

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

**REGULAR MEETING
March 15, 2021**

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, March 15, 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: Ms. Cortes, Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Andrews, Davis and Socio
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Lopez

Dr. Lopez arrived at 7:03pm

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.

Councilman Davis lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proclamation:

Council President Socio reads proclamation, WHEREAS, the Township of North Brunswick recognizes that Gabriel Chiappetta provided 28 years of dedicated service to the residents of our community.

Gabriel Chiappetta was born in Italy in 1930 and moved to the United States in 1954 with \$1.65 in his pocket; before coming to work for the Township, Gabriel Chiappetta worked at Johnson & Johnson for 33 years as a Machine Operator. He also worked as a Special Officer for the North Brunswick Police Department for 5 years and Gabriel was an accomplished, copyrighted author.

Gabriel Chiappetta was again hired by the Township of North Brunswick in 1992 and worked as a crossing guard until 2020. Gabriel's entire crossing guard career was served at the corner of Newton Street and Cranbury Cross Road.

Gabriel Chiappetta took great pride in keeping our school children safe when crossing.

Gabriel is retiring after 28 years of serving our Township as a dedicated crossing guard.

The Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, *Do Hereby Proclaim*, the respect and admiration of the community of North Brunswick to Gabriel Chiappetta and wish him a happy, healthy and rewarding retirement.

Mayor Womack Thanked Mr. Chiappetta for all of his contributions.

Mr. Chiappetta said he misses the kids, the corner and a lot of friends he made throughout the years. This was his best achievement and thanked everyone for a beautiful journey and he would do it all over again anytime.

Also present: (Via Go to Meeting) Business Administrator Justine Progebin, Township Attorney Ron Gordon, Esq., Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Services Lou Ann Benson, Chief Financial Officer Cavel Gallimore, Director of Community Development Michael Hritz, 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 5a-5g and 5i-5k* on the consent agenda. Motion made by Council President Socio to approve items 5a-5g and 5i-5k on the agenda, second by Ms. Guadagnino.

Item number 5-h was removed from the consent agenda for separate discussion and vote from the governing body.

Roll call:

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

Mayor Womack asked if anyone is hear to speak about item a-h on the content agenda Authorizing a credit to a customer for their water-sewer utility account.

Consent Agenda

- a. 86-3.21 Authorizing the application and acceptance of a Federal grant from the State of New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Highway Traffic Safety
- b. 87-3.21 Authorizing the advertisement for the Receipt of Bids for the Livingston Avenue Water and Sewer Improvement Project
- c. 88-3.21 Confirming an agreement with Trillium, Inc. to provide Environmental Consulting Services in the Soil Remediation Litigation as an EUS
- d. 89-3.21 Authorizing an amendment to the 2020 Agreement with Hoagland, Longo, Moran, Dunst & Doukas, LLP to provide Environmental Legal Services
- e. 90-3.21 Authorizing an amendment to the agreement with the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA) concerning Payment In Lieu of Taxes and other matters

- f. 91-3.21 Authorizing a Grant Agreement between the Township of North Brunswick and the State of New Jersey by and for The Board of Public Utilities Clean Fleet Electric Vehicle Incentive Program for two Electric Vehicles and one Dual Charging Station
- g. 92-3.21 Authorizing the application and acceptance of a Cablevision Grant
- h. 93-3.21 Authorizing a credit to a customer for their water-sewer utility account
- i. 94-3.21 Authorizing Resolution #56-2.21 to be rescinded and to withdraw authorization for a certain Liquor License for the 2021-2022 License Term in the Township of North Brunswick
- j. 95-3.21 Authorizing the renewal of Liquor License No. 1215-33-020- 006 Lions Liquors for 2020-2021 term in the Township of North Brunswick
- k. 96-3.21 Bill List

Roll call:

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve item #6a on the agenda Approval of Special Council Meeting Minutes February 22, 2021 so moved by Ms. Guadagnino second by Council President Socio.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve item #6b on the agenda Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes March 1, 2021 so moved by Mr. Davis second by Ms. Guadagnino.

Ordinances / First Reading / Introduction:

#21-02 First Reading and Introduction- 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 payment thereof.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce Ordinance #21-02, So moved by Mr. Davis second by Council President Socio second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on April 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey Following legal publication in the April 8, 2021 issue of the Home News Tribune according to the law. This ordinance is posted in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey and copies are available upon request.

Roll call:

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

Ordinances/Second Reading/Public Hearing:

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

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

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adopt Ordinance #21-01, So moved Council President Socio second by Ms. Cortes that Ordinance #21-01 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the March 18, 2021 issue of the Home News Tribune according to the Law. This ordinance is posted in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey and copies are available upon request.

Roll call:

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

Mayor Womack asked Business Administrator Justine Progebin to summarize item a-h from the consent agenda Authorizing a credit to a customer for their water-sewer utility account. Ms. Progebin explained everything that has been done thus far credit/adjustment of tiers. Administration has taken the appropriate steps to making the appropriate adjustments. The Landlord/Resident have requested an additional credit of \$500. It was explained to the Landlord that this would have to be brought to the governing body for their review.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to bring item #a-h to the Council for its discussion on a yes or no basis so moved by Council President Socio second by Ms. Guadagnino.

Roll call:

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

Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO

Council President Socio announced the following:

Food Truck Friday 5-7pm pick up, Pre-order by Tuesday March 23rd event is being held at Community Park.

Bunny trial Saturday March 23rd \$5 per child Children must be accompanied by an adult Pre- Register space is limited event is being held at Community Park. 11-2:30, treats, crafts, and games. For further information call 732-247-0922 ext.475 or register at (register.capturepoint.com/northbrunswicktownship)

Mr. Davis March 27th is the 1st night of Passover wishes everyone a Zissen Pesach.

Ms. Cortes reminded the Mayor that it has been a year ago today that we lost our Councilman Bob Corbin. The Mayor had a moment of Silence to honor Mr. Corbin.

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to close the Public Hearing, so moved by Mr. Davis second by Council President Socio.

Adjourn 7:33 pm

Lisa Russo
Municipal Clerk

PROCLAMATION

By Mayor and Council – Township of North Brunswick

WHEREAS, the Township of North Brunswick recognizes that Gabriel Chiappetta provided 28 years of dedicated service to the residents of our community; and

WHEREAS, Gabriel Chiappetta was born in Italy in 1930 and moved to the United States in 1954 with \$1.65 in his pocket; and

WHEREAS, before coming to work for the Township, Gabriel Chiappetta worked at Johnson & Johnson for 33 years as a Machine Operator. He also worked as a Special Officer for the North Brunswick Police Department for 5 years and Gabriel was an accomplished, copyrighted author; and

WHEREAS, Gabriel Chiappetta was again hired by the Township of North Brunswick in 1992 and worked as a crossing guard until 2020. Gabriel's entire crossing guard career was served at the corner of Newton Street and Cranbury Cross Road; and

WHEREAS, Gabriel Chiappetta took great pride in keeping our school children safe when crossing; and

WHEREAS, Gabriel is retiring after 28 years of serving our Township as a dedicated crossing guard.

NOW THEREFORE, WE the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, ***Do Hereby Proclaim***, the respect and admiration of the community of North Brunswick to Gabriel Chiappetta and wish him a happy, healthy and rewarding retirement.

Francis M. Womack, III
Mayor of North Brunswick

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Council President

Lisa Russo, Municipal Clerk

March 1, 2021