

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

**REGULAR MEETING
January 13, 2020**

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 7:02 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: Messrs. Lopez, Guadagnino, Davis and Andrews
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Corbin and Socio

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: Business Administrator Kathryn Monzo, Township Attorney Ron Gordon, Esq., Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Services Lou Ann Benson, Director of Department of Public Works Eric Chaszar, Director of Community Development Michael Hritz, Director of Public Safety Ken McCormick, Public Safety Deputy Chief Joseph Battaglia, Public Safety Captain Cory Harris, Public Safety Captain Brian Hoiberg, Mike Cipot, Head Coach of the High School Football Team, 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 6a – 6j* on the consent agenda. Motion made by Mr. Andrews to approve items 6a– 6j on the agenda, second by Ms. Guadagnino

Consent Agenda

- a. NJ State Fireman's Association Application / Brittany J. Martino / Fire Co. #1
b. 51-1.20 Resolution to adopt the provisions of Chapter 48 (N.J.S.A 52:14.17.38) under which a Public Employer may agree to pay for the SHBP Covr3eag of Certain Retirees.
c. 52-1.20 Authorizing a PSA with Steven D. Altman with the firm Benedict and Altman to serve a as Special Police Defense Counsel for Deputy Police Chief Joseph Battaglia in defense of a lawsuit filed by Police Officer Michael Campbell
d. 53-1.20 Authorizing a PSA with Lori A. Dvorak with the firm Dvorak and Associates, LLC to serve as Special police Defense Counsel for Police Captain Cory Harris in defense of a lawsuit filed by police Officer Michael Campbell
e. 54-1.20 Authorizing the advertisement for Receipt of Bids for the Finnegan's Lane and Quarry Lane Road Improvement Project

- f. 55-1.20 Authorizing the acceptance of the State of New Jersey, 2017 Solid Waste Administration & Middlesex County Improvement Authority 2019 Recycling Tonnage Grant – \$45, 771.99
- g. 56-1.20 Recognizing the Importance of the 2020 census
- h. 57-1.20 Item of revenue in budget (Chapter 159): 2017 NJ Solid Waste Administration & MCLIA 2019 Recycling Tonnage Grant - \$45,771.99 Authorizing an Agreement with Trillium, Inc. To provide Environmental Consulting Services in the Soil Remediation Litigation as an E.U.S.
- i. 58-1.20 Appointing individuals to the Citizens Advisory Committee
- j. 59-1.20 Bill List

Roll call:

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 Nays: None
 Abstain: None
 Absent: Corbin and Socio

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve item #7a-c on the agenda Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes / December 16, 2019 / Approval of Reorganization Meeting Minutes January 1, 2020 / Approval of Special Council Meeting Minutes / December 9, 2019 so moved by Ms. Guadagnino, second by Mr. Andrews.

Roll call:

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

Ordinances/First Reading/Introduction:

#20-01 - An Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 34 Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick to amend parking and traffic Conditions on Renaissance Boulevard and Morris Drive

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce Ordinance # 20-01, So moved by Mr. Andrews second by Mr. Davis reading and public hearing to be held at regular meeting on February 3, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey.

Following, legal publication in the February 6, 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: Messrs. Lopez, Guadagnino, Davis and Andrews
 Nays: None
 Abstain: None
 Absent: Corbin and Socio

Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO

Council President Andrews announced DPRCS Reflecting and Remembering Martin Luther King on January 17, 2020 at 7 pm Municipal Bldg. 710 Hermann Road there will be great speakers and music.

Proclamations:

Councilman Davis, read and presented the 2019 NBTHS Football Team Proclamation to Mike Cipot and his team- (See Attached)

Mike Cipot thanked the Mayor and Council and acknowledged two of his best players.

