

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

**REGULAR MEETING
April 4, 2022**

A Regular Meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday April 4, 2022 at 7:03pm in The Board of Education Room in the back entrance of the Linwood School located at 25 Linwood Place, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey meeting also accessible by virtual platform of **GoToMeeting – Access Code: 990-307-557 / One Touch Call In # (571) 317-3122,,990307557#**

Township Attorney Ron Gordon explained the process for running a council meeting if the Mayor and Council President are both absent. Mr. Gordon asked if anyone in the council would make a motion to elect a Council President Pro-tem.... Motion made by Councilwoman Guadagnino to elect Councilman Socio, seconded by Councilman Mehta.

Roll call:

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

Council President Pre-Tem Socio calls the meeting to order.

Roll call:

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

Ms. Russo announced that the notice requirements of the law have been satisfied. Notices were sent by certified mail on March 1, 2022 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 Socio welcomes everyone back in person and asks everyone to silence their cell phones.

Ms. Russo lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also present: (Via Go to Meeting) Business Administrator Justine Progebin, Township Attorney Ron Gordon, Esq., Sapana Shah Esq., Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Services Lou Ann Benson, Chief Public Safety Joseph Battaglia, Director of Public Works Eric Chaszar, Director of Community Development Michael Hritz, Chief Financial Officer Cavel Gallimore, Tangie Cobb, Mark Fritsche, Pete Clark, Municipal Clerk Lisa Russo and Clerk 3 Nellie Sowell.

Proclamation

Councilman Mehta reads ***Scholar Athlete Artist of the Month Award to Rohan Bhatia.***

Rohan thanks Mayor, Council, Director Benson, residents and Department of Parks, Recreation & Community Service. Rohan speaks of challenges that has connected us as a community. Councilman Socio Congratulates Rohan.

Councilman Socio reads ***Scholar Athlete Artist of the Month to David Frische***.

Davis gives thanks to Mayor, Council, Director Benson, and his parents. Thanks to everyone for coming out and supporting him.

Councilwoman Guadagnino reads proclamation for ***"174th anniversary of the Women's Rights Movement"*** ... *Whereas, women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of the Township of North Brunswick; 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...*
(proclamation attached)

Members of Women's Club gave thanks to Mayor & Council for proclamation. The members are honored to be a part of the fabric of this community. The support organizations both in and out of the community from donations. They are always looking for more members. Some of the members read from the plaque. Tangie Cobb speaks of organization and shows a video.

Mayor Womack arrives at 7:28pm.

Councilman Socio speaks about how influential Mr. Clark is to North Brunswick. Thank you from everyone!

Mayor Womack reads Proclamation for ***"Pete Clark"*** ... *Whereas, the Township of North Brunswick recognizes Pete Clark for his many years of hard work and dedication to the community of North Brunswick; and Whereas, Pete has lived, worked and volunteered in North Brunswick for close to 40 years* (proclamation attached)

Mr. Clark gives thanks to everyone. Mr. Clark states it is a town that works together. We are North Brunswick.

Councilman Andrews reads Proclamation ***"April 2022 as Counseling Awareness Month"*** *Whereas, the American Counseling Association and New Jersey Counseling Association have declared the month of April 2022 as Counseling Awareness Month; and Whereas, professional counseling contributes to the growth and development of people across the life span and assist them in achieving their full human, educational and career potential...* (proclamation attached)
Counselor accepted and gives thanks to all. She always knew counseling was important. Counselors have been very important. It is a great honor to receive this award.

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 5a – 5h* on the consent agenda. Motion made by Councilman Andrews, second by Councilman Socio.

