursue preventative health practices.

Mayor Womack asked council members if any items are to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve items a through n on the consent agenda. Motion made by Mr. Davis to approve items 5a-5n on the agenda, second by Mr. Corbin

### **Consent Agenda**

- a. 149-5.19 Item of revenue in budget (Chapter 159) Division of Highway Traffic Safety Grant - \$5,500.00
- b. 150-5.19 Authorizing budget transfers for Fiscal Year 2019 Appropriations (1)
- c. 151-5.19 Authorizing budget transfers for Fiscal Year 2019 Appropriations (2)
- d. 152-5.19 Deferring Additional School Tax Liability - \$850,000.00
- e. 153-5.19 Amending Contract BID17015 with Montana Construction Corporation, Inc. For the How Lane Pump Station Improvements Project under the Department of Public Works Sewer Division Closeout Change Order (\$28,622.85)
- f. 154-5.19 Authorizing the award of Contract BID19008 to Otto Environmental Systems LLC for (up to 3,000) 95 Gallon Roll-Out Containers
- g. 155-5.19 Authorizing the Youth Sports Festival to conduct Fireworks Displays
- h. 156-5.19 Authorizing the sale of seventy seven (77) Solar Renewable Energy Certificates (SRECS) via Auction
- i. 157-5.19 Authoring Award of Contract BID19004 To In-Line Services, Inc., for the purchase and installations of Water Meters
- j. 158-5.19 Authorizing A PSA with Greg Smith , Esq. LLC to serve as Public Defender for the North Brunswick Municipal Court
- k. 159-5.19 Determining the form and other details of its "Note relating to the Construction Financing Loan Program of the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank", to be issued in the principal amount of up to \$6,000,000 and providing for the issuance and sale of such note to the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank, and authorizing the execution and Delivery of such note by the Township in favor of the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank, all Pursuant to the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank Construction Financing Loan Program
- l. 160-5.19 Authorizing the renewal of Liquor License for 2019-2020 in the Township of North Brunswick
- m. 161-5.19 Resolution to adopt the provisions of Chapter 48, Retiree Benefits
- n. 162-5.19 Bill List

Roll call:

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve item #6 on the agenda. Approval of Special Council Meeting minutes / April 29, 2019 so moved by Dr. Lopez and second by Mr. Andrews

Roll call:

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve item #6 on the agenda. Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes / May 6, 2019 so moved by Mr. Andrews and second by Mr. Corbin

Roll call:

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to close the public hearing, so moved by Mr. Andrews second by Mr. Davis.

Roll call:

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

**Ordinances/First Reading/ Introduction:**

#19-13 – An Ordinance of the Township of North Brunswick repealing and replacing Part 11, “General Legislation” Chapter 164 “Emergency Medical Services” of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce Ordinance #19-13 so moved by Mr. Davis second by Lopez second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on May 28, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey following legal publication in the May 23, 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: Mr. Lopez, Andrews, Davis, and Corbin  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Ms. Guadagnino, Mr. Socio

#19-14- An Ordinance of the Township of North Brunswick repealing various Chapters under Part I, “Administrative Legislation” of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick

Mayor Womack announced Ordinance # 19-14 will be tabled for further discussion. So moved by Mr. Andrews and second by Mr. Davis.

Roll call:

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

#19-15 - An Ordinance of the Township of North Brunswick repealing and replacing under Part I, “Administrative Legislation” Chapter 69 “Police Department”, Article VI. Employment by outside entities of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick

Mayor Womack announced Ordinance # 19-15 will be tabled for further discussion. So moved by Mr. Davis and second by Mr. Andrews.

Roll call:

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

**Ordinances / Second Reading / Public Hearing:**

#19-11 Ordinance /Second Reading and Public Hearing – An Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 205, “Land Use: of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick to delete Section 205.103(1) “Prohibited Signs”

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing.

Tony Nastus, a Township resident, stated that he objects to “Prohibited Signs” The Township should enforce and fines should be given.

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

Roll call:

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adopt Ordinance# 19-11. So moved by Mr. Andrews, second by Mr. Davis Ordinance No. 19-11 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the May 23, 2019 issue of the Home News and Tribune.

Roll call:

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

#19-12 Ordinance /Second Reading and Public Hearing – An Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 205, “Land Use: of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick to amend Section 205.105(1) “Billboards”

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing. No one for Public Hearing.

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

Roll call:

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adopt Ordinance# 19-12. So moved by Mr. Andrews, second by Mr. Davis Ordinance No. 19-12 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the May 23, 2019 issue of the Home News and Tribune.

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

No reports

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing at 7:30 PM

Public Hearing:

Tony Nastus stated that he objects to “Prohibited Signs” the Township should enforce and fines should be given. He also had a situation with New Brunswick students while waiting for the bus on the North Brunswick side on Livingston Avenue. They are running on resident’s properties and littering. He would like the bus stop moved further towards Nassau Street on the New Brunswick side. Mr. Nastus also, wanted to know what is going on with the construction at King Tut? Are they going to be serving alcohol and food and when will their construction be over? Mr. Nastus also stated that on Thalia Street the Fire Hydrant is covered with rubble. He asked Township Atty. Ron Gordon about the legislation on out of state driver’s license, registrations, etc.

