

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

**REGULAR MEETING
April 20, 2020**

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, April 20, 2020 (**Via Go To Meeting**) at 6:37 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, Dr. Lopez. Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Davis, Mr. Socio and Andrews
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

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 led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance

Also present: (Via Go To Meeting) Business Administrator Kathryn Monzo, Assistant Business Administrator Justine Progebin, Township Attorney Ron Gordon, Esq., Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Services Lou Ann Benson, Director of Community Development Michael Hritz, Chief Financial Officer Cavel Gallimore, Public Safety Director Ken McCormick, Director of Public Works Eric Chaszar, 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 – 4k* on the consent agenda. Motion made by Mr. Davis to approve items 4a– 4k on the agenda, second by Council President Andrews.

Consent Agenda

- a. 124-4.20 Resolution to use Storm Recovery Reserves for Coronavirus Response
- b. 125-4.20 Authorizing the application and acceptance of a State Grant from the State of New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Highway Traffic Safety
- c. 126-4.20 Authorizing Award of Contract BID20003 to Municipal Maintenance Company under the Department of Public Works Sewer Division for Maintenance and Repair of Sewer Lift

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- d. 127-4.20 Authorizing the execution of a Shared Services Agreement between the Township of North Brunswick and the City of New Brunswick for Animal Control and Shelter Services with Veterinary Care
- e. 128-4.20 Authorizing a contract with Hudson Motors Partnership for the purchase of two Electric Vehicles
- f. 129-4.20 Authorizing Award of Contract BID20004 to Sanitation Equipment Corp. for Replacement Parts for Automated Refuse Truck Bodies under the Department of Public Works
- g. 130-4.20 Appointing Justine Progebin to the position of Interim Business Administrator
- h. 131-4.20 Resolution to approve credits for online payments as a refund of processing fees
- i. 132-4.20 Bill List
- j. 133-4.20 Resolution reducing Interest on delinquent Property Taxes and delinquent Water/Sewer Bills
- k. 134-4.20 Resolution regarding Electronic Payment Transaction Fees

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve item # 4a-4k on the consent Agenda. Motion made by Mr. Davis to approve items 4a– 4k on the agenda, second by Council President Andrews.

Roll call:

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve item #5a on the agenda Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes April 6, 2020 so moved by Mr. Davis second by Ms. Guadagnino.

Roll call:

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

135-4.20 – Performance Bond for M&M at North Brunswick

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve 135-4.20 motion made by Mr. Socio to approve 135-4.20 second by Ms. Guadagnino.

Ordinances / First Reading / Introduction:

#20-12 -An Ordinance amending Chapter 356 of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick entitled Wrecker Section 356-21 Rates for Towing and Storage Services

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce Ordinance # 20-12, so moved by Mr. Davis second by Ms Guadagnino reading and public hearing to be held at regular meeting on May 4, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey. Following, legal publication in the May 7, 2020 issue of the Home News and Tribune as according to the law. This ordinance is posted in the Municipal Complex and copies are available upon request.

Roll call:

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

#20-13 -An Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 334 Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick authorizing the Police to enforce Title 39 of the New Jersey Vehicle Code in Renaissance Forest Park, Renaissance Greens, Renaissance Glen, Renaissance Manor, Renaissance Maebrook and Renaissance Terrace

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce Ordinance # 20-13, so moved by Mr. Davis second by Mr. Socio reading and public hearing to be held at regular meeting on May 4, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey. Following, legal publication in the May 7, 2020 issue of the Home News and Tribune as according to the law. This ordinance is posted in the Municipal Complex and copies are available upon request.

Roll call:

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

Ordinances / Second Reading / Public Hearing:

#20-11 - Second Reading and Public Hearing - An Ordinance of North Brunswick in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, to acquire, by negotiated agreement, Real Property known and designated as Tax Block 224, Lot 21 on the Official Tax Map of the Township of North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey located on Old Georges Road for Governmental Purposes

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

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adopt Ordinance # 20-11 so moved by Mr. Davis second by Mr. Socio that Ordinance # 20-11 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the April 23, 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.

Roll call:

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

Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO

Councilman Davis reported that the Social Security Offices have been closed since March 16, 2020 with no announcement to the Township. The Township will post any information regarding this information and any other closures. He also, stated that Governor Murphy announced a new website covid19.nj.gov/testing.

Council President Andrews mentioned that he has been watching social media and has noticed a lot of comments on the water bills, some billing seen to be lagging, bills are higher than normal. Council President Andrews would like everyone to know that the Township is working on these issues. Please be patient with us. Please call the Township if you have any issues.

Ms. Guadagnino said that she has tried to answer questions as best as she can unfortunately, she does not have access to everyone's account. Obviously there have been some mistakes. If you think there is a problem with your bill please call the Township. Ms Guadagnino has gotten good feedback and we are here to help you. Stay positive.

Councilman Dr. Lopez thanked everyone for staying home and practicing social distancing. We will all get through this difficult time. Keep doing our part. Stay safe.

Mayor Womack thanked all Medical Personal, EMS, Fire, and Police and all that are working on the front line during this pandemic. He truly appreciates them.

Mayor Womack asked if anyone would like to be heard in Public Hearing.

Resident Ron Scaledi, wanted to know the status of the Quick Check application for Rte. 130. Community Development Director Michael Hritz explained that due to the pandemic all meetings have been canceled. He will announce when the matter will be heard. If anyone has any questions regarding this please call the Township.

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

Adjourn 7:00 pm

Lisa Russo
Municipal Clerk