

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

**REGULAR MEETING  
November 28, 2022**

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, November 28, 2022 (**Via Go to Meeting and Live**) at 7:03 pm in the North Brunswick Board of Education Meeting Room at Linwood School, 25 Linwood Place, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey. **GoToMeeting #: (872) 240-3412,,339318549#.**

Mayor Womack called the meeting to order.

Roll call:

Present: Ms. Hutchinson and Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Mehta, 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 November 22, 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 doors at the Municipal Complex and filed in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

**Also present: (Via Go to Meeting and Live)** Business Administrator Justine Progebin, Township Attorney Ron Gordon, Sapna Sha Esq., Director of Public Works Eric Chaszar, Director of Department of Parks and Recreation Lou Ann Benson, Chief Financial Officer Cavel Gallimore, Municipal Clerk Lisa Russo and Clerk 3 Nellie Sowell.

Councilman Socio lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Proclamation**

Councilman Mehta reads the Proclamation for Sewa Diwali....

*"Whereas, SewaDiwali is an initiative community of the United States of America such as Hindu, Sikhs, Buddhist and Jain and others practicing Indic values to serve people in need through food drives and other endeavors; and ... (proclamation attached)*

The proclamation was presented to volunteers with this organization. They are very appreciative and thankful for all the support given. They have been serving for 10 years. They have been collecting a lot of food doing food drives for the less fortunate. There are over 300 collections centers and have collected over 600,000 pounds of food. They give thanks from the bottom of their hearts.

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 5a. to 5g.** on the consent agenda. Motion made by Councilman Socio seconded by Councilwoman Guadagnino.

Roll call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**Consent Agenda**

- a. 325-11.22 DMHAS – Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services Youth Leadership Grant - \$5,000
- b. 326-11.22 Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse – Fiscal Grant Cycle October 2020 – June 2025 - \$17,664.00
- c. 327-11.22 Authorizing an amendment to Contract BID20003 with Municipal Maintenance Company under the Department of Public Works Sewer Division for Maintenance and Repair of Sewer Lift Stations
- d. 328-11.22 Authorizing the Award of Contract BID22013 to Frank Galbraith & Son Excavation & Demolition for Snow Removal Services
- e. 329-11.22 Authorizing the donation of Fire Equipment to the Township of Frelinghuysen Volunteer Fire Company
- f. 330-11.22 Authorizing the purchase of Electricity Supply Services for Public Use on an Online Auction Website
- g. 331-11.22 Bill List

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve *item 6a* on the agenda **Minutes/Special Council Meeting/ November 7, 2022** so moved by Councilman Andrews second by Councilman Socio

Roll call:

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve *item 6b* on the agenda **Minutes/Regular Council Meeting/ November 14, 2022** so moved by Councilman Mehta second by Councilman Andrews

Roll call:

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

**Ordinances/Second Reading/Public Hearing**

***#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”***

Mayor Womack opens the Public Hearing - no comments from the public.

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

Roll call:

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adopt ***Ordinance #22-27*** So moved Councilwoman Guadagnino seconded by Councilman Andrews that ***Ordinance #22-27*** approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published 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:

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

***#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 Finnigans Lane on the Official Tax Map of the Township of North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey, for the Finnigans Lane Traffic Signal Improvement Project***

Mayor Womack opens the Public Hearing - no comments from the public.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to close Public Hearing so moved by Councilman Andrews seconded by Councilwoman Hutchinson.

Roll call:

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adopt ***Ordinance #22-28*** So moved Councilman Socio seconded by Councilman Andrews that ***Ordinance #22-28*** approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published 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:

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

***#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***

Mayor Womack opens the Public Hearing - no comments from the public.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to close Public Hearing so moved by Councilman Mehta seconded by Councilwoman Hutchinson.

Roll call:

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adopt ***Ordinance #22-29*** So moved Councilman Socio seconded by Councilman Andrews that ***Ordinance #22-29*** approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published 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:

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

***#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***

Mayor Womack opens the Public Hearing - no comments from the public.

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

Roll call:

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adopt **Ordinance #22-30** So moved Councilman Andrews seconded by Councilman Socio that **Ordinance #22-30** approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published 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:

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

Mayor Womack speaks of speaking with Council Members regarding the state of the building on a weekly briefing.

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

Councilman Socio announces swimming will be starting. Check DPRCS website for information. Swim lessons will be \$50 for 4 sessions. Individual or family swim passes will be available.

Councilman Socio announces letters to Santa can be submitted at the Park Maintenance Building from December 1<sup>st</sup> to December 18<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Socio announces a tree lighting on December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Municipal Building. They will be gathering new socks, gloves and mittens for donations.

Councilman Socio announces the annual house decorating competition will begin soon. House nominations can be submitted to [northbrunswicknj.gov](http://northbrunswicknj.gov). Various prizes will be awarded. Submit photos by December 18<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Socio announces tree lightning will be at the Municipal Building on December 5 at 6pm. Socks, gloves and mittens will be collected for donations.

Councilman Socio announces the Santa Trail on December 17<sup>th</sup> at Community Park. Time slots still available. Youth can submit letters to Santa.

Councilman Andrews announces the annual Menorah lightning on December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Municipal Building.

Councilman Mehta announces upcoming activities that will be available at the Senior Center. Volunteers are always welcome. Call the senior center at (732) 418-2222 if you are interested between 8:30am to 4:00pm. Call Director Benson at (732) 247-0922 ext. 475 for any questions.

Mayor Womack opens the Public Hearing at 7:26pm

Ira L. Marks – Speaks of concerns regarding traffic and left lane turning issues located at Blackhorse Lane and Route 1. Mr. Marks has concern regarding safety at that intersection. Mayor Womack, Councilman Socio and Councilman Andrews responds.

