

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

**REGULAR MEETING
February 5, 2024**

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, February 5, 2024 at 7:01 pm at 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. Guadagnino Messrs. Mehta, Andrews, Socio and Ms. Hutchinson

Absent: Davis

Ms. Russo announced that the notice requirements of the law have been satisfied. Notices were sent by certified mail on January 30, 2024 to the following:

- a) The Home News Tribune

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 Trailer.

Councilman Socio lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proclamations:

Scholar / Athlete / Artist of the month – Marissa Russo

Council President Hutchinson read the Proclamation for Scholar / Athlete / Artist of the month

Mayor Womack read poem written by Marissa Russo.

Township Fitness results – Wellness Challenge

Councilman Socio and Lou Ann Benson presented the Wellness Challenge Awards to the following recipients.

Top 3 Finishers: - Dominic Moccio
- Jo Ann De Luca
- Ro Tucker

Honorable Mention:

-Chris Henning
-Laura Pelesyzki

Also present: Business Administrator Justine Progebin, Township Attorney Ron Gordon, Esq., Director of DPW Steve Bloyed, Director of DPRCS Lou Ann Benson, CFO Cavel Gallimore, Director of Community Development Michael Hritz, Clerk Lisa Russo and Administrative Secretary Marilu Ruiz.

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 6a – 6p on the consent agenda. Motion made by Mr. Socio to approve item 6a – 6p on the agenda, second by Mr. Mehta.

Roll call:

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

Absent: Davis

Consent Agenda

- a. NJ State Fireman's Association Membership Application/ Robert J. Robinson / Fire Co. #2
- b. Raffle License Application: 50/50 Raffle - RA2401 / Knights of Columbus - June 16, 2024
- c. 63-2.24 item of revenue in budget (Chapter 159): Division of Highway Traffic Safety 2024 Federal Grant Think. Act. Live: Community Safety Initiative North Brunswick Traffic Policing \$23,000.00
- d. 64-2.24 Item of revenue in budget (Chapter 159): Body Armor Replacement, State Allocation - \$5,875.00
- e. 65-2.24 Authorizing the cancellation of taxes for a 100% Disabled Veteran - Mr. Marcus Billouin
- f. 66-2.24 Authorizing the cancellation of taxes for a 100% Disabled Veteran- Mr. Tony L. Nathan
- g. 67-2.24 Authorizing the sale of abandoned vehicles
- h. 68-2.24 Authorizing an amendment to Contract BID20003 with Municipal Maintenance Company under the Department of Public Works Sewer Division for Maintenance and Repair of Sewer Lift Stations
- i. 69-2.24 Authorizing the Award of Contract BID21005 to Duke's Root Control, Inc. for Root Control Services
- j. 70-2.24 Authorizing a Contract with Tigris Aquatic Services LLC under the Department of Public Works - Parks Division for the purchase and installation of two (2) Pond Aerators
- k. 71-2.24 Authorizing acceptance and utilization of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds - \$119,714.00 for Program Year 2023
- l. 72-2.24 Authorizing an Amendment to the 2024 Agreement with James R. Shamy, Esq. to serve as Public Defender
- m. 73-2.24 Authorizing the Award of BID24002 for the Municipal Complex HVAC Project
- n. 74-2.24 Authorizing Award of a Contract to SHI International for Spatial Data Logic Cloud Hosting Services
- o. 75-2.24 Bill List

- p. 76-2.24 Authorizing a Change Order No. 3 with Brockwell and Carrington Contractors, Inc. for the remediation and restoration of the Municipal Complex Exterior Facade

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve item 7a on the agenda Approval of Workshop – Special Meeting January 8, 2024, so moved by Ms. Guadagnino second by Mr. Socio.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve item 7b on the agenda Approval of Regular Council Meeting January 16, 2024, so moved by Mr. Socio second by Mr. Andrews.

Ordinances/Second Reading/Public Hearing

#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 opened the Public Hearing.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to close Public Hearing so moved by Mr. Socio second by Mr. Andrews.

Mayor called for a motion to adopt Ordinance #24-01 so moved by Mr. Mehta second by Mr. Andrews that Ordinance #24-01 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the February 8, 2024 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. Mehta, Andrews, Socio and Ms. Hutchinson

Absent: Davis

Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO

Councilman Socio announced the following:

- Adult Hula Hoop Fitness 2024
- North Brunswick Pickleball
- Spring Tennis
- Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

(Please see attached flyers for more information or contact the DPRCS Department at 732-247-0922 ext. 475.

