

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

**REGULAR MEETING
October 18, 2021**

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, October 18, 2021 (**Via Go to Meeting**) at 7:00 pm in the Municipal Complex located at 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey.

Mayor Womack called the meeting to order.

Mayor Womack advises public the meeting is still virtual due to damages to the Municipal Building from Ida. Hopefully can start doing hybrid meeting again soon.

Roll call:

Present: Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Mehta, Lopez, Andrews, Davis and Socio
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) Business Administrator Justine Progebin, Township Attorney Ron Gordon, Esq., Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Services Lou Ann Benson, Director of Department of Public Works Eric Chaszar, Director of Community Development Michael Hritz, OEM Coordinator Mark Cafferty, Clerk Lisa Russo and Clerk 2 Nellie Sowell.

Councilman Davis lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proclamation

Councilman Andrews reads Proclamation for "*Breast Cancer Awareness Month*"

"Whereas, October 2021 is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and Whereas, October 22, 2021 is National Mammography Day; and Whereas, breast cancer is the most common cancer among women, exceeded only by lung cancer... (proclamation attached).

Councilman Andrews states his wife was diagnosed in her early 30's breast cancer, she passed away shortly after. Councilman Andrews daughter was diagnosed with breast cancer in her early 40's but because of early screening it was caught early and she now is cancer free.

Councilman Mehta reads Proclamation for "*Hindu Heritage Month*"

“Whereas, North Brunswick is proud of its rich cultural history and many people who call our town home; and Whereas, North Brunswick is home to a vibrant Hindu community; and Whereas, Hindu-Americans have made significant contributions across all fields including: science, medicine, education, law, politics, business, culture, sports and more:.... (proclamation attached)

Councilman Mehta appreciates this proclamation and wants it to be celebrated by everyone.

Mayor Womack reads Proclamation for “*Domestic Violence Awareness Month*”

“Whereas, Domestic Violence has no place in our society, and everyone of us has a moral obligation to help prevent it; terrible tragedies result from domestic violence and domestic violence destroys lives; and Whereas, New Jersey domestic violence programs offer services to victims and their families, counseling, and support; and in addition many organizations throughout New Jersey work with faith-based and community organizations to provide training expertise, and funding to help deliver hope and healing to those who need it most...(proclamation attached)

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-5r**. Motion made by Mr. Mehta, second by Mr. Andrews

Roll call:

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

Consent Agenda

- a. NJ State Firemen's Association Application / Fire Company #2 / Eric M. Bachman
- b. NJ State Firemen's Association Application / Fire Company #3 / Martin Gomez
- c. 289-10.21 Item of revenue in budget (Chapter 159): Cablevision - PEG Access Programming - \$9,200.00
- d. 290-10.21 Authorizing the cancellation of taxes for a 100% disabled veteran
- e. 291-10.21 Approving the FY2022 Emergency Appropriation
- f. 292-10.21 Authorizing the acceptance of the Sale of Auctioned Abandoned Motor Vehicles
- g. 293-10.21 Authorizing the purchase of Police Camera Software and Equipment under State Contract 17-FLEET-00793
- h. 294-10.21 Authorizing the re advertisement for the Receipt of Bids under the Department of Public Works for Snow Removal Services
- i. 295-10.21 Authorizing a Contract with Sanitation Equipment Corp. and Gabrielli Truck Sales for the purchase of one Side Loading Refuse Truck under the Department of Public Works
- j. 296-10.21 Authorizing reclassification of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds - \$118,029.00 for Program Year 2020
- k. 297-10.21 Authorizing a Change In Scope to the PSA with CME Associates appointed as the 2021 Township Consulting Engineering for the Nassau Street Drainage Analysis

- l. 298-10.21 Authorizing the Award of a Proprietary Contract to BRT Technologies for an Annual Support and License Agreement for the Tax Assessor's Reporting Software
- m. 299-10.21 Ratifying a Memorandum of Agreement with members of Collective Bargaining Units and Employees covered under Municipal Code Chapter 61 "Personnel" authorizing the sell back or one-year carry over of unused 2020 vacation time
- n. 300-10.21 Authorizing a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Township of North Brunswick and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Council 73 AFL-CIO Local 3834 Supervisory Employees with a term January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024
- o. 301-10.21 Ratifying a Memorandum of Agreement with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Council 73 AFL-CIO Local 3834 Supervisory Employees addressing the Calculation of Overtime for the 2021 27 pay year
- p. 302-10.21 Appointing Alaina Wysocke to the position Tax Assessor for the Township of North Brunswick July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025
- q. 303-10.21 Establishing curfew for October 30, 2021, Mischief Night and October 31, Halloween Night
- r. 304-10.21 Bill List

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve item **#6a** on the agenda **Minutes/ Regular Meeting/ September 20, 2021**, so moved by Ms. Guadagnino second by Mr. Davis.

Roll call:

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve item **#6b** on the agenda **Minutes/ Special Meeting/ September 27, 2021**, so moved by Mr. Davis second by Council President Socio.

Roll call:

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

Township attorney Ron Gordon explains the details on Ordinance #21-21.

Ordinances / First Reading / Introduction:

#21-21 – An Ordinance ratifying Emergency Resolution No. 287-9.21 of the Township of North Brunswick adopted on September 27, 2021 a Lease Agreement for Municipal Space for the Department of Public Safety

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce **Ordinance #21-21**, So moved by Mr. Davis second by Council President Socio. Second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on November 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey following legal publication in the October 21, 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, Lopez, Andrews, Davis and Socio
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO

Councilman Davis advised of 2 more street naming's. Councilman Davis states it was an unbelievable turnout. At the second street naming there were a lot of motorcycles. It is always a pleasure to do the street naming's and see the pride and support for the people who are having the street named. Councilman Davis also speaks on the passing of Colon Powell. Councilman Davis gives a summary of his life and what a great man he was. Mayor Womack asked for a moment of silence.

