

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

**REGULAR MEETING
December 4, 2023**

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, December 4, 2023 at 7:06 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. Hutchinson & Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Andrews, Davis, Socio and Mehta
Absent: Mayor Womack

Ms. Russo announced that the notice requirements of the law have been satisfied. Notices were sent by certified mail on November 28, 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, Township Attorney Ronald Gordon, Director of Department of Public Works Steve Bloyed, Chief Financial Officer Cavel Gallimore, Director of Community Development Michael Hritz, Municipal Clerk Lisa Russo and Clerk 3 Nellie Sowell.

Councilman Davis lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance

Council President Mehta asks council members if any items are to be removed from the Consent Agenda items ***a. through q.***

Council President Mehta called for a motion to approve ***items a. through q.*** on the consent agenda. Motion made by Councilman Socio seconded by Councilman Davis.

Roll call:

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

Consent Agenda

- a. Bingo Application/BA2312/North Brunswick Baseball Association/
December 15, 2023
- b. 346-12.23 Authorizing the acceptance of the Sale of Auctioned Abandoned
Motor Vehicles
- c. 347-12.23 Authorizing the North Brunswick Township Police Department to
Apply for and accept a Grant from Bristol Myers Squibb Corporate

- Giving – 90145091 for the execution of proactively orchestrating ways to empower and restore Youth Mentoring Program (the P.O.W.E.R. Initiative)
- d. 348-12.23 Authorizing the North Brunswick Township Police Department to apply For and accept a Grant from Bristol Myers Squibb Corporate Giving – 89960221 Community Oriented Policing Unit AED Package
 - e. 349-12.23 Authorizing the application and acceptance for a Middlesex County Department on Aging Grant Congregate Meal - \$10,000.00
 - f. 350-12.23 Authorizing the application and acceptance for a Middlesex County Department on Aging Grant – Senior Transportation - \$10,000.00
 - g. 351-12.23 Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant Cycle October 2020 – June 2025
 - h. 352-12.23 Authorizing an Adjustment to Township Customer(s) for their Water-Sewer Utility Account
 - i. 353-12.23 Authorizing execution of an Agreement with the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Program
 - j. 354-12.23 Item of revenue in budget: (Chapter 159): National Opioid Settlement Grant - \$3,018.19
 - k. 355-12.23 Item of Revenue in budget: (Chapter 159): County of Middlesex, Office Of Aging and Disabled Services Congregate Meals - \$10,000.00
 - l. 356-12.23 Item of revenue in budget: (Chapter 159): County of Middlesex, Office Of Aging and Disabled Services Senior Transportation - \$10,000.00
 - m. 357-12.23 Item of revenue in budget: (Chapter 159): Bristol Myers Squibb Corporate Giving – 90145091 for the execution of proactively orchestrating ways to empower and restore Youth Mentoring Program (the P.O.W.E.R. Initiative) \$15,000.00
 - n. 358-12.23 Item of Revenue in budget: (Chapter 159): Bristol Myers Squibb Corporate Giving – 89960221 Community Oriented Policing Unit AED Package
 - o. 359-12.23 Item of revenue in budget: (Chapter 159): N.J. Department of Community Affairs Grant towards the Municipal Complex Improvement Project - \$1,500,000.00
 - p. 360-12.23 Bill List
 - q. 362-12.23 Item of revenue in budget (Chapter 159); 2023 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Year End Holiday Crackdown - \$10,500.00

Township Attorney Ronald Gordon explained process for adopting ***resolution 361-12.23 “ Resolution of the Township of North Brunswick Authorizing the Application and Acceptance of a Federal Grant from the State of New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety Administration”***

Council President Mehta called for a motion to approve ***resolution 361-12.23***. Motion made by Councilman Davis seconded by Councilwoman Guadagnino.

Roll call:

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

Council President Mehta opens the Public Hearing for the Public Improvement Bond Releases for Yum & Chill TB Holdings, LLC

No public comment

Council President Mehta called for a motion to close Public Hearing for the Public Improvement Bond Releases for Yum & Chill TB Holdings, LLC, so moved by Councilman Socio second by Councilman Davis.

