

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

**REGULAR MEETING
March 1, 2021**

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, March 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. Guadagnino, Messrs. Andrews, Davis & Socio

Nays: None

Absent: Ms. Cortes & Mr. Lopez

Mr. Lopez arrives at 7:01 p.m.

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., Judy O'Malley (Rainone, Coughlin & Minchello) Director Of Community Development Michael Hritz, Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Service Lou Ann Benson, Director of Public Works Eric Chaszar, Engineering Aide Scott Kunz, Mike McClelland (CME Associates), John Kriskowski (CME Associates), Lou Ploskanka (CME Associates), Municipal Clerk Lisa Russo and Clerk 2 Nellie Sowell.

Councilman Davis led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proclamation

Director Hritz speaks about John Kriskowski from the municipal engineering firm, CME, and all his outstanding work he has done over the years.

Councilman Andrews also speaks regarding Mr. Kriskowski and reads proclamation... *Whereas, John Kriskowski is retiring from the municipal engineering firm, CME Associates, after having served dutifully since joining the firm in 2006; and Whereas, John has been the designated client manager for both the Township of North Brunswick and the North Brunswick Planning Board for 15 years; and Whereas, under John's guidance and professionalism through countless meetings he has contributed towards making North Brunswick a vibrant and sustained community, and during his many years of service developed personal and lasting relationships with the governing body. board members, and professional staff..... etc. (proclamation attached)*

Mr. Kriskowski gives thanks to Director Hritz and Councilman Andrews for their kind words. Mr. Kriskowski has been working with CME as the designated client manager for North Brunswick for 15 years. Mr. Kriskowski respects the Council, Mayor and employees of North Brunswick. Mr. Kriskowski

appreciates the friendships and relationships he has made. He appreciates everyone taking the time to acknowledge his retirement.

Mayor Womack, Councilman Davis and Council President Socio speak of what a pleasure it has been to know and work with Mr. Kriskowski. Everyone wishes him the best and he will be missed!!

Mike McClelland from CME Associates thanks all from CME for the recognition of Mr. Kriskowski and all of his hard work throughout the years.

Director Benson speaks of Mr. Kriskowski and his professionalism and guidance.

Engineering Aide Scott Kunz thanks Mr. Kriskowski for everything.

Mr. Kriskowski gives thanks to all again.

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. – 5h.* on the consent agenda. Motion made by Mr. Andrews, second by Mr. Davis.

Consent Agenda

- a. NJ State Fireman's Association Application / Jason D. Smith / Fire Co. #3
- b. 78-3.21 Authorizing acceptance of a Grant from Middlesex County regarding its Helping Hand Grant Program
- c. 79-3.21 Authorizing the acceptance of the Sale of Auctioned Abandoned Motor Vehicles
- d. 80-3.21 Authorizing an application and acceptance of a Grant from the State of New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety
- e. 81-3.21 Amending the Contract with In-Line Services, Inc. for the purchase and installation of Water Meters
- f. 82-3.21 Authorizing a Change In Scope to the PSA with CME Associates appointed as the 2021 Township Consulting Engineering Firm to include Construction Administration Phase Services for the Livingston Avenue Sewer Main Replacement Project
- g. 83-3.21 Authorizing acceptance and utilization of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds - \$118,714.00 for Program Year 2021
- h. 84-3.21 Bill List

Roll call:

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve *item 6a.* on the agenda **Minutes/ Regular Council Meeting/ February 8, 2021** so moved by Mr. Davis, second by Ms. Guadagnino.

Roll call:

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve *item 6b* on the agenda **Minutes/ Regular Council Meeting/ February 16, 2021** so moved by Mr. Davis and second by Ms. Guadagnino.

Roll call:

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

Ordinances / First Reading / Introduction:

#21-01 – An Ordinance amending Chapter 356 of the Code of the Township on North Brunswick entitled Wreckers Section 356-20 Application and License Fees, and Section 356-21 Rates for Towing and Storage Services

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce **Ordinance #21-01**. So moved by Mr. Davis, second by Council President Socio, second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on March 15, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey following legal publication in the March 4, 2021 issue of the Home News and Tribune as according to law. This Ordinance is posted in the Municipal Complex and copies are available upon request.

Roll call:

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

Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO

Councilman Davis speaks of pavers in Veterans Park. Councilman Davis states that veterans do not have to be someone who has served. 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 informs residents about complaints regarding Altice. North Brunswick Township has joined other towns and filed a complaint with BPU. There will be a public hearing on March 16, 2021 at 10:00 am regarding this issue. The meeting will be a gotomeeting format. It will be available to residents. There is information available to residents on how their voices can be heard.

Councilwoman Guadagnino speaks of Founders Day. Yesterday February 28, 2021 North Brunswick celebrated its 242 Birthday. Ms. Guadagnino speaks of the logo and art contests. Ms. Guadagnino informs everyone that they are forming a committee consisting of local residents. Anyone interested in being a committee member may email Director Benson, all information is on the website. Councilwoman Guadagnino speaks of press release from Governor Murphy on COVID-19 Vaccine Program. Anyone interested in information may log onto state website.

Director Benson announces upcoming 78 American Flags lining Community Park in honor to those who lost their lives due to COVID-19. Community Park will not be the permanent site. Any questions may be sent to Department of Parks, Recreation & Community Services.

Mayor Womack opens Public Hearing at 7:27pm

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. Guadagnino, Messrs. Lopez, Andrews, Davis & Socio
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Ms. Cortes

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

Roll call:

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

Adjourn 7:28pm

Lisa Russo
Municipal Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BRUNSWICK

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, John Kriskowski is retiring from the municipal engineering firm, CME Associates, after having served dutifully since joining the firm in 2006; and

WHEREAS, John has been the designated client manager for both the Township of North Brunswick and the North Brunswick Planning Board for 15 years; and

WHEREAS, under John's guidance and professionalism through countless meetings he has contributed towards making North Brunswick a vibrant and sustainable community, and during his many years of service developed personal and lasting relationships with the governing body, board members, and professional staff; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that the quality and character of life in our community is reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those individuals who devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE DO HEREBY PROCLAIM,

On this first day of March, 2021, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick offer our respect and admiration to John Kriskowski, wish him good health and happiness in his retirement, and do hereby honor and commend his distinguished service to the Township of North Brunswick as the client manager for CME Associates.





Mayor Francis M. Womack, III