NORTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP | MINUTES....

REGULAR MEETING October 2, 2023

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, October 2, 2023 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.

Mayor Womack called the meeting to order.

Roll call:

Present: Ms. Hutchinson and Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Andrews and Davis

Absent: Mr. Socio and Mr. Mehta

Ms. Sowell announced that the notice requirements of the law have been satisfied. Notices were sent by certified mail on September 19, 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: Business Administrator Justine Progebin, Assistant to Township Attorney Sapna Shah, Director of Department of Public Works Steve Bloyed, Chief Financial Officer Cavel Gallimore, Director of Department of Parks and Recreation Lou Ann Benson and Clerk 3 Nellie Sowell.

Councilman Davis lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve *items a. through g.* on the consent agenda. Motion made by Councilman Davis seconded by Councilman Andrews.

Roll call:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Socio and Mr. Mehta

Consent Agenda

a.	303-10.23	Authorizing the cancellation of Taxes for a 100% Disabled Veteran
b.	304-10.23	Item of Revenue in budget: (Chapter 159) National Opioid Settlement
		Grant - \$11,848.53
c.	305-10.23	Item of Revenue in budget: (Chapter 159) Middlesex County DWI
		Check Point Grant - \$8,540.00
d.	306-10.23	Authorizing Contact BID23008 to Municipal Maintenance for the

Purchase of one (1) Submersible Pump

e. 307-10.23 Authorizing Contract BID23009 to Jen Electric Inc for the Preventative

Maintenance for Repair Services of Traffic Signals

f. 308-10.23 Authorizing Receipt of Proposals for the 2024 Professionals

g. 309-10.23 Bill List

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve *item 5a* on the agenda <u>Minutes/Regular Council</u>

Meeting/September 18, 2023 so moved by Councilman Andrews second by Councilwoman Guadagnino

Roll call:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Socio and Mr. Mehta

Ordinances/Second Reading/Public Hearing:

#23-17 – An Ordinance establishing and enacting a New Chapter 270 "Salt and Deicing Material Storage" of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing. No comments from the public.

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

Roll call:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Socio and Mr. Mehta

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adopt <u>Ordinance #23-17</u> So moved Councilman Davis second by Councilwoman Hutchinson that <u>Ordinance #23-17</u> approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the October 5, 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:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Socio and Mr. Mehta

Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO

Councilman Guadagnino had announced the Food Drive during the Workshop meeting (flyer attached)

Director Benson announced, during the Workshop Meeting, the Street naming for Frederick F. Battaglia prior to the Meetings (Proclamation attached)

Councilman Davis announces if anyone knows of a Veteran that lives in North Brunswick, applications are being accepted for street naming in their honor.

Mayor Womack opens the Public Hearing

Tony Nastus (North Brunswick resident) addresses various concerns he has in regards to several properties in North Brunswick Township. Mr. Nastus provides the Mayor and Governing Body with pictures of a couple of the properties and states his concerns with them. Mayor Womack responds to Mr. Nastus. (pictures attached)

Mr. Nastus expresses concerns for the children that meet at the intersection of Cranbury Cross Road and Newton Street. He asks if the students can wait in the library parking lot for the bus? Mayor Womack, Councilman Andrews and Councilwoman Guadagnino respond.

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

Roll call:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Socio and Mr. Mehta

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

Roll call:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Socio and Mr. Mehta

Adjourn 7:45pm

Lisa Russo Municipal Clerk

Please announce Thankyou.

North Brunswick Municipal Alliance Committee is hosting a

Fall is a time for giving.

The NB Food Bank was destroyed by Hurricane Ida and they are still recovering. They need your help to replenish for the holidays.

Items most needed are:

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Pasta
Pasta Sauce (no glass)
Children's Cereal
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Canned Vegetables
Gift Cards to local food stores

As we get closer to the Thanksgiving holiday please donate special items such as stuffing, corn bread mix, turkeys, potatoes, cranberry sauce and one of your favorite holiday items.

You may bring all donations to the Senior Center at 15 Linwood Place,
Tuesday, September 5th– Friday, December 15th.
For questions please call 732-418-2222 and ask for Lou Ann

Proclamation

By Mayor and Council - Township of North Brunswick

WHEREAS, the Township of North Brunswick's Veteran Street Sign Program allows Township residents who were Wartime Veterans to be recognized by adding their name on a secondary street sign to an existing Municipal Road; and

WHEREAS, by adding names of local Wartime Veterans to public street signs, we hope to promote public awareness of these individuals and show our appreciation for their outstanding contributions and service to our country as a member of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, eligible military candidates for this honor include honorably discharged Veterans having served in Military Departments as defined under Department of Defense which include Departments of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and the Coast Guard; and

WHEREAS, Wartime Veterans are individuals who served in the active military forces, during a period of armed conflict or who received the armed forces expeditionary or other campaign service medals during an emergency condition, including those who died in the line of duty in the active military forces; and

WHEREAS, Frederick F. Battaglia has been selected to be recognized in the Veteran Street Sign Program; and

WHEREAS, Frederick was born in Glenwood, New Jersey in 1920 to Italian immigrants, and later moved to the Bronx, New York. Fred was the youngest of six children, four sisters and one brother; and

WHEREAS, Frederick enlisted in the US Army during World War II in 1942, along with his cousins. Fred attended service training at the school of Mechanic Aviation. Fred received medals for Good Conduct, the World War II Victory Medal and the American Theatre. During his service, Fred was a Maintenance and Crew chief on P-51, P-38, P-39, P-63, P-40 and AT. - 6 and AT. - 61. After being honorably discharged from the Army, Fred began working for the Boy Scouts of America which was located in New York City: and

WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America relocated to North Brunswick, New Jersey in 1956, Fred followed and relocated his family. Fred lived in North Brunswick until his passing in 1995 where he and his wife Mary raised their seven children. Fred worked for the Boy Scouts as a data processing manager until 1978 when the Boy Scouts again relocated to Fort Worth, Texas, After the Boy Scouts moved, Fidelity Bank purchased the property and moved their headquarters to this location. Fred was hired by Fidelity and worked there as a computer operator until he retired in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Fred's hobbies included wood working and making clocks. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Senior Center. Fred was kind and caring, a religious family man who was always the first to help someone in need; and

WHEREAS, Fred was extremely proud of his seven children, Mary Boyer,

(daughter) Frederick Battaglia, (son) Laura Hansen, (daughter) deceased, Palma Rask, (daughter) Carolyn Battaglia, (daughter) Guy Battaglia, and Joseph Battaglia, (son) who all went on to have successful and productive lives. Fred was blessed to see twelve of his thirteen grandchildren born and sadly he would not see any of the nine great grandchildren born.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM, distinguished recognition to FREDERICK F. BATTAGLIA for his service to our country ensuring freedom for all.

Francis M. Womack III, Mayor

Lisa Russo, Township Clerk

Rajesh Mehta, Council President