Roll call:

Yays: Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Mehta, Lopez, Andrews and Socio

Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Davis

Consent Agenda

- a.119-4.22 Confirming an Emergency and the Purchase of decals for the replacement vehicles under the Department of Public Safety
- b. 120-4.22 Item of revenue in budget (Chapter 159): 2022 Distracted Driving Crackdown U Drive U Text U Pay - \$12,250.00
- c. 121-4.22 Authorizing a Change In Scope to the PSA with CME Associates appointed as the 2022 Township Consulting Engineering Firm to include Survey, Design, Permitting and Bid Phase Services for the North Brunswick Community Park Improvement Project
- d. 122-4.22 Establishing a Fee Schedule for Zoning Permit Fees, Engineering Permit Fees, Land Use Application Fees, and Construction Application Fees for the Department of Community Development
- e. 123-4.22 Amending an agreement with Trillium, Inc. to provide Environmental Consulting Services in the Soli Remediation Litigation as an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service
- f. 124-4.22 Authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Township of North Brunswick and the Borough of Milltown for a Facility Use Agreement for use by the Municipal Court
- g. 125-4.22 Approving applicants for Taxi Owner's License
- h. 126-4.22 Bill Llst

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve *Minutes/ Special Council Meeting/ March 14, 2022.*
Motion made by Councilwoman Guadagnino, Second by Councilman Andrews.

Roll call:

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve *Minutes/ Regular Council Meeting/March 21, 2022.*
Motion made by Councilman Socio, second by Councilman Andrews.

Roll call:

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

Ordinances/First Reading/Introduction

#22-09 - An Ordinance of the Township of North Brunswick Repealing and Replacing Section within Chapter 61 "Personnel" Part 1, "Administrative Legislation", Article 1, "Definitions" of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce Ordinance #22-09, So moved by Councilman Andrews, second by Councilman Socio. Second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on May 2, 2022 at 7:00pm 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 New Tribune according to the law. This ordinance is posted in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey and copies available upon request.

Roll call:

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

Ordinances/Second Reading/Public Hearing:

#22-07 –An ordinance of the Township of North Brunswick amending Chapter 147-2 "Certificates of Occupancy" and "Certificates of Continued Occupancy"

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing. No comments from the public.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to close Public Hearing so moved by Councilwoman Guadagnino second by Councilman Socio.

Roll call:

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adopt **Ordinance #22-07** So moved Councilman Andrews second by Councilman Socio that **Ordinance #22-07** approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published 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:

Yays: Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Mehta, Lopez, Andrews and Socio

Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Davis

***#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 \$2,850,000 In Bonds Or Notes Of The Township To Finance Part Of 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 Councilman Socio second by Councilwoman Guadagnino.

Roll call:

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adopt **Ordinance #22-08** So moved Councilman Andrews second by Councilwoman Guadagnino that **Ordinance #22-08** approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published 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:

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

Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO

Councilman Socio announces Saturday at Veterans Park is the Bunny Trail - 12 years old or younger – pictures with the bunny available. \$5 per child. Pre-registration is required.

Councilman Socio announces annual 5k run at Community Park. Starts at 8:30am. Patriotic outfits will be judged and prizes awarded.

Councilman Socio announces Veterans ceremony will take place at Veterans Park on the 30th.

Councilman states Chess spring break will take place in Babbage Park. Pre-registration required on Township website, department of DPRCS.

Councilman announces Summer Camp is back at Veterans Park for grades K – 8th. Registration mandatory.

Councilman Socio states the Rapid Swim is back – check the website for information

Councilman Mehta speaks of last Saturday turn out for Earth Day. There were a lot in attendance. Director Benson did a great job

Councilwoman Guadagnino states the school is offering pre- k lottery. Check the school website for process. Limited spots available. Deadline is April 13.

Dharmic Organizations of the United States Present Darshana... A glimpse into the Hindu Civilization. Taking place on April 30th from 2pm – 3pm (by invitation only) 3pm – 4:30pm for the public at the Senior Center. This event brings awareness of Hindu culture.

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing at 7:56pm

Howard Walker – has been a resident of North Brunswick for 25 years. Is upset due to no feedback from prior issue.