Tony Nastus (North Brunswick resident) – has various concerns with in North Brunswick Township. Mayor Womack, Attorney Ron Gordon, Councilman Andrews and Councilwoman Guadagnino respond.

Charlie Kratovil – Speaks of concern regarding gas power plant applied for in Woodbridge. Brought document for Governing Body to review (attached). Mr. Kratovil expresses concern on 1) impact on climate and 2) harm to human health and air quality. He asks council to join the other 8 municipalities who have joined against this power plant. Mr. Kratovil asks when this will be added to North Brunswick agenda? Mayor responds to put it on the December 12 agenda. Councilman Andrews responds. Discussion between Councilman Andrews and Mr. Kratovil continues.

Holly Cox – also gives thank to governing body for adding this to agenda. Ms. Cox states this is a “climate emergency” and need to find a solution.

Jazmine H – states she is strongly opposed to this power plant and states this will affect surrounding counties. She gives thanks that this will be added to the December 12<sup>th</sup> agenda.

Rachel Davis – expresses gratitude for putting on the agenda for December 12<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Davis agrees with precious statements regarding the power plant n Woodbridge.

Councilman Andrews speaks about electric vehicles and the inability of certain residents to be able to charge their vehicles at their residents if they desire. Mayor responds.

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

Roll call:

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

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

Roll call:

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

Adjourn 8:22 pm

Lisa Russo  
Municipal Clerk

## Lisa Russo

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**Subject:** GoToMeeting Invitation - Council Meeting

**Start:** Mon 11/28/2022 7:00 PM  
**End:** Mon 11/28/2022 8:00 PM  
**Show Time As:** Tentative

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Not yet responded

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

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Mon, Nov 28, 2022 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (EST)

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# PROCLAMATION

*By Mayor and Council – Township of North Brunswick*

**WHEREAS**, SewaDiwali is an initiative by the Dharmic communities of the United States of America such as Hindu, Sikhs, Buddhist and Jain and others practicing Indic values to serve people in need through food drives and other endeavors; and

**WHEREAS**, “Sewa” is an act of selfless service embedded in Hindu tradition and culture. Diwali is a Hindu festival of lights that celebrates the victory of light over darkness; and

**WHEREAS**, over 300 Indian American organizations across the country joined together in the spirit of Sewa to organize the SewaDiwali Food Drive for families in need. In 2021 597,000 pounds of food was donated to over 320 food pantries; and

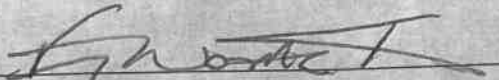
**WHEREAS**, in North Brunswick Township the efforts were organized by Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh USA (HSS), Hindi USA, Sewa International, & Residents of Governors Pointe Community; and


**WHEREAS**, in 2021 while celebrating Diwali, 4,500 pounds of food was collected and distributed between the North Brunswick Food Bank and to support the North Brunswick Township High School Raider program home plate running; and


**WHEREAS**, the volunteers included hundreds of elementary, middle, and high school students along with adults and senior citizens participating in this unique initiative providing them an opportunity to give back to the less fortunate as they look forward to continuing to engage with their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, through these commendable and selfless efforts the true spirit of Diwali permeates our community where diversity is one of our greater strengths and inclusion is a commitment underscored by the mission statement of the Township of North Brunswick.

**NOW THEREFORE**, WE the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, **Do Hereby Proclaim** and express our sincere thanks and congratulations to these volunteers and encourage all of our residents to support this initiative every year.

  
Francis M. Womack III  
Mayor of North Brunswick

  
Bob Davis  
Council President

  
Lisa Russo  
Municipal Clerk

November 28, 2021



## The Case Against Another Gas Power Plant in Woodbridge

Competitive Power Ventures (CPV) has proposed a 630-megawatt gas plant in Keasbey, an overburdened environmental justice community.

CPV already operates a 725-megawatt gas plant in Keasbey on the Raritan River. This plan would double air pollution and make the facility one of the largest single sources of climate-destroying greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. According to their permit application, CPV wants permission to emit hundreds of tons of toxic air pollutants that will make it harder to breathe and hurt the health of Central Jersey residents, and millions of tons of GHG's that will make climate change even worse:

- 2.4 million tons of **additional GHG's** + 2.2 million existing tons = **4.6 million tons/year of CO<sub>2</sub>e**
- 110 tons of **carbon monoxide** + 292 existing tons = **402 tons/year of CO**
- 126 tons of **ammonia** + 126 existing tons = **252 tons/year of NH<sub>3</sub>**
- 149 tons of **nitrogen oxides** + 148 existing tons = **297 tons/year of NO<sub>x</sub>**
- 124 tons of **particulate matter** + 99 existing tons = **223 tons/year of PM10 (214.3 of PM2.5)**
- 77.6 tons of **total suspended particles** + 53.7 existing tons = **131 tons/year of TSP**
- 49.9 tons of **volatile organic compounds** + 33.4 existing tons = **83.3 tons/year of VOC's**
- 39.9 tons of **sulfur dioxide** + 11.3 existing tons = **51.1 tons/year of SO<sub>2</sub>**
- 25.1 tons of **sulfuric acid** + 7.7 existing tons = **32.8 tons/year of H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>**
- 8.9 tons of **total hazardous air pollutants** + 10 existing tons = **18.9 tons/year of HAP's**
- Plus **lead, formaldehyde, and many more toxic carcinogens**

## Get Involved to Protect Our Air, Our Health, and Our Climate

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COMING TOGETHER TO  
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