

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

**REGULAR MEETING
April 6, 2020**

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, April 6, 2020 at 7:06 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, Davis, Socio, Andrews and Ms. Guadagnino (all via telephonically)
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.

Also present (via telephonically): Business Administrator Kathryn Monzo, 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, Director Department Of Public Works Eric Chaszar, Assistant Business Administrator Justine Progebin, Public Safety Deputy Chief Joe Battaglia, Municipal Clerk Lisa Russo and Clerk 1 Nellie Sowell.

Mayor Womack led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Davis states he received calls from residence that saw a lot of cars and children playing together. He stresses the need to stay away from each other, no matter how hard it is. Everyone must enforce social distancing. Do not want to close parks or give people summons, but everyone needs to do what is necessary to keep the community safe. Councilman Davis wished everyone to stay safe and well.

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. Socio, second by Mr. Davis.

Consent Agenda

- a. NJ Fireman's Association Application / Shaun R. Farrell / Fire Co. #3
- b. NJ Firemen's Association Application / Steven M. Velazquez / Fire Co. #2
- c. 116-4.20 Authorizing a contract with Tactical Public Safety for the purchase of new radio equipment necessary to join the Middlesex County shared radio network for Police / Fire / EMS / OEM / Public Works
- d. 117-4.20 Designating a Senior Citizen and Disabled Protected Tenancy Officer in the Township of North Brunswick, County of Middlesex

- e. 118-4.20 Authorizing the advertisement for the Receipt of Bids for the remediation and road restoration of the High School Access Way
- f. 119-4.20 Authorizing the advertisement for Receipt of Bids for the Pulda Farm Walking Trail Project
- g. 120-4.20 Authorizing the advertisement for the Receipt of Bids for the 2020 Road Improvement Program
- h. 121-4.20 Authorizing the application and acceptance of grant funding under the Board of Public Utilities Clean Fleet Electric Vehicle and one Dual Charging Station
- i. 122-4.20 Bill List
- j. 123-4.20 Appointing Claribel Cortes to the Township Council to fill a portion of an enexpired term

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve *item #5a* on the agenda **Minutes/Special Council Meeting/February 10, 2020** so moved by Ms. Guadagnino and second by Mr. Andrews

Roll call:

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

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

Roll call:

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

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

Roll call:

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

Ordinances / First Reading/ Introduction

#20-11 – First Reading/ Introduction- 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 Government Purposes.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce **Ordinance # 20-11**, so moved by Ms. Guadagnino second by Mr. Davis reading and public hearing to be held at regular meeting on April 20, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey. Following, legal publication in the April 9, 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, Davis, Socio, Andrews and Ms. Guadagnino (all via telephonically)
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Ordinances / Second Reading / Public Hearing:

#20-06 – Second Reading and Public Hearing – Bond Ordinance providing for Capital Improvements for and by the Township of North Brunswick, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, appropriating the aggregate amount of \$4,000,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$3,800,000 in Bonds or Notes of the Township to finance part of the cost thereof

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: Messrs. Lopez, Davis, Socio, Andrews and Ms. Guadagnino (all via telephonically)
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adopt **Ordinance # 20-06** so moved by Mr. Socio, second by Mr. Andrews

Roll call:

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

Ordinance # 20-06 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the April 9, 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.

#20-07 – Bond Ordinance providing for Improvement of the Water Treatment Plant and Distribution System in and by the Township of North Brunswick, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, appropriating \$10,000,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$10,000,000 Bonds or Notes of the Township for financing the cost thereof

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 Mr. Andrews.

Roll call:

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adopt **Ordinance # 20-07** so moved by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Socio

Roll call:

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

Ordinance # 20-07 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the April 9, 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.

#20-08 – Bond Ordinance providing for Improvement of Sewer Distribution System in and by the Township of North Brunswick, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, appropriating \$10,000,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$10,000,000 Bonds or Notes of the Township for financing the cost thereof

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. Andrews second by Mr. Socio.

Roll call:

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adopt **Ordinance # 20-08** so moved by Mr. Andrews, second by Ms. Guadagnino

Roll call:

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

Ordinance # 20-08 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the April 9, 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.

#20-09 – An Ordinance of the Township Council of North Brunswick amending and fixing the salary and wages for various officials and employees of the Township of North Brunswick and providing for manner of payment thereof

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

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

Roll call:

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adopt **Ordinance # 20-09** so moved by Mr. Socio, second by Mr. Andrews.

Roll call:

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

Ordinance # 20-09 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the April 9, 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.

#20-10 – Second Reading and Public Hearing – An Ordinance amending Chapter 184 of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick entitled “Solid Waste”

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: Messrs. Lopez, Davis, Socio, Andrews and Ms. Guadagnino (all via telephonically)
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adopt **Ordinance # 20-10** so moved by Mr. Andrews, second by Mr. Socio.

Roll call:

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

Ordinance # 20-10 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the April 9, 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.

Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO

Councilman Socio says in regards to walking and activities in Community Park with social distancing, there are ways to prevent people from coming into close contact with each other. Councilman recommends putting some type of direction on the track so people only can go one way and have to stay away from each other.

Councilman Davis states there should be no contact with soccer or any other sport. It is important to keep the children separated.

Township Attorney Ronald Gordon reminds council to address Municipal Vacancy.

Mayor Womack thanks Councilman Davis and Councilman Socio. Mayor says it is a good idea Councilman Socio has about keeping people going in one direction. Mayor Womack says he will turn meeting over to Council President to proceed with filling of vacant seat.

Township Attorney Ronald Gordon explained what the Municipal Vacancy Law is. Mr. Gordon asks Municipal Clerk to read names of three nominations for seat.

Municipal Clerk Lisa Russo reads names... Claribel Cortes, Concetta Adamo and Lorraine Galiano.

Council President asks for nominations... Claribel Corets is nominated for seat by Ms. Guadagnino, second by Mr. Davis.

Roll call:

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

Council President Andrews congratulates Ms. Cortes.

Claribel Cortes thanks all and looks forward to working with everyone.

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

Jeff Dunham gives thank to all for the EMS. Mr. Dunham states an excellent job is being done by all.

Mayor Womack says how grateful he is the residence are pulling together in this time. Mayor states if anyone has any concerns to reach out to any of the council members or the Mayors Office.

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

Roll call:

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

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

Roll call:

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

Adjourn 7:32 pm

Lisa Russo
Municipal Clerk