

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

**REGULAR MEETING  
November 14, 2022**

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, November 14, 2022 (**Via Go to Meeting and Live**) at 7:08 pm in the North Brunswick Board of Education Meeting Room at Linwood School, 25 Linwood Place, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey.

Council President Davis called the meeting to order.

Roll call:

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

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 doors at the Municipal Complex and filed in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

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

**Proclamation:**

Councilman Andrews read proclamation on **"Lung Cancer"**

Lung cancer is the deadliest cancer un the United States and in the World; lung cancer screening for high-risk individuals using low-dose computed tomography can lead to early detection of lung cancer and can save lives. Lung cancer in individuals who never smoked is the 7<sup>th</sup> leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the US every year. Radon exposure is the leading cause of lung cancer among individuals who never smoked and the second leading cause of lung cancer overall. The Stigma surrounding lung cancer creates barriers to early diagnosis, treatment research funding, and has a detrimental impact on the quality of life the people diagnosed with lung cancer have, and hinders awareness of research into lung cancer risk factors other than smoking. The research is leading to breakthroughs in the identification of genetic alterations associated with lung cancer and in the development of lung cancer treatments, including immune and targeted therapies. Organization such as the American Lung Cancer Screening initiative and the Women's Lung Cancer Forum, are committed to education people about lung cancer and lung cancer screening. The goal of these organizations is to increase lung cancer screening rates.

**Also present:** (**Via Go to Meeting and Live**) Township Attorney Ron Gordon, Business Administrator Justin Progebin, Director of DPW Eric Chaszar, Director of DPRCS Lou Ann Benson, Director of Community Development Michael Hritz, DPW Supervisor Mark LaMonica, Clerk Lisa Russo and Administrative Secretary Marilu Ruiz.

Council President Davis asked council members if any items are to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Council President Davis called for a motion to approve items 5a to 5p on the consent agenda. Motion made by Mr. Socio to approve items 5a to 5p on the agenda, second Mr. Andrews.

Roll call:

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

**Consent Agenda**

- a. NJ State Fireman's Association Application/ Maria C. Osorio/  
Fire Co. #2
- b. NJ State Fireman's Association Application/ Shekinan A. Cook/ Fire  
Co. #2
- c. 310-11.22 Authorizing the acceptance of a Grant from Middlesex County regarding its  
Helping Hand Program
- d. 311-11.22 Authorizing the application and acceptance of a Grant from the County of  
Middlesex, State of New Jersey - Drunk Driving Check Points - \$5,400.00
- e. 312-11.22 Authorizing North Brunswick Township through the North Brunswick Police  
Department to participate in the Defense Logistics Agency, Law Enforcement Support  
Office, 1033 Program to enable the North Brunswick Police Department to request and  
acquire excess Department of Defense Equipment
- f. 313-11.22 Authorizing the Sale of abandoned Vehicles
- g. 314-11.22 Authorizing a Contract with Mall Chevrolet for the purchase of Two (2)  
Unmarked Public Safety Vehicles
- h. 315-11.22 Item of revenue in budget: (Chapter 159) 2021 - 2023 Operation Helping  
Hands \$3,977.3
- i. 316-11.22 Item of revenue in budget: (Chapter 159) Middlesex County DWI Check Point  
Grant - \$5,400.00
- j. 317-11.22 Certifying Review of the Fiscal Year 2022 Best Practices Inventory
- k. 318-11.22 Authorizing an amendment to Contract BID19007 with J. Fletcher  
Creamer & Son Inc. for Sewer and Stormwater Collection System Maintenance and  
Repair Services
- l. 319-11.22 Authorizing an amendment to Contract BID22002 to IT Network Solutions  
under the Department of Information Technology for Network Infrastructure Consulting  
and Support Services
- m. 320-11.22 Authorizing an amendment to Contract BID 20003 with Municipal  
Maintenance Company under the Department of Public Works Sewer Division for  
Maintenance and Repair of Sewer Lift Stations
- n. 321-11.22 Authorizing an agreement with Guardian Fence Company, Inc. under the  
Department of Public Works to replace the Dog Park Fence in Community Park
- o. 322-11.22 Authorizing the Mayor and Township Clerk to execute a Treatment Works  
Approval Permit Application for the Project known as K-Land No. 65, LLC, Block 4.41,  
Lot 3 for a Sanitary Sewer Extension
- p. 323-11.22 Bill List

Council President Davis called for a motion to approve item 6a on the agenda Approval of Special Council Meeting Minutes October 17, 2022 so moved by Mr. Socio second by Mr. Andrews.

Council President Davis called for a motion to approve item 6b on the agenda Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes October 24, 2022 so moved by Mr. Andrews second by Mr. Socio.

