

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

**REGULAR MEETING
January 17, 2023**

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 **(Via Go to Meeting and Live)** at 7:02 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,,404822917#.**

Mayor Womack called the meeting to order.

Roll call:

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

Ms. Russo announced that the notice requirements of the law have been satisfied. Notices were sent by certified mail on January 10, 2023 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 Shah Esq., Director of Department of Parks and Recreation Lou Ann Benson, Chief Financial Officer Cavel Gallimore, Acting Director of Department of Public Works Steve Bloyed, Chief Joe Battaglia, Captain Cory Harris, OEM Coordinator Mark Cafferty, Municipal Clerk Lisa Russo and Clerk 3 Nellie Sowell.

Councilman President Davis lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance

Chief Battaglia speaks of Jake Codella and his accomplishments leading him to becoming a police officer for the Township of North Brunswick.

Mayor Womack administers oath to Jake Codella – bible held by mother

Officer Codella gives thanks to all for support and is excited to be part of the North Brunswick Township Police Department.

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. to 6t.* on the consent agenda. Motion made by Councilman Davis seconded by Councilman Socio.

Roll call:

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

Consent Agenda

- a. NJ State Fireman's Association Application – Robert J. Pahler/ Co. #3
- b. NJ State Fireman's Association Application – Joseph P. Whalen/ Co. #1
- c. 46-1.23 Authorizing reclassification of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds for Program Year 2022
- d. 47-1.23 Authorizing reclassification of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds for Program Year 2021
- e. 48-1.23 Resolution to accept a donation of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) From USPL Nutritionals LLC
- f. 49-1.23 Authorizing a Private Improvements Bond Release for Amaranth at North Brunswick, LLC
- g. 50-1.23 Authorizing the execution of a Legal Agreement for Temporary Office Space for Archive Records
- h. 51-1.23 Authorizing the cancellation of taxes for a 100% disabled veteran
- i. 52-1.23 Change in Custodian of Petty Cash Fund
- j. 53-1.23 Item of revenue in budget (Chapter 159): Body Armor Replacement, State Allocation - \$4,958.53
- k. 54-1.23 Authorizing the Sale of Abandoned Vehicles
- l. 55-1.23 Authorizing Private Improvements Bond Reductions and Releases for Achim Importing Company, LLC
- m. 56-1.23 Authorizing a Private Improvements Bond Release for C. Raymond Davis & Sons, LLC
- n. 57-1.23 Appointing to the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of North Brunswick
- o. 58-1.23 Resolution of the Township of North Brunswick extending the Annual Deadline for Year 2023 to apply for and procure a license and official Registration for Cats and Dogs of Licensing Age
- p. 59-1.23 Authorizing a Change in Scope to PSA with CME Associates appointed As the 2023 Township Consulting Engineering Firm to include Survey, Design, Plan Specification, Permit Application and Bid Phase Services for the 2024 Road Improvement Program
- q. 60-1.23 Authorizing an Agreement with BDO, USA, LLP to provide Claims Administration Services related to the application filed with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) under Hurricane Ida Federal Funding as a n E.U.S.
- r. 61-1.23 Approving applicants for Taxi Owner's License – Sin Fronteras
- s. 62-1.23 Bill List
- t. 63-1.23 Authorizing the donation of a Township Vehicle to the Borough of Highland Park

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing Regarding Authorizing Public Improvements Bond Releases for Graceland Gardens, LLC
No public comment

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

Roll call:

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve *items 7a. 64-1.23 Authorizing Public Improvements Bond Releases for Graceland Gardens LLC.* on the consent agenda. Motion made by Councilman Socio seconded by Council President Mehta.

Roll call:

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve *item 8a* on the agenda Minutes/Regular Council Meeting/ December 12, 2022 so moved by Councilwoman Guadagnino second by Councilman Davis

Roll call:

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve *item 8b* on the agenda Reorganization Meeting/ January 3, 2023 so moved by Councilman Socio second by Councilwoman Guadagnino

Roll call:

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

Councilwoman Hutchinson arrives at 7:14pm

Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO

Councilman Andrews speaks about shop located at 1300 Livingston Avenue and that they are heated and cooled by Geo-thermal. The average monthly electric bill is around \$900 for the entire warehouse. Wants to see if grants can be given from the state for this.

Councilman Davis speaks about the Martin Luther King event held this past Friday at the Senior Center. Councilman Davis states they had a great turn out and a good job by Director Benson.

Councilwoman Guadagnino speaks about the rabies clinic being held on February 25, 2023 at the Municipal Annex building from 9am to 11am. Dogs need to be leashed and cats must be in carriers

Council President Mehta speaks about different activities being held at the senior center coming up. Example Chinese New Years on January 23, 2023 from 1:30pm to 2:30pm

Mayor Womack and Business Administrator Progebin spoke about a news article that was in the Homes News Tribune regarding the state of the building and the plans going forward. Also location updates have been posted on the Township website to assist residents with locations of departments.

Proclamation

Councilman Mehta presented the proclamation for HHS Health for Humanity Yogathon. Representatives accepting the proclamation gave many thanks for all the support they have received.

Mayor Womack opens the Public Hearing

Holly Cox asks Governing Body to adopt resolution opposing the power plant proposed to be built in Woodbridge. Ms. Cox gives thanks for consideration and ask for this to be passed quickly due to a time urgency. Mayor Womack Responds

Bill Greenburg asks council if there could be a letter mailed to resident informing them of what's going on with the building along with a time frame, cost to fix, etc. Mayor Womack responds

Tony Nastus states numerous concerns within the Township of North Brunswick. Discussion between Mr. Nastus, Mayor Womack, Councilman Andrews and Councilwoman Guadagnino.

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

Roll call:

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

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

Roll call:

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

Adjourn 7:48 pm

Lisa Russo
Municipal Clerk