

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

**REGULAR MEETING
September 27, 2021**

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, September 27, 2021 (**Via Go to Meeting**) at 7:01 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: Messrs. Mehta, Lopez, Andrews, Davis and Socio
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Guadagnino

Ms. Guadagnino arrived at 7:06 pm

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:

Annual 2021 Grandparent of the year award.

Rosa and Chris Schmidt

Fran and John Boily

Director of Parks and Recreation Lou Ann Benson, spoke on honoring grandparents the glue that holds us together. Thank you for your fine example to all.

Rosa Schmidt, she is honored and surprised. Thanked everyone.

Council President Socio, the role as the grandparent has evolved. Its amazing for what they do for our children. Congratulations to both families.

Mayor Womack, congratulated both families.

Presentation to Mayor and Council Members:

The Aubrey Foundation – 7th Annual Purple for Pappas 5K

Stephanie Raspa, spoke about the 7th Annual Purple for Pappas 5K which will be a hybrid race this year with both an in person and virtual registration option. Will be held on October 14th, 2021. She thanked the Mayor, Council and Public Safety and invited everyone to participate.

Mayor Womack, thanked them for keeping the foundation and race alive. Aubrey was a wonderful person.

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 DPW Eric Chaszar, Chief Financial Officer Cavel Gallimore, Police Chief Joe Battaglia, Clerk Lisa Russo and Administrative Secretary Marilu Ruiz.

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 6a-6p* on the consent agenda. Motion made by Council President Socio to approve items 6a-6p on the agenda, second by Mr. Andrews.

Mayor asked that item 6q be removed from the consent agenda for further discussion.

Roll call:

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

Ron Gordon, Township Attorney explained item 6q on the consent agenda. Resolution to approve a lease of office space for the Public Safety Department which is part of the emergency of hurricane IDA. The insurance carrier has authorized a three-month short lease. There will be an ordinance to authorize and ratify.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve *items 6q* on the consent agenda. Motion made by Mr. Davis to approve items 6q on the agenda, second by Ms. Guadagnino.

Roll call:

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

Consent Agenda

- a. 271-9.21 Item of revenue in budget (Chapter 159): Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2021 Labor Day Crackdown - \$6,000.00
- b. 272-9.21 Item of revenue in budget (Chapter 159): Safe and Secure Communities Program - \$24,300.00
- c. 273-9.21 Authorizing application and acceptance of a County of Middlesex, Cultural and Heritage Commission, Heritage Day Grant
- d. 274-9.21 Item of revenue in budget (Chapter 159): County of Middlesex, Cultural and Heritage Commission, Heritage Day Grant
- e. 275-9.21 Resolution establishing Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services Program Fees

- f. 276-9.21 Confirming an emergency and the purchase of replacement vehicles under the Department of Public Safety
- g. 277-9.21 Authorizing execution of an agreement with International Fireworks Mfg., Co., Inc. for the 2021 Heritage Day Fireworks Display
- h. 278-9.21 Authorizing the issuance of Requests for Proposals for Professional and Consulting Services for Calendar Year 2022
- i. 279-9.21 Authorizing a credit to Township Customers for their Water-Sewer Utility Account
- j. 280-9.21 Authorizing an amendment to the 2022 agreement with Hoagland, Longo, Moran, Dunst and Doukas, LLP to provide Environmental Legal Services
- k. 281-9.21 Approving a Large Event Application for the 2021 Purple for Pappas
- l. 282-9.21 Bill List
- m. 283-9.21 Confirming and emergency and the purchase of replacement vehicles under the Department of Public Safety
- n. 284-9.21 Confirming an emergency and the purchase of replacement vehicles under the Department of Public Safety- John Jones Automotive Group
- o. 285-9.21 Confirming and emergency and the purchase of replacement vehicles under the Department of Public Safety – Koch 33 Ford
- p. 286-9.21 Confirming and emergency and the purchase of replacement vehicles under the Department of Public Safety – Jim Shorkey Auto Group

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve item **#7a** on the agenda Approval of Special Council Meeting Minutes July 26, 2021 so moved by Council President Socio second by Mr. Davis.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve item **#7b** on the agenda Approval of Special Council Meeting Minutes August 30, 2021 so moved by Ms. Guadagnino second by Mr. Davis.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve item **#7c** on the agenda Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes September 13, 2021 so moved by Mr. Andrews second by Mr. Mehta.

Ordinances/Second Reading/Public Hearing:

21-15 - Second Reading and Public Hearing -An Ordinance vacating a portion of Roosevelt Avenue located in the Township of North Brunswick, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey and conveying such vacated lands to the adjacent property owners

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. Andrews.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adopt Ordinance #21-15, So moved Mr. Davis second by Ms. Guadagnino that Ordinance #21-15 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the September 30, 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

21-16 - Second Reading and Public Hearing -An Ordinance vacating a portion of Elizabeth Street located in the Township of North Brunswick, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey and conveying such vacated lands to the adjacent property owners

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 #21-16, So moved Mr. Andrews second by Council President Socio that Ordinance #21-16 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the September 30, 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

21-17 - Second Reading and Public Hearing - Bond Ordinance providing for Improvement of the Water Treatment Plant and Distribution System in and by the Township of North Brunswick, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, appropriating \$3,000,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$3,000,000 Bonds or Notes of the Township for financing the cost 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. Davis second by Council President Socio.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adopt Ordinance #21-17, So moved Mr. Davis second by Council President Socio that Ordinance #21-17 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the September 30, 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

21-18 - Second Reading and Public Hearing - Bond Ordinance providing for Improvement for the Sewer Distribution System in and by the Township of North Brunswick, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, appropriating 3,000,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$3,000,000 Bonds or Notes of the Township for financing the cost 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. Mehta second by Mr. Davis.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adopt Ordinance #21-18, So moved Ms. Guadagnino second by Mr. Davis that Ordinance #21-18 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the September 30, 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

21-19 - Second Reading and Public Hearing -An Ordinance deleting and amending Articles within Chapter 352, Water Utility 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.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adopt Ordinance #21-19, So moved Mr. Andrews second by Mr. Davis that Ordinance #21-19 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the September 30, 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

21-20 - Second Reading and Public Hearing -An Ordinance amending Chapter 276, "Sewers", Section 7 "Sewer rentals" 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 Ms. Guadagnino second by Mr. Davis.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adopt Ordinance #21-20, So moved Ms. Guadagnino second by Council President Socio that Ordinance #21-20 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the September 30, 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

Council President Socio-

Announced the 39th Annual North Brunswick Heritage Day will be held on Saturday, October 2 at Community Park, off Route 130 South beginning at 3 p.m. Rain date is Sunday, October 3. Some of the day's activities include local bands, dancing, games, food vendors, crafters, beer garden, school organizations, and local businesses. We are honoring Hometown Heroes; Fire Departments, First Aid & Rescue Squad, North Brunswick Food Bank, Office of Emergency Management, CERT, and Police Department.

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.

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

Adjourn 7:33 pm

Lisa Russo
Municipal Clerk