

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

**REGULAR MEETING  
June 1, 2020**

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, June 1, 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. Davis, Socio and Andrews

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. 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.

**Also present (via Go To Meeting):** Interim Business Administrator Justine Progebin, Township Attorney Ron Gordon, Esq., Deputy Chief Joseph Battaglia, 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, Board Of Education Superintendent Brian Zychowski, Municipal Clerk Lisa Russo and Clerk 1 Nellie Sowell.

Ms. Russo led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Lopez join "Go To Meeting" at 7:05PM

Mayor Womack asks Council President Andrews to read Resolution 177-6.20. Council President Andrews reads Resolution. Dr. Brian Zychowski speaks regarding resolution. Dr. Zychowski states the school support the resolution. He would like to continue to work on it. The Board Of Education is committed to work with everyone on it. The students need a place to express how they are feeling. DR. Zychowski states he endorses this resolution with the Mayor and Council. On behalf of the Board of Education and staff they thank the Mayor and will continue to work together to make things better.

Bishop Calvin Enlow states he has a service scheduled. He speaks of the disturbing video of police brutality and what has come since that. Bishop Enlow hopes this resolution is the first step in moving forward. He feels honored to see [people coming together for the forefront of this. He gives thanks to the Mayor and will keep everyone informed on how to connect for the virtual service when they have more information.

Mayor Womack asks for a motion to approve **Resolution 177-6.20**. Motion made by Council President Andrews, second by Mr. Davis

Roll call:

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

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 5a – 5p** on the consent agenda. Motion made by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Socio.

### **Consent Agenda**

- a. 161-6.20 Approving the FY2021 Temporary Budget
- b. 162-6.20 Approving the FY2021 Temporary Budget for Water and Sewer Utilities
- c. 163-6.20 Authorizing the transfer of \$450,000 unexpended Fiscal Year 2019 Appropriations to a dedicated Accumulated Leave Absences Trust Fund
- d. 164-6.20 Authorizing the transfer of unexpended Fiscal Year 2019 Appropriations to a dedicated Storm Recovery Reserves
- e. 165-6.20 Authorizing Budget Transfers for Fiscal Year 2020 Appropriations
- f. 166-6.20 Authorizing application and acceptance of a County of Middlesex, Cultural and Heritage Commission, Heritage Day Grant
- g. 167-6.20 Authorizing the application and acceptance of the US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance Federal FY2020 Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Reimbursement
- h. 168-6.20 Item of revenue in budget (Chapter 159): Cultural and Heritage Commission, Heritage Day Grant
- i. 169-6.20 Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with Middlesex County Improvement Authority for the Collection and Disposal of Recycling Material
- j. 170-6.20 Authorizing the approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Evelyn Avenue Roadway Improvements Project
- k. 171-6.20 Authorizing the advertisement for Receipt of Proposals for Tax Assessment Consulting Services
- l. 172-6.20 Authorizing the advertisement for Request for Proposals for Procurement Software
- m. 173-6.20 Authorizing a Credit to Township Residents for their Water Sewer Utility Account
- n. 174-6.20 Authorizing a County / Municipal Reimbursement Agreement with Middlesex County for Economic Damages caused by the Corona Virus
- o. 175-6.20 Authorizing a Contract with Bryan Electric for the purchase and installation of one Dual Port Charging Station for Electric Vehicles
- p. 176-6.20 Bill List
- q. 177-6.20 Resolution of the Township of North Brunswick to acknowledge and condemn the police actions in Minneapolis that led to the death of Mr. George Floyd

Roll call:

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve *item #6a* on the agenda **Minutes/ May 11, 2020/ Special Council Meeting** so moved by Ms. Guadagnino and second by Ms. Cortes

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 approve *item #6b* on the agenda **Minutes/ May 18, 2020/ Regular Council Meeting** so moved by Ms. Guadagnino and second by Mr. Davis.