Councilwoman Guadagnino, read and presented the 2019 NBTHS Girls Tennis Team with Proclamation- (See Attached)

Council President Andrews, read and presented the 2019 NBTHS Girls Soccer Team with Proclamation – (See Attached)

Councilman Lopez read and presented to Venkata Pedditi the Proclamation for “Health for Humanity Yogathon”-Yoga is an ancient process of keeping the human mind and body in good health. Spiritual training is considered a part of physical training from ancient times in India. The Surya Namaskar (SUN Salutation) is a special sequence of YOGA postures that provides the key health benefits of YOGA in a very Succinct Package Hindu Swayamevak Sangh (HSS) is a voluntary, non-profit, social and cultural organization, with aims at preserving and passing on the ancient Hindu heritage and cultural values to the next generation of Hindus and raise awareness around the world. The Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, Do Hereby Proclaim , January 18th through February 2nd, 2020 as Health for Humanity Yogathon in North Brunswick and Thank Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh for their outstanding job with helping to preserve and promote the ancient heritage and cultural values around the world.

Administration of Oath:

Public Safety Director Ken McCormick read Bio on, **Officer Max A. Pavlis-** Max A. Pavlis was born in New Brunswick and lived in Milltown, New Jersey where he attended Our Lady of Lourdes School in Milltown and Spotswood High School before becoming a North Brunswick Township resident. He earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Political Science from Rutgers University. Prior to being hired by the North Brunswick Police Department he was a Sheriff’s Officer with the Middlesex County Sheriff’s Office where he earned his PTC certification after graduating from the Mercer County Police Academy. Prior to becoming a Sheriff’s Officer he was a Special Law Enforcement Officer I with the East Brunswick Police Department. His mother, Donna Pavlis and his father, Peter Pavlis, (a retired Middlesex County Prosecutor’s Office Detective) will be holding the Bible during his swearing in.

Mayor Womack administered the Oath to Police Officer Max A. Pavlis

Public Safety Director Ken McCormick read Bio on, **Officer Jacob C. Geyer** Jacob C. Geyer was born in Port Jefferson, New York and he moved to North Brunswick where he attended and graduated from North Brunswick Township High School. He also had been a volunteer for the North Brunswick First Aid and Rescue Squad. Prior to being hired by the North Brunswick Police Department, he was a Sheriff’s Officer with the Middlesex County Sheriff’s Office where he earned his PTC certification after graduating from the Mercer County Police Academy. He also attended Rutgers University pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice.

His mother, Simone Goldberg, his father Jeremy Geyer, his stepfather Jason Goldberg and his brothers Lucas Geyer and Jarett Goldberg will be holding the Bible during his swearing in.

Mayor Womack administered the Oath to Police Officer Jacob C. Geyer

Councilwoman Guadagnino left meeting at 7:23pm

Mayor Womack called for a break at 7:29pm

Mayor Womack called meeting to order at 7:39 pm

Mayor Womack left meeting at 7:40 pm

Council President Andrews asked if anyone would like to be heard in Public Hearing.

Resident Rose Cipriani –

Spoke about her concerns with the changes that have been made to Channel 15 the Township Channel. She would like the date, time and weather removed from the left side of the screen. She feels it takes away from showing different areas in the township and the color and font of letters are not clear. The Township has become too modern and has forgotten tradition. She would like to know when tax and water bills are being sent out and feels they should be sent on dates scheduled no excuses. Do not promote change like pajama day which is inappropriate to wear to place of employment.

Resident Anthony Nastus-

Mr. Nastus would like to know what is being done with the graffiti on the Jersey Avenue Bridge and reported that 420 Georges Road has no steps. He stated that Mayor Womack spoke about Cozzens Lane, Adams Lane and How Lane at Reorganization Jan. 1st 2020 and would like to know the status and what the Township is doing about the traffic. He would also, like the status on 777 Adams Lane, it's been a year since, he has been inquiring about it.

Council President Andrews explained to Mr. Nastus that Finnegan's Lane is being re-done.

Council President Andrews called for a motion to close the Public Hearing, so moved by Mr. Davis second by Mr. Lopez.

