

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

**REGULAR MEETING
May 3, 2021**

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, May 3, 2021 (**Via Go to Meeting**) at 7:01 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. Guadagnino, Messrs. Mehta, Andrews, Davis and Socio
Absent: Mr. Lopez

Also present: (Via Go to Meeting) Business Administrator Justine Progebin, Township Attorney Ron Gordon, Esq., Judy O'Malley Attorney for Rainine Coughlin Minchello, Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Services Lou Ann Benson, Chief Financial Officer Cavel Gallimore, Director of Community Development Michael Hritz, Director Department of Public Works Eric Chaszar, Clerk Lisa Russo and Clerk 2 Nellie Sowell.

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.

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-4i. Motion made by Council President Socio second by Mr. Mehta

Roll call:

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

Consent Agenda

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- a. 137-5.21 Authorizing the cancellation of taxes for a 100% disabled veteran
- b. 138-5.21 Authorizing budget transfers for Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriations
- c. 139-5.21 Authorizing a Change In Scope to the PSA with CME Associates appointed as the 2021 Township Consulting Engineers to include Construction Administration and Record Drawing Services for the 2021 Road Program
- d. 140-5.21 Authorizing a Change In Scope to the PSA with T&M Associates for additional Environmental Services for the Nob Valley Project (Block 224, Lots 19, 20 and 21)
- e. 141-5.21 Dedicating Municipal Land for Public Library use contingent upon receiving and accepting funds under the Library Construction Bond Act and proceeding with the construction of a new Public Library
- f. 142-5.21 Authorizing the renewal of Liquor Licenses for 2020 - 2021 in the Township of North Brunswick
- g. 143-5.21 Providing Notice of Intent to secure funding towards the construction of a new Public Library contingent upon receiving and accepting funds under the Library Construction Bond Act
- h. 144-5.21 Bill List
- i. 145-5.21 Amending to waive interest on utility bills during the Covid pandemic

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve item 5a. on the agenda *Minutes/ April 19, 2021 /Regular Council Meeting* so moved by Mr. Davis second by Mr. Andrews.

Roll call:

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

Ordinances / First Reading / Introduction:

#21-09 First Reading and Introduction- An Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 205, "Land Use" of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce *Ordinance #21-09*, So moved by Mr. Davis second by Council President Socio second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on May 17, 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, Andrews, Davis and Socio
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Lopez

#21-10 First Reading and Introduction- An Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 205, “Land Use”, Article XXXVII Stormwater Control for Non-Residential Major development, of the Code of the Township on North Brunswick.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce **Ordinance #21-10**, So moved by Ms. Guadagnino second by Mr. Mehta second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on May 17, 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, Andrews, Davis and Socio
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Lopez

Ordinances/Second Reading/Public Hearing:

#21-05 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 Elizabeth Street.

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. Davis second by Council President Socio.

Roll call:

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adopt **Ordinance #21-05**, So moved by Mr. Davis second by Council President Socio that **Ordinance #21-05** approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published 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, Andrews, Davis and Socio
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Lopez

#21-06 Second Reading and Public Hearing – 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 opened the Public Hearing. No comments from the public.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to close Public Hearing, so moved by Mr. Davis second by Ms. Guadagnino.

Roll call:

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adopt **Ordinance #21-06**, So moved by Council President Socio second by Mr. Davis that **Ordinance #21-06** approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published 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, Andrews, Davis and Socio
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Lopez

#21-07 Second Reading and Public Hearing – An Ordinance of the Township of North Brunswick in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, to acquire by negotiated Agreement, Real Property know 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 opened the Public Hearing. No comments from the public.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to close Public Hearing, so moved by Mr. Andrews second by Mr. Mehta.

Roll call:

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

Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Lopez

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adopt **Ordinance #21-07**, So moved by Ms. Guadagnino second by Mr. Andrews that **Ordinance #21-07** approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published 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, Andrews, Davis and Socio
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Lopez

#21-08 Second Reading and Public Hearing – 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 opened the Public Hearing. No comments from the public.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to close Public Hearing, so moved by Mr. Andrews second by Ms. Guadagnino.

Roll call:

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adopt **Ordinance #21-08**, So moved by Council President Socio second by Mr. Andrews that **Ordinance #21-08** approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published 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, Andrews, Davis and Socio
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Lopez

Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO

Mayor Womack advises residents of discussion with Councilman Mehta on how to help our brothers and sisters in India suffering with COVID19. They were discussing hoe the Township can get involved to help. If anyone has any ideas to please reach out to the council.

Council President Socio announces a reminder of the Sumer Fun and Games taking place on June 21 through July 27 at Veterans Park for grades K through 8. All CDC guidelines will be followed. Council President also announces the Department of Parks, Recreation & Community Services is accepting nominees for a Heritage Day Award. The nominees need to be people who show maturity and positivity in the Township. The awarded will be presented in the fall.

Councilman Davis announces the Memorial Day ceremony will be on May 31, 2021 at 11am at Veterans Park to honor our Veterans. Also at 10am on May 31 there will be a ceremony hosted by the Adams AC at Sabella Park. All CDC guidelines will be followed.

Council President Socio announces a Fireman's Memorial being held on May 23, 2021 at 9am at the Memorial across from the Post Office on Livingston Ave.

Councilman Andrews gives thanks to Claribel Cortes for her information on service locator. The link for state and county services will be posted on our website to assist resident in finding service locators.

Councilman Mehta speaks on obtaining ideas on how the Township can help the people in India suffering with COVID19.

Madam Clerk Russo advised Mayor, Council and residents to some changes on location for some districts for Primary Election being held on June 8, 2021. The Township website and Facebook have documentation on the change of locations for those districts. Flyers will also be sent to those residents effected by the change in location.

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

No public comment.

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

Roll call:

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adjourn meeting, so moved by Council President Socio, second by Mr. Andrews

Roll call:

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

Adjourn 7:18 pm

Lisa Russo
Municipal Clerk