### Ordinances/First Reading/Introduction

**#22-27** - An Ordinance by the Township of North Brunswick in Middlesex County, New Jersey deleting Chapter 234, "Parks and Playgrounds," Section 5, "Solicitation of Alms and Contributions" and amending Chapter 238 "Disorderly Conduct" Section 1, "Prohibited Activities"

Council President Davis called for a motion to introduce Ordinance **#22-27**, So moved by Mr. Socio second by Mr. Andrews second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on November 28, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the North Brunswick Board of Education Meeting Room at Linwood School, 25Linwood Place North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New jersey Following Legal Publication in the December 1, 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. Hutchinson (arrived @7:13pm) Messrs. Mehta, Andrews, Socio and Davis  
Absent: Ms. Guadagnino

**#22-28** -An Ordinance of the Township of North Brunswick to acquire by Negotiated Agreement interest in Real Property in the form of an Easement along Finnegans Lane on the Official Tax Map of the Township of North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey, for the Finnegans Lane Traffic Signal Improvement Project

Council President Davis called for a motion to introduce Ordinance **#22-28**, So moved by Mr. Socio second by Mr. Andrews second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on November 28, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the North Brunswick Board of Education Meeting Room at Linwood School, 25Linwood Place North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New jersey Following Legal Publication in the December 1, 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. Hutchinson, Messrs. Mehta, Andrews, Socio and Davis  
Absent: Ms. Guadagnino

**#22-29** -An Ordinance of the Township of North Brunswick amending and supplementing Chapter 50, "Length of Service Awards Program" increasing the maximum annual contribution in support of Volunteer Fire Department Members

Council President Davis called for a motion to introduce Ordinance #22-29, So moved by Mr. Andrews second by Mr. Socio second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on November 28, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the North Brunswick Board of Education Meeting Room at Linwood School, 25Linwood Place North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New jersey Following Legal Publication in the December 1, 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. Hutchinson, Messrs. Mehta, Andrews, Socio and Davis  
Absent: Ms. Guadagnino

#22-30 - An Ordinance by the Township of North Brunswick in Middlesex County, New Jersey amending Chapter 205, "Land Use" of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick, Article XXIIA "Cannabis Overlay Zone Regulations" in support of the expansion of existing alternative treatment centers

Council President Davis called for a motion to introduce Ordinance #22-30 So moved by Mr. Socio second by Mr. Andrews second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on November 28, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the North Brunswick Board of Education Meeting Room at Linwood School, 25Linwood Place North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New jersey Following Legal Publication in the December 1, 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. Hutchinson, Messrs. Mehta, Andrews, Socio and Davis  
Absent: Ms. Guadagnino

#### Ordinances/Second Reading/Public Hearing

#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

Council President Davis opened the Public Hearing. No comments from the public.

Council President Davis called for a motion to close Public Hearing so moved by Mr. Socio second by Mr. Andrews.

Council President Davis called for a motion to adopt Ordinance #22-26 So moved Mr. Socio second by Mr. Andrews that Ordinance #22-26 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the October 17, 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. Hutchinson, Messrs. Mehta, Andrews, Socio and Davis  
Absent: Ms. Guadagnino

## Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO

Councilman Socio announced upcoming events-

Winterfest Tree Lighting Ceremony Monday Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, 6pm at the Municipal Building

Deck the House Holiday Decorating Contest send photo to [events@northbrunswicknj.gov](mailto:events@northbrunswicknj.gov) submit your photos by Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>

Letter to Santa Claus drop off your letters in our North Pole Mailbox (2051 US 130 – Parks Maintenance Facility) Dec. 1 to Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>

Santa Trail Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> North Brunswick Community Park – Free hot cocoa or cookies when you donate to The North Brunswick Food Bank

Council President Davis announced the Menorah Lighting on Monday Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> 6pm at The Municipal Building.

Council President Davis announced that the North Brunswick Food Bank is accepting food, gift cards and monetary donations to help build their inventory due to the loss of hurricane Ida, please contact Lou Ann Benson at 732-247-0922 ext. 475 or the Senior Center at 732-418-2222 for more information. If you wish to volunteer to snow shovel for the seniors please contact the senior center for more information at 732-418-2222.

Council President Davis opened the Public Hearing.

Holly Cox asked about the Environmental Committee adopting a resolution for the Woodbridge Power Plant. Mr. Hritz mentioned that they have adopted a resolution and will be meeting soon.

Celeste resident from the Woodbridge Twp./Colonial area spoke about the Woodbridge Power Plant would like for North Brunswick to oppose it and spoke about the health issues it will cause.

Resident Anthony “Tony” Nastus mentioned that he had receive a memo today on the items he has spoken about to the Mayor and Governing Body in reference to homes and streets for Edgewood Place, Hermann Road, Georges Road, Laurel Place, Hollywood Street, Claremont Ave., Evergreen Court and Thalia Street. Mr. Nastus asked about the status of the property on Hermann Road, and Mr. Hritz explained that the homeowner’s application is under review until application is completed. Mr. Hritz explained that there are summons pending on some of these properties and there are some that are currently pending in the court system. Attorney Ron Gordon also, explained to Mr. Nastus that there are some cases currently pending in the court system that cannot be discussed.

Council President Davis called for a motion to close Public Hearing, so moved by Mr. Socio second by Ms. Hutchinson.

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

Adjourn 7:38 pm

Lisa Russo  
Municipal Clerk