

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

**REGULAR MEETING
April 5, 2021**

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, April 5, 2021 (**Via Go To Meeting**) at 7:02 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. Lopez, Andrews, Davis & Socio

Nays: None

Absent: None

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, Chief Of Police Joseph Battalia, Chief Financial Officer Cavel Gallimore, Municipal Clerk Lisa Russo and Clerk 2 Nellie Sowell.

Councilman Davis led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ron Gordan explained the Municipality Vacancy Law and what goes into filling a position for an unexpired term for a council chair.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve **item 4 (resolution 117-4.21 – Appointing Rajesh Mehta to the Townahip Council to fill a portion of an unexpired term)** on the agenda. Motion made by Council President Socio, second by Mr. Davis.

Roll call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Mr. Lopez left at 7:05PM

Mayor Womack administer oath to Rajesh Mehta.

Councilman Mehta thanks everyone in the county, democratic party and Mayor for choosing him for the chair of councilman. Councilman Mehta is excited to work with an excellent Mayor and Council.

Councilman Mehta says North Brunswick is one of the best townships in the county and will do his best to help everyone. Thanks again to all.

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. – 5t.* on the consent agenda. Motion made by Council President Socio, second by Mr. Andrews.

Roll call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Mr. Mehta

Absent: Mr. Lopez

- a. NJ State Firemen's Association Application / Fire Company #3 / Jaiden C. Haney
- b. NJ State Firemen's Association Application / Fire Company #2 / Daniel L. Burke
- c. 99-4.21 Authorizing the application and acceptance for a Middlesex County Department on Aging Grant Congregate Meal \$10,000.00
- d. 100-4.21 Authorizing application and acceptance of a County of Middlesex, Cultural and Heritage Commission, Heritage Grant
- e. 101-4.21 Authorizing the application and acceptance for a Middlesex County Department on Aging Grant Senior Outreach - \$10,500.00
- f. 102-4.21 Authorizing the application and acceptance for a Middlesex County Department of Aging Grant Senior Transportation - \$10,000.00
- g. 103-4.21 Item of revenue in budget (Chapter 159): Senior Outreach - \$10,500.00
- h. 104-4.21 Item of revenue in budget (Chapter 159): Heritage Day Grant
- i. 105-4.21 Item of revenue in budget (Chapter 159): 2021 Distracted Driving Crackdown U Drive U Text U Pay - \$10,500.00
- j. 106-4.21 Item of revenue in budget (Chapter 159): Senior Transportation - \$10,000.00
- k. 107-4.21 Item of revenue in budget (Chapter 159): Drunk Driving Enforcement Grant - \$8,973.72
- l. 108-4.21 Item of revenue in budget (Chapter 159): Congregate Meals - \$10,000.00
- m. 109-4.21 Determining the form and other details of not exceeding \$6,000,000 Bonds of the Township of North Brunswick, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, and providing for their sale to the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank and the State of New Jersey and further authorizing the execution of various Agreements, all pursuant to the State Fiscal Year 2021 New Jersey Water Bank
- n. 110-4.21 Authorizing the cancellation of taxes on exempt property known as Block 52 Lot 2 on the Official Tax Map of the Township of North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey, also known as Caroline Road, North Brunswick, New Jersey acquired and now owned by the Township of North Brunswick
- o. 111-4.21 Authorizing the cancellation of taxes on exempt property known as Block 51 Lot 5 on the Official Tax Map of the Township of North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey,

also known as Sherwood Boulevard, North Brunswick, New Jersey acquired and now owned by the Township of North Brunswick

p. 112-4.21 Authorizing a Change In Scope to the PSA with T&M Associates appointed as the 2021 Township Environmental Engineer for assistance with the preparation and submission of documents required by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection associated with the Site Remediation of the High School, Veterans Park and adjoining parcels

q. 113-4.21 Amending Contract BID19005 with VNL, Inc. for the purchase and installation of Water Treatment Plant Meters Closeout Change Order \$62,547.98

r. 114-4.21 Resolution to file Loan Application with the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank (NJ I-Bank) for the Old Georges Water Improvement Project

s. 115-4.21 Resolution to file Loan Application with the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank (NJ I-Bank) for the Mile Run Sewer Project

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve *item 6a.* on the agenda **Minutes/ Special Council Meeting/ March 8, 2021** so moved by Mr. Davis, second by Council President Socio.

Roll call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Mr. Mehta

Absent: Mr. Lopez

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve *item 6b* on the agenda **Minutes/ Regular Council Meeting/ March 15, 2021** so moved by Mr. Davis and second by Mr. Andrews.

Roll call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Mr. Mehta

Absent: Mr. Lopez

Ordinances / First Reading / Introduction:

#21-03 – An Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 334 Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick to amend Traffic Controls on Ridgewood Avenue

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce **Ordinance #21-03.** So moved by Council President Socio, second by Mr. Andrews, second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on April 19, 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 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. Mehta, Andrews, Davis & Socio
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Lopez

#21-04 – An Ordinance of the Township of North Brunswick to acquire by negotiated agreement interests in Real Property in the form of Easements along Ridgewood Avenue and Fela Avenue on th4e Official Tax Map of the Township of North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey, for the 2021 Road Improvement Project.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce **Ordinance #21-04**. So moved by Mr. Davis, second by Council President Socio, second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on April 19, 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 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. Mehta, Andrews, Davis & Socio
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Lopez

Ordinances/Second Reading/Public Hearing:

#21-02 Second Reading and Public Hearing – Amending and fixing the Salary and Wages for various officials and employees of the Township of North Brunswick and providing for the 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 Council President Socio second by Ms. Guadagnino.

Roll call:

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adopt Ordinance **#21-02**, So moved Council President Socio second by Mr. Andrews that Ordinance **#21-02** approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published 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 (via telephonically) Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Mehta, Andrews, Davis & Socio

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Lopez

Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO

Council President Socio announces the summer games in the Parks. It's a 10 week program for ages k-7th. Starts June 21, 2021 through August 21, 2021.

The Tour the Parks is also starting. Follow the trails in the parks for fun activities.

April 21, 2021 is senior lunches, it is an outside event. Stay in vehicles, meals will be brought to cars.

Call the Senior Center for more information. They are always looking for volunteers.

April 22, 2021 is Earth Day.

Basketball hoops will be put back this week.

Called Department of Parks, Recreation & Community Services for further information.

Councilman Andrews asked for a moment of silence for Commissioner Ken Armwood. Councilman Andrews said Mr. Armwood was a great friend to the town. He was a hard worker and a friend to the children and citizens. Mr. Armwood will be missed.

Mayor Womack also speaks how Mr. Armwood will be misses.

Director Hritz announces the town wide yard sale staring in May for 3 Saturdays. The yard sale will be free. Residents can register through the website. This will be good for Spring Cleaning.

Director Hritz also speaks of Freight Grant from Division of Transportation in the amount of \$365,000.

Director Benson speaks for Councilwoman Guadagnino regarding the Boys and Girls on the move. This program is sponsored by grant funds for 3rd – 8th grades. There will be lots of activities for the children. Any questions reach out to the Department of Park Recreation & Community Services.

Mayor Womack opens Public Hearing at 7:29pm

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. Mehta, Andrews, Davis & Socio

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Lopez

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

Roll call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Lopez

Adjourn 7:30pm

Lisa Russo

Municipal Clerk