

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

**REGULAR MEETING  
September 21, 2020**

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, September 21, 2020 (**Via Go to Meeting**) at 7:00 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. Cortes, Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Davis, Mr. Socio and Andrews  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Dr. Lopez

Ms. Russo announced that the notice requirements of the law have been satisfied. Notices were sent by certified mail on January 2, 2020 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 lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Also present: (Via Go to Meeting)** Interim Business Administrator Justine Progebin, Township Attorney Ron Gordon, Esq., Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Services Lou Ann Benson, Director of Community Development Michael Hritz, Director of DPW Eric Chaszar, Chief Financial Officer Cavel Gallimore, Clerk Lisa Russo and Administrative Secretary Marilu Ruiz.

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 4a – 4j* on the consent agenda. Motion made by Mr. Davis to approve items 4a– 4j on the agenda, second by Ms. Guadagnino.

Roll call:

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

**Consent Agenda**

- a. 232-9.20 Authorizing an amendment to the 2020 agreement with BRB Valuation & Consulting Services LLC to provide Appraisal Services
- b. 233-9.20 Resolution of the Township of North Brunswick accepting funds from the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug abuse Fiscal Year 2021 – October 1 – June 30, 2021

- c. 234-9.20 Authorizing the Award of Contract BID20009 to Frank Galibraith & Son excavation and demolition for Snow Removal Service
- d. 235-9.20 Authorizing an amendment to contract BID17009 with Municipal Maintenance Company of Maintenance and Repair to Township Sewer Lift Stations
- e. 236-9.20 Authorizing a Change in Scope to the PSA with CME Associates appointed as the 2020 Township Consulting Engineering firm to include survey, design, plans, specification, permit application and Bid Phase Services for the 2021 Road Program
- f. 237-9.20 Authorizing a credit to a Township Resident for their Water-Sewer Utility Account
- g. 238-9.20 Authorizing the renewal of Liquor Licenses for 2020-2021 in the Township of North Brunswick
- h. 239-9.20 Requesting that the New Jersey board of Public Utilities commence an immediate investigation into the poor service being provided by Optimum / Altice USA
- i. 240-9.20 Bill List

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve item #5a on the agenda Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes September 8, 2020 so moved by Mr. Socio second by Ms. Cortes

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

#20-21- Second Reading and Public Hearing – An Ordinance amending Articles within Chapter 352, “Water Utility” of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick.

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing. No comments from the public.

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adopt Ordinance#20-21, So moved Mr. Davis second by Council President Andrews that Ordinance #20-21 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the September 24, 2020 issue of the Home News and Tribune according to the law. This ordinance is posted in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey and copies are available upon request.

Mayor Womack said he is in favor of Ordinance 20-21 and thinks it’s a good responsive ordinance which will help the water customers with their water accounts and credits if needed. He is very happy on how this is falling into place. The township will be bringing on three additional people to work with our water customers. Mayor Womack extended a special thanks to Council President Andrews for his time in speaking with the people that will be working with our water customers when he was not available to meet with them and making sure that they look like a right fit to work with our water customers.

Council President Andrews spoke about water related issues and stated that the people he met with had a very pleasant attitude and have dealt with similar issues in other towns it will also, help that one of them is bilingual. Please be patient and work with us.

Roll call:

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

Councilman Davis spoke regarding recognition day which was on Friday September 18th for POW (Prisoners of War) and MIA (Missing in Action). We appreciate what these people have done. He hopes that this New Year weather its now or in January we have a better year going ahead hopefully, with finally getting rid of Corona Virus and No Wars so, that our young men and woman won't have to go out and fight and be safe.

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

Ms. Guadagnino announced Halloween Happenings! Saturday Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> (Rain Date Sunday October 18<sup>th</sup>) at Veteran's Park. **Registration is Required.** [events@northbrunswicknj.gov](mailto:events@northbrunswicknj.gov) or call 732-247-0922 ext. 475 for more information.

Mr. Socio announced there is limited access from Filmore Avenue to Veteran's Park due to Roosevelt Avenue road paving and reconstruction which will go through Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> .

Council President Andrews let the residents know that there is a link for customer service referral form on the Township's Website at [www.northbrunswicknj.gov](http://www.northbrunswicknj.gov) to report internet issues or concerns to Altice.

Council President Andrews wants the Township to provide more information on Voting by Mail 2020. All information is on the Township's website at [www.northbrunswicknj.gov](http://www.northbrunswicknj.gov) A drop box which is red and blue has been installed at the Municipal Building just for ballots. It will be opened on Thursday Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> and it will be closed on Election day at 8pm.

Mayor Womack spoke about basketball courts at our Township's parks.

Mayor Womack asked if anyone would like to be heard in Public Hearing. 7:27 pm

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

Adjourn 7:27 pm

Lisa Russo  
Municipal Clerk

## NORTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
710 HERMAN ROAD  
NORTH BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY

September 21,  
2020  
7:00 PM

1. **Call to Order, Roll Call and Cell Phone Statement**
2. **Sunshine Notice**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Consent Agenda**
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  - h. **239-9.20 Requesting that the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities commence an immediate investigation into the poor service being provided by Optimum / Altice USA**
  - i. **240-9.20 Authorizing the Mayor and Township Clerk to execute a Treatment Works Approval Permit Application for the Project known as 16th Street Major Subdivision, Block 17, Lot 91 for a Sanitary Sewer Extension**
  - j. **241-9.20 Bill List**
5. **Approval of minutes**
  - a. **Minutes / Regular Council Meeting / September 8, 2020**
6. **Ordinances / Second Reading / Public Hearing:**

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**7. Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO**

**8. Public Hearing**

**9. Adjourn**