Roll call:

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

Adjourn 7:55 pm

Lisa Russo
Municipal Clerk

Proclamation

By Mayor and Council - Township of North Brunswick

WHEREAS, the Township of North Brunswick would like to acknowledges the **2019 North Brunswick Township High School Football Team** for their talents, dedication and commitment; and

WHEREAS, the North Brunswick Township High School provides a Football Program that promotes sportsmanship, fair-play, team spirit, positive self-esteem and love of the sport for all. The program is dedicated to ensuring that all North Brunswick athletes will be outstanding students, productive members of society, and have the opportunity to excel on and off the sports fields. Players assist in Township events, volunteer in community driven activities and they proudly represent the best in youth sports; and

WHEREAS, the **2019 NBTHS Football Team** season year of accomplishments include finishing with a 9-2 record. They were White Division Champions for 2019 and tied for second with the most wins in a season. They were 3-0 vs. the Mid State Conference and reached State Playoffs three straight years in a row for the first time in school history (2017-2019). The team had a 3-1 home playoff record in three years with a home playoff win against Eastern (31-20). They were the State Semi Finalist in 2019 and won the South Brunswick vs. North Brunswick Trophy with a 26-0 win. For the first time in school history, they beat both Piscataway and Sayreville. The team finished with numerous All Greater Middlesex County, All White Division, All Group 5 and All State players; and

WHEREAS, the **2019 NBTHS Football Team** is under the leadership of Head Coach Michael Cipot ; who with a 25-8 record, had the best three year run in school history. Coach Cipot was also awarded 2019 Coach of the Week awarded by the New York Jets and was named the 2019 White Division Coach of the Year. The team assistant coaches are Nick Cipot, Paul Day, Dean Petrillo, Chris Meagher, Pushaun Brown, John Cipot and Raheem Byrom; and

WHEREAS, the team roster of champions are as follows: Jan Alford, Christopher Arnold, Myles Bailey, Michael Baradhi, Keron Barbour, Justin Batts, Jeremiah Benn, Demonte Blount, Jaiquil Boyd, David DeLoatch, Jarron Douglas, Frank Garbolino, Michael Gonzalez, Dahvey Hicks, De'Mi Jenkins, Ariana Kravitz, Michael Ladjack, Andrew LaVielle, Leon Lowery, Amaan Maiden, Damian Miller, Mayely Munoz, Jayden Myers, Asaru Napier, Isaiah Oduro, Tyrell Pereira, Marquis Perry, Derek Rossman, Mohammed Salheiah, Abdul Wahab Savage, Adriane Selover, Isaiah Shell, Biana Urbina, Kraig Wade, Shannon Welsh, Ihsann Whitehurst, and Samod Wingo. Running back Myles Bailey graduates as the All Time Leading Rusher and All Time Leading Scorer, Defensive End Samod Wingo graduates as the All Time Sack Leader and Defensive End Leon Lowery was the 2019 Defensive Player of the Year.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, recognize the talent and dedication of the **2019 North Brunswick Township High School Football Team**, along with the coaching staff, and wish continued success to all.

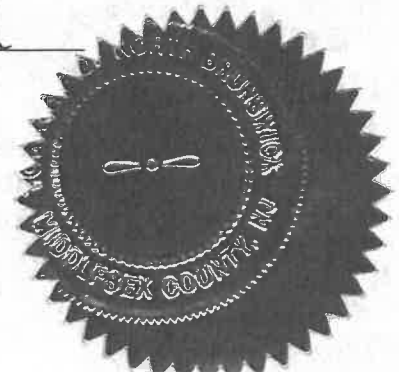
Francis Womack

Francis M. Womack III
Mayor

Lisa Russo

Lisa Russo, Township Clerk
December 2, 2019

Amanda Guadagnino
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Council President



Proclamation

By Mayor and Council - Township of North Brunswick

WHEREAS, the Township of North Brunswick would like to acknowledge the **2019 North Brunswick Township High School Girls Tennis Team** for their talents, dedication and commitment to the sport of tennis and to their community; and

WHEREAS, the North Brunswick Township High School provides a Tennis Program that promotes sportsmanship, fair-play, team spirit, positive self-esteem and love of the sport for all. The program is dedicated to ensuring that North Brunswick athletes will be outstanding students, productive members of society and players have the opportunity to excel on and off the ball courts. The players assist in Township events, volunteer in community driven activities and they proudly represent the best in youth sports; and