Councilwoman Guadagnino states the Purple for Pappas 5K run was this past Saturday. It was a fantastic event and has been going on for 7 years now. Councilwoman states it was a great turn out for a wonderful teacher.

Municipal Clerk Russo states changes of some voting locations. There will be mailout flyers going out soon to those residents. The ballot box in the front of the Municipal building is now open and will remain open until 8pm on Election Day.

Director Benson Thanks the residents for helping this weekend, the kids really enjoyed themselves.

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing 7:21pm.

Mark LaMonica thanks council for adopting the resolution of the signed contract from last week. He expresses his appreciation the Business Administrator Justine Progebin for her hard work on this contract. Thanks again to all.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to close Public Hearing at 7:24m, so moved by Council President Socio second by Mr. Davis.

Roll call:

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adjourn the meeting so moved by Councilman Davis second by Mr. Mehta.

Roll call:

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

Absent: None

Adjourn 7:24 pm

Lisa Russo
Municipal Clerk

PROCLAMATION

By Mayor and Council – Township of North Brunswick

WHEREAS, October 2021 is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, October 22, 2021 is National Mammography Day; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most common cancer among women, except for nonmelanoma skin cancers; and

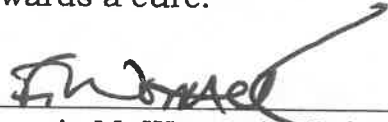
WHEREAS, breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in women, exceeded only by lung cancer; and

WHEREAS, the chance of developing invasive breast cancer at some time in a woman's life is about 1 in 7; and

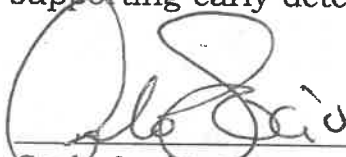
WHEREAS, death rates from breast cancer have been declining, and this change is believed to be the result of earlier detection and improved treatment; and

WHEREAS, mammography, an x-ray of the breast, is recognized as the single most effective method of detecting breast changes that may be cancer long before physical symptoms can be seen or felt.

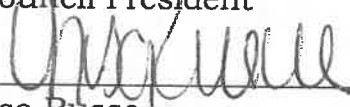
NOW THEREFORE, WE the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, **Do Hereby Proclaim**, October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and join the entire community in supporting early detection and working towards a cure.



Francis M. Womack III
Mayor of North Brunswick



Carlo Socio
Council President



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WHEREAS, North Brunswick is proud of its rich cultural history and the many people who call our town home; and

WHEREAS, North Brunswick is home to a vibrant Hindu community; and

WHEREAS, Hindu-Americans have made significant contributions across all fields including: science, medicine, education, law, politics, business, culture, sports and more; and

WHEREAS, Hindu Heritage, culture, traditions, and values have enriched our great Town and State; and

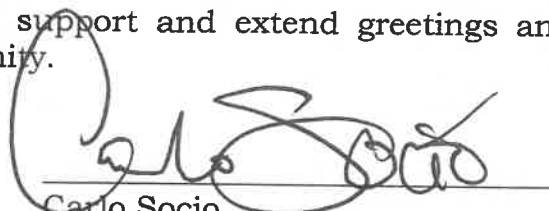
WHEREAS, during the month of October 2021, the Hindu community across the State of New Jersey and across our nation will collectively celebrate Hindu Heritage; and

WHEREAS, Hindu Heritage Month provides an opportunity to focus on Hindu culture and its diverse spiritual traditions rooted in India.

NOW THEREFORE, WE the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, **Do Hereby Proclaim**, the Month of October 2021 as Hindu Heritage Month and encourage all residents to support and extend greetings and best wishes to our Hindu-American Community.



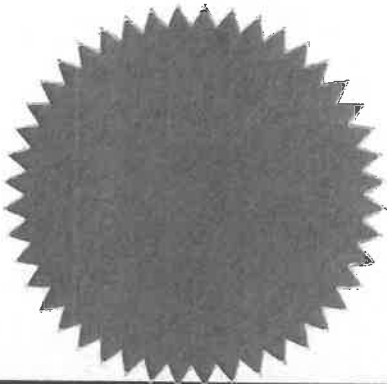
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WHEREAS, Domestic violence has no place in our society, and everyone of us has a moral obligation to help prevent it; terrible tragedies result from domestic violence and domestic violence destroys lives; and

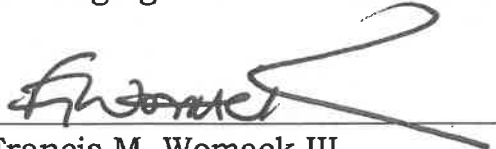
WHEREAS, New Jersey domestic violence programs offer services to victims and their families, counseling, and support; and in addition many organizations throughout New Jersey work with faith-based and community organizations to provide training, expertise, and funding to help deliver hope and healing to those who need it most; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is not confined to any specific group of people, but effects people of all races, backgrounds, economic levels, education levels, family structures, ages, and religions; and

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates members of our community's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity in the form of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic abuse; and

WHEREAS, advocates, professionals, volunteers, and community members concerned with domestic violence will devote the month of October 2021 to raising awareness on the causes, interventions, and prevention of this devastating crime.

NOW THEREFORE, WE the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, **Do Hereby Proclaim**, the Month of October 2021 as 'Domestic Violence Awareness Month' and take this as an opportunity to underscore our commitment to bringing an end to violence in the home.



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