

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

**REGULAR MEETING
October 24, 2022**

A Regular Meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday October 24, 2022 at 7:01pm 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: 514-343-565 / One Touch Call In # (312) 757-3121,,514343565#**

Mayor Womack calls the meeting to order.

Roll call:

Present: Ms. Hutchinson and Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Andrews, Socio and Davis
Absent: Mr. Mehta

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.

Councilwoman Hutchinson leads the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also present: (Via Go to Meeting) Business Administrator Justine Progebin, Ron Gordon Esq., Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Services Lou Ann Benson, Director of Community Development Michael Hritz, Director Department of Public Works Eric Chaszar, Sewer Superintendent Steve Bloyed, Chief Financial Officer Cavel Gallimore, Municipal Clerk Lisa Russo and Clerk 3 Nellie Sowell.

Proclamation

Councilwoman Hutchinson reads proclamation ... *Whereas, the goal of the Family Court Awareness Month Committee (FCAMC) is to increase awareness on the importance of a family court system that prioritizes child safety and acts in the best interest of the children; and (proclamation attached)*

Presentation – Miss Gabriella Zielinski

Miss Gabriella Zielinski is a student at a North Brunswick Township school. She speaks about her book "My Crocodile Snappy". She speaks of back ground of how she came to write the book. My Crocodile Snappy can be purchased at gabbysnappy.com.

Mayor Womack asks council members if any items are to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve **items 6a – 6f** on the consent agenda. Motion made by Councilman Socio, second by Councilwoman Guadagnino.

Roll call:

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

Consent Agenda

- a. 303-10.22 Authorizing an Award of Contract to Garden State Highway Products, Inc. under the Department of Public Safety for the Purchase of one Traffic Message Board
- b. 304-10.22 Authorizing an amendment to the current agreement with SHI International Corp for Network Infrastructure Consulting and Support Services
- c. 305-10.22 Authorizing and amendment to a Proprietary Contract with Edmunds and Associates for Reporting Software Application
- d. 306-10.22 Authorizing Award of Contract BID22010 to Patriot Roofing, Inc. for Municipal Complex Roof and Gutter Replacement Project under the Department of Public Works
- e. 307-10.22 Authorizing a Change In Scope to the Professional Service Agreement with CME Associates appointed as the 2022 Township Consulting Engineering Firm for Professional Services associated with North Brunswick Community Park Trail improvements Project
- f. 308-10.22 Bill List

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve Minutes/ Special Council Meeting/October 3, 2022.
Motion made by Councilman Andrews, second by Councilwoman Guadagnino.

Roll call:

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve Minutes/ Regular Council Meeting/October 11, 2022.
Motion made by Councilman Andrews, second by Councilwoman Guadagnino.

Roll call:

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

Ordinances/First Reading/Introduction:

#22-26 - An Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 334 Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick to amend Traffic Controls on Blackhorse Lane

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce Ordinance **#22-26** So moved by Councilman Andrews second by Councilman Socio second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on November 14, 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 October 27, 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. Hutchinson and Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Andrews, Socio and Davis
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Mehta

Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO

Councilwoman Guadagnino speaks of this past Friday night the 2021 Induction Ceremony taking place at the North Brunswick Township High School. The ceremony had been delayed due to COVID19. This Induction Ceremony was to acknowledge North Brunswick Township alumni that have achieved great things. There were many different categories. Councilwoman Guadagnino speaks of 4 inductees. See website for specifics.

Councilman Socio announces the Halloween house decorating contest, excepting applicants until the end of day tomorrow. Email the "Boo Crew" to enter into contest.

Councilman Socio announces wrestling season is starting. Grades K-6th. Practice will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The season will continue until mid February. Fee is \$100 for residents \$110 for non-residents. Need DPRCS card to participate. Call DPRCS department for questions or to sign up. (732) 247-0922 ext. 475

Councilman Socio announces youth basketball registration started on October 19. If interested in participating register ASAP. Late fee will start after November 16th Call DPRCS department to register or if you wish to coach. Younger kids also have registration \$85 for rookie league.