WHEREAS, the **2019 NBTHS Girls Tennis Team** season accomplishments include an undefeated regular season of 15-0. They were the White Division Champions and seven players were named All White Division. They are Rima Peddi, Olivia Szulc, Erin Tan, Alisha Patel, Vedika Sengar, Abinaya Dinesh, and Juhi Grover; and

WHEREAS, the **2019 NBTHS Girls Tennis Team** is under the leadership of Head Coach Mark Fitzpatrick. He was named the White Division Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, team roster of champions are as follows: Abinaya Dinesh, Juhi Grover, Alisha Patel, Heer Patel, Rima Peddi, Angelina Russo, Vedika Sengar, Olivia Szulc, Erin Tan and Mallika Tiwari.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, recognize the talent and dedication of the **2019 North Brunswick Township High School Girls Tennis Team** along with the coaching staff, and wish continued success to all.

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Mayor

Lisa Russo

Lisa Russo, Township Clerk
December 2, 2019

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Proclamation

By Mayor and Council - Township of North Brunswick

WHEREAS, the Township of North Brunswick would like to acknowledge the **2019 North Brunswick Township High School Girls Soccer Team** for their talents, dedication and commitment to the sport of soccer and to their community; and

WHEREAS, the North Brunswick Township High School provides a Soccer Program that promotes sportsmanship, fair-play, team spirit, positive self-esteem and love of the sport for all. The program is dedicated to ensuring that North Brunswick athletes will be outstanding students, productive members of society and players have the opportunity to excel on and off the sports fields. The players assist in Township events, volunteer in community driven activities and they proudly represent the best in youth sports; and

WHEREAS, the **2019 NBTHS Girls Soccer Team** season accomplishments include a season record of 12-8, winning the Greater Middlesex County White Division for the first time since 2001. The team also advanced to the quarterfinals of the State tournament. There were five players who made the All Division Team and they were; Imani Foat, Xaria LaMar, Ava Gianni, Akylah Hawkins and Kelly DeGaetano. The two players who made the Greater Middlesex County All Conference Team were Akylah Hawkins and Kelly DeGaetano; and

WHEREAS, the **2019 NBTHS Girls Soccer Team** is under the leadership of Head Coach Danielle Porzio. Danielle was named the White Division Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, team roster of champions are as follows: Adelaide Asante, Nithyasree Balaji, Christine Brandt, Emily Camlet, Valerie Chubis, Julia Davies, Kelly DeGaetano, Imani Foat, Ava Gianni, Mia Gianni, Mackenzy Grant, Hannah Hameed, Akylah Hawkins, Avery Kochanski, Xaria La'Mar, Avery Lange, Katherine Manley, Danielle Marrone, Rhea Palliath, Anne Marie Quagliata, Danielle Rappolt, Alexis Rich, Katerina Varelis, and Charlize Warren.

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Mayor

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PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS, Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh (HSS) is a voluntary, non-profit, social and cultural organization, which aims at preserving and passing on the ancient Hindu heritage and cultural values to the next generation of Hindus and raise awareness around the world; and

WHEREAS, HSS is organizing a Health for Humanity Yogathon and the goal is to complete One Million Surya Namaskar (SUN Salutation) by Twelve Thousand participants, collectively and individually, to promote friendship, mutual understanding and good health among multi-cultural and diverse members of the community; and

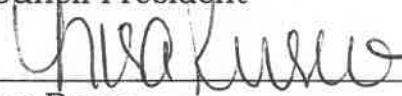
WHEREAS, YOGA enthusiasts, YOGA Studios, local schools and organizations are participating in this event. SUN Salutations can be included daily during this time as a part of physical activity and/or spiritual training.

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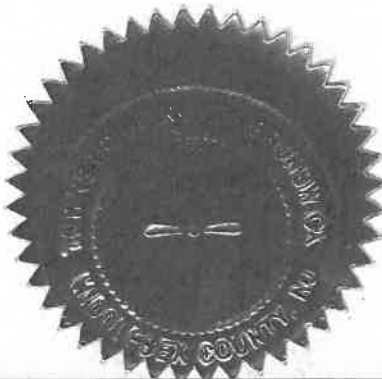


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