NORTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP | MINUTES....

REGULAR MEETING December 12, 2022

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, December 12, 2022 (Via Go to Meeting and Live) at 8:32 pm in the North Brunswick Board of Education Meeting Room at Linwood School, 25 Linwood Place, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey. GoToMeeting #: (872) 240-3212,,824545773#.

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 Department of Parks and Recreation Lou Ann Benson, Chief Financial Officer Cavel Gallimore, Municipal Clerk Lisa Russo and Clerk 3 Nellie Sowell.

Councilman President Davis lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance (during workshop meeting)

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve *items 5a. to 5s.* on the consent agenda. Motion made by Councilwoman Guadagnino seconded by Councilman Socio.

Roll call:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

Consent Agenda

a.	3332-12.22	Authorizing the cancellation of taxes for a 100% Disabled Veteran –
		391 Hadleigh Lane
b.	333-12.22	Authorizing the cancellation of taxes for a 100% Disabled Veteran –
		119 Riverbend Drive
c.	334-12.22	Establishing Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services
		Program Fee 2022-2023

d. e.	335-12.22 336-12.22	Authorizing the Acceptance of the Sale of Auctioned Abandoned Motor Vehicles Authorizing a Credit to Township Customers for their Water Sewer Utility Account
f.	337-12.22	Approving Applicants for Taxi Owners
g.	338-12.22	Bill List
ĥ.	339-12.22	Authorizing an Agreement with the Garden State Municipal Joint Insurance Fund
i.	340-12.22	Declaring an Emergency and Authorizing a Public Works Contract for Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning (HVAC) and all kindred work necessary to bring Climate Control to the Municipal Complex
j.	341-12.22	Confirming the Application of the Funds under the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Grant Program towards the Hermann Road Pavilion Project
k.	342-12.22	Confirming the application and authorizing the acceptance of funds under the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Grant Program towards the Hermann Road Pavilion Project
1.	343-12.22	Amending an Agreement with Trillium, INC. to provide Environmental Consulting Services in the Soil Remediation Litigation as an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service
m.	344-12.22	Authorizing the Issuance of Request for Proposals for Grant Writing Services For Calendar Year 2023
n.	345-12.22	Amending Contract BID21001 with Lucas Brothers, Inc. for the 2021 Road Improvement Program Project Closeout Change Order (\$291,257.14)
0.	346-12.22	Authorizing an Agreement with BDO,USA,LLP to provide Claims Administration Services for Municipal Claims related to Hurricane Ida as an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service
p.	347-12.22	Confirming Solicitation for additional Lease Space for Office Space/ Archive Records
q.	348-12.22	Authorizing a Change In Scope to the 2022 Professional Service Agreement With USA, Architects, Planners and Interior Designers Ltd. To provide Architectural and Engineering Services associated with the construction of a new Pavilion at Hermann Road Project
r.	349-12.22	Authorizing a Change In Scope to the 2022 Professional Service Agreement With USA Architects, Planners and Interior Designers Ltd. To provide Architectural and Engineering Services associated with Design-Build Procurement for Restoration and Improvement Work for the Municipal Complex
s.	350-12.22	Building Authorizing a Change In Scope to PSA with T&M Associates for Environmental And Mechanical Engineering Services associated with Remediation and Restoration Work for the Municipal Complex Building

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing Regarding Performance Bonds/Authorizing Public Improvements Bond Releases for Amaranth at North Brunswick, LLC

No public comment

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

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 approve *items 6a. 351-12.22 Authorizing Public Improvements Bond Release for Amaranth at North Brunswick, LLC.* on the consent agenda. Motion made by Councilman President Davis 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 approve *item 7a* on the agenda <u>Minutes/Special Council</u> <u>Meeting/ November 21, 2022</u> so moved by Council President Davis second by Councilwoman Guadagnino

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 <u>Minutes/Regular Council</u> <u>Meeting/ November 28, 2022</u> so moved by Councilman Mehta second by Councilman Socio

Roll call:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO

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

Councilman Socio announces the annual house decorating competition will begin soon. House nominations can be submitted to northbrunswicknj.gov. Various prizes will be awarded. Submit photos by December 18th.

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

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 President Davis announces the annual Menorah lightning on December 19th at 6pm at the Municipal Building.

Council President Davis announces Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. ceremony will be held at 7pm on January 13, 2023 at the Senior Center

Council President Davis announces this Saturday will be the annual Wreaths Across America. This will take place at Elmwood Cemetery at noon. Hoping for good attendance. Wreaths will be placed for all branches of the Military and for all Veterans.

Mayor Womack opens the Public Hearing

Keith Voos (North Brunswick Resident) speaks of "Fate of Earth" he wants people to face the crisis and asks to join the effort to fight the power plant in Woodbridge. Mr. Voos has great concern for future. He states "this has to be solved" Councilman Andrews responds.

Charlie Kratovil – Speaks of concern regarding gas power plant applied for in Woodbridge. He asks members of the council to make a motion to adopt this resolution. Mayor Womack and Councilman Andrews responds.

Dan Patel (North Brunswick resident) speaks of options in the construction industry that could help with the crisis. He states forced air is not helping, we need to go back to basics. Mayor and Councilman Andrews respond.

Iona Conner – Congratulates the Environmental Commission. She speaks of violations from years ago and air pollution. She does not agree with the new power plant. She asks for Governing Body to adopt resolution. She states natural based solutions.

Holly Cox – also asks Governing Body to adopt this resolution. Ms. Cox states this is a "climate emergency" and need to find a solution. She states numerous concerns. She believes there is a lot of urgency with adopting this resolution.

Tony Nastus (North Brunswick resident) – Wishes a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. He provides documents for the Governing Body and Community Development to review.

Keith Voos (North Brunswick Resident) speaks again about concerns and submits a handout with website on climate change for Governing Body to look into.

Rachel Davis – States her background information and has concern about fracking. Fossil Fuels are not going away. She speaks of other ways energy can be made. She asks for this resolution to be adopted.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to close Public Hearing, so moved by Council President Davis second 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 adjourn the meeting 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

Adjourn 9:18 pm

Lisa Russo Municipal Clerk

Lisa Russo

Subject:

GoToMeeting Invitation - Council Workshop/Meeting

Start: End:

Mon 12/12/2022 7:00 PM Mon 12/12/2022 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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