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:**

**#20-14 - Second Reading an 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 Council President Andrews.

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 # 20-14** so moved by Council President Andrews, second by Ms. Guadagnino.

Roll call:

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

**Ordinance # 20-14** approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the June 4, 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.

**#20-15 – Second Reading and Public Hearing – An Ordinance amending Chapter 276, “Sewers”, Section 7 “Sewer Rentals” 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. 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 # 20-15** so moved by Council President Andrews, second by Ms. Guadagnino

Roll call:

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

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

Councilwoman Guadagnino speaks regarding the water meter project resuming today. In Line Services will reach out to residents to sign up. In Line Services will out line all procedures for when they come out to replace. The company will have photo IDs, a badge from the company. The new website has many new features. Ms. Guadagnino encourages everyone to sign up.

Director Hritz speaks about Governor Murphy allowing outdoor dining starting June 15. All information is on Township website.

Council President Andrews makes mention of peoples comments on meeting regarding Police Department and Public Parks.

Mayor Womack comments on protocol for residents wearing masks. Mayor Womack also comments on residents at Public Parks.

Council President Andrews speaks regarding Township cable and internet. Optimum has noticed numerous complaints on internet going down, the Township is monitoring it. On the Township website there is a place for referrals to customer service. Council President Andrews states it is being worked on and it will continue until it is fixed.

Mayor Womack asks Township attorney Ron Gordon how the comments being posted on “Go To Meeting” should be addressed. Mr. Gordon states they should be addressed in the Public Hearing portion of the meeting.

Mayor Womack opens Public Hearing at 7:31pm

Mayor Womack reads comment on “Go To Meeting” - at 7:06 PM message from VM states... “I still find New Brunswick Police, extremely rude and unprofessional especially in areas that are mostly populated in non-white neighborhoods. Police continuously harass people who are waiting at a bus stop or at a train station.” (message attached) Mayor Womack responds to comment that the police department will follow up.

Mayor Womack reads comment on “Go To Meeting” – at 7:07 PM message from Richard Rivera states... “accreditation is meaningless if a police agency does not live up to expectations. Lets keep working on accountability – Rich” (message attached) Mayor Womack responds message will be forwarded to police for review.

Mayor Womack reads comment on “Go To Meeting” – at 7:09 PM message from VM states... “I have seen police hand out tickets for “suspicious driving” even when that means coming from Stop and Shop and driving home. Police has stopped and tickets to citizen who have dash cams, but people who have phone mounts on the windows get away.” (message attached) Mayor Womack responds he will forward to police for assessment.

Mayor Womack reads comment on “Go To Meeting” – at 7:22 PM message from VM states... “What are you doing regarding enforcing social distancing with COVID-19?” (message attached) Mayor Womack responds to comment.

Mayor Womack reads comment on “Go To Meeting” – at 7:28 PM message from VM states... “ Internet is a service that we pay for, can you please introduce legislation to make sure Optimum and Altice reimburse us back for any service outages” PSEG does it for their electricity when households don’t have power—even if we loose power for an hour.” (message attached) Mayor Womack asks Township attorney Ron Gordon to address, Mr. Gordon, Council President Andrews and Mayor Womack all give answers.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:37PM, so moved by Mr. Davis 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 called for a motion to adjourn meeting, so moved by Council President Andrews, second by Ms. Cortes.

Roll call:

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

Adjourn 7:37 pm

Lisa Russo  
Municipal Clerk

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VM

7:09 PM

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VM

7:22 PM

What are you doing regarding enforcing social distancing with COVID-19 ?

VM

7:24 PM

Public Parks . not dining!

VM

7:26 PM

Perfect! Thank you for touching upon the COVID-19 regarding public parks.

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7:28 PM

Internet is a service that we pay for. can you please introduce legislation to make sure Optimum and Altice reimburses us back for any service outages? PSEG does it for their electricity when households dont have power -- even if we loose power for an hour.

VM

7:30 PM

YES! Read them aloud please

Enter your message



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VM

7:06 PM

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richard rivera

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