Rose Cipriani, thanked Kathy Monzo and Michael Hritz for the information she had requested. She wanted to know why she was not invited to the Senior Housing Board Meeting. She had a lot to discuss about the Township supplying the water for the Senior Housing. She also wanted to know who is responsible for their repairs? She does not want the tax payers to continue to subsidies for anything further in reference to the Senior Housing. She would also like to know what other subsidiary does the Townships tax payers pay for.

Gary Miller, owner of Remm Heating is having a problem with school buses parking at his location and damaging his grass. This has been an ongoing problem. He would like the Township to help him with this issue by inserting some sort of barrier that the vehicles cannot park on the grass or other places on his property.

Dan Patel wanted to know what the Township is doing about Plastic bags? Has the town done any research? The Mayor stated that they are looking to see what other Towns are currently doing and what the State is going to implement regarding this issue. Councilman Andrews asked Mr. Patel what were his thoughts on Banning Plastic Bags.

Resident Carol Pasamet, wanted to know if the Township had an ordinance in reference to releasing balloons. She also stated that there is a lot of liter on Jersey Avenue and Rte. 1 and the township should consider putting (No Littering signs w/ fines). She would not like to see animals at the Youth Sports Festival on June 13th-23<sup>rd</sup> because they are not treated well especially tigers, elephants etc.

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

Roll call:

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

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

Roll call:

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

Adjourn 8:23 PM

Lisa Russo  
Municipal Clerk

# PROCLAMATION

*By Mayor and Council – Township of North Brunswick*

**WHEREAS**, despite advances in medical technology and research, men continue to live an average of five years less than women with Native American and African-American men having the lowest life expectancy; and

**WHEREAS**, educating the public and health care providers about the importance of a healthy lifestyle and early detection of male health problems will result in reducing rates of mortality from disease; and

**WHEREAS**, men who are educated about the value that preventive health can play in prolonging their lifespan and the role as productive family members will be more likely to participate in health screenings; and

**WHEREAS**, fathers who maintain a healthy lifestyle are role models for their children and have happier, healthier children; and

**WHEREAS**, the Men's Health Network worked with Congress to develop a national men's health awareness period as a special campaign to help educate men, boys, and their families about the importance of positive health attitudes and preventative health practices; and

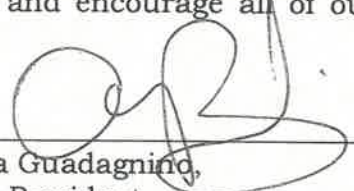
**WHEREAS**, the Men's Health Month website has been established at [www.MensHealthMonth.org](http://www.MensHealthMonth.org) and features resources, proclamations, and information about awareness events and activities, including Wear Blue for Men's Health; and

**WHEREAS**, Men's Health Month will focus on a broad range of men's health issues, including heart disease, mental health, diabetes, and prostate, testicular and colon cancer.

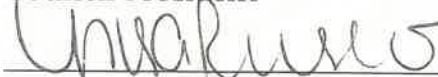
**NOW THEREFORE, WE** the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, **Do Hereby Proclaim**, June as Men's Health Month and encourage all of our citizens to pursue preventative health practices.



Francis M. Womack, III  
Mayor of North Brunswick



Amanda Guadagnino,  
Council President



Lisa Russo,  
Municipal Clerk

May 20, 2019



# *Proclamation*

2019

## *Mental Health*

*WHEREAS, the U.S. Surgeon General's Report on Mental Health has concluded that mental health is an essential component of overall health and well-being;*


*WHEREAS, for more than 50 years, Mental Health America has proclaimed May as, "Mental Health Awareness Month", to raise awareness about mental health, combat the social stigma & discrimination associated with mental illness that often prevents people from seeking help, promote a message of hope and recovery, and celebrate consumer strength and resilience;*

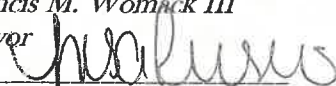
*WHEREAS, people with mental illness & addiction recover if given the necessary supports & services in the community, yet many avoid seeking help due to stigma and the fear of discrimination;*

*WHEREAS, the Township of North Brunswick recognizes the stigma associated with mental illness & addiction and acknowledges that many people may remain unserved because of the stigma of seeking help. This month we call attention to this so we can bring mental illness and addiction out of the shadows and encourage treatment and support. We acknowledge that greater public awareness about mental health & addiction recovery can change negative attitudes and behaviors;*

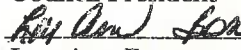
*WHEREAS, the Township of North Brunswick stands with those impacted by behavioral health challenges and pledges to increase awareness and greater understanding of these conditions. We will work to reduce stigma and discrimination, and increase appropriate, accessible supports and services. We will strive to promote a message of hope and the belief that healing and recovery are attainable;*

*Now, THEREFORE, We, the Mayor and the Council of the Township of North Brunswick, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2019 as Mental Health Awareness Month and call upon all citizens to participate in efforts to increase awareness and better understanding of mental illness & addiction, and work towards eliminating stigma in North Brunswick Township!*

  
Francis M. Womack III  
Mayor

  
Lisa Russo, Township Clerk  
May 20, 2019

  
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