

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, August 2, 2021 (**Via Go to Meeting and Live**) at 7:02 pm in the Municipal Complex located at 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey.

Council President Socio called the meeting to order.

Roll call:

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

Mayor Womack – Via Go to Meeting

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, read the proclamation on International Overdose Awareness Day.

'WHEREAS, International Overdose Awareness Day is recognized around the world as a day to acknowledge individual loss and family grief for people who have suffered an overdose; and **WHEREAS**, Overdose Awareness Day recognizes overdoses from all drugs, because it reflects the reality of the overdose epidemic, allowing us to speak and educate more broadly about the issue; and **WHEREAS**, Overdose Awareness Day hopes to publicly challenge the stigma associated with drug use and overdose; and

WHEREAS, Overdose Awareness Day sends a strong message to current and former drug users that they are valued; and

WHEREAS, Overdose Awareness Day also provides an opportunity for people to publicly mourn for loved ones, some for the first time, without feeling guilt or shame.

NOW THEREFORE, I the Mayor of the Township of North Brunswick, *Do Hereby Proclaim*, August 31, 2021 as INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY and call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

Also present: (Via Go to Meeting and Live) 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, Director of DPW Eric Chaszar, Chief of Police Joe Battaglia, Clerk Lisa Russo and Administrative Secretary Marilu Ruiz.

Council President Socio asked council members if any items are to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

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

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Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Consent Agenda

- a. 217-8.21 Authorizing the application and acceptance of a Federal Grant from the State of New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety- "2021 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Statewide Labor Day Crackdown"
- b. 218-8.21 Authorizing the cancellation of balances and credits
- c. 219-8.21 Resolution canceling expired Grant Balances
- d. 220-8.21 Authorizing the redemption of a Township Lien
- e. 221-8.21 Approving and providing Notice on the Public Hearing for the Fiscal year 2022 Budget
- f. 222-8.21 Approving the Fiscal Year 2022 Temporary Capital Budget
- g. 223-8.21 Resolution of North Brunswick Township Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2020 - June 2025
- h. 224-8.21 Authorizing the acceptance of the Sale of Auctioned Abandoned Motor Vehicles
- i. 225-8.21 Authorizing the acceptance of a State Grant from the State of New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety- "HTS State Pedestrian Safety Enforcement and Education Fund 2022"
- j. 226-8.21 Authorizing the application and acceptance of the State of New Jersey, Division of Criminal Justice 2021 State Body Armor Replacement Funds
- k. 227-8.21 Authorizing the advertisement for Receipt of **Bids** for Root Control Services under the Department of Public Works Sewer Division
- I. 228-8.21 Authorizing Award of Contract to SHI International for GPS Tracking Software on Municipal Vehicles

- m. 229-8.21 Authorizing the Award of Contract BID21002 to IPL, North America Inc. for (up to 3,000) 95 Gallon Roll-Out Containers
- n. 230-8.21 Authorizing a Contract with Beyer Bros Corp for the purchase of a Pickup Truck under the Department of Public Works
- . 231-8.21 Amending Contract BID20005 with Compass Construction, Inc. for the Pulda Farm Walking Trail Improvements Project Closeout Change Order (\$807.64)
- p. 232-8.21 Authorizing the Township to enter into the New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance Cooperative Pricing Agreement
- q. 233-8.21 Authorizing a credit to Township Customers for their Water-Sewer Utility Account
- r. 234-8.21 Authorizing execution of a Memorandum of Agreement between the Township of North Brunswick and American Water for the 2002-2022 Management Agreement for the Township's Water Treatment and Distribution System
- s. 235-8.21 Authorizing the Person to Person Transfer of Liquor License No. 1215-33-016-003 T.C.L. Trading Inc. to YR Entertainment, LLC
- t. 236-8.21 Approving transfers between Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriation Reserves
- u. 237-8.21 Acknowledging the Solicitation of Formal Quotes under the Department of Public Safety for two replacement unmarked vehicles
- v. 238-8.21 Bill List

Council President Socio called for a motion to approve item **#6a** on the agenda *Approval of Special Council Meeting Minutes July 13, 2021* so moved by Mr. Davis second by Mr. Mehta.

Ordinances / First Reading / Introduction:

#21-12 – Fiscal Year 2022 Ordinance to establish a CAP Bank

Council President Socio called for a motion to introduce Ordinance #21-12, So moved by Mr. Andrews second by Ms. Guadagnino second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on September 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey Following legal publication in the September 16, 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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 Absent: None

#21-13 – Bond Ordinance providing for Capital Improvements for and by the Township of North Brunswick, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, appropriating the aggregate amount of \$4,600,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$4,370,000 in Bonds or notes of the Township to finance part of the cost thereof

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Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO

Council President Socio announced the Annual National Night Out on Tuesday Aug. 3rd from 5-8pm at the Municipal Complex.

Council President Socio opened the Public Hearing.

Rich Fabian – Asked that the Township waive the fees for the 2021 Youth Sports Festival.

Debbie Ratliff- Spoke about property taxes for seniors and the concern she has with seniors not getting the help that is needed. She would like to see a freeze on Senior Taxes. A lot of seniors do not have computers and do not have the resource to help them. Maybe pamphlets or advertise more at the Senior Center when they are any changes or updates. Schools are getting millions of dollars why are the taxes continuing to go up?

Councilman Andrews- Money is not being used for tax relief. We need to start balancing the money out. The Seniors need to start advocating for themselves.

Business Administrator Justine Progebin- Mentioned that the Township gave \$150 credit to Seniors for there water/sewer this year.

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

Adjourn 7:27 pm

Lisa Russo
Municipal Clerk

PROCLAMATION

By Mayor – Township of North Brunswick

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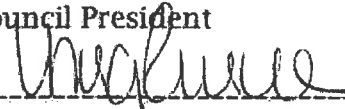
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Francis M. Womack III, Mayor
Township of North Brunswick



Carlo Socio,
Council President



Lisa Russo,
Municipal Clerk



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