

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

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
July 28, 2023**

A special meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Friday, July 28, 2023 (**Via Go to Meeting**) at 4:00 pm via zoom.

Mayor Womack called the meeting to order.

Roll call:

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

Lisa Russo announced that the notice requirements of the law have been satisfied. Notices were sent by email mail on July 26, 2023 to the following:

- a) The Home News Tribune b) Star Ledger c) Township website

Notice receipts are on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office. Also, notices were posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Clerk's Office and filed in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

Councilman Davis lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also present: (Via Zoom Meeting) Business Administrator Justine Progebin, Township Attorney Ron Gordon, Esq., CFO Cavel Gallimore, Chief of Police Joe Battaglia, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services Lou Ann Benson, Director of Community Development Michael Hritz, Acting Director of DPW Steve Bloyed and Municipal Clerk Lisa Russo

Councilwoman Hutchinson arrives at 4:06

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve item "a" on the consent agenda. Motion made by Ms. Hutchinson to approve items "a" on the agenda, second by Mr. Davis.

Consent Agenda

- a. 243-7.23 Authorizing an amendment to the Contract with Servpro Disaster Recovery Services for remediation and restoration work at the Municipal Complex that was damaged from Hurricane Ida

Ms. Hutchinson questioned if the proposed contract is for equipment and installation?

Ms. Progebin explained there are two proposals: one to demo and one to do restoration work

Servpro has engaged subcontractors and also must provide cleaning.

Ms. Hutchinson question if additional costs will be coming before the Governing Body in the future?

Ms. Progebin responded that previous work was performed as far as remediation but still needs masonry work. There is still work that needs to be completed in the basement.

Ms. Hutchinson spoke of HVAC System and masonry work, vinyl flooring and sprinklers.

Chief Battaglia spoke of issues with walls

Mr. Davis questioned how this will affect us financially? Will we need amendments to this contract in the future?

Mr. Gordon mentioned that he issued a letter to insurance last week.

During the meeting a person named “Connor” was heard making disrespectful comments and quickly departed the meeting.

Ms. Progebin explained that as we receive monies from insurance, the need to authorize more monies to Servpro will be necessary. Mr. Gordon concurred.

Ms. Progebin spoke of the overall claim being over \$30 million including the vehicles.

Ms. Hutchinson inquired as to the tracking system for the claims?

Chief Battaglia explained that Servpro will bring in the subcontractors

Mr. Socio and Ms. Progebin explained how change orders work

Mayor Womack departed the meeting at 5:03 PM

Council President Mehta resumed the meeting

Council president Mehta called for a roll call vote on Consent Agenda item “a”

Roll call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Ms. Guadagnino

Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO

Mr. Socio announced “Bye Bye Birdie” will be performed at the High School next weekend.

Chief Battaglia reminded of National Night Out – August 2, 2023 5:00 – 8:00 PM

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

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Ms. Guadagnino

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

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Ms. Guadagnino

Adjourn 5:07 pm

Lisa Russo

Municipal Clerk