Roll call:

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

Council President Mehta called for a motion to approve resolution **363-12.23 Authorizing Public Improvements Bond Releases for Yum & Chill TB Holdings, LLC**. Motion made by Councilman Socio seconded by Councilwoman Hutchinson.

Roll call:

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

Council President Mehta called for a motion to approve **item 6a** on the agenda **Minutes/ Special Council Meeting/ November 13, 2023** so moved by Councilman Davis second by Councilman Socio

Roll call:

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

Council President Mehta called for a motion to approve **item 6b**. on the agenda **Minutes/ Regular Council Meeting/ November 20, 2023** so moved by Councilman Davis second by Councilman Socio

Roll call:

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

Ordinances/Second Reading/Public Hearing:

#23-18 – An Ordinance vacating an unnamed paper street adjacent to Hoover Drive located in the Township of North Brunswick, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey and conveying such vacated lands to the adjacent property owners

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 Councilman Socio second by Councilman Davis.

Roll call:

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

Council President Mehta called for a motion to adopt ***Ordinance #23-18*** So moved Councilman Socio second by Councilman Davis that ***Ordinance #23-18*** approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the December 8, 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 & Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Andrews, Davis, Socio and Mehta
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mayor Womack

#23-19 – An Ordinance of the Township Council of North Brunswick amending and fixing the Salary and wages for various officials and employees of the Township of North Brunswick and providing for the manner of payment thereof

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 Councilman Socio second by Councilman Davis.

Roll call:

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

Council President Mehta called for a motion to adopt ***Ordinance #23-19*** So moved Councilwoman Guadagnino second by Councilman Socio that ***Ordinance #23-19*** approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the December 8, 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 & Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Andrews, Davis, Socio and Mehta
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mayor Womack

#23-20 – An Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 69-19 appointment to Department of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick authorizing an alternative process to hiring qualified Police Officers pursuant to N.J.S.A 11A:44-1.3

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 Councilman Socio second by Councilwoman Guadagnino.

Roll call:

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

Council President Mehta called for a motion to adopt ***Ordinance #23-20*** So moved Councilwoman Guadagnino second by Councilman Andrews that ***Ordinance #23-20*** approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the December 8, 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 & Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Andrews, Davis, Socio and Mehta
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mayor Womack

Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO

Councilwoman Guadagnino announces Menorah lighting on December 11, 2023 across from the Municipal Building.

Councilwoman Guadagnino announces the annual tree lighting just occurred. It was a great event. Everyone should try to come out next year.

Council President Mehta opens the Public Hearing

Jessica Kino (North Brunswick Resident) is a nurse at Robert Wood Johnson in New Brunswick. She speaks about being a nurse and what the strike is about. Ms. Kino asks that the Governing Body adopts the resolution in support of the nurses. There is discussion between Council President Mehta and Governing Body regarding the resolution to support the nurses.

Tony Nastus addresses various concerns he has in regards to several properties in North Brunswick Township. Mr. Nastus continues to state various concerns he has regarding buses through residential neighborhoods for New Brunswick School, cars parked on Township roadways with commercial plates and businesses being run out of residential homes and other concerns previously stated. Discussion continues between Mr. Nastus and Director Hritz.

Lisa Sheer (North Brunswick Resident) states she is a nurse for RWJ Barnabus Health in New Brunswick. Ms. Sheer speaks about the strike that has been ongoing. Ms. Sheer gives thanks to the North Brunswick Police Department for coming and providing them with turkeys and hams to the nurses on strike before Thanksgiving. It means a lot to her to have the support of the community. Ms. Sheer asks for the Governing Body to adopt the resolution in support of the nurses.

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

Roll call:

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

Council President Mehta called for a motion to adjourn the meeting so moved by Councilman Socio second by Councilwoman Guadagnino.

Roll call:

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

Adjourn 7:33pm
Lisa Russo
Municipal Clerk