Councilwoman Guadagnino announced the following:

- Hidden in Plain Sight (for adults only) childcare will be provided please sign up by contacting the DPRCS office at 732-247-0922 ext. 475

(Please see attached flyer for more information)

Council President Hutchinson announced ceremony for Martin Luther King on February 6th.

Steve Bloyed, Director or DPW explained recent water main breaks.

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to close Public Hearing, so moved by Ms. Guadagnino second by Mr. Andrews.

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

Adjourn 7:22 pm

Lisa Russo
Municipal Clerk

Proclamation

By Mayor and Council - Township of North Brunswick

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services presents a Scholar/Athlete/Artist Award to North Brunswick students encouraging excellence in Academics, Arts and Athletics; and

WHEREAS, **Marissa Russo** has been selected as Scholar / Athlete / Artist recipient for the month of January 2024; and

WHEREAS, **Marissa** is a Senior at Pearson International On Line Academy. She attends school with students from all over the world, including professional athletes and actors/ actresses. Marissa is a high honor student with a 4.50 GPA. Marissa's academic accomplishments of a high GPA allowed her the opportunity to start taking college accredited courses early; and

WHEREAS, **Marissa** has completed college classes including Criminal Justice, Victimology, American History, Business Management and Environmental Science; and

WHEREAS, **Marissa** in February of 2023 was awarded Student of the Month. In her junior year she was nominated for the Chief Editor of her school newspaper, the Pearson Press. As a senior Marissa is Vice President of the entire newspaper. Marissa wrote a poem for her Honors English that her teacher raved about entitled "In a World of Words"; and was spotlighted; and

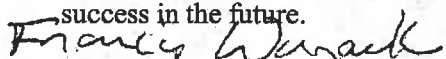
WHEREAS, **Marissa's** favorite hobbies include watching Dancing with The Stars with her nine - year old sister, Malia. Shopping with her mom and traveling to Atlantic City to listen to concerts are definitely special experiences in the day. Playing the Sims, visiting her god mother, trips to the boardwalk with her father and talking about politics with her Pop - Pop Tom keep her very busy; and

WHEREAS, **Marissa** will be graduating on January 22, 2024 six months early and she already has her eyes set on Rutgers Law; and

WHEREAS, **Marissa** has a supportive family and enjoys adventures in life with her mother Lisa, sister Malia and her father Frank; and

WHEREAS, **Marissa** is an outstanding role model for her peer's and the youth of our community and exemplifies, strong character, leadership skills and demonstrates a positive attitude.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, **DO HEREBY, PROCLAIM**, the respect and admiration of the community of North Brunswick to **Marissa Russo** and name her the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, Scholar / Athlete / Artist Award recipient for the month of for January 2024, and wish her continued success in the future.



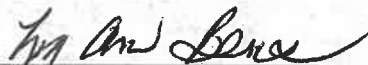
Francis M. Womack III
Mayor



Lisa Russo, Township Clerk
January 16, 2024



Mary Hutchinson
Council President



Lou Ann Benson
Director
Department of Parks, Recreation a Community
Services

Marissa Russo

In a world of words, where dreams do flow,
I weave a tapestry of thoughts to show,
A poem born from depths of my own soul,
A melody of emotions, I now unfold.

I paint with words, colors of the mind,
A canvas vast, where imagination finds,
A symphony of verses, crafted with care,
A rhythmic dance that fills the air.

With each line penned, a story unfolds,
Of love and loss, of secrets untold,
Through metaphors and similes, I explore,
The beauty of life, its depths to adore.

I wander through meadows of rhyme and reason,
Seeking solace in this poetic season,
Each stanza a journey, a path to traverse,
A sanctuary of words, where hearts converse.

As syllables dances and sentences rhyme,
I find solace in this creative chime,
A poet's heart beats, in every line penned,
A piece of my soul, in verses I send.

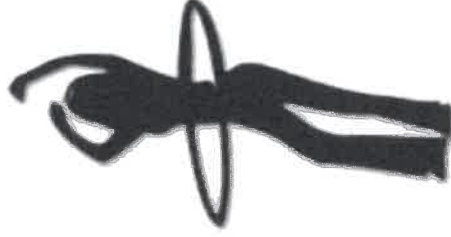
So let my words speak, with passion and grace,
Through poetry's embrace, let us find our place,
In this world of art, where imagination thrives,
Let poetry heal, and touch our lives.

Adult Hula Hoop Fitness 2024

Dance and exercise with hoop maneuvers

**New Glitter Hoops session beginning
Wednesday**

March 6th, 13th, 20th, Off March 27th, April 3rd, 10th and 17th



Adults - Wednesday, 7:00pm till 8:00 p.m.

New spin on fitness!

