

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

**REGULAR MEETING
December 7, 2020**

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, December 7, 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 (via telephonically) Ms. Cortes and Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Lopez, Davis and Socio

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Andrews

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.

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, Chief Financial Officer Cavel Gallimore, Director Department Of Public Works Eric Chaszar, Director Of Community Development Michael Hritz, Municipal Clerk Lisa Russo and Clerk 2 Nellie Sowell.

Mr. Davis led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Womack asked council members if any items are to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Interim Business Administrator Justine Progebin discussed *item 4f*. on the consent agenda.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to pull *item 4f*. from the consent agenda. Motion made by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Socio.

Roll call:

Present (via telephonically) Ms. Cortes & Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Lopez, Davis and Socio

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Andrews

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve *items 4a – 4e. & 4g.* on the consent agenda. Motion made by Mr. Socio, second by Ms. Guadagnino

Consent Agenda

- a. 280-12.20 Authorizing the acceptance of the 2020 Municipal Recycling Grant from Middlesex County - \$3,675.00
- b. 281-12.20 Authorizing the Award of Contract BID20011 to New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC for the construction and operation of a Wireless Telecommunications Monopole on property located on Block 148.06, Lot 106, in the Township of North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey
- c. 282-12.20 Authorizing the Private Improvements Bond Release for CIS Construction, LLC
- d. 283-12.20 Amending Contract BID20006 with Blackrock Enterprises for the High School Access Way Improvement Project Closeout Change Order(\$38,441.74)
- e. 284-12.20 Amending Contract BID19001 with Lucas Brothers, Inc. for the 2019 Road Improvement Program Project Closeout Change Order(\$218,653.79)
- f. 285-12.20 Authorizing an amendment to agreement with David P. Lonski of the firm Shamy, Shippers and Lonski, PC to serve as Municipal Prosecutor
- g. 286-12.20 Bill List

Roll call:

Present (via telephonically) Ms. Cortes & Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Lopez, Davis and Socio
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Andrews

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve *item #5a* on the agenda **Minutes/ November 9, 2020/ Special Council Meeting** so moved by Mr. Davis, second by Ms. Guadagnino

Roll call:

Present (via telephonically) Ms. Cortes & Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Lopez, Davis and Socio
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Andrews

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve *item #5b* on the agenda **Minutes/ November 16, 2020/ Regular Council Meeting** so moved by Mr. Socio and second by Mr. Davis.

Roll call:

Present (via telephonically) Ms. Cortes & Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Lopez, Davis and Socio
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Andrews

Council President Andrews arrives to meeting at 7:03pm.

Ordinances / First Reading / Introduction:

#20-25 – An Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 205, “Land Use” of the Code of the Township Of North Brunswick.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce **Ordinance #20-25**. So moved by Mr. Davis, second by Ms. Cortes, second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on December 14, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey following legal publication in the December 10, 2020 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 (via telephonically) Ms. Cortes & Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Lopez, Davis Socio & Andrews
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Ordinances / Second Reading / Public Hearing:

#20-24 – Second Reading and Public Hearing – An Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 334 Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick to amend Traffic Controls on Joseph Street.

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. Davis second by Ms. Guadagnino.

Roll call:

Present (via telephonically) Ms. Cortes & Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Lopez, Davis Socio & Andrews
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adopt **Ordinance # 20-24** so moved by Mr. Socio, second by Mr. Davis.

Roll call:

Present (via telephonically) Ms. Cortes & Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Lopez, Davis Socio & Andrews
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Ordinance # 20-24 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the December 10, 2020 issue of the Home News and Tribune according to the law. This ordinance is posted in the Municipal Complex and copies are available upon request.

Interim Business Administrator Justine Progebin presents new resolution. It is an executive order by Governor Murphy to wave interest rates for residential water bills. The council may go above the executive order and wave business and sewer interest charges as well.

Township attorney Ron Gordon reviewed executive order and resolution, due to emergency situation it looks appropriate. It is councils choice.

Council President Andrews says maybe to separate the sewer interest rates from the water interest rates to minimize confusion. Council president also thinks business's are having difficult times, his opinion this will help the business's as well.

Mayor Womack thinks this will not be a detriment, he asks Ms. Russo for next resolution number.

Ms. Russo states next resolution number is 287-12.20.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adopt resolution #287-12.20 "A Resolution Of The Township Of North Brunswick Amending To Waive Interest On Utility Bills During The COVID Pandemic" so moved by Ms. Guadagnino, second by Mr. Socio.

Roll call:

Present (via telephonically) Ms. Cortes & Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Lopez, Davis Socio & Andrews

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Mayor Womack asks for the word to be spread the resolution has been passed and that North Brunswick is going above and beyond for their residents.

Mayor says he is thankful Council President Andrews surgery went well.

Council President Andrews speaks of recovery and is thankful to Physical Therapist fir all their help.

Council President states he is walking around fine and can not wait to go for a long walk around his neighborhood,.

Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO

Councilman Davis states December 10, 2020 at 5pm at the municipal building there will be the menorah lighting. They lighting will be aired on the website on December 12, 2020.

Councilman Davis speaks of Pearl Harbor 79 years ago today. There was a death toll of 2,403 people, 1,253 were crew on the Arizona Submarine in attack. There were 1,178 wounded between military and civilians. Councilman Davis asks for a moment of silence in remembrance.

Councilman Socio states Friday December 11, 2020 will be the rain date for the Holly Jolly Santa Trail. Goodies will be provided. Donations for Food Bank will be collected. Must pre-register with Township on website. There are different times available.

Ms. Guadagnino spoke with Director of Department Of Public Works Eric Chaszar regarding changes in recycling. Director Chaszar states they are 6 months into new contract, they are getting ahead with what to and not to recycle. There is a lot of blame on previous company, they took a lot of extra wasn't that should not have been taken. The Township would have to play for all the extra waste, it would have been very costly. The New company follows the code of what is to be picked up. The January Calendar will be going out shortly. It will also be posted on website as well as mailing them out. Call Public Works anytime to discuss. Recycling does not take pizza boxes.

Council President hopes all residents follow rules, wear masks and gloves. New Jersey needs to keep doing the right things.

Mayor Womack opens Public Hearing at 7:27pm

No public coment.

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

Roll call:

Present (via telephonically) Ms. Cortes & Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Lopez, Davis Socio & Andrews
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adjourn meeting, so moved by Ms. Guadagnino by Mr. Socio.

Roll call:

Present (via telephonically) Ms. Cortes & Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Lopez, Davis Socio & Andrews
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Adjourn 7:28pm

Lisa Russo
Municipal Clerk