

A Special Meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday August 23, 2021 at 7:00 pm in the Municipal Complex located at 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey **Hybrid – Live and Via GoToMeeting**

Council President Socio called the meeting to order.

Roll call:

Present: Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Mehta, Lopez, Andrews, Davis and Socio  
Absent: Mayor Womack

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., Vaughn Parchment Attorney Rainone Coughlin Minchello, Chief Financial Officer Cavel Gallimore, Municipal Clerk Lisa Russo, Administrative Secretary Marilu Ruiz and Clerk 2 Nellie Sowell.

Mayor Womack arrives at 7:01pm.

Council President Socio explains this is a special meeting to discuss *Ordinance #21-14 – An ordinance to amend the Code of The Township of North Brunswick, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, by adding Chapter 28, authorizing the Establishment of a Community Aggregation Program that creates an option for 100% regionally sourced renewables*

Township attorney Ron Gordon explains how the municipality operates under the Faulkner Act. Mr. Gordon explains about Initiative and referendum petitions and the process of proceeding with them. The Township has gone through the procedural Part, now it moves onto 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and Public Hearing portion. Mr. Gordon explains how to move forward and what happens if the ordinance is or is not adopted by the council. If it is not adopted by the council then it moves to a referendum through the next General Election or through a Special Election. The Township is still waiting to hear back from The Board of Elections and the County Clerk for clarification on which election it would be on.

Mayor Womack asks a question on how the timing works, Mr. Gordon answers.

Council President Socio asks why this is an opt-out not opt-in program? Councilman Andrews and Mr. Gordon answers

Councilman Andrews asks if the Township would have to pick what company the Township would go through? Mr. Gordon answers.

Councilman Davis asks if all municipalities will be involved in this program? Mr. Gordon answers.

Councilman Davis asks if this goes into effect can it fail after a certain amount of time? Mr. Gordon answers

Councilman Davis asks if this will be a savings for the residence if it goes into effect? Mr. Gordon answers

Discussion continues with Mr. Gordon, Councilman Davis and Councilman Andrews.

Ms. Guadagnino asks if the wording in the ordinance can be changed? Mr. Gordon answers

Councilman Andrews asks what the options are for the Council to vote on this? Mr. Gordon answers

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing at 7:26pm

Evie Gresh (virtually – on screen as North Brunswick Resident) – asks How can people opt out? Attorney Vaughn Parchment answers. Council President Socio asks what happens if residents wait to long and is after the allotted time frame? Mr. Parchment answers. Ms. Gresh asks how will residents know? Mr. Gordon and Mr. Parchment answers. Ms. Gresh asks what makes this go to a vote? Mayor Womack answers.

Debbie Ramlet (virtually) – asks What cost savings are occurring in other towns that have adopted this? Mr. Gordon answers Mayor Womack states Mayor Waller from Piscataway says he does not believe he has seen any savings yet. Ms. Ramlet asks does it cost anything to residents to have this? Mr. Gordon answers

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

Roll call:

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adjourn meeting. So moved by Council President Socio, second by Ms. Guadagnino

Roll call:

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

Adjourn 7:35 pm

Lisa Russo

Municipal Clerk



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## NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

This notice is made and given in compliance with the provision of the Sunshine Law.

Please take notice that a Special Workshop Meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council will be held on Monday, August 23, 2021 at 7:00 PM, in the Council Room at the North Brunswick Municipal Building, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, NJ.

*Purpose: to discuss:*

**#21-14- An Ordinance to amend the Code of the Township of North Brunswick, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, by adding Chapter 28, authorizing the establishment of a Community Energy Aggregation Program that creates an option for 100% Regionally Sourced Renewables**

*Formal Action will not be taken.*

Lisa Russo  
Municipal Clerk

Emailed to all media 08/17/21

**WORKSHOP AGENDA MEETING - 7:00 PM  
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BRUNSWICK  
710 HERMANN ROAD  
NORTH BRUNSWICK, NJ**

**Draft for Council Meeting / [08/30/21]**

**Roll Call, Sunshine Notice and Cell Phone Statement**

**Mr. Gordon:**

- 1. #21-14 - Second Reading and Public Hearing - An ordinance to amend the Code of the Township of North Brunswick, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, by adding Chapter 28, authorizing the establishment of a Community Aggregation Program that creates an option for 100% regionally sourced renewables**

