

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

**REGULAR MEETING  
March 21, 2022**

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, March 21, 2022 (Via **Go to Meeting and Live**) at 7:04 pm in the North Brunswick Board of Education Meeting Room at Linwood School, 25 Linwood Place, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey.

Mayor Womack called the meeting to order.

Roll call:

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

Ms. Russo announced that the notice requirements of the law have been satisfied. Notices were sent by certified mail on December 30, 2021 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.

Council President Davis lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Proclamation:**

“Woman’s History Month”

Councilwoman Guadagnino, read the proclamation on Woman’s History Month WHEREAS, woman of every race, class and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of the Township of North Brunswick: and

WHEREAS, these contributions have been critical to the growth and development of our economy, our cultural and artistic achievements, our social advancement, and all areas to accomplishment; and

WHEREAS, 2022 marks the 174<sup>TH</sup> anniversary of the Woman’s Rights Movement, which served as the impetus by which many women’s rights were secured: the right to vote, the right to reproductive freedom, improved employment rights and representation; and increasing representation as public officials in all levels of government; and

WHEREAS, each year since 1987, March has been designated Women’s History Month in our nation, and the President of the United States has proclaimed the month of March to be National Women’s History Month;

**Administration of Oath:**

Chief Battaglia Read Lieutenant Frank Vitelli’s Achievements. Lieutenant Frank Vitelli’s was sworn in by Mayor Womack.

Chief Battaglia Read Lieutenant William Lovas’s Achievement’s. Lieutenant William Lovas was sworn in by Mayor Womack.

**Also present: (Via Go to Meeting and Live) Township Attorney Ron Gordon, Director of DPW Eric Chaszar, Director of Community Development Michael Hritz, Director of DPRCS Lou Ann Benson, Public Safety 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 to 6t on the consent agenda. Motion made by Council President Davis to approve items 6a to 6t on the agenda, second Mr. Socio.

Roll call:

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

Absent: None

### **Consent Agenda**

- a. 98-3.22 Authorizing the cancellation of taxes for a 100% disabled veteran
- b. 99-3.22 Authorizing acceptance of a County of Middlesex, Recycling Grant- \$4578.75
- c. 100-3.22 Authorizing the acceptance of a Middlesex County Department on Aging Grant Senior Outreach additional funding - \$10,000.00
- d. 101-3.22 Authorizing the acceptance for Middlesex County Department on Aging Grant 2022 Senior Outreach - \$10, 500.00
- e. 102-3.22 Authorizing the application and acceptance for a Middlesex County Department on Aging Grant Congregate Meal - \$10,000.00
- f. 103-3.22 Authorizing the application and acceptance for a Middlesex County Department on Aging Grant Senior Transportation - \$10, 000.00
- g. 104-3.22 Item of revenue in budget (Chapter 159): Office of Aging and Disabled Services 2021 Senior Outreach – additional \$10,000.00
- h. 105-3.22 Item of revenue in budget (Chapter 159): Office of Aging and Disabled Services Senior Outreach - \$10,500.00
- i. 106-3.22 Item of revenue in budget (Chapter 159): Office of Aging and Disabled Services Congregate Meals - \$10,000.00
- j. 107-3.22 Item of revenue in budget (Chapter 159): Office of Aging and Disabled Services – Senior Transportation - \$10,000.00
- k. 108-3.22 Item of revenue in budget (Chapter 159): 2022 Municipal Recycling Grant Reusable Bags - \$4,578.75
- l. 109-3.22 Authorizing the application and acceptance of a Federal Grant from the State of New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Highway Traffic Safety
- m. 110-3.22 Authorizing the Public Sale of Municipal Property no longer needed for Public Use through Municibid.com as an Online Auction Service Authorized by the State Division of Purchase and Property
- n. 111-3.22 Authorizing a Contract with Beyer Bros Corp for the purchase of one Pick Up Truck under the Department of Public Works
- o. 112-3.22 In support of NJDOT Traffic Regulation Order for the Project at 643 Georges Road in the Township of North Brunswick
- p. 113-3.22 Authorizing the submission of the amended and updated Recreation and Open Space Inventory (ROSI) to the NJDEP Green Acres Program

- q. 114-3.22 Approving applicants for Taxi Owner’s License
- r. 115-3.22 Authorizing a credit to Township Customers for their Water-sewer Utility Account
- s. 116-3.22 Supporting the application of Garden State Botanicals, LLC to the state Of New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission for an Alternative Treatment Center (Dispensary) and a Class 5 Retail Cannabis License Within North Brunswick, New Jersey
- t. 117-3.22 Bill List

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve item #7a on the agenda Approval of Special Council Meeting Minutes February 28, 2022 so moved by Mr. Socio second by Ms. Guadagnino.