**Tone and strengthen your entire body
while increasing your energy, flexibility, and confidence.**

Classes meet for 6 weeks and will be held at the
North Brunswick Senior Center
15 Linwood Place
North Brunswick Township NJ,08902

Sessions are low impact cardio workouts.
Participants burn 400-600 calories an hour.

Fee for the 6 week session is \$60

All classes taught by Agnes Carbone, Hoopnotica Certified Instructor

Hoops will be provided by the instructor. (For class use)

NORTH BRUNSWICK PICKLEBALL

This program is for beginners, casual and intermediate players.

In this program you will learn new skills each week, then apply them in coached play. The emphasis of the program will be on the fundamentals of playing, including knowledge of the court, game rules, score keeping and basic strokes. Serves, returns and basic dinking/ volley will also be taught. Program is held at Brunswick Knolls Park.

Players will bring their own paddles and will get a T-shirt.

Saturdays 9:30am-11:00am

April 6th—June 1st (no class 4/20)

\$155 Resident/ \$165 Non Resident

Thursdays 6pm - 7:30pm

April 11th— May 30th

\$155 Resident/ \$165 Non Resident

THE
PICKLEBALL
PRO'S



Register Today!

<https://register.communitypass.net/NorthBrunswickTownship>

For more information call DPRCS at 732-247-0922 ext. 475



SPORTS

SPRING CLASSES

**NORTH BRUNSWICK
RECREATION**

SPRING SCHEDULE

All programs take place at Renaissance Courts, North Brunswick Twp, 0890

Spring programs start in April

Weekly classes take place once a week for 40-50 mins

More details, full schedule and pricing online

TENNIS: *Sundays, April 14th - June 2nd*

Age 3-4.9: 8:30am-9:15am

Age 3-4.9: 10:20am-11:05am

Age 5-7.9: 9:20am-10:10am

Age 5-7.9: 11:10am-12:00am

Age 8-10.9: 1:30pm-2:20am

Age 8-10.9: 2:30pm-3:20am

Age 11-14.9: 3:30pm-4:20pm

Age 11-14.9: 4:30pm-5:20pm

\$184

WEEKLY CLASSES AGE 3 - 14.9

**Summer Schedules Online Now
More Sports Options Available**

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REGISTER TODAY AT

https://register.communitypass.net/reg/cat_program_list.cfm?season_id=32811

For info call DPRCS at 732-247-0922 ext. 475



North Brunswick Township & The Heritage Day Committee present:



\$11/
person



Funds for Friends

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

Saturday, March 23, 2024
8:00 am ~ 10:00 am

Be a part of the fun!

The fun begins at 8:00 am and includes; breakfast, crafts, games & prizes for finding the Golden Egg! Kids can take pictures with our famous friends, the Easter Bunny and Friends!

Tickets are available online (\$11/person) through communitypass.net until March 8th. Once online registration is closed families can pay in cash the day of the event at The Greene Turtle (\$14/person).

For more information call DPRCS at 732-247-0922 x 475 email events@northbrunswicknj.gov or follow us on Facebook.

All proceeds support The Township of North Brunswick Annual Heritage Day

Greene Turtle 211 Main St, North Brunswick Township, NJ 08902

JOIN US FOR HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT



Register Here!



COMMUNITY BEHAVIORIAL HEALTH AWARENESS PROGRAM
WOULD YOU RECOGNIZE SIGNS OF SUBSTANCE USE OR MENTAL ILLNESS?
IS YOUR HOME AN EASY ACCESS POINT?

During this FREE program, parents will discover how alcohol, drugs and paraphernalia can be easily hidden in a teenager's bedroom, bathroom and other locations within your home and car. No one ever wants to think of their child using alcohol and drugs. However, there are signs and symptoms to be aware of that may explain your child's behavior.

A Spanish translator will be present.

Wednesday, March 20th
North Brunswick Middle School
100 Renaissance Blvd N, North Brunswick

5:00pm - 6:15pm: Free Pre - session family dinner / opportunity to meet vendors / sponsors.

6:15pm - 7:30pm: Free childcare provided. Please register by phoning 732 247 0922 ext. 475

6:30 pm: Presentation led by Doug Collier, M.A. , DEA (Ret)

If you need childcare please sign up by contacting the DPRCS office at (732)247-0922 ext. 475 or events@northbrunswicknj.gov.



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PROACTIVELY ORCHESTRATING WAYS TO EMPOWER AND RESTORE:
A PROGRAM COLLABORATION AND EXPANSION TO REDUCE
YOUTH VIOLENCE AND OUTLINE A PATH TOWARD EXCELLENCE
