

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

**REGULAR MEETING
February 1, 2021**

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, February 1, 2021 (**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. Andrews, Davis & Socio

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 December 30, 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, Court Administrator Kim Molnar, 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.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve *items 4a. – 4o.* on the consent agenda. Motion made by Mr. Davis, second by Council President Socio.

Consent Agenda

a. Fireman's Association Application / Fire Co. #1/ Craig A. Miller

b. 56-2.21

Authorizing the renewal of Liquor Licenses for 2020-2021 in the Township of North Brunswick

c. 57-2.21 Authorizing the cancellation of taxes for a 100% disabled veteran

d. 58-2.21 Item of revenue in budget (Chapter 159): BodyArmor Replacement, State Allocation-\$6,024.45

e. 59-2.21 Item of revenue in budget (Chapter 159): Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) - \$194,431.96

f. 60-2.21 Item of revenue in budget (Chapter 159): Grants-In-Aid Program Pre-School Property Acquisition \$500,000.00

g. 61-2.21 Authorizing the North Brunswick Township through the North Brunswick Police Department to participate in the Defense Logistics Agency, Law Enforcement Support Office,

1033 Program to enable the North Brunswick Police Department to request and acquire excess Department of Defense Equipment

h. 62-2.21 Authorizing the Sale of Abandoned Vehicles

i. 63-2.21 Authorizing a Contract with Mall Chevrolet for the purchase of two (2) Public Safety Vehicles

j. 64-2.21 Authorizing a Change In Scope to the PSA with CME Associates appointed as the 2021 Township Consulting Engineering Firm for Professional Services associated with the Mile Run Sewer Line Rehabilitation Project

k. 65-2.21 Authorizing the Award of Contract to Mall Chevrolet for the purchase of a 2021 or newer Chevrolet Silverado 3500 Truck

l. 66-2.21 Resolution of support for Solar Landscape to establish Community Solar Projects in the Township of North Brunswick, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey

m. 67-2.21 Authorizing the Business Administrator to file loan application with the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank (NJ I-BANK) for the Livingston Avenue Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project

n. 68-2.21 Appointing Kim Molnar as Court Administrator for the Township of North Brunswick

o. 69-2.21 Bill List

Roll call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Lopez

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve *item 5a.* on the agenda **Minutes/ Regular Council Meeting/ December 14, 2020** so moved by Ms. Guadagnino, second by Council President Socio.

Roll call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Lopez

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve *item 5b* on the agenda **Minutes/ Reorganization/ January 1, 2021** so moved by Ms. Guadagnino and second by Mr. Davis.

Roll call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Lopez

Councilman Lopez arrives at 7:09pm.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve *item 5c* on the agenda **Minutes/ Special Council Meeting/ January 4, 2021** so moved by Council President Socio and second by Ms. Cortes.

Roll call:

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve *item 5d* on the agenda **Minutes/ Regualr Council Meeting/ January 11, 2021** so moved by Mr. Davis and second by Ms. Guadagnino.

Roll call:

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

Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO

Director Benson states Food Bank will be closed tomorrow, Tuesday February 2, 2021 due to weather.

Ms. Guadgnino states North Brunswick is creating Founders Day in North Brunswick. The Township will be celebrating its 242 year in just a few days. The Township wanted to start Founders Day before the Township celebrates its 250 year. North Brunswick Township will be starting small this year and will be building up every year. This year there will be 3 activities ... 1st is to create a logo, 2nd is for students to create artwork on what North Brunswick means to them and 3rd is to all residents- is to create a photo collage of what North Brunswick means to you. On February 16, 2021 there will be a proclamation presented for the Township.

Council President Socio asks everyone to please move their cars off roadways so plows can clear snow from streets. Hope things will get back to normal soon.

Councilman Davis speaks of pavers in Veterans Park. Councilman Davis states that veterans do not have to be someone who has served. The fee is \$75 per paver. Please turn in form and payment to Department of Parks, Recreation & Community Service by March 15, 2021 to have paver by Memorial Day.

Councilman Andrews states today states black history month. Councilman Andrews thanks all who is out helping in this bad weather. Councilman Andrews encourages residents to reach out with any concerns regarding streets.

Director Benson encourages residents to reach out on hotline if they are willing to volunteer.

Court Administrator Kim Molnar stats she has been with North Brunswick Township for 25 years. She loves that she works with so many wonderful people. She loves working with residents, even when its not the best time for them.

Mayor Womack administer Oath to Kim Molnar, bible held by daughter Rebecca.

Director Chaszar speaks about the snow. Director apologies and states recycling for tomorrow has been moved to next Tuesday, rear load has been moved to Friday, Bulk pick up has been suspended for this week. The Department of Public Works is working hard to clear the snow but the snow won't stop, he asks everyone to be patient with the cleanup. Director Chaszar is hoping everything will be open by the

end of the week. Discussion continues between Mayor Womack, Councilman Davis and Director Chaszar regarding schedule for upcoming pickups.

Mayor Womack reminds resident to not park on Township streets. Look on website to see safe designated places to park vehicles.

Councilman Lopez speaks of not much change with COVID and asks everyone to remain safe, especially with the snow storm.

Mayor Womack opens Public Hearing at 7:24pm

No comment from the public.

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, Andrews, Davis & Socio
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

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

Roll call:

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

Adjourn 7:25pm

Lisa Russo
Municipal Clerk