Mayor Womack for a motion to approve item #7b on the agenda Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes March 7, 2022 so moved by Council President Davis second by Mr. Socio.

**Ordinances/First Reading/Introduction:**

#22-07 -An Ordinance of the Township of North Brunswick amending Chapter 147-2 “Certificates of Occupancy” and “Certificates of Continued Occupancy”

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce Ordinance #22-07, So moved by Council President Davis second by Mr. Andrews second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on April 4, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the North Brunswick Board of Education Meeting Room at Linwood School, 25 Linwood Place, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey Following legal publication in the April 7, 2022 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, Socio and Davis
- Absent: None

#22-08 -An Ordinance of the Township of North Brunswick providing for Capital Improvements for And by The Township of North Brunswick, In the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, Appropriating the Aggregate Amount of \$3,000,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$2,850,00 In Bonds or Notes of The Township to Finance Part of The Cost Thereof

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Roll call:

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

**Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO**

Council President Davis announced the Memorial Day Ceremony at Veteran's Park on May 30<sup>th</sup> at 11am. We remember all that have lost their lives fighting for our country.

Mr. Socio announced upcoming events:

2022 Earth Day, Saturday, April 2, 2022 Time: 10:30am- noon Where: North Brunswick Pulda Farm (next to Old Board of Education Building Georges Road)

Bunny Trail, Saturday, April 9, 2022 Time: 11 am Where: Veteran's Park

Chess Spring Break, April 18-22 Time: 11am -12pm Where: Babbage Park Pavilion

43rd Annual Memorial Day 5K Run/ Walk 2022 Monday, May 30th North Brunswick Community Park (Route 130 South) Check in at 7:30 am 5k Run/ Walk begins at 8:30am

North Brunswick Summer Camp (contact 732-247-0922 ext. 475) for more information.

Ms. Guadagnino, announced the Municipal Alliance on Social Decision Making & Problem Solving Program at Veteran's Park grades k-6. Registration is required. You may register online at [register.capturepoint.com/northbrunswicktownship](http://register.capturepoint.com/northbrunswicktownship) or call DPRCS at 732-247-0922 ext. 475 for more information.

Mr. Mehta mentioned that the Senior Center is opened 100% please start coming.

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing.

Resident Howard Walker – He is a School Principal in East Orange and has been a resident of North Brunswick for 25 years. Mr. Walker received a bill from the North Brunswick Building's Department which he did not understand. He contacted the Buildings Department to discuss the bill he had received and was not happy on how his conversation went with whom he spoke with.

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

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

Adjourn 7:28 pm

Lisa Russo  
Municipal Clerk



# PROCLAMATION

*By Mayor and Council – Township of North Brunswick*

*WHEREAS*, women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of the Township of North Brunswick; and

*WHEREAS*, these contributions have been critical to the growth and development of our economy, our cultural and artistic achievements, our social advancement, and all areas of accomplishment; and

*WHEREAS*, 2022 marks the 174<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Women's Rights Movement, which served as the impetus by which many women's rights were secured: the right to vote, the right to reproductive freedom, improved employment rights and representation; and increasing representation as public officials in all levels of government; and

*WHEREAS*, despite the innumerable contributions that women have made and continue to make, too little is taught or known about the enormous impact women have on our collective national history and on the success we all enjoy in the present day; and

*WHEREAS*, each year since 1987, March has been designated Women's History Month in our nation, and the President of the United States has proclaimed the month of March to be *National Women's History Month*;

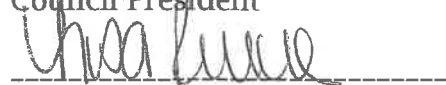
*NOW THEREFORE*, WE the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, *Do Hereby Proclaim*, the month of March, 2022, as Woman's History Month and call this observance to the attention of all our citizens to commemorate and honor women for their countless contributions to our community and nation.



Francis M. Womack,  
Mayor of North Brunswick



Bob Davis,  
Council President



Lisa Russo,  
Township Clerk  
March 21, 2022