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

Roll call:

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adjourn the meeting, so moved by Councilman Andrews, second by Councilwoman Guadagnino.

Roll call:

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

Adjourn 7:59 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 174th 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

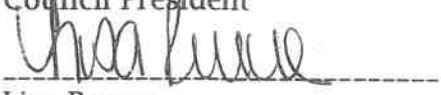
WHEREAS, despite the innumerable contributions that women have made and continue to make, too little is taught or known about the enormous impact women have on our collective national history and on the success we all enjoy in the present day; and

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



PROCLAMATION

By Mayor and Council - Township of North Brunswick

WHEREAS, the Township of North Brunswick recognizes Pete Clark for his many years of hard work and dedication to the community of North Brunswick; and

WHEREAS, Pete has lived, worked and volunteered in North Brunswick for close to 40 years; and


WHEREAS, Pete worked for the North Brunswick School Board for 32 years. Pete served as Principal of Linwood Middle School from 2004-2010 and then served as the Principal of the North Brunswick Township High School from 2010-2016; and


WHEREAS, Pete prides himself on his community service. Pete serves and has served on many committees and with many local organizations including the North Brunswick Buddy Ball program, the United Way of Central Jersey, the North Brunswick Municipal Alliance, the Rutgers Football Letter Winners Association, the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) of North Brunswick, the Board of Trustees for the New Jersey Center for Law, the North Brunswick Historical Society, the Wreaths Across America Committee, the Middlesex County Human Services Advisory Committee, Meals on Wheels, the Ronald McDonald House and many more; and

WHEREAS, this year Pete was awarded the Middlesex County Volunteer of the Year for the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (GCADA); and

WHEREAS, we here in North Brunswick are all very fortunate and consider ourselves lucky to have had Pete Clark as a neighbor. This Spring Pete and his wife Terry will be retiring from their extracurricular activities and relocating out of North Brunswick to be closer to their children and grandchildren. They will both be deeply missed.

NOW THEREFORE, WE the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, **Do Hereby Proclaim**, the respect and admiration of the community of North Brunswick to Pete Clark and wish him many years of continued happiness and success in the future.


Francis M. Womack III,
Mayor


Bob Davis,
Council President

Lisa Russo,
Municipal Clerk

April 4, 2022



PROCLAMATION

By Mayor and Council – Township of North Brunswick

WHEREAS, the American Counseling Association and the New Jersey Counseling Association have declared the month of April 2022 as Counseling Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, professional counseling contributes to the growth and development of people across the life span and assists them in achieving their full human, educational and career potential; and

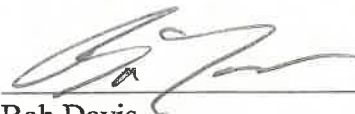
WHEREAS, citizens can utilize the services of professional counselors in schools, colleges, mental health agencies, community agencies, hospitals, rehabilitation centers, prison facilities, private practice and other delivery settings; and

WHEREAS, an improved understanding of counseling and how it can address all citizens' mental health needs will be beneficial to all.

NOW THEREFORE, WE the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, **Do Hereby Proclaim**, the month of April 2022 as Counseling Awareness Month in the township of North Brunswick and ask all citizens to recognize the important contributions made by all counseling professionals as they enhance and support the well-being of citizens of all ages, and especially for their help during the pandemic health crisis that we have been experiencing since 2020.



Francis M. Womack III
Mayor of North Brunswick



Bob Davis,
Council President



Lisa Russo
Municipal Clerk

April 4, 2022



Nellie Sowell

Subject: GoToMeeting Invitation - COUNCIL MEETING

Start: Mon 4/4/2022 7:00 PM

End: Mon 4/4/2022 9:00 PM

Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: Justine Progebin

Required Attendees: Nellie Sowell; Lisa Russo; Craig Yetsko

COUNCIL MEETING

Mon, Apr 4, 2022 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (EDT)

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