

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

**WORKSHOP MEETING
January 29, 2024**

A workshop meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, January 29, 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.

Mayor Womack called the meeting to order.

Roll call:

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

Marilu Ruiz announced that the notice requirements of the law have been satisfied. Notices were sent by certified mail on January 19, 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 Office.

Also present: Business Administrator Justine Progebin, Township Attorney Ronald Gordon, Esq. Chief Financial Officer Cavel Gallimore, Director of Department of Parks and Recreation Lou Ann Benson, Sanitation Manager Dan Krushinski, Director of Department of Community Development Michael Hritz, Public Safety Chief of Police Joe Battaglia and Administrative Secretary Marilu Ruiz.

Mayor Womack asked Ms. Gallimore to present her items for consideration for the February 5, 2024 Council Meeting.

Ms. Gallimore explains her items.

1. Bill List
2. 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
3. Item of Revenue in Budget (Chapter 159): Body Armor Replacement, State Allocation - \$5,875.00
4. Authorizing the Cancellation of Taxes for A 100% Disabled Veteran - Mr. Marcus Billouin
5. Authorizing the Cancellation of Taxes for A 100% Disabled Veteran - Mr. Tony L. Nathan

Mayor Womack asked Ms. Benson to present her items for consideration for the February 5, 2024 Council Meeting.

Ms. Benson explains her items.

1. Scholar / Athlete / Artist of The Month - Marissa Russo
2. Township Fitness Results - Wellness Challenge

Mayor Womack asked Chief Battaglia to present his items for consideration for the February 5, 2024 Council Meeting.

Chief Battaglia explains his items.

1. Administration of Oath: Sergeant Christopher Trokovich and Sergeant Christopher Fernandez
2. Authorizing the Sale of Abandoned Vehicles

Mayor Womack asked Mr. Krushinski to present his items for consideration for the February 5, 2024 Council Meeting.

Mr. Krushinski explains his items.

1. 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
2. Authorizing the Award of Contract BID21005 To Duke's Root Control, Inc. For Root Control Services
3. Authorizing A Contract with Black Lagoon Pond Management Under the Department of Public Works - Parks Division for The Purchase and Installation of Two (2) Pond Aerators

Councilwoman Guadagnino asked if these are new contracts for item 2 and 3. Mr. Krushinski explained that the company changed their name.

Mayor Womack asked Mr. Hritz to present his items for consideration for the February 5, 2024 Council Meeting.

Mr. Hritz explains his items.

1. Authorizing Acceptance and Utilization of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds -\$119,714.00 for program year 2023

Mayor Womack asked Ms. Progebin to present her items for consideration for the February 5, 2024 Council Meeting.

Ms. Progebin explains her items.

1. Authorizing an Amendment to the 2024 Agreement with James R. Shamy, Esq. To Serve as Public Defender
2. Draft Resolution - Authorizing the Award Of BID24002 For the Municipal Complex HVAC Project
3. Authorizing Award of a Contract to SHI International for Spatial Data Logic Cloud Hosting Services

Mayor Womack asked Ms. Ruiz to present her items for consideration for the February 5, 2024 Council Meeting.

Ms. Ruiz explains her items.

1. NJ State Fireman's Association Membership Application/ Robert J. Robinson/ Fire Co. #2
2. Raffle License Application: 50/50 Raffle - RA2401 / Knights of Columbus - June 16,2024

3. #24-01 - Second Reading and Public Hearing - 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
4. Approval of Minutes/ Workshop - Special Meeting/ 01.08.24
5. Approval of Minutes / Regular Council Meeting/ 01.16.24

Mayor Womack opens the Public Hearing.

Resident Anthony “Tony” Nastus, thanked the North Brunswick Township Fire Departments, Public Safety and DPW for all they did on Nassau Street during the warehouse fire.

Mr. Nastus asked for updates on Georges Road, Laurel Place and Hermann Road.

Mr. Hritz explained update on Georges Road. Mr. Nastus also, wanted an update on the Bridge Graffiti, Mr. Krushinski Sanitation Manager for DPW explained that they have been in contact with Amtrak.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to close Public Hearing, so moved by Council President Hutchinson, second by Mr. Davis.

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve item a. on the consent agenda. Motion made by Mr. Davis seconded by Ms. Guadagnino.

Roll call:

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

Absent: Socio

Consent Agenda

- a. 62-1.24 Bill List

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

Adjourn 7:30 pm

Lisa Russo
Municipal Clerk