

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, November 15, 2021 (**Via Go to Meeting**) at 7:02 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: 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, Sapana Shah, Esq.(filling in for Township attorney Ron Gordon), Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Services Lou Ann Benson, Director of Community Development Michael Hritz, Chief Financial Officer Cavel Gallimore, Chief of Police Joseph Battaglia, OEM Coordinator Mark Cafferty, Clerk Lisa Russo and Clerk 2 Nellie Sowell.

Municipal Clerk Lisa Russo 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 to 4o** on the consent agenda. Motion made by Mr. Davis, second by Council President Socio.

Consent Agenda

- a. NJ State Fireman's Association Application / Tyler R. Pauli / Co. #2
- b. 310-11.21 Certifying Review of the Fiscal Year 2021 Best Practices Inventory
- c. 311-11.21 Governors Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse - Fiscal Grant Cycle October 2020-June 2025
- d. 312-11.21 Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with Middlesex County Utilities Authority (MCUA) for Solid Waste Disposal
- e. 313-11.21 Authorizing acceptance of Grant from Middlesex County regarding its Helping Hand Grant Program
- f. 314-11.21 Rejecting Bids for Snow Removal Services

- g. 315-11.21 Item of revenue in budget (Chapter 159): 2021-2022 Operation Helping Hands \$840.80
- h. 316-11.21 Authorizing the advertisement for Receipt of Bids under the Department of Public Works for one Refuse Truck Body
- i. 317-11.21 Resolution recognizing and designating the North Brunswick Historical Society, Inc. as a participant in a Public-Private Partnership to preserve, restore, and provide Grant Support for the property known as Block 227, Lot 20.01, commonly known as the Pulda Farm
- j. 318-11.21 Supporting the placement of the John Buckelew House at the Pulda Farm on the New Jersey and National Registers of Historical Places
- k. 319-11.21 Amending Contract BID20002 with KM Construction Corp. for the Finnegans Lane and Quarry Lane Road Improvement Project Closeout Change Order(\$462,013.91)
- l. 320-11.21 Authorizing a credit or refund to Township Customers for their Water-Sewer Utility Account
- m. 321-11.21 Amending an agreement with Trillium, Inc. to provide Environmental Consulting Services in the Soil Remediation Litigation as an E.U.S.
- n. 322-11.21 Bill List
- o. 323-11.21 Confirming the application and authorizing acceptance of the funds under the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Grants-In-Aid Program towards the North Brunswick Community Park Walking Trail Pavement Project

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 #5a on the agenda Minutes/ Special Meeting/ October 25, 2021 so moved by Council President Socio second by Mr. Mehta.

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 #5b on the agenda Minutes/ Regular Meeting/ November 1, 2021 so moved by Mr. Andrews second by Ms. Guadagnino.

Roll call:

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

Ordinances / First Reading / Introduction

#21-24 -An Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 334 Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick to amend Commercial Vehicle Parking Regulations

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce Ordinance #21-24, So moved by Mr. Davis second by Mr. Andrews second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on December 6, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey Following legal publication in the November 18, 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

#21-25 – An Ordinance of the Township of North Brunswick in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, to sell, by negotiated Agreement properties on Adams Lane known as, portions of Block 143 Lots 434, 435, 436, Block 144 Lot 1, 22, 23, Block 145 Lots 1, 18, 19, on the Official Tax Map of the Township of North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey, to the State of New Jersey, in support of the NJ Department Transportation Project known as Adams Lane (CR608) Bridge over Amtrak

Mayor Womack asks Director Hritz to explain this Ordinance.

Director Hritz explains what this ordinance entails and the area it covers.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce Ordinance #21-25, So moved by Council President Socio second by Ms. Guadagnino second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on December 6, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey Following legal publication in the November 18, 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

#21-26 – 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 224.02, Lot 25.01 on the Official Tax Map of the Township of North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey located on Old Georges Road for Governmental purposes

Mayor Womack asks Business Administrator Justine Progebin to explain this Ordinance.

Business Administrator Progebin explains what this ordinance is and what it entails.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce **Ordinance #21-26**, So moved by Mr. Mehta second by Mr. Andrews second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on December 6, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey Following legal publication in the November 18, 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

Ordinances/Second Reading/Public Hearing

#21-22 – Second Reading and Public Hearing – An Ordinance authorizing a Permanent Easement over a portion of the property known as the PSE&G 14th Street Substation, 1100 14th Street, North Brunswick, New Jersey, also known as Block 91, Lot3 on the Official Tax Map of the Township of North Brunswick, Middlesex county, State of New Jersey

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, Lopez, Andrews, Davis and Socio
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adopt **Ordinance #21-22** So moved Mr. Andrews second by Mr. Davis that **Ordinance #21-22** approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the November 18, 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

#21-23 – Second Reading and Public Hearing – An Ordinance of the Township of North Brunswick in Middlesex County, New Jersey permitting the operation of all classes of Cannabis Licensed Businesses within certain designated areas of its Geographical Boundaries, by amending Chapter 205 Land Use, of the North Brunswick Township Code and creating a new Chapter 140 entitled

“Cannabis, Licensed Businesses” and a new Chapter 308 entitled “Establishment of Cannabis Transfer Tax and User Tax in 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. Andrews second by Council President Socio.

Roll call:

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

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

Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO

Mayor Womack announces November 19, 2021 at 3pm Middlesex County Court House will hold a Flag raising ceremony for Lebanon Day.

Council President states last Friday the North Brunswick Raiders won their semi-final football game (34 to 21). This upcoming Friday night NBTHS Raiders will be playing the Hillsborough Raiders at Hillsborough for the finals. All residents are invited to come out and cheer on the team. Tickets will be sold in advance. Mayor Womack states there is a lot to be proud of.

Councilman Davis states they had an excellent Veterans Day Ceremony at Elmwood Cemetery this past Thursday. There was a wonderful presentation for the MIA Chair and the for the unknow soldier. It was nice to have the Chief, volunteers, firefighters, veterans and residents come for this ceremony. Councilman Davis also states there was a great turn out Friday at the North Brunswick Township High School.

Councilman Davis announces the Menorah Lighting starting at 6pm in front of the Municipal Building on November 29, 2021.

Director Benson announces the last street naming ceremony for this year will be held on Wednesday starting at 5pm. The website will state all details.

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 Council President Socio.

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

Roll call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Adjourn 7:22 pm

Lisa Russo
Municipal Clerk

Lisa Russo

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End: Mon 11/15/2021 8:00 PM

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Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: Justine Progebin

Required Attendees: Lisa Russo; Michael C. Hritz

Council Meeting

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