

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

**REGULAR MEETING  
January 16, 2024**

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 7:00 pm virtually on ZOOM platform.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82871549686?pwd=dDFjZkLRNVBvQ2ptbXo4a1dCUHITUT09>

Meeting ID: 828 7154 9686 Password: 099032 (attached)

Mayor Womack called the meeting to order.

Roll call:

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

Absent: Mr. Andrews

Mayor Womack explains the meeting is virtual tonight due to the school not being open due to the weather.

Ms. Russo announced that the notice requirements of the law have been satisfied. Notices were sent by certified mail on January 16, 2024 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, 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, Director of Community Development Michael Hritz, Municipal Clerk Lisa Russo and Clerk 3 Nellie Sowell.

Ms. Russo lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Womack asks council members if any items are to be removed from the Consent Agenda items *a. through f.*

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve *items a. through f.* on the consent agenda. Motion made by Councilman Socio seconded by Councilman Mehta.

Roll call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Andrews

**Consent Agenda**

- a. 56-1.24 Extending the February 1 Grace Period from February 10<sup>th</sup> to February 23<sup>rd</sup> for Calendar Year 2024
- b. 57-1.24 Authorizing an adjustment to Township Customers for their Water-Sewer

- c. 58-1.24 Utility Account
- d. 59-1.24 Authorizing a PSA with Shain Schaffer PC to serve as Tax Appeal Counsel
- e. 60-1.24 Authorizing a PSA with Jalloh & Jalloh to serve as Conflict Tax Appeal Counsel
- f. 61-1.24 Authorizing a PSA with James R. Shamy, Esq. to serve as Public Defender Bill List

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve *item 5a* on the agenda Minutes/ Special Council Meeting/ December 11, 2023 so moved by Councilman Davis second by Council President Hutchinson

Roll call:

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve *item 5b.* on the agenda Minutes/ Regular Council Meeting/ December 18, 2023 so moved by Councilman Socio second by Council President Hutchinson

Roll call:

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve *item 5c.* on the agenda Minutes/ Reorganization Meeting/ January 2, 2024 so moved by Councilman Mehta second by Council President Hutchinson

Roll call:

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

**Ordinance/ First Reading/ Introduction**

*#24-01 – An Ordinance of the Township of North Brunswick in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, to acquire by negotiated Agreement, Real Property located within the Township of North Brunswick for open Space and other Governmental purposes.*

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce *Ordinance #24-01* so moved by Council President Hutchinson second by Councilman Davis. Second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on February 5, 2024 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 Following Legal Publication in the January 19, 2024 of the Home News Tribune according to the Law. This ordinance is

posted in the Municipal Complex, Municipal Clerk's Trailer at 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey and copies are available upon request.

Roll call:

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

Mayor Womack congratulates Hayley Toth and Elesia James in winning the Board of Education President and Vice President.

Hayley Toth gives thanks to all and looks forward to working together going forward. She also announces a 2 hour delayed opening for the school day tomorrow.

Elesia James gives thanks for being elected as Vice President. She states good years are to come. She is honored and privileged to collaborate and serve on the Board. She looks forward to working with everyone.

Jason Carter has been on the Board for over a year. He is the liaison between the board and the governing body. Looks forward to working closely.

#### **Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO**

Councilwoman Guadagnino explains the Hall of Fame kick off is here. Nominees can be submitted through the Board of Education website.

Director of Public Works Steve Bloyed speaks in regards to clean up from this past snow storm. Mayor Womack says a good job was done by department. Mr. Bloyed gives thanks to residents for their cooperation and thanks to their guys for all their hard work.

Mayor Womack opens the Public Hearing

Mark Alterman (North Brunswick Resident) asks for a status update in regards to the train station and the Main Street area. He asks if there is a certain time line on the train station and any update on what is entailed and any potential issues. Mayor Womack responds. Further discussion continues between Mr. Alterman and Mayor Womack.

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

Roll call:

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adjourn the meeting so moved by Council President Hutchinson second by Councilman Socio.

Roll call:

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

Adjourn 7:28pm  
Lisa Russo  
Municipal Clerk



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*Lisa Russo, Municipal Clerk*

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### COUNCIL MEETING CHANGE

This notice is made and given in compliance with the provision of the Sunshine Law.

Due to inclement weather, please take notice that the Council Meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council for Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 7:00 PM will be held virtually on the ZOOM platform. Please see information below to access the meeting:

Topic: Township Council Meeting - January 16, 2024

Time: Jan 16, 2024 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82871549686?pwd=dDFjZkIRNVBvQ2ptbXo4a1dCUHITUT09>

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Passcode: 099032

*Formal action will be taken.*

Lisa Russo  
Municipal Clerk

Emailed to all media 1/16/2024.