Councilwoman Guadagnino announces the Municipal Alliance will be hosting a Cannabis Awareness get together at the Senior Center to discuss the new laws regarding cannabis. This will take place on November 15th at 1pm at the Senior Center. Please call (732) 418-222 or DPRCS (732) 247-0922 ext. 475 if you wish to attend. No charge and free snacks will be provided.

Madam Clerk announces ballot box is open for mail in ballots **ONLY**. Ballot box located outside front entrance of Municipal Building. Will remain open until 8pm on November 8th.

Mayor Womack opens the Public Hearing at 7:27 pm

Tony Nastus (North Brunswick Township Resident) asks about a report he received from Director Hritz. Mr. Nastus asks about various topics regarding properties on Seneca Avenue, Newton Street, Laurel Place and Woodland Avenue. Mayor Womack, Councilman Andrews, Councilwoman Guadagnino and Director Hritz respond to Mr. Nastus.

Holly Cox asks Mayor and Council to adopt an ordinance against the new power plant Woodbridge is wanting to build. Ms. Cox states many reasons why this is harmful to the air quality and many other negative effects this will have to the surrounding areas. Ms. Cox thanks everyone for their time and consideration on this matter.

Celeste (Woodbridge Resident) asks Mayor and Council to adopt an ordinance for the power plant as well as Ms. Cox. It came as a big surprise to the Woodbridge residents that the town was looking to build a second power plant. Celeste said to check website "dontgasmiddlesex.com" that will explain everything.

Tony Nastus (North Brunswick Township Resident) asks about various topics on Hermann Road, Elmwood Place, Bergen Avenue, Woodland Avenue, Georges Road, Edgewood Place and Ridgewood and Newton. Mayor Womack, Councilman Andrews and Director Hritz respond to Mr. Nastus.

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

Roll call:

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

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

Roll call:

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

Adjourn 7:59 pm

Lisa Russo
Municipal Clerk

Lisa Russo

Subject: GoToMeeting Invitation - Council Meeting

Start: Mon 10/24/2022 7:00 PM
End: Mon 10/24/2022 8:00 PM
Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: Justine Progebin
Required Attendees: Lisa Russo; Craig Yetsko

Council Meeting
Mon, Oct 24, 2022 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (EDT)

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PROCLAMATION

By Mayor and Council – Township of North Brunswick

WHEREAS, the goal of the Family Court Awareness Month Committee (FCAMC) is to increase awareness on the importance of a family court system that prioritizes child safety and acts in the best interest of the children; and

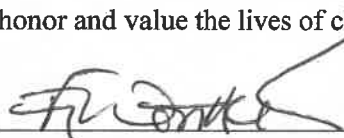
WHEREAS, the mission at the FCAMC is fueled by the desire to create knowledge and change in the family court system for the estimated 58,000 children a year ordered into unsupervised contact with physically or sexually abusive parents while honoring the hundreds of children who have been reported as murdered due to unsupervised visitation with a knowingly dangerous parent; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the FCAMC is to create familiarity of the importance of empirically-based education and training on domestic violence, child emotional and psychological abuse, childhood trauma, child sexual abuse, coercive control, and post separation abuse for all professionals working on cases within the family court system; and


WHEREAS, the objective of the FCAMC is to demonstrate the importance of using scientifically valid, evidence-based, treatment programs and services that are proven in terms of safety, effectiveness, and therapeutic value; and

WHEREAS, the FCAMC is here to join and educate judges and other family court professionals on evidence-based, peer-reviewed research. Such research is a critical component to making decisions that are truly in the best interest of children; and

NOW THEREFORE, WE the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, *Do Hereby Proclaim*, November as Family Court Awareness Month and encourage all residents to support their local communities' efforts to prevent the harm of children in the hands of family members and to honor and value the lives of children.


Francis M. Womack III
Mayor of North Brunswick


Bob Davis
Council President


Lisa Russo
Municipal Clerk



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