**Adjourn**

**Lisa Russo**

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**Subject:** GoToMeeting Invitation - Special Workshop - Ordinance 21-14 Energy Aggregation  
**Start:** Mon 8/23/2021 7:00 PM  
**End:** Mon 8/23/2021 8:00 PM  
**Show Time As:** Tentative  
**Recurrence:** (none)  
**Meeting Status:** Not yet responded  
**Organizer:** Justine Progebin  
**Required Attendees:** Lisa Russo; Macwomack3d; Ronald Gordon; Craig Yetko

Special Workshop - Ordinance 21-14 Energy Aggregation  
Mon, Aug 23, 2021 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (EDT)

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PUBLIC NOTICE  
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BRUNSWICK

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE NORTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP HYBRID SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING TO DISCUSS ORDINANCE #21-14 *“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BRUNSWICK, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, BY ADDING CHAPTER 28, AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY ENERGY AGGREGATION PROGRAM THAT CREATES AN OPTION FOR 100% REGIONALLY SOURCED RENEWABLES”* WILL BE ON MONDAY AUGUST 23, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.

THE MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN AUDIO AND VIDEO CAPACITY AND THE PUBLIC SHALL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING IN BOTH AUDIO AND VIDEO CAPACITY PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C 5:39-1.4(c). THE COUNCIL SHALL ADDITIONALLY PROVIDE A TELEPHONIC CONFERENCE LINE TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO DIAL IN BY TELEPHONE TO LISTEN AND TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT.

IF YOU WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING VIA AUDIO AND VIDEO CAPACITY, PLEASE LOG ON TO **GOTOMEETING.COM**

**MONDAY August 23, 2021**

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**CALL IN NUMBER: (872) 240-3412,,839236717#**

IF YOU WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING TELEPHONICALLY, USE YOUR LANDLINE OR CELL PHONE TO CALL IN. WE ENCOURAGE ALL PARTICIPANTS TO CALL IN AT LEAST 10 MINUTES BEFORE THE MEETING START TIME.

PLEASE DIAL IN BY USING ONE OF THE NUMBERS BELOW. IF YOU RECEIVE A BUSY SIGNAL, YOU MAY TRY ANY NUMBER ON THE LIST:

FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES AND FOR THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PORTION, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY PARTICIPATE BY DIALING \*9 ON THEIR PHONES TO “RAISE THEIR HAND” IN THE VIRTUAL MEETING – A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE TOWNSHIP WILL CALL YOU BY THE LAST 3 DIGITS OF YOUR PHONE NUMBER WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN TO PARTICIPATE. AT THIS POINT, YOU WILL BE UNMUTED TO SPEAK AND MUST STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS FOR

THEY REMAIN DISRUPTIVE THEY MAY BE MUTED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE REMOTE PUBLIC MEETING

IN ADDITION TO ADEQUATE NOTICE THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BRUNSWICK SHALL ALSO PROVIDE ELECTRONIC NOTICE OF THE REMOTE PUBLIC MEETING AND SHALL CONTAIN THE CONTENT REQUIRED UNDER N.J.S.A. 10:4-8 AND N.J.A.C. 5:39-1.5(a) AND SHALL BE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE OF THE TOWNSHIP. THE CONTENT OF THE ELECTRONIC NOTICE SHALL ALSO BE POSTED ON THE MAIN ACCESS DOOR OF THE BUILDING WHERE THE PUBLIC WOULD ROUTINELY ATTEND PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODY IN PERSON AND THE NOTICE MUST BE VIEWABLE FROM THE OUTSIDE.

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF A REMOTE PUBLIC MEETING IT SHALL BE ANNOUNCED PUBLICLY AND CAUSED TO BE ENTERED IN THE MINUTES AN ACCURATE STATEMENT REGARDING ADEQUATE AND ELECTRONIC NOTICE OR AN EXPLANATION FOR THE REASON IT WAS NOT ADEQUATELY PROVIDED AS SET FORTH IN N.J.A.C. 5:39-1.5(g).

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FOR THE FULL AGENDA, GO TO [WWW.NORTHBRUNSWICKNJ.GOV/MAYOR-COUNCIL/AGENDAS-MINUTES](http://WWW.NORTHBRUNSWICKNJ.GOV/MAYOR-COUNCIL/AGENDAS-MINUTES)

FOR ASSISTANCE WITH CONNECTING THROUGH AUDIO OR VIDEO PLATFORMS DURING THE MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT THE TOWNSHIP AT (732) 247-0922, EXT. 288.

LISA RUSSO, RMC  
OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK