

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

**REGULAR MEETING
April 19, 2021**

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, April 19, 2021 (**Via Go to Meeting**) at 8:04 pm 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. Guadagnino, Messrs. Mehta, Davis and Socio
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Lopez, Andrews

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.

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.

Council President Socio asked to remove item 5-r (Bill List).

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve *items* 5a-5q on the consent agenda. Motion made by Council President Socio to approve items 5a-5q on the agenda, second by Mr. Davis.

Motion made by Council President Socio to table item 5r on the agenda, second by Ms. Guadagnino.

Roll call:

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

Consent Agenda

- a. 118-4.21 Appointing Richard Lorentzen as Tax Collector
- b. 119-4.21 Certifying review of the Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Audit
- c. 120-4.21 Authorizing the reinstatement of installment payments for property owners within Belcourt at Hidden Lake for water Service Project
- d. 121-4.21 Authorizing the acceptance of the State of New Jersey, 2018 Solid Waste Administration & Middlesex County Improvement Authority 2020 Recycling Tonnage Grant- \$66,897.39
- e. 122-4.21 Authorizing the application and acceptance of a Federal Grant from the State of New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety
- f. 123-4.21 Authorizing the cancellation of taxes for a 100% disabled veteran
- g. 124-4.21 Item of revenue in budget (Chapter 159): Division of Highway Traffic Safety Grant - State Pedestrian Safety Enforcement and Education Funds - \$15,000.00
- h. 125-4.21 Item of revenue in budget (Chapter 159): Board of Public Utilities Clean Fleet Electric Vehicle Incentive Program \$9,500.00
- i. 126-4.21 Item of revenue in budget (Chapter 159): 2019-2020 Operation Helping Hands \$4,470.72
- j. 127-4.21 Item of revenue in budget (Chapter 159): 2018 NJ Solid Waste Administration & MCIA 2020 Recycling Tonnage Grant - \$66,897.39
- k. 128-4.21 Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant Cycle October 2020 - June 2025
- l. 129-4.21 Authorizing the Public Sale of Municipal Property no longer needed for Public Use through Municibidcom as an online auction service authorized by the State Division of purchase and property
- m. 130-4.21 Amending Contract BID19008 with Otto Environmental System LLC for 95 Gallon Roll Out Containers
- n. 131-4.21 Authorizing the Award of Contract BID21001 to Lucas Brothers, Inc. for the 2021 Road Improvement Program
- o. 132-4.21 Authorizing a Change In Scope to the PSA with CME Associates appointed as the 2021 Township Consulting Engineering firm to include services associated with the NJDEP Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey
- p. 133-4.21 Authorizing a Change In Scope to the PSA with CME Associates appointed as the 2021 Township Consulting Engineering firm to include services associated with providing an alternative analysis for the water treatment process at the Water Treatment Plant

- q. 134-4.21 Authorizing a Change In Scope to the PSA with T&M Associates appointed as the 2021 Township Environmental Engineer for assistance with groundwater sampling, classification and reporting to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection associated with the Site Remediation of the High School, Veterans Park and adjoining parcels

Roll call:

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

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve item #6b on the agenda Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes April 5, 2021 so moved by Ms. Guadagnino second by Council President Socio.

Ordinances / First Reading / Introduction:

#21-05 -An Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 334 Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick to amend Traffic Controls on Elizabeth Street

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce Ordinance #21-05, So moved by Mr. Davis second by Council President Socio second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on May 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey Following legal publication in the May 6, 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. Guadagnino, Messrs. Mehta, Davis and Socio
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Lopez, Andrews

#21-06 -An Ordinance of the Township of North Brunswick amending Chapter 69, "Police Department", Section 17 - "Line of Authority" of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce Ordinance #21-06, So moved by Council President Socio second by Mr. Mehta reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on May 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey Following legal publication in the May 6, 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. Guadagnino, Messrs. Mehta, Davis and Socio
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Lopez, Andrews

#21-07 -An Ordinance of the Township of North Brunswick in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, to acquire by negotiated Agreement, Real Property known and designated as Tax Block 11, Lots 1 and 22 on the Official Tax Map of the Township of North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey located on Mark Road for Open Space and other Governmental purposes

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce Ordinance #21-07, So moved by Council President Socio second by Ms. Guadagnino second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on May 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey Following legal publication in the May 6, 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. Guadagnino, Messrs. Mehta, Davis and Socio
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Lopez, Andrews

#21-08-An Ordinance of the Township of North Brunswick 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 called for a motion to introduce Ordinance #21-08, So moved by Mr. Mehta second by Ms. Guadagnino second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on May 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey Following legal publication in the May 6, 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. Guadagnino, Messrs. Mehta, Davis and Socio
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Lopez, Andrews

Ordinances/Second Reading/Public Hearing:

#21-03 - Second Reading and Public Hearing-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 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 Mr. Mehta.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adopt Ordinance #21-03, So moved Ms. Guadagnino second by Council President Socio that Ordinance #21-03 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the April 22, 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. Guadagnino, Messrs. Mehta, Davis and Socio
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Lopez, Andrews

#21-04 - Second Reading and Public Hearing -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 the Official tax Map of the Township of North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey, for the 2021 Road Improvement Project

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. Mehta second by Mr. Davis.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adopt Ordinance #21-04, So moved Mr. Davis second by Council President Socio that Ordinance #21-04 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the April 22, 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.

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

Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO

Council President Socio announced that teacher Mrs. Mast had passed away on Friday at the age of 86. She had a great impact on a lot of people in the John Adams Community and she will be sadly missed.

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

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

Roll call:

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

Adjourn 8:18 pm

Lisa Russo
Municipal Clerk