

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

**REGULAR MEETING
February 21, 2023**

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 **(Via Go to Meeting and Live)** 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.

Council President Mehta called the meeting to order.

Roll call:

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

Ms. Russo announced that the notice requirements of the law have been satisfied. Notices were sent by certified mail on February 14, 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.

Councilman Davis lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also present: (Via Go to Meeting and Live) Township Attorney Ron Gordon, Business Administrator Justin Progebin, Acting Director of DPW Steve Bloyed, Director of DPRCS Lou Ann Benson, CFO Cavel Gallimore, Clerk Lisa Russo and Administrative Secretary Marilu Ruiz.

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

Council President Mehta called for a motion to approve items 4a to 4m on the consent agenda. Motion made by Mr. Davis to approve items 4a to 4m on the agenda, second Ms. Guadagnino.

Roll call:

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

Consent Agenda

- a. 80-2.23 Establishing Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services Program Fee 2023
- b. 81-2.23 Authorizing the application for a Middlesex County Department on Aging Grant Senior Transportation – 10,000.00
- c. 82-2.23 Authorizing the application and acceptance for a Middlesex County Department on Aging Grant Congregate Meal - \$10,000.00
- d. 83-2.23 Authorizing the Acceptance of the Sale of Auctioned Abandoned Motor Vehicles
- e. 84-2.23 Item of revenue in budget (Chapter 159): County of Middlesex, Office of Aging and Disabled Services Senior Transportation - \$10,000.00
- f. 85-2.23 Item of revenue in budget (Chapter 159): County of Middlesex, Office of Aging and Disabled Services Congregate Meals - \$10,000.00
- g. 86-2.23 Resolution in opposition to the proposed Keasbey Energy Center and seeking Competitive Power Ventures to pursue a renewable Power Generation Facility
- h. 87-2.23 Authorizing a Credit to Township Customers for their Water-Sewer Utility Account
- i. 88-2.23 Approving applicants for taxi Owner's License - Oaxaca Taxi
- j. 89-2.23 Authorizing an amendment to the 2022 Agreement with Hoagland, Longo, Moran, Dunst & Doukas, LLP to provide Environmental Legal Services
- k. 90-2.23 Amending an Agreement with Trillium, Inc. to provide Environmental Consulting Services in the Soil Remediation Litigation as an E.U.S.
- l. 91-2.23 Authorizing an Agreement with Hillmann Consulting to provide a report on the Environmental Conditions of Leased Office Space and Municipal Archive Records as an E.U.S.
- m. 92-2.23 Bill List

Council President Mehta called for a motion to approve item 5a on the agenda Approval of Special Council Meeting Minutes January 30, 2023 so moved by Ms. Guadagnino second by Mr. Andrews.

Council President Mehta called for a motion to approve item 5b on the agenda Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes February 6, 2023 so moved by Mr. Davis second by Ms. Guadagnino.

Ordinances/Second Reading/Public Hearing

23-01 - An Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 334-54 Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick

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

Council President Mehta called for a motion to close Public Hearing so moved by Ms. Guadagnino second by Mr. Andrews.

Council President Mehta called for a motion to adopt Ordinance **#23-01** So moved Mr. Andrews second by Ms. Guadagnino that Ordinance **#23-01** approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the February 23, 2023 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. Guadagnino Messrs. Andrews, Davis, and Mehta
Absent: Hutchinson and Socio

23-02 - An Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 227 "Parking for the Handicapped" of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick

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

Council President Mehta called for a motion to close Public Hearing so moved by Ms. Guadagnino second by Mr. Andrews.

Council President Mehta called for a motion to adopt Ordinance **#23-02** So moved Ms. Guadagnino second by Mr. Andrews that Ordinance **#23-02** approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the February 23, 2023 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. Guadagnino Messrs. Andrews, Davis, and Mehta
Absent: Hutchinson and Socio

23-03 -An Ordinance of the Township of North Brunswick in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, ratifying Resolution 50-1.23 adopted on January 3, 2023 authorizing a Lease Agreement for Temporary Office Space for Archive Records

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

Council President Mehta called for a motion to close Public Hearing so moved by Ms. Guadagnino second by Mr. Davis.

Council President Mehta called for a motion to adopt Ordinance #23-03 So moved Mr. Davis second by Mr. Andrews that Ordinance #23-03 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the February 23, 2023 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. Guadagnino Messrs. Andrews, Davis, and Mehta
Absent: Hutchinson and Socio

23-04 - An Ordinance authorizing the Township of North Brunswick to convey any interest retained in previously vacated undersized lot on Haverford Street that was formerly known as Block 104, Lot 25 on the Tax Map of the Township of North Brunswick and which has since been merged with property at 221 Haverford Street known as Block 104, Lot 24.01

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

Council President Mehta called for a motion to close Public Hearing so moved by Mr. Davis second by Ms. Guadagnino.

Council President Mehta called for a motion to adopt Ordinance #23-04 So moved Ms. Guadagnino second by Mr. Andrews that Ordinance #23-04 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the February 23, 2023 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. Guadagnino Messrs. Andrews, Davis, and Mehta
Absent: Hutchinson and Socio

23-05 - An Ordinance granting and conveying temporary and permanent Sanitary Sewer Utility Easements to South Brunswick Township over a portion of properties adjacent to Farrington Lake also known as Block 262, Lots 102.01 and 103.01 on the Official Tax Map of the Township of North Brunswick, Middlesex County, State of New Jersey

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

Council President Mehta called for a motion to close Public Hearing so moved by Mr. Davis second by Ms. Guadagnino.

Council President Mehta called for a motion to adopt Ordinance #23-05 So moved Ms. Guadagnino second by Mr. Andrews that Ordinance #23-05 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the February 23, 2023 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. Guadagnino Messrs. Andrews, Davis, and Mehta

Absent: Hutchinson and Socio

Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO

Councilwoman Guadagnino, announced North Brunswick In the Know a newsletter written by students for students. A free program, for students in grades 6th, 7th & 8th grades provided through the North Brunswick Municipal Alliance Committee sponsored through grant funding from GCCA.

Register at <https://register.communitypass.net/northbrunswicktownship> or for more information contact the DPRCS office at 732-247-0922 ext. 475

Notice to all residents of North Brunswick Township the free rabies clinic for dogs and cats is at the Municipal Annex 98 Renaissance Blvd. Saturday February 25th from 9am – 11am (Dog and Cat licenses **will not** be available at the clinic)

Council President Mehta opened the Public Hearing.

Board of Education Members, Rich Liguori, Hayley Toth and Steven Wen stopped by to say hello and introduce themselves.

Jonathan Flanders, wanted to know if the Resolution in opposition to the proposed Keasbey Energy Center And seeking Competitive Power Ventures to pursue a renewable Power Generation Facility was passed.

Resident Donna Joseph wanted to have information for Cannabis businesses. Township attorney Ron Gordon advised her that Mr. Hritz would be the person she should speak to.

Resident Anthony “Tony” Nastus wanted to know who is responsible for removing advisement signage from the side of the roads. Township attorney Ron Gordon explained that it’s against municipal code. Mr. Nastus would like an update on previous concerns he has brought to the Mayor and Council. Mr. Nastus had a question about Probate. Councilman Andrews explained that Probate takes a long time and has a lot of processes. Mr. Nastus reported 2 cars with no plates on Laurel Place the maintenance on the back of the garage and grass has not been done he would like an update. Mr. Nastus spoke about the fire hydrant on Thalia Street maintenance should be done by the owners of the property and not DPW.

Councilwoman Hutchinson arrived at 7:19pm

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

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

Adjourn 7:26 pm

Lisa Russo